

**Electronic Supplementary Information for
Regioselective, Cascade [3+2] Annulation of β -Naphthols(Resorcinols) with Z-
enoate Propargylic alcohols: A Novel entry into Complex
Naphtho(benzo)furans**

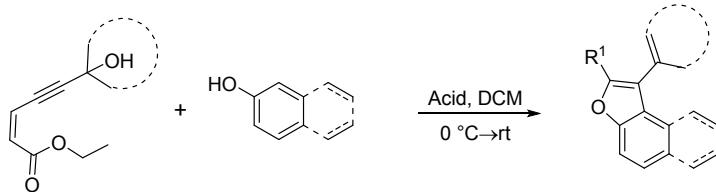
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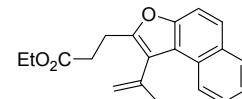
General procedure for the synthesis of naphtho(benzo)furan via Z-enoate assisted M-S rearrangement strategy:



To a solution of the enynoate-propargylic alcohol (1equi.) and naphthalene-2-ol or resorcinol (5 equi.) in dichloromethane (DCM) (5 mL/0.2 mmol, 0.04 *M*) under nitrogen atmosphere was added an acid (MsOH, 1.3 equi.). The reaction tube was stirred at 0 °C to RT for 1-8 h. After completion of the reaction (by TLC analysis), saturated NaHCO₃, and DCM were added to reaction mixture and extracted with DCM. The combined organic layer was washed with the brine, dried (MgSO₄) and solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography using hexane-ethyl acetate mixture as eluent to yield the corresponding naphtho(benzo)furan derivatives.

Ethyl 3-[1-(prop-1-en-2-yl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl]propanoate (5)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (30 mg, 0.16 mmol), naphthalen-2-ol (115 mg, 0.82 mmol), in DCM (3 mL) and MsOH (19.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 0.14 ml of 1.4 *M* in DCM) were stirred for 2 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave napthofuran **5** (45 mg, 0.15 mmol, 96%) as a red color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.26 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.94 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.69 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.69-7.52 (2 H, m), 7.49-7.52 (1 H, m), 5.51 (1 H, q, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 5.21 (1 H, q, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 4.18 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.19 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.79 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 2.23 (3 H, s) and 1.27 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.6, 151.5, 151.3, 138.1, 130.7, 128.9, 128.0, 126.2, 124.8, 124.2, 123.4, 121.9, 120.8, 118.1, 112.3, 33.3, 24.6, 22.1 and 14.3 ppm.

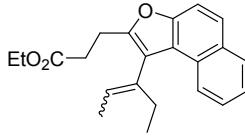
IR (neat): 3059, 2976, 2926, 2854, 1736 (OC=O), 1579, 1525, 1444, 1374, 1283, 1181, 1062, 1006, 908, 805 and 783 cm⁻¹.

HR ESI-MS: [C₂₀H₂₁O₃]⁺ = [M+H]⁺ requires 309.1485; found 309.1482

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (9:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-[1-(pent-2-en-3-yl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl]propanoate (7)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), naphthalen-2-ol (173 mg, 1.2 mmol), in DCM (5 mL) and MsOH (30 mg, 0.31 mmol, 0.2 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 3 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave naptho-furan **7** (72 mg, 0.22 mmol, 90%) as a red color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.18 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.92 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.68-7.65 (1 H, m), 7.58 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.52-7.41 (2 H, m), 5.66 (1 H, q, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 4.20 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.15 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 2.78 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 1.93 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 1.30 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 1.27 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) and 0.96 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.8, 152.3, 151.4, 134.6, 130.7, 128.8, 128.1, 126.2, 126.0, 124.6, 124.1, 123.7, 122.5, 120.8, 112.3, 60.7, 33.4, 29.8, 24.8, 22.2, 14.4, 13.8 and 12.8 ppm.

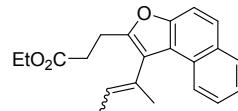
IR (neat): 2965, 2929, 1734 (OC=O), 1618, 1590, 1451, 1379, 1267, 1181, 1014, 805 and 782 cm⁻¹.

HR ESI-MS: [C₂₂H₂₅O₃]⁺ = [M+H]⁺ requires 333.1804; found 333.1791

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (9:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-[1-(but-2-en-2-yl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl]propanoate (**8**)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (30 mg, 0.17 mmol), naphthalen-2-ol (122 mg, 0.85 mmol), in DCM (3 mL) and MsOH (21.2 mg, 0.22 mmol, 0.16 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 2 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave naptho-furan **8** (50 mg, 0.16 mmol, 91%) as a red color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.16 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.92 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.66 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.57 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.51 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.44 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 5.70 (1 H, q, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 4.17 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.17-3.06 (2 H, m), 2.76 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 2.07 (3 H, s), 1.91 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz) and 1.26 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.7, 151.5, 151.4, 130.7, 128.9, 128.3, 128.1, 126.8, 126.1, 124.6, 124.1, 123.5, 122.6, 122.3, 112.3, 60.7, 33.4, 29.8, 22.1, 18.1, 14.4 and 14.3 ppm.

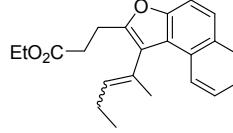
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HR ESI-MS: [C₂₁H₂₃O₃]⁺ = [M+H]⁺ requires 323.1642; found 323.1639

LC: R_f = 0.4 (9:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-[1-(pent-2-en-2-yl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl]propanoate (9)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (45 mg, 0.21 mmol), naphthalen-2-ol (151 mg, 1.05 mmol), in DCM (4 mL) and MsOH (26.7 mg, 0.28 mmol, 0.2 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 1.5 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave naptho-furan **9** (59 mg, 0.19 mmol, 91%) as a red color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.21 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.93 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.67 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 7.58 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 7.52 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.45 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 5.64 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.17 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.18-3.12 (2 H, m), 2.78 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 2.40-2.32 (2 H, m), 2.08 (3 H, s), 1.26 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) and 1.15 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz) ppm.

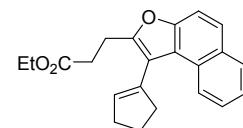
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IR (neat): 2965, 2925, 2861, 1736 (OC=O), 1627, 1587, 1449, 1383, 1271, 1182, 1013, 805 and 737 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (9:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-[1-cyclopentenylnaphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl]propanoate (10)

The hydroxyl-ester² (45 mg, 0.22 mmol), naphthalen-2-ol (158.4 mg, 1.1 mmol), in DCM (4 mL) and MsOH (27.5 mg, 0.29 mmol, 0.2 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 1.5 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave naptho-furan **10** (69 mg, 0.21 mmol, 94%) as a red color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.16 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.91 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.67 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 7.57 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 7.53-7.49 (1 H, m), 7.46-7.42 (1 H, m), 5.90 (1 H, t, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 4.16 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.12 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 2.76 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 2.73-2.63 (4 H, m), 2.33-2.15 (2 H, m) and 1.25 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.7, 151.8, 151.6, 135.9, 132.0, 130.7, 128.9, 128.2, 126.1, 124.7, 124.2, 123.4, 122.6, 116.1, 112.3, 60.7, 37.5, 33.5, 33.4, 24.2, 22.4 and 14.3 ppm.

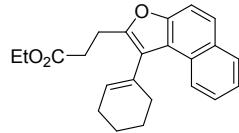
IR (neat): 2975, 2925, 2854, 1734 (OC=O), 1657, 1621, 1602, 1569, 1443, 1373, 1249, 1182, 1019, 935, 813 and 767 cm⁻¹.

HR ESI-MS: [C₂₂H₂₃O₃]⁺ = [M+H]⁺ requires 335.1642; found 335.1641

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (9:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-[1-cyclohexenyl]naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl]propanoate (11)

The hydroxyl-ester² (40 mg, 0.18 mmol), naphthalen-2-ol (130 mg, 0.9 mmol), in DCM (4 mL) and MsOH (22.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 0.17 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 4 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave naptho-furan **11** (58 mg, 0.17 mmol, 93%) as a red color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.21 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.92 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.66 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.58 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.55-7.51 (1 H, m), 7.46-7.42 (1 H, m), 5.90 (1 H, t, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 4.17 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.14 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 2.78 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 2.53-2.50 (1 H, m), 2.37-2.30 (2 H, m), 2.23-2.15 (1 H, m), 1.96-1.90 (4 H, m) and 1.26 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.7, 151.6, 151.4, 130.8, 130.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.1, 126.1, 124.6, 124.1, 123.4, 121.3, 112.3, 60.7, 33.4, 30.4, 25.8, 23.3, 22.3, 22.1 and 14.3 ppm.

