## Supporting Information for

## Asymmetric phase-transfer catalyst catalyzed [4+1] cycloaddition of ortho-quinone methides and bromomalonate

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General Information: NMR spectra were recorded on a Brucker- 400 MHz spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on a Thermo LTQ Orbitrap XL (ESI + ) or a P-SIMS-Gly of Bruker Daltonics Inc (EI + ). Infrared spectra were recorded on a Nicolet MX-1E FT-IR spectrometer. HPLC analysis was performed on Waters-Breeze ( 2487 Dual Absorbance Detector and 1525 Binary HPLC Pump, UV detection monitored at 254 nm ). All chiral columns were purchased from Daicel Chemical Industries, LTD. Optical rotations were measured on Perkin Elmer Model 343 Polarimeter. Toluene, diethyl ether and tetrahydrofuran were dried over Na and distilled prior to use. Dichloromethane and dichloroethane were dried over $\mathrm{CaH}_{2}$ and distilled prior to use.

Materials: Analytical grade solvents for the column chromatography were used as received. Dimethyl bromomalonate $\mathbf{2}$ was purchased from TCI. All commercially available reagents were used directly unless indicated otherwise. Vinyl ortho-quinone methides $\mathbf{1}$ were prepared following the known procedures ${ }^{[1]}$ and PTC 3 were synthesized according to the literatures ${ }^{[2]}$.

## General Procedure for Cycloaddition reaction:

The reaction of $1(0.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $2(0.12 \mathrm{mmol})$ was carried out in 2 mL toluene at $-40{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in the presence of catalyst $\mathbf{3 a}(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ and $1.5 \mathrm{eq} \mathrm{Cs}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(40 \mathrm{mg})$ for 5-6 days. After completion of reaction the mixture is objected to flash column chromatography washed with PE : $\mathrm{EtOAc}=4: 1$, by evaporation of solvent the product is collected.

## Gram-Scale experiment:

A gram-scale experiment was performed at the standard reaction condition. A significant drop of enantioselectivity was observed.


## Characterization of the Cycloaddition Products 4:

Dimethyl (S,E)-7-styryl-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]benzofuran-6,6(7H)-dicarboxylate (4a)
Colorless oil. $37.5 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.39-7.20$ (m, 6 H ), 6.60 (dd, $J=$ $23.2,12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.06(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.7,9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.69(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 167.86,166.49,152.16,148.31,143.03$, $136.25,134.22,128.65,128.06,126.52,125.14,117.94,104.90,101.57,93.73,93.31,53.72,53.02$, 51.69. IR (KBr): $\gamma 3437,1745,1630,1552,1474,1265,1089,1036 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (ESI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$ calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{O}_{7}\right]^{+}$requires 383.11253 , found 383.11368. $[\mathrm{a}]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+24.1\left(\mathrm{c}=0.64, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.

Enantiomeric excess: 93\%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC-H, hexane/ isopropanol $=70 / 30$, flow rate $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \mathrm{T}=30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ ): $\mathrm{tR}=7.690 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), $\mathrm{tR}=10.797 \mathrm{~min}$ (major).

## Dimethyl (S,E)-7-(4-methylstyryl)-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]benzofuran-6,6(7H)-dicarboxylate (4b)

Colorless oil. $39.5 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.22(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.10(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.66-6.51(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.00(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.7,9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.91(\mathrm{dd}, J=3.5,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.91$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.68(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.32(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 167.90$, $166.51,152.14,148.26,143.00,137.97,134.09,133.48,129.34,126.43,124.05,104.93,101.55,93.70$, 93.36, 53.69, 52.99, 51.72, 21.23. IR (KBr): $\gamma 3439,1746,1631,1547,1475,1265,1149,1036 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H] ${ }^{+}$calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{O}_{7}\right]^{+}$requires 397.12818, found 397.12933. [a] ${ }_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=$ +108.2 ( $\mathrm{c}=0.72, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ). Enantiomeric excess: $94 \%$, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC-H, hexane/ isopropanol $=70 / 30$, flow rate $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \mathrm{T}=30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ ): $\mathrm{tR}=7.512 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), $\mathrm{tR}=$ 11.549 min (major).

