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# Divergent synthesis of 3,4-dihydrodibenzo[*b,d*]furan-1(2*H*)-ones and isocoumarins *via* additive-controlled chemoselective C-C or C-N bond cleavage

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/	$ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ N_2 \\ + \\ 0 \\ 1a \end{array} $	catalyst (1 mol%) additive, solvent reflux, 16 h	O O 3aa		OH O Naa
entry	catalyst	additive (mol%)	solvent	Temp (°C)	$\operatorname{Yield}^{b}(\%)$
1	[( <i>p</i> -cymene)RuCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub> (10)	MeOH	reflux	trace
2	Ru(PPh <sub>3</sub> )Cl <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub> (10)	MeOH	reflux	trace
3	$Pd(OAc)_2$	AgNTf <sub>2</sub> (10)	MeOH	reflux	trace
4	CuI	AgNTf <sub>2</sub> (10)	MeOH	reflux	trace
5	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	CsOPiv (10)	MeOH	reflux	trace
6	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgOAc (10)	MeOH	reflux	trace
7	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	CsOAc (10)	MeOH	reflux	trace
8	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (10)	MeOH	reflux	trace
9 <sup>c</sup>	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub> (10)	MeOH	reflux	74
$10^d$	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub> (10)	MeOH	reflux	67
11 <sup>e</sup>	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub> (10)	MeOH	reflux	53
<sup><i>a</i></sup> Rea	ction conditions:	2-dizaocyclohexane	e-1,3-dione	<b>1a</b> (0.:	5 mmol),
2-hydroxy-N-methylbenzamide 2a (0.5 mmol), solvent (3 mL), and catalyst (1.0					
mol%), under argon atmosphere. <sup>b</sup> Ioslated yields of compound 3aa. <sup>c</sup> Reaction time					
was 20 h. <sup>d</sup> Reaction time was 10 h. <sup>e</sup> Reaction time was 8 h.					

 Table S1 Optimization of the Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3aa



<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3ab





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<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3af







<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3ai



<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3aj









<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3ak



<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3ba







<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3bb







<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3bc









<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3bd







<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3be



<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3bf



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3ca







<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3cb









<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3cc







<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3cd







<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3ce





<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3cf











<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3ch

































<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3ea



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3eb





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<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3ec





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<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compound 3ed



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X-Ray Crystallography structures of Compounds 3aa and 4ab



Figure S1. X-ray crystal structure of 3aa

Crystal data for **3aa**: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, Mr = 214.26, Monoclinic, a = 9.4379(9) Å, b = 12.1544(11) Å, c = 9.8277(9) Å,  $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ ,  $\beta = 96.810(10)^{\circ}$ ,  $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ , V = 1119.28(18) Å<sup>3</sup>, T = 293(2) K, space group P2(1)/n, Z = 8, 8285 reflections collected, 2061 unique (R<sub>int</sub> = 0.0269) which were used in all calculation. The ellipsoid contour probability level in the caption of 30 %.

Crystallographic data for compound **3aa** reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. **CCDC-1554775**.



Figure S2. X-ray crystal structure of 4ab

Crystal data for **4ab**: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, *Mr* =272.29, Monoclinic, *a* =8.8746(6) Å, b = 15.3282(11) Å, c = 10.0135 (7) Å,  $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ ,  $\beta = 95.182$  (2)o,  $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ , *V*=1356.59 (16) Å<sup>3</sup>, *T* = 293 (2) K, space group P2(1)/c, *Z* = 4, 23206 reflections collected, 2484 unique (R<sub>int</sub> = 0.0390) which were used in all calculation. The ellipsoid contour probability level in the caption of 30%.

Crystallographic data for compound **4ab** reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. **CCDC-1555510**.

# HRMS Spectra of Compound 3aa



# HRMS Spectra of Compound 3ab







# HRMS Spectra of Compound 3ad













# HRMS Spectra of Compound 3ag











# HRMS Spectra of Compound 3aj









# HRMS Spectra of Compound 3bb



# HRMS Spectra of Compound 3bc







# HRMS Spectra of Compound 3be



#### HRMS Spectra of Compound 3bf





















# HRMS Spectra of Compound 3ce











# HRMS Spectra of Compound 3cf









# HRMS Spectra of Compound 3dc











# HRMS Spectra of Compound 3ea























# HRMS Spectra of Compound 4ac













#### **HRMS Spectra of Compound 4ba**









# HRMS Spectra of Compound 4bd











# HRMS Spectra of Compound 4da



HRMS Spectra of Compound 4db