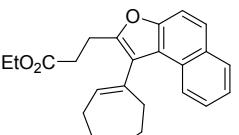
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HR ESI-MS: [C₂₃H₂₅O₃]⁺ = [M+H]⁺ requires 349.1803; found 349.1804

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (9:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-[1-cycloheptenyl]naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl]propanoate (12)

The hydroxyl-ester⁴ (30 mg, 0.13 mmol), naphthalen-2-ol (92 mg, 0.64 mmol), in DCM (3 mL) and MsOH (16.2 mg, 0.17 mmol, 0.12 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 1.5 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave naptho-furan **12** (45 mg, 0.124 mmol, 98%) as a red color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.26 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.92 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.67 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 7.58-7.51 (2 H, m), 7.48-7.42 (1 H, m), 6.05 (1 H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 4.18 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.18 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.81-2.76 (3 H, m), 2.51-2.33 (2 H, m), 2.06-2.01 (1 H, m), 1.89-2.85 (2 H, m), 1.67-1.56 (2 H, m) and 1.31-1.25 (5 H, m) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.7, 151.5, 151.4, 136.6, 134.1, 130.7, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 125.9, 124.6, 124.1, 123.7, 122.8, 122.0, 112.3, 60.7, 35.0, 33.6, 32.4, 29.1, 27.4, 26.8, 22.4 and 14.3 ppm.

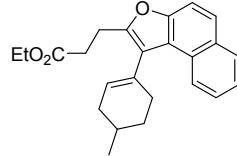
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HR ESI-MS: [C₂₄H₂₇O₃]⁺ = [M+H]⁺ requires 363.1955; found 363.1950

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (9:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-[1-(4-methylcyclohex-1-enyl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl]propanoate (13)

The hydroxyl-ester² (55 mg, 0.23 mmol), naphthalen-2-ol (166 mg, 1.15 mmol), in DCM (5 mL) and MsOH (28.7 mg, 0.3 mmol, 0.21 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 4.5 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave naptho-furan **13** (68 mg, 0.19 mmol, 89%) as a red color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.18 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.89 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.64 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 7.55 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 7.52-7.48 (1 H, m), 7.44-7.39 (1 H, m), 5.84 (1 H, t, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 4.15 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.11 (2 H, br s), 2.75 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 2.58-2.19 (3 H, m), 2.09-1.85 (2 H, m), 1.70-1.53 (2 H, m), (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) and 1.11 (3 H, d, *J* = 5.9 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.7, 151.6, 151.4, 130.7, 130.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.1, 127.2, 126.2, 124.6, 124.1, 123.4, 122.5, 112.3, 60.7, 34.5, 33.4, 31.8, 30.5, 29.8, 27.6, 22.2 and 14.3 ppm.

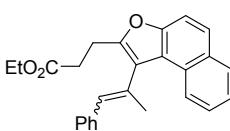
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TLC: R_f = 0.4 (9:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-[1-(1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl]propanoate (14)

The hydroxyl-ester³ (40 mg, 0.16 mmol), naphthalen-2-ol (111 mg, 0.8 mmol), in DCM (4 mL) and MsOH (19.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 0.14 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 5 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave naptho-furan **14** (54 mg, 0.141 mmol, 92%) as a red color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.11 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.85 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.61 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.53-7.48 (1 H, m), 7.42-7.35 (5 H, m), 7.25-7.21 (1 H, m), 7.01-6.95 (1 H, m), 6.62 (1 H, s), 4.05 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.13 (2 H, br s), 2.73 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 2.28 (3 H, s) and 1.15 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.6, 151.6, 151.5, 137.7, 131.8, 130.8, 130.7, 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 127.1, 126.5, 126.3, 124.9, 124.2, 123.6, 122.8, 112.3, 60.8, 33.3, 22.3, 20.3 and 14.3 ppm.

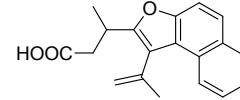
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HR ESI-MS: [C₂₆H₂₄O₃Na]⁺ = [M+Na]⁺ requires 407.1623; found 407.1632

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (9:1, hex/EtOAc).

3-[1-(Prop-1-en-2-yl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl]butanoic acid (15)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (60 mg, 0.3 mmol), naphthalen-2-ol (230 mg, 1.6 mmol), in DCM (5 mL) and MsOH (38 mg, 0.4 mmol, 0.28 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 2 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave naptho-furan ester. Since it was not very clean, it a hydrolysis was performed on the mixture. Reaction of the mixture with aq. LiOH (11 mg, 0.45 mmol) in MeOH (6 mL) for 4 h at RT gave the corresponding acid. Purification by flash column chromatography (1:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave naptho-furan acid **15** (58 mg, 0.2 mmol, 65% over 2 steps) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.24 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.92 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.67 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 7.57 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 7.52 (1 H, t, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 7.44 (1 H, t, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 5.46 (1 H, s), 5.17 (1 H, s), 3.63 (1 H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.89 (1 H, q, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 2.72 (1 H, q, *J* = 7.4 Hz) 2.18 (3 H, s) and 1.40 (3 H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 176.7, 154.6, 151.3, 130.7, 129.4, 128.9, 128.1, 126.2, 125.7, 124.8, 124.2, 123.5, 123.2, 121.9, 112.4, 39.7, 29.8 and 28.5 ppm.

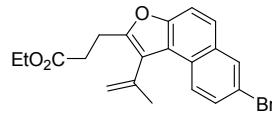
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TLC: R_f = 0.4 (1:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-[7-bromo-1-(prop-1-en-2-yl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl]propanoate (16)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (30 mg, 0.16 mmol), 6-bromonaphthalen-2-ol (178 mg, 0.8 mmol), in DCM (3 mL) and MsOH (19.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 0.2 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 2 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave naptho-furan **16** (56 mg, 0.15 mmol, 90%) as a red color oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.13 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 8.07 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 7.61-7.55 (3 H, m), 5.49 (1 H, s), 5.81 (1 H, s), 4.17 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.16 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 2.78 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 2.18 (3 H, s) and 1.26 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.5, 151.9, 151.4, 137.7, 132.0, 130.8, 129.3, 126.4, 125.1, 123.7, 122.0, 120.6, 118.5, 117.9, 113.3, 60.8, 33.2, 24.5, 22.1 and 14.3 ppm.

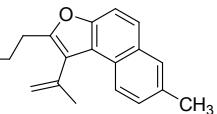
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HR ESI-MS: [C₂₀H₂₀BrO₃]⁺ = [M+H]⁺ requires 387.0590; found 387.0587

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (9:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-(7-methyl-1-(prop-1-en-2-yl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl)propanoate (17)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (50 mg, 0.274 mmol), 6-methylnaphthalen-2-ol (216 mg, 1.37 mmol), in DCM (5 mL) and MsOH (34.3 mg, 0.38 mmol, 0.25 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 3 h at 0 °C to RT.



Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave naphtho-furan **17** (78 mg, 0.242 mmol, 88%) as a red color oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.18 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.71 (1 H, s), 7.61-7.55 (2 H, m), 7.38 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 5.49 (1 H, s), 5.19 (1 H, s), 4.17 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.18 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 2.79 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.53 (3 H, s), 2.22 (3 H, s) and 1.27 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.6, 151.3, 151.1, 138.2, 133.6, 131.0, 128.3, 128.1, 126.0, 124.2, 123.2, 121.8, 120.7, 118.0, 112.2, 60.7, 33.3, 24.6, 22.1, 21.6 and 14.3 ppm.