## Dimethyl (S,E)-7-(2-methoxystyryl)-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]benzofuran-6,6(7H)-dicarboxylate (4c)

Colorless oil. $40.9 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.32$ (dd, $J=7.6,1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.25-$ $7.19(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.95(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.87(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.2,7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.57(\mathrm{~d}, J=17.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.06$ (dd, $J=15.8,9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.91(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.84(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $3.70(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 167.90,166.56,156.90,152.05,148.19,142.98,129.24$, 129.06, 127.14, 125.72, 125.26, 120.61, 118.42, 110.84, 105.00, 101.51, 93.67, 93.36, 55.38, 53.66, 52.94, 52.35. IR (KBr): $\gamma 3436,1748,1641,1487,1456,1286,1247,1147 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M $+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{O}_{8}\right]^{+}$requires 413.12309, found 413.12424. $[\mathrm{a}]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+126.2\left(\mathrm{c}=0.99, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. Enantiomeric excess: $91 \%$, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC-H, hexane/ isopropanol $=70 / 30$, flow rate $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \mathrm{T}=30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ ): $\mathrm{tR}=9.733 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), $\mathrm{tR}=16.673 \mathrm{~min}$ (major).

## Dimethyl (S,E)-7-(4-methoxystyryl)-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]benzofuran-6,6(7H)-dicarboxylate (4d)

Colorless oil. $40.5 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.28(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.25(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.64-6.49(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 5.98-5.85(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.90(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 3.68(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 167.92,166.54,159.53,152.12,148.23,142.99$, 133.65, 129.03, 127.74, 122.83, 118.19, 114.03, 104.93, 101.54, 93.69, 93.39, 55.31, 53.68, 52.98, 51.75. IR (KBr): $\gamma 3437,1747,1607,1512,1474,1456,1251,1149,1036 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M $+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{O}_{8}\right]^{+}$requires 413.12309, found 413.12418. $[\mathrm{a}]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+91.3\left(\mathrm{c}=1.04, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. Enantiomeric excess: 97\%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC-H, hexane/ isopropanol $=70 / 30$, flow rate $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \mathrm{T}=30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ ): $\mathrm{tR}=11.505 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), $\mathrm{tR}=21.944 \mathrm{~min}$ (major).

## Dimethyl(S,E)-7-(4-bromostyryl)-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]benzofuran-6,6(7H)-dicarboxylate (4e)

Colorless oil. $45.6 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.42(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.56(\mathrm{dd}, J=10.1,5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.07(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.8,9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.92(\mathrm{dd}, J=3.6,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 4.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.68(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 167.79,166.44$, $152.20,148.40,143.08,135.16,132.98,131.80,128.00,126.04,122.88,117.60,104.83,101.61,93.78$,
93.23, 53.76, 53.03, 51.58. IR (KBr): $\gamma 3436,1746,1631,1627,1474,1455,1285,1150,1036 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{7} \mathrm{Br}\right]^{+}$requires 461.02304, found 461.02448. [a] ${ }_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=$ $+75.9\left(\mathrm{c}=0.90, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. Enantiomeric excess: $94 \%$, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC-H, hexane/ isopropanol $=70 / 30$, flow rate $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \mathrm{T}=30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ ): $\mathrm{tR}=8.211 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), $\mathrm{tR}=$ 13.437 min (major).

## Dimethyl (S,E)-7-(4-chlorostyryl)-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]benzofuran-6,6(7H)-dicarboxylate (4f)

Colorless oil. $41.3 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.30-7.23(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.57(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $10.2,5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.05(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.7,9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.68(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 167.80,166.45,152.19,148.39,143.07$, $134.72,133.75,132.93,128.85,127.69,125.90,117.65,104.84,101.60,93.78,93.26,53.75,53.03$, 51.58. IR (KBr): $\gamma 3433,1747,1630,1474,1456,1287,1150,1094,1036 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M $+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{7} \mathrm{Cl}\right]^{+}$requires 417.07356, found 417.07471. $[\mathrm{a}]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+33.3\left(\mathrm{c}=0.91, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. Enantiomeric excess: $97 \%$, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC-H, hexane/ isopropanol $=70 / 30$, flow rate $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \mathrm{T}=30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ ): $\mathrm{tR}=7.846 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), $\mathrm{tR}=12.724 \mathrm{~min}$ (major).