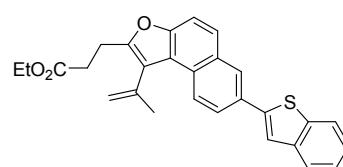
IR (neat): 2966, 2924, 2858, 1735 (OC=O), 1646, 1588, 1449, 1430, 1376, 1273, 1256, 1183, 1018, 810 and 789 cm⁻¹.

HR ESI-MS: [C₂₁H₂₂O₃Na]⁺ = [M+Na]⁺ requires 345.1467; found 345.1455

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (9:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-(7-(benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-1-(prop-1-en-2-yl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl)propanoate (18)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (45 mg, 0.25 mmol), 6-Phenylnaphthalen-2-ol⁵ (345 mg, 1.23 mmol), in DCM (5 mL) and MsOH (31 mg, 0.32 mmol, 0.23 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 7 h at 0 °C to



RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave naptho-furan **18** (75 mg, 0.17 mmol, 68%) as a red color oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.37 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 8.13 (1 H, s), 8.01-7.98 (1 H, m), 7.95-7.92 (1 H, m), 7.76 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.72 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.62 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 7.48 (1 H, s), 7.41-7.39 (2 H, m), 5.52 (1 H, s), 5.22 (1 H, s), 4.17 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.18 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.79 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 2.25 (3 H, s) and 1.26 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

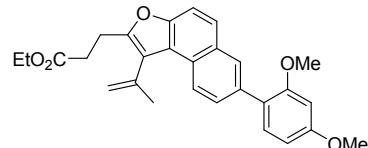
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IR (neat): 2971, 2923, 2855, 1734 (OC=O), 1640, 1587, 1427, 1377, 1265, 1181, 1018, 905, 797 and 730 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (9:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-[7-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-(prop-1-en-2-yl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl]propanoate (19)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (45 mg, 0.25 mmol), 6-phenylnaphthalen-2-ol (271 mg, 1.23 mmol), in DCM (5 mL) and MsOH (31 mg, 0.32 mmol, 0.23 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 3 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (6:1



hexanes:EtOAc) gave naptho-furan **19** (87 mg, 0.2 mmol, 79%) as a red color oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.29 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 8.06 (1 H, s), 7.76-7.70 (2 H, m), 7.59 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 7.03 (1 H, d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 6.97 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 6.89 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.9 & 3.0 Hz), 5.51 (1 H, s), 5.20 (1 H, s), 4.17 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.84 (3 H, s), 3.78 (3 H, s), 3.18 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 2.79 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.24 (3 H, s) and 1.26 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

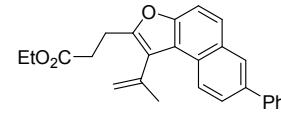
¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.6, 153.9, 151.5, 151.2, 151.1, 138.0, 134.3, 131.8, 130.6, 129.1, 128.0, 126.9, 125.0, 122.8, 121.8, 120.8, 118.0, 117.0, 113.2, 112.9, 112.2, 60.6, 56.5, 55.9, 33.3, 24.6, 22.1 and 14.3 ppm.

IR (neat): 2925, 2842, 2371, 1733 (OC=O), 1646, 1628, 1587, 1500, 1457, 1429, 1219, 1180, 1024, 906 and 797 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (6:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-[7-phenyl-1-(prop-1-en-2-yl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl]propanoate (20)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (45 mg, 0.25 mmol), 6-phenylnaphthalen-2-ol (271 mg, 1.23 mmol), in DCM (5 mL) and MsOH (31 mg, 0.32 mmol, 0.23 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 2 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave naphtho-furan **20** (89 mg, 0.23 mmol, 94%) as a red color solid.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.34 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.14 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 7.81 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.6 & 1.6 Hz), 7.76-7.73 (3 H, m), 7.61 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.52-7.48 (2 H, m), 7.38 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 5.52 (1 H, s), 5.22 (1 H, s), 4.18 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.19 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 2.80 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 2.25 (3 H, s) and 1.27 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.6, 151.6, 151.5, 141.4, 138.0, 137.0, 131.0, 129.0, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.9, 125.8, 125.1, 123.9, 121.9, 120.8, 118.2, 112.7, 60.7, 33.3, 24.6, 22.1 and 14.4 ppm.

IR (neat): 2974, 2925, 2854, 1734 (OC=O), 1645, 1584, 1494, 1443, 1373, 1280, 1257, 1183, 1018, 904, 830 and 796 cm⁻¹.

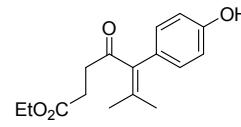
HR ESI-MS: [C₂₆H₂₄O₃Na]⁺ = [M+Na]⁺ requires 407.1623; found 407.1631

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (9:1, hex/EtOAc).

M.P.: 92 °C.

Ethyl 5-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-6-methyl-4-oxohept-5-enoate (**21**)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (40 mg, 0.22 mmol), phenol (77 mg, 0.82 mmol), in DCM (4 mL) and MsOH (27.4 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.29 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 24 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (8:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave the α-arylenone **21** (18 mg, 0.065 mmol, 30%) as a pale yellow oil. Further elution with (6:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave the α-OMs-enone **6c⁴** (22 mg, 0.08 mmol, 36%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.30-7.37 (2 H, m), 7.00 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 6.89 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 4.09 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 2.75 (2 H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 2.49 (2 H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 2.22 (3 H, s), 1.781 (3 H, s) and 1.22 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 197.7, 173.0, 157.5, 143.0, 139.6, 130.1, 122.1, 114.7, 60.6, 35.1, 28.0, 20.7, 20.1 and 14.3 ppm.

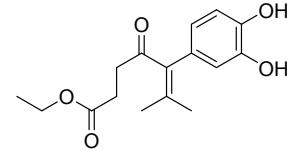
IR (neat): 2952, 2854, 2361, 2354, 1734 (OC=O), 1699 (C=O), 1611, 1548, 1514, 1442, 1364, 1312, 1281, 1155, 1105, 1054, 954 and 817 cm⁻¹.

HR ESI-MS: $[C_{16}H_{20}O_4Na]^+ = [M+Na]^+$ requires 299.1254; found 299.1258

TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (8:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 5-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-6-methyl-4-oxohept-5-enoate (22)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (30 mg, 0.16 mmol), catechol (82 mg, 0.82 mmol), in DCM (3 mL) and MsOH (19.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.14 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 6 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (3:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave 1,4-keto-ester **22** (33 mg, 0.11 mmol, 71%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 6.85$ (1 H, d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 6.77 (1 H, br s), 6.64 (1 H, s), 4.10 (2 H, q, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 2.62 (2 H, t, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 2.50 (2 H, t, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 1.99 (3 H, s), 1.65 (3 H, s), 1.65 (3 H, s) and 1.23 (3 H, t, $J = 7.1$ Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 204.3, 173.9, 144.1, 143.9, 143.7, 137.6, 130.7, 122.5, 116.6, 115.5, 61.1, 37.4, 28.5, 23.6, 22.5$ and 14.2 ppm.

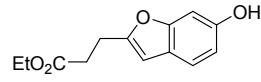
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HR ESI-MS: $[C_{16}H_{21}O_5]^+ = [M+H]^+$ requires 293.1384; found 293.1392

TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (3:1, hex/EtOAc)

Ethyl 3-(6-hydroxybenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (23)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (30 mg, 0.16 mmol), resorcinol (88 mg, 0.8 mmol), in DCM (4 mL) and MsOH (20 mg, 0.21 mmol, 0.15 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 3.5 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **23** (26 mg, 0.11 mmol, 70%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.24$ (1 H, d, $J = 4.3$ Hz), 6.87 (1 H, d, $J = 1.9$ Hz), 6.69 (1 H, dd, $J = 8.4$ & 2.3 Hz), 6.30 (1 H, s), 5.23 (1 H, br s), 4.13 (2 H, q, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 3.04 (2 H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 2.70 (2 H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz) and 1.22 (3 H, t, $J = 7.1$ Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 172.7, 156.5, 155.7, 153.2, 122.3, 120.6, 111.6, 102.3, 98.3, 60.9, 32.6, 24.0$ and 14.3 ppm.

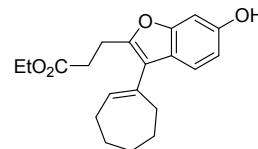
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HR ESI-MS: $[C_{13}H_{15}O_4]^+ = [M+H]^+$ requires 235.0965; found 235.0958

TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-(3-cycloheptenyl-6-hydroxybenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (25a)

The hydroxyl-ester⁴ (60 mg, 0.25 mmol), resorcinol (180 mg, 1.25 mmol), in DCM (5.5 mL), and MsOH (32 mg, 0.33 mmol, 0.23 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 3 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **25a** (49 mg, 0.15 mmol, 60%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.28 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.89 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 6.75 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.4 & 2.0 Hz), 5.96 (1 H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 4.17 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.11 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 2.73 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 2.34-2.29 (2 H, m), 1.89-1.85 (2 H, m), 1.72-1.66 (2 H, m), 1.64-1.59 (2 H, m) and 1.27 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 173.2, 154.8, 153.5, 150.2, 136.3, 132.9, 122.3, 121.0, 120.3, 111.3, 98.1, 60.8, 33.7, 33.3, 32.9, 29.1, 27.2, 22.6 and 14.3 ppm.

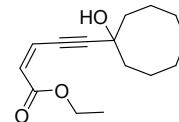
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HR ESI-MS: [C₂₀H₂₄O₄K]⁺ = [M+K]⁺ requires 367.1312; found 367.1303

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

(Z)-Ethyl 5-(1-hydroxycyclooctyl)pent-2-en-4-yneate (24e)

The (Z)-2-iodo-acrylate⁴ (562 mg, 2.5 mmol) and propargylic alcohol⁷ (418 mg, 2.7 mmol) were taken into a clean, anhydrous round bottom flask equipped with stir bar. Then anhydrous THF (15 ml) and diisopropyl amine (DIPA) (5 ml) were added under nitrogen atmosphere and cooled the flask to 0 °C. Subsequently, CuI (71.3 mg, 0.38 mmol), and Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (17.6 mg, 0.025 mmol) were added to the reaction flask, and stirred the reaction mixture 30 min at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature (RT) and continued the stirring for 14 h. Reaction progress was monitored by the thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis. After complete consumption of the alcohol, reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl and extracted with ethyl acetate (EtOAc). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄) and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was typically purified by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave (Z)-enynoate-propargylic alcohol **24e** (510 mg, 2.04 mmol, 82%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.15 (1 H, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 6.05 (1 H, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 4.21 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 2.46 (1 H, br s), 2.05-1.95 (4 H, m), 1.73-1.58 (8 H, m), 1.53-1.45 (2 H, m) and 1.30 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

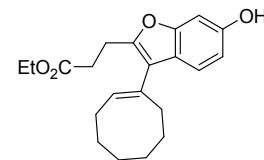
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.8, 128.6, 122.9, 106.6, 80.1, 60.6, 37.9, 28.0, 24.6, 22.1 and 14.4 ppm.

IR (neat): 3451 (OH), 3024, 2929, 2854, 1727 (OC=O), 1607, 1494, 1452, 1409, 1350, 1230, 1186, 1033, 818 and 700 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

(E)-Ethyl 3-(3-cyclooctenyl-6-hydroxybenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (25b)

The hydroxyl-ester **24e** (45 mg, 0.18 mmol), resorcinol (99 mg, 0.9 mmol), in DCM (5 mL) and MsOH (22.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 0.17 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 80 min at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **25b** (50 mg, 0.15 mmol, 81%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.25 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.87 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 6.72 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.4 & 2.2 Hz), 5.91 (1 H, br s), 5.71 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 4.16 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.08 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 2.70 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 2.54-2.51 (2 H, m), 2.30-2.25 (2 H, m), 1.62-1.55 (6 H, m), 1.50-1.46 (2 H, m) and 1.23 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

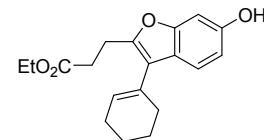
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IR (neat): 3402, 2930, 2860, 1729 (OC=O), 1617, 1482, 1454, 1272, 1173, 1154, 1106, 1023, 840, 817 and 735 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-(3-cyclohexenyl-6-hydroxybenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (26)

The hydroxyl-ester² (40 mg, 0.18 mmol), resorcinol (99 mg, 0.9 mmol), in DCM (4 mL) and MsOH (22.5 mg, 0.23 mmol, 0.17 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 2 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **26** (38 mg, 0.12 mmol, 67%) as a pale yellow oil. Further elution with same solvent mixture yielded the benzofuran **23** (8 mg, 0.03 mmol, 19%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.29 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.87 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 6.72 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.4 & 2.2 Hz), 5.48 (1 H, br s), 5.79 (1 H, t, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 4.16 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.08 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 2.72 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 2.33-2.19 (2 H, m), 1.80-1.75 (2 H, m), 1.73-1.68 (2 H, m) and 1.25 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 173.1, 158.4, 153.3, 150.6, 129.6, 127.7, 122.5, 120.4, 119.4, 111.2, 98.1, 60.8, 33.2, 29.4, 25.7, 23.1, 22.8, 22.3 and 14.3 ppm.

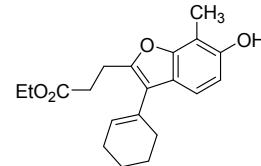
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HR ESI-MS: [C₁₉H₂₂O₄Na]⁺ = [M+Na]⁺ requires 337.1416; found 337.1424

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-(3-cyclohexenyl-6-hydroxy-7-methylbenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (27a)

The hydroxyl-ester² (50 mg, 0.23 mmol), 2-methylbenzene-1,3-diol (140 mg, 1.2 mmol), in DCM (4.5 mL) and MsOH (28 mg, 0.29 mmol, 0.2 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 3 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **27a** (52 mg, 0.16 mmol, 70%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.14 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.70 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 5.78-5.76 (1 H, m), 5.02 (1 H, br s), 4.17 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.10 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 2.74 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 2.35 (3 H, s), 2.34-2.30 (2 H, m), 2.22-2.19 (2 H, m), 1.79-1.68 (4 H, m) and 1.26 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

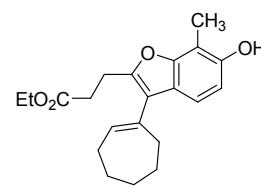
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 173.1, 153.8, 150.9, 150.6, 129.7, 127.5, 122.0, 119.7, 117.1, 111.0, 107.3, 60.8, 33.3, 29.4, 25.7, 23.1, 22.8, 22.3, 14.3 and 8.4 ppm.

IR (neat): 3417, 2930, 2860, 1725 (OC=O), 1608, 1449, 1374, 1293, 1259, 1183, 1079, 1023, 803 and 737 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-(3-cycloheptenyl-6-hydroxy-7-methylbenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (27b)

The hydroxyl-ester⁴ (45 mg, 0.19 mmol), 2-methylbenzene-1,3-diol (118 mg, 0.95 mmol), in DCM (5 mL), and MsOH (24 mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.18 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 2 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **27b** (45 mg, 0.13 mmol, 70%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.09 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 6.71 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 5.92 (1 H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 5.32 (1 H, br s), 4.17 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.11 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 2.75 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 2.52-2.49 (2 H, m), 2.35 (3 H, s), 2.32-2.27 (2 H, m), 1.89-1.83 (2 H, m), 1.69-1.65 (2 H, m), 1.63-1.58 (2 H, m) and 1.26 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 173.1, 153.8, 151.0, 150.3, 136.5, 132.8, 121.9, 121.3, 117.0, 111.1, 107.3, 60.8, 33.7, 33.3, 33.0, 29.1, 27.3, 27.2, 22.7, 14.3 and 8.4 ppm.

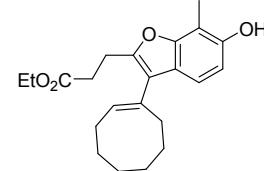
IR (neat): 3417, 2930, 2858, 1726 (OC=O), 1608, 1447, 1375, 1293, 1219, 1185, 1079, 1023, 813 and 739 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

HR ESI-MS: [C₂₁H₂₆O₄Na]⁺ = [M+Na]⁺ requires 365.1729; found 365.1719

(E)-Ethyl 3-(3-cyclooctenyl-6-hydroxy-7-methylbenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (27c)

The hydroxyl-ester **24e** (45 mg, 0.18 mmol), 2-methylbenzene-1,3-diol (112 mg, 0.9 mmol), in DCM (5 mL), and MsOH (23 mg, 0.24 mmol, 0.17 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 90 min at 0 °C to RT.



Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **27c** (48 mg, 0.14 mmol, 75%) as a pale yellow color oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.13 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.70 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 5.73 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 5.23 (1 H, br s), 4.18 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.13 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 2.74 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 2.57-2.53 (2 H, m), 2.36 (3 H, s), 2.33-2.28 (2 H, m), 1.65-1.57 (6 H, m), 1.53-1.48 (2 H, m) and 1.26 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

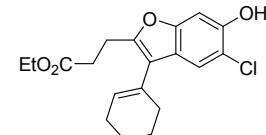
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IR (neat): 3412, 2932, 2857, 1730 (OC=O), 1621, 1452, 1275, 1173, 1155, 1114, 1083, 937, 843, 804 and 737 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-(5-chloro-3-cyclohexenyl-6-hydroxybenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (28a)

The hydroxyl-ester² (40 mg, 0.18 mmol), 4-chlorobenzene-1,3-diol (130 mg, 0.9 mmol), in DCM (4 mL) and MsOH (22.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 0.16 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 3 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **28a** (43 mg, 0.12 mmol, 70%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.39 (1 H, s), 7.04 (1 H, s), 5.79-5.77 (1 H, m), 5.64 (1 H, br s), 4.15 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.07 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 2.71 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 2.31-2.27 (2 H, m), 2.23-2.19 (2 H, m), 1.81-1.75 (2 H, m), 1.74-1.68 (2 H, m) and 1.25 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

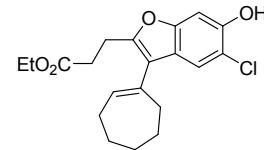
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.7, 153.5, 151.9, 148.3, 129.0, 128.3, 123.2, 119.3, 119.0, 115.6, 98.7, 60.8, 33.0, 29.4, 25.7, 23.1, 22.8, 22.2 and 14.3 ppm.

IR (neat): 3416, 2928, 2857, 1721 (OC=O), 1614, 1464, 1298, 1261, 1184, 1023, 860 and 779 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-(5-chloro-3-cycloheptenyl-6-hydroxybenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (28b)

The hydroxyl-ester⁴ (45 mg, 0.19 mmol), 4-chlorobenzene-1,3-diol (137 mg, 0.95 mmol), in DCM (5 mL), and MsOH (24 mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.18 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 2 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **28b** (49 mg, 0.14 mmol, 71%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.34 (1 H, s), 7.04 (1 H, s), 5.94 (1 H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 4.15 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.08 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 2.71 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 2.50-2.46 (2 H, m), 2.32-2.27 (2 H, m), 1.89-1.84 (2 H, m), 1.70-1.66 (2 H, m), 1.64-1.59 (2 H, m) and 1.25 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.7, 153.4, 151.6, 148.3, 135.7, 133.6, 131.1, 129.0, 119.3, 115.6, 98.7, 60.8, 33.7, 33.0, 32.9, 29.1, 27.2, 22.6, 19.3 and 14.3 ppm.

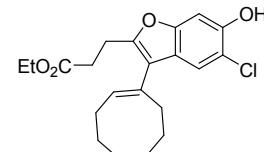
IR (neat): 3413, 2927, 2854, 1728 (OC=O), 1618, 1482, 1451, 1372, 1299, 1157, 1034, 845, 806 and 734 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

HR ESI-MS: [C₂₀H₂₃O₄NaCl]⁺ = [M+Na]⁺ requires 385.1183; found 385.1202

(E)-Ethyl 3-(5-chloro-3-cyclooctenyl-6-hydroxybenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (28c)

The hydroxyl-ester **24e** (45 mg, 0.18 mmol), 4-chlorobenzene-1,3-diol (130 mg, 0.9 mmol), in DCM (5 mL), and MsOH (23 mg, 0.24 mmol, 0.17 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 90 min at 0 °C to RT.



Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **28c** (46 mg, 0.12 mmol, 68%) as a pale yellow color oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.37 (1 H, s), 7.05 (1 H, s), 5.74 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.64 (1 H, br s), 4.15 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.10 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 2.71 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 2.54-2.49 (2 H, m), 2.32-2.28 (2 H, m), 1.65-1.58 (6 H, m), 1.53-1.48 (2 H, m) and 1.25 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

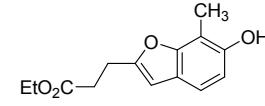
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.6, 153.5, 152.5, 148.4, 132.2, 131.5, 123.3, 119.3, 119.0, 115.6, 98.8, 60.8, 33.2, 30.0, 29.8, 29.6, 29.0, 26.9, 26.8, 26.5, 22.7 and 14.3 ppm.

IR (neat): 3409, 2935, 2861, 1726 (OC=O), 1617, 1472, 1447, 1356, 1272, 1183, 1144, 1106, 1023, 837 and 749 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-(6-hydroxy-7-methylbenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (29)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (45 mg, 0.25 mmol), 2-methylbenzene-1,3-diol (155 mg, 1.25 mmol), in DCM (4 mL) and MsOH (31 mg, 0.32 mmol, 0.23 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 6 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **29** (44 mg, 0.18 mmol, 71%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.12 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.71 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.31 (1 H, s), 5.45 (1 H, br s), 4.18 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.09 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 2.76 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.37 (3 H, s) and 1.27 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

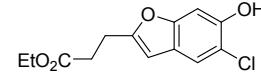
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 173.0, 156.2, 154.8, 151.0, 128.7, 123.1, 117.3, 111.4, 102.5, 60.9, 32.7, 24.1, 14.3 and 8.5 ppm.

IR (neat): 3406, 2960, 2925, 2859, 1732 (OC=O), 1588, 1456, 1417, 1378, 1205, 1155, 1023, 833, 804 and 698 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-(5-chloro-6-hydroxybenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (30)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (45 mg, 0.25 mmol), 4-chlorobenzene-1,3-diol (180 mg, 1.25 mmol), in DCM (5 mL) and MsOH (31 mg, 0.32 mmol, 0.23 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 1.5 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **30** (38 mg, 0.14 mmol, 57%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.39 (1 H, s), 7.08 (1 H, s), 6.29 (1 H, s), 4.15 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.07 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 2.73 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz) and 1.23 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.4, 157.8, 154.3, 154.3, 148.4, 122.9, 119.6, 115.9, 101.8, 98.8, 60.9, 32.4, 24.0 and 14.3 ppm.

IR (neat): 3409, 2978, 2924, 2860, 1722 (OC=O), 1598, 1473, 1440, 1340, 1297, 1187, 1137, 1020, 863 and 784 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

2-Methylnonadecan-3-one (**31a**)

To a solution of isobutyraldehyde (288 mg, 4 mmol) in THF at 0 °C, was added the hexadecanylmagnesium bromide [2.0 mmol, freshly prepared from 1-bromohexadecane (610 mg, 2 mmol) and Mg (72 mg, 3 mmol) in THF (5 mL)] under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature for 2 hours. After completion of the reaction (TLC analysis), quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 x 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL) and dried (Na₂SO₄). Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the solution of the crude mixture of the corresponding alcohol in DCM (5 mL), at 0 °C were added PCC (1350 mg, 6 mmol) and silica gel (1350 mg) and stirred for 5 h. After complete consumption of the alcohol, reaction mixture was filtered through a small plug of silica gel using DCM. Evaporation of the solvent and purification of the crude reaction mixture by flash column chromatography (44:1 hexanes:EtOAc) afforded the ketone **31a** (428 mg, 1.45 mmol, 72%) as a colorless oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.60-2.56 (1 H, m), 2.43 (2 H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.60-1.52 (2 H, m), 1.33-1.19 (26 H, m), 1.08 (6 H, d, J = 6.8 Hz) and 0.88 (3 H, t, J = 6.8 Hz) ppm.

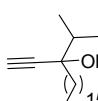
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 215.1, 40.9, 40.5, 32.1, 29.9, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 24.0, 22.8, 18.4 and 14.2 ppm.

IR (neat): 2958, 2923, 2854, 1698 (C=O), 1612, 1476, 1407, 1371, 1255, 1175, 1053, 935, 835, and 732 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (44:1, hex/EtOAc).

3-Isopropynonadec-1-yn-3-ol (**31b**)

To an ice cold solution of the ketone **31a** (400 mg, 1.35 mmol) in anhydrous THF (5 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere, was added ethynylmagnesium bromide (2.7 mmol, 5.4 ml of 0.5 M in THF) and stirred the reaction mixture 2 h at 0 °C.



Reaction progress was monitored by the thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis. After complete consumption of the carbonyl compound, reaction was quenched with saturated aq.

NH_4Cl and extracted with ethyl acetate (EtOAc). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried (MgSO_4) and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (19:1 hexanes:EtOAc) to give propargylic alcohol **31b** (296 mg, 0.92 mmol, 67%) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.42 (1 H, s), 1.85-1.79 (1 H, m), 1.67-1.56 (2 H, m), 1.30-1.22 (28 H, m), 1.03 (3 H, d, J = 5.4 Hz) and 0.88 (3 H, t, J = 6.9 Hz) ppm.

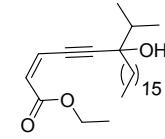
$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 86.1, 74.7, 72.9, 39.3, 37.3, 30.0, 29.9, 29.8, 29.7, 29.5, 24.1, 22.8, 17.9, 16.9 and 14.3 ppm.

IR (neat): 3458, 3298, 3068, 3028, 2936, 2854, 1608, 1458, 1090, 920 and 700 cm^{-1} .

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (19:1, hex/EtOAc).

(Z)-Ethyl 6-hydroxy-6-isopropyldocos-2-en-4-yneate (31c)

The (Z)-2-iodo-acrylate⁴ (168 mg, 0.75 mmol) and propargylic alcohol **31b** (185 mg, 0.6 mmol) were taken into a clean, anhydrous round bottom flask equipped with stir bar. Then anhydrous THF and diisopropyl amine (DIPA) were added under nitrogen atmosphere and cooled the flask to 0 °C. Subsequently, CuI (17.1 mg, 0.1 mmol), and $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ (4.2 mg, 0.006 mmol) were added to the reaction flask, and stirred the reaction mixture 30 min at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature (RT) and continued the stirring for 14 h. Reaction progress was monitored by the thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis. After complete consumption of the alcohol, reaction was quenched with saturated NH_4Cl and extracted with ethyl acetate (EtOAc). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried (MgSO_4) and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was typically purified by flash column chromatography (5:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave (Z)-enynoate-propargylic alcohol **31c** (197 mg, 0.47 mmol, 78%) as a pale yellow color oil.



$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 6.17 (1 H, J = 11.4 Hz), 6.07 (1 H, J = 11.4 Hz), 4.22 (2 H, q, J = 7.1 Hz), 2.30 (1 H, br s), 1.93-1.86 (1 H, m), 1.73-1.60 (4 H, m), 1.55-1.49 (2 H, m), 1.31-1.24 (27 H, m), 1.06 (3 H, d, J = 2.9 Hz) 1.04 (3 H, d, J = 2.9 Hz) and 0.88 (3 H, t, J = 7.0 Hz) ppm.

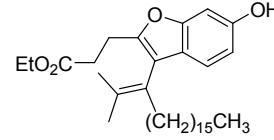
$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 164.7, 128.6, 122.7, 104.4, 81.9, 75.4, 60.5, 39.1, 37.4, 32.0, 30.0, 29.8, 29.7, 29.5, 24.1, 22.8, 17.9, 17.1, 14.4 and 14.2 ppm.

IR (neat): 3450 (OH), 3026, 2929, 2854, 2361, 1728 (OC=O), 1607, 1494, 1452, 1409, 13850, 1230, 1186, 1033, 818 and 700 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (5:1, hex/EtOAc).

Benzofuran-ester (31)

The hydroxyl-ester **31c** (70 mg, 0.17 mmol), resorcinol (94 mg, 0.22 mmol), in DCM (8 mL) and MsOH (21.2 mg, 0.22 mmol, 0.16 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 45 min at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **31** (62 mg, 0.12 mmol, 71%) as a pale yellow oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.11 (1 H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.89 (1 H, d, J = 2.1 Hz), 6.71 (1 H, dd, J = 8.4 & 2.1 Hz), 5.21 (1 H, br s), 4.17 (2 H, q, J = 7.1 Hz), 2.90 (2 H, t, J = 7.7 Hz), 2.70 (2 H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 2.29 (2 H, t, J = 5.5 Hz), 1.85 (3 H, s), 1.52 (3 H, m), 1.30-1.22 (31 H, m) and 0.88 (3 H, t, J = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

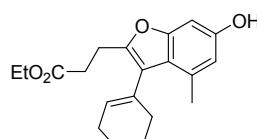
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IR (neat): 3405, 2958, 2926, 2857, 1731 (OC=O), 1610, 1456, 1412, 1372, 1235, 1212, 1157, 1023, 838, 805 and 697 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-(3-cyclohexenyl-6-hydroxy-4-methylbenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (32)

The hydroxyl-ester² (45 mg, 0.2 mmol), orcinol (126 mg, 1.02 mmol), in DCM (5 mL) and MsOH (25 mg, 0.26 mmol, 0.19 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 1 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **32** (52 mg, 0.16 mmol, 78%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.71 (1 H, d, J = 1.9 Hz), 6.49 (1 H, d, J = 1.9 Hz), 5.66 (1 H, t, J = 1.8 Hz), 5.11 (1 H, br s), 4.15 (2 H, q, J = 7.1 Hz), 2.96 (2 H, t, J = 8.4 Hz), 2.67 (2 H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 2.41 (3 H, s), 2.19-2.14 (4 H, m), 1.79-1.74 (2 H, m), 1.72-1.67 (2 H, m) and 1.25 (3 H, t, J = 7.2 Hz) ppm.

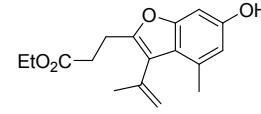
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IR (neat): 3409, 2932, 2861, 1728 (OC=O), 1607, 1532, 1481, 1447, 1282, 1193, 1163, 1113, 1013, 942, 817 and 737 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-(6-hydroxy-4-methyl-3-(prop-1-en-2-yl)benzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (33)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (45 mg, 0.25 mmol), orcinol (155 mg, 1.25 mmol), in DCM (5 mL) and MsOH (31 mg, 0.32 mmol, 0.23 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 45 min at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **33** (54 mg, 0.19 mmol, 75%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.71 (1 H, d, J = 1.9 Hz), 6.51 (1 H, d, J = 1.9 Hz), 5.30 (1 H, d, J = 1.3 Hz), 4.98 (1 H, d, J = 1.3 Hz), 4.87 (1 H, br s), 4.14 (2 H, q, J = 7.1 Hz), 2.99 (2 H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 2.68 (2 H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 2.44 (3 H, s), 2.05 (3 H, s) and 1.25 (3 H, t, J = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

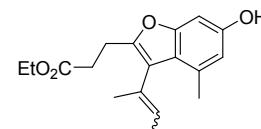
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IR (neat): 3403, 2927, 2854, 1731 (OC=O), 1638, 1472, 1441, 1273, 1173, 1144, 1106, 1023, 817 and 742 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

Ethyl 3-(3-(but-2-en-2-yl)-6-hydroxy-4-methylbenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (34)

The hydroxyl-ester¹ (45 mg, 0.23 mmol), orcinol (142 mg, 1.15 mmol), in DCM (5 mL) and MsOH (29 mg, 0.3 mmol, 0.21 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 45 min at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran **34** (47 mg, 0.16 mmol, 67%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.70 (1 H, d, J = 1.8 Hz), 6.50 (1 H, d, J = 1.8 Hz), 5.49 (1 H, q, J = 6.6 Hz), 4.15 (2 H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.96 (2 H, t, J = 8.4 Hz), 2.66 (2 H, t, J = 7.9 Hz), 2.38 (3 H, s), 1.90 (3 H, s), 1.76 (3 H, d, J = 6.7 Hz) and 1.25 (3 H, t, J = 7.2 Hz) ppm.

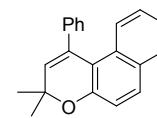
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IR (neat): 3411, 2932, 2858, 1729 (OC=O), 1614, 1471, 1440, 1357, 1275, 1173, 1153, 1104, 1013, 846 and 735 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

3,3-Dimethyl-1-phenyl-3*H*-benzo[f]chromene (37)

The 2-methyl-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-ol⁶ (40 mg, 0.25 mmol), naphthalen-2-ol (180 mg, 1.25 mmol), in DCM (4 mL) and MsOH (31.2 mg, 0.33 mmol, 0.23 ml of 1.4 M in DCM) were stirred for 4 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzo-chromene **37** (66 mg, 0.23 mmol, 92%) as a white solid.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.69 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.31-7.27 (3 H, m), 7.20-7.16 (4 H, m), 7.09 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.03-6.99 (1 H, m), 5.69 (1 H, s) and 1.49 (6 H, s) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 153.0, 141.7, 135.6, 130.6, 130.5, 130.3, 130.0, 128.5, 127.9, 127.4, 126.5, 125.1, 123.1, 118.9, 116.2, 75.4 and 26.5 ppm.

IR (neat): 3052, 2979, 2928, 2861, 1625, 1591, 1510, 1445, 1372, 1345, 1265, 1247, 1222, 1146, 1069, 989, 897, 819, 806, 757 and 750 cm⁻¹.

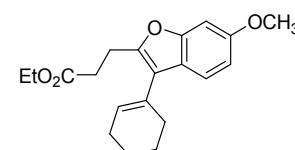
HR ESI-MS: [C₂₁H₁₉O]⁺ = [M+H]⁺ requires 287.1430; found 287.1442

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, Hex/EtOAc).

M.P.: 108 °C

Ethyl 3-(3-cyclohexenyl-6-methoxybenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (39a)

The benzofuran **23** (280 mg, 0.89 mmol) was taken in to a clean, anhydrous round bottom flask equipped with stir bar. Then anhydrous acetone, K₂CO₃ (160 mg, 1.16 mmol) and dimethyl sulfate (146 mg,



1.16 mmol) were added under nitrogen atmosphere stirred the reaction mixture 3 h at 70 °C. Reaction progress was monitored by the thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis. After complete consumption of the benzofuran **23**, reaction was quenched with H₂O and extracted with ethyl acetate (EtOAc). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄) and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was typically purified by flash column chromatography (19:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave anisole-ester **39a** (262 mg, 0.8 mmol, 90%) as a pale yellow color oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.35 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.93 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 6.81 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.5 & 2.1 Hz), 5.81-5.78 (1 H, m), 4.16 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.83 (3 H, s), 3.09 (2 H, t, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 2.72 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 2.35-2.31 (2 H, m), 2.24-2.21 (2 H, m), 1.82-1.76 (2 H, m), 1.75-1.69 (2 H, m) and 1.26 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

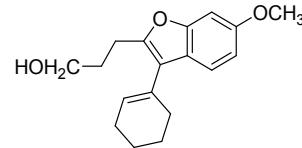
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IR (neat): 2926, 2855, 2366, 1724 (OC=O), 1612, 1474, 1442, 1283, 1146, 1114, 1021, 972, 837 and 735 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (19:1, hex/EtOAc).

3-(3-Cyclohexenyl-6-methoxybenzofuran-2-yl)propan-1-ol (39b)

The anisole-ester **39a** (255 mg, 0.78 mmol) was taken in to a clean, anhydrous round bottom flask equipped with stir bar. Then anhydrous DCM was added under nitrogen atmosphere and cooled the flask to 0



°C. Then DIBAL-H (1.6 mmol, 1.6 ml of 1 M in toluene) was added to the reaction flask, and stirred the reaction mixture 3 h at 0 °C. Reaction progress was monitored by the thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis. After complete consumption of the anisole-ester, reaction was quenched with H₂O (4-6 drops) and ethyl acetate (EtOAc). Reaction solution filtered through short column chromatography. The crude material was typically purified by flash column chromatography (3:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave anisole-alcohol **39b** (174 mg, 0.61 mmol, 78%) as a pale yellow color oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.30 (1 H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.86 (1 H, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 6.86 (1 H, dd, J = 8.4 & 2.0 Hz), 5.77-5.76 (1 H, m), 3.76 (3 H, s), 3.32 (2 H, t, J = 6.2 Hz), 2.78 (2 H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 2.26 (2 H, br s), 2.13 (2 H, br s), 1.89 (2 H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.74-1.66 (2 H, m) and 1.67-1.68 (2 H, m) ppm.

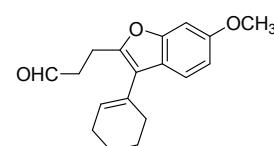
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IR (neat): 3443, 2925, 2857, 2363, 1614, 1414, 1447, 1298, 1197, 1134, 1069, 1016, 837 and 738 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (3:1, hex/EtOAc).

3-(3-Cyclohexenyl-6-methoxybenzofuran-2-yl)propanal (39)

The Benzofuran-alcohol **39b** (200 mg, 0.7 mmol), in EtOAc (14 mL), and IBX (360 mg, 1.25 mmol) were stirred for 3 h at 70 °C. Reaction mixture was filtered through a small plug of silica gel. Evaporation of the solvent and purification of the crude mixture by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran-aldehyde **39** (160 mg, 0.56 mmol, 80%) as a pale yellow color oil.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.86 (1 H, t, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 7.35 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.92 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 6.82 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.6 & 2.3 Hz), 5.79-5.77 (1 H, m), 3.83 (3 H, s), 3.09 (2 H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 2.88-2.84 (2 H, m), 2.34-2.30 (2 H, m), 2.24-2.18 (2 H, m) and 1.82-1.68 (4 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 201.4, 157.6, 154.9, 150.4, 129.6, 127.8, 122.2, 120.3, 119.5, 111.1, 95.8, 55.9, 42.5, 29.4, 25.7, 23.1, 22.3 and 20.1 ppm.

IR (neat): 2928, 2844, 2368, 1716 (C=O), 1618, 1491, 1440, 1286, 1196, 1151, 1114, 1024, 942, 826 and 815 cm⁻¹.

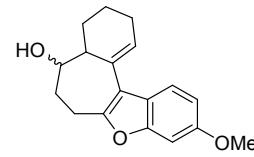
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TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

10-Methoxy-3,4,4a,5,6,7-hexahydro-2H-benzo[3,4]cyclohepta[1,2-*b*]benzofuran-5-ol (38)

The benzofuran-aldehyde **39** (70 mg, 0.25 mmol) in DCM (9 mL), and

BF₃Et₂O (17.5 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.02 ml) were stirred for 1.5 h at 0 °C to RT. Purification by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave benzofuran-alcohol **38** (52 mg, 0.18 mmol, 74%) as a pale yellow color solid.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.48 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.92 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 6.83 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.6 & 2.2 Hz), 4.09 (1 H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.83 (3 H, s), 3.16-3.08 (1 H, m), 2.86-2.79 (1 H, m), 2.50-2.45 (1 H, m), 2.31-2.14 (2 H, m), 1.95-1.82 (4 H, m) and 1.72-1.62 (2 H, m) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.4, 154.7, 153.6, 131.9, 127.0, 122.0, 120.3, 117.8, 111.0, 95.7, 74.6, 55.8, 44.2, 33.5, 30.4, 25.9, 22.1 and 20.7 ppm.

IR (neat): 3438, 2927, 2857, 2367, 1619, 1497, 1448, 1277, 1197, 1154, 1079, 1025, 822 and 733 cm⁻¹.

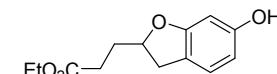
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TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

M.P.: 141 °C.

Ethyl 3-(6-hydroxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (23a)

The benzofuran-ester **23** (200 mg, 0.85 mmol) was taken in to a clean, anhydrous round bottom flask equipped with stir bar. Then anhydrous EtOH and Pd/c (40 mg, 20 wt%) were added under hydrogen atmosphere stirred the reaction mixture 1.5h at RT. Reaction progress was monitored by the thin layer chromatography (TLC)



analysis. After complete consumption of the benzofuran-ester, reaction was filtered through short column by washing with ethyl acetate (EtOAc). The combined organic layer was dried with (MgSO_4) and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was typically purified by flash column chromatography (4:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave phenol-ester **23a** (167 mg, 0.71 mmol, 82%) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 6.93 (1 H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.44-6.38 (2 H, m), 4.83-4.76 (1 H, m), 4.14 (2 H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.21 (1 H, dd, J = 9.0 & 15.0 Hz), 2.75 (1 H, dd, J = 7.1 & 15.0 Hz), 2.55-2.47 (2 H, m), 2.08-2.01 (2 H, m) and 1.26 (3 H, t, J = 7.2 Hz) ppm.

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 173.9, 160.5, 156.5, 125.1, 118.2, 107.3, 97.7, 83.1, 60.7, 34.7, 31.2, 30.5 and 14.3 ppm.

IR (neat): 3404, 2924, 2854, 2358, 1721 (OC=O), 1614, 1499, 1455, 1325, 1219, 1141, 1020, 828 and 732 cm^{-1} .

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (4:1, hex/EtOAc).

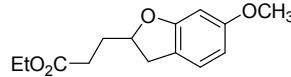
Ethyl 3-(6-methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)propanoate (23b)

The phenol-ester **23a** (250 mg, 1.06 mmol) was taken in to a clean, anhydrous round bottom flask equipped with stir bar. Then anhydrous acetone, K_2CO_3 (190 mg, 1.38 mmol) and dimethyl sulfate (174 mg, 1.38 mmol) were added under nitrogen atmosphere stirred the reaction mixture 3 h at 60 °C. Reaction progress was monitored by the thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis. After complete consumption of the phenol-ester, reaction was quenched with H_2O and extracted with ethyl acetate (EtOAc). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried (MgSO_4) and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was typically purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave anisole-ester **23b** (247 mg, 0.99 mmol, 93%) as a pale yellow color oil.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.01 (1 H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 6.40-6.35 (2 H, m), 4.86-4.78 (1 H, m), 4.14 (2 H, q, J = 7.1 Hz), 3.76 (3 H, s), 3.24 (1 H, dd, J = 9.0 & 15.0 Hz), 2.79 (1 H, dd, J = 7.2 & 15.0 Hz), 2.53-2.48 (2 H, m), 2.07-2.02 (2 H, m) and 1.26 (3 H, t, J = 7.1 Hz) ppm.

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 173.3, 160.7, 160.5, 125.0, 105.9, 96.3, 83.1, 60.6, 55.6, 34.8, 31.3, 30.5 and 14.4 ppm.

IR (neat): 2925, 2854, 2364, 1723 (OC=O), 1614, 1471, 1441, 1285, 1192, 1156, 1124, 1021, 954, 837 and 793 cm^{-1} .



TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (9:1, hex/EtOAc).

3-(6-Methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)propan-1-ol (23c)

The ansole-ester **23b** (265 mg, 1.06 mmol) was taken in to a clean, anhydrous round bottom flask equipped with stir bar. Then anhydrous DCM was added under nitrogen atmosphere and cooled the flask to 0 °C. Then DIBAL-H (1.6 mmol, 1.6 ml of 1 M in toluene) was added to the reaction flask, and stirred the reaction mixture 4 h at 0 °C. Reaction progress was monitored by the thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis. After complete consumption of the ansole-ester, reaction was quenched with H₂O (4-6 droups) and ethyl acetate (EtOAc). Reaction solution filtered through short colum chromatography. The crude material was typically purified by flash column chromatography (3:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave anisole-alcohol **23c** (170 mg, 0.82 mmol, 77%) as a pale yellow color oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.02$ (1 H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 6.40-6.36 (2 H, m), 4.86-4.79 (1 H, m), 3.76 (3 H, s), 3.71 (2 H, t, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 3.22 (1 H, dd, $J = 9.0$ & 15.1 Hz), 2.79 (1 H, dd, $J = 7.7$ & 15.1 Hz) and 1.85-1.71 (4 H, m) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 160.7$, 160.4, 125.0, 118.8, 105.9, 96.2, 84.3, 62.7, 55.6, 35.0, 32.7 and 28.9 ppm.

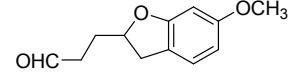
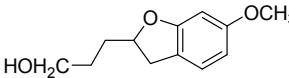
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TLC: $R_f = 0.4$ (3:1, hex/EtOAc).

3-(6-Methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)propanal (23d)

The anisole-alcohol **23c** (160 mg, 0.76 mmol) was taken in to a clean, anhydrous round bottom flask equipped with stir bar. Then anhydrous EtOAc, IBX (319 mg, 1.14 mmol) were added under hydrogen atmosphere stirred the reaction mixture 3.5 h at 80 °C. Reaction progress was monitored by the thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis. After complete consumption of the anisole-alcohol, reaction was filtered through short column by washing with ethyl acetate (EtOAc). The crude material was typically purified by flash column chromatography (5:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave ansole-aldehyde **23d** (143 mg, 0.7 mmol, 91%) as a pale yellow color oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 9.82$ (1 H, t, $J = 1.26$ Hz), 7.01 (1 H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 6.40-6.35 (2 H, m), 4.86-4.78 (1 H, m), 3.76 (3 H, s), 3.25 (1 H, dd, $J = 9.0$ & 15.1 Hz), 2.79 (1 H, dd, $J = 7.1$ & 15.1 Hz), 2.69-2.64 (2 H, m) and 2.07-2.01 (2 H, m) ppm.



¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 201.7, 160.6, 160.5, 125.1, 118.5, 106.1, 96.3, 83.0, 55.6, 40.1, 34.9 and 28.5 ppm.

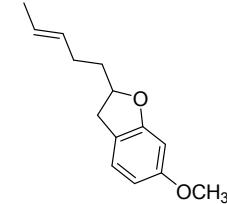
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TLC: R_f = 0.4 (5:1, hex/EtOAc).

HR ESI-MS: [C₁₂H₁₄O₃Na]⁺ = [M+Na]⁺ requires 229.0841; found 229.0854

(E)-6-Methoxy-2-(pent-3-enyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran (40)

The ethyl wittig reagent (196 mg, 0.68 mmol) was taken in to a clean, anhydrous round bottom flask equipped with stir bar. Then anhydrous THF was added under hydrogen atmosphere and cooled the flask to 0 °C. Then n-BuLi (0.62 mmol, 0.4 ml of 1.6 M in hexane) was added to the reaction flask, and stirred the reaction mixture 30 min at 0 °C. Then anisole-aldehyde **23d** (100 mg, 0.48 mmol), anhydrous THF solution was added to the reaction flask at 0 °C and stirred the reaction mixture 2 h at 0 °C. Reaction progress was monitored by the thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis. After complete consumption of the anisole-aldehyde, reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl, extracted with ethyl acetate (EtOAc). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄) and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was typically purified by flash column chromatography (49:1 hexanes:EtOAc) gave ansole-olefine **40** (77 mg, 0.35 mmol, 77%) as a pale yellow color oil.



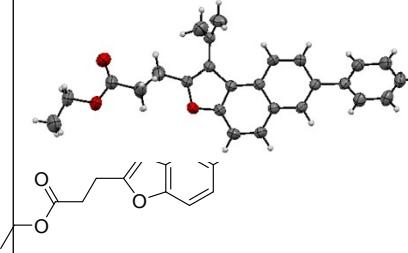
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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.0, 160.4, 129.5, 125.0, 124.9, 119.0, 105.8, 96.2, 84.0, 55.6, 36.0, 35.0, 29.8 and 23.1 ppm.

IR (neat): 2925, 2854, 2351, 1617, 1499, 1455, 1320, 1255, 1210, 1140, 1020, 935, 828 and 732 cm⁻¹.

TLC: R_f = 0.4 (49:1, hex/EtOAc).

HR ESI-MS: [C₁₄H₁₈O₂Na]⁺ = [M+Na]⁺ requires 241.1199; found 241.1190

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