## Dimethyl (S,E)-7-(4-fluorostyryl)-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]benzofuran-6,6(7H)-dicarboxylate (4g)

Colorless oil. $39.7 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.34-7.27(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.99$ (dd, $J=$ $12.0,5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.58$ (dd, $J=11.2,6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 5.98(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.7,9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.92(\mathrm{dd}, J=3.5,1.1$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.91(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.69(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 167.83$, $166.48,163.78,161.32,152.16,148.35,143.05,132.42(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 128.06$ (d, $J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 124.93 (d, $J=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 117.81, $115.61(\mathrm{~d}, J=21.7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 104.85,101.59,93.76,93.29,53.73,53.01,51.61$. IR (KBr): $\gamma 3434,1747,1631,1508,1474,1226,1149,1036 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (ESI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{7} \mathrm{~F}\right]^{+}$requires 401.10311, found 401.10408. [a] ${ }_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+76.3\left(\mathrm{c}=0.88, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. Enantiomeric excess: $95 \%$, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC-H, hexane/ isopropanol $=70 / 30$, flow rate 1.0 $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{min}, \mathrm{T}=30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ ): $\mathrm{tR}=7.609 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), $\mathrm{tR}=12.803 \mathrm{~min}$ (major).

## Dimethyl (S,E)-7-(2-(naphthalen-1-yl)vinyl)-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]benzofuran-6,6(7H)-dicarboxylate

 (4h)Colorless oil. $42.9 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.06(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.84(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.78(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.60-7.46(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.40(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.4,7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.67(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $6.59(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.11(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.5,8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.07(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.89(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 3.68(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 167.91,166.59,152.27,148.37,143.11,134.09$, $133.55,131.84,131.08,128.57,128.48,128.40,126.27,125.93,125.59,124.10,123.70,117.99$, $104.88,101.61,93.82,93.42,53.76,53.10,51.93$. IR (KBr): $\gamma 3435,1746,1632,1474,1455,1286$, $1149,1036 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{O}_{7}\right]^{+}$requires 433.12818, found 433.12924. $[\mathrm{a}]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+73.3\left(\mathrm{c}=0.94, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. Enantiomeric excess: $92 \%$, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC-H, hexane/ isopropanol $=70 / 30$, flow rate $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \mathrm{T}=30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ ): $\mathrm{tR}=8.437$ $\min$ (minor), $\mathrm{tR}=13.695 \min$ (major).

## Dimethyl (S,E)-7-(2-(thiophen-2-yl)vinyl)-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]benzofuran-6,6(7H)-dicarboxylate(4i)

Colorless oil. $38.5 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.18-7.11(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.94(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.3$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.73(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.58(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.55(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.97-5.83(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.90(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.72(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 167.78$, 166.46, 152.23, 148.37, 143.04, $141.25,127.46,127.40,126.53,124.80,124.55,117.59,104.89,101.59,93.72,93.26,53.73,53.07$, 51.52. IR (KBr): $\gamma 3435,1746,1632,1474,1455,1286,1150,1035 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H] ${ }^{+}$ calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{O}_{7} \mathrm{~S}\right]^{+}$requires 389.06895, found 389.07001. [a] ${ }_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+81.2\left(\mathrm{c}=0.68, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. Enantiomeric excess: $93 \%$, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak OD-H, hexane/ isopropanol $=70 / 30$, flow rate $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \mathrm{T}=30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ ): $\mathrm{tR}=10.710 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), $\mathrm{tR}=11.783 \mathrm{~min}$ (major).

## Dimethyl (S)-7-(4-methoxyphenyl)-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]benzofuran-6,6(7H)-dicarboxylate (4j)

Colorless oil. $38.3 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.07$ (d, $J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), $6.80(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.60(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.45(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.92(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.1,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.39(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.77(\mathrm{~s}$, 3H), 3.27 (s, 3H). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 168.09,166.24,159.23,152.50,148.22,143.13$, $130.39,129.80,119.12,113.63,104.93,101.55,94.31,93.50,55.24,53.71,53.56,52.50$. IR (KBr): $\gamma$ 3435, 1746, 1612, 1512, 1249, 1177, 1147, $1036 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{O}_{8}\right]^{+}$requires 387.10744, found 387.10837. [a] ${ }_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+58.7\left(\mathrm{c}=0.72, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. Enantiomeric excess: $73 \%$, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC-H, hexane/ isopropanol $=70 / 30$, flow rate 1.0 $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{min}, \mathrm{T}=30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ ): $\mathrm{tR}=9.877 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), $\mathrm{tR}=14.521 \mathrm{~min}$ (major).

Dimethyl (S,E)-7-(2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]benzofuran-6,6(7H)-dicarboxylate

## (4k)

Colorless oil. $33.1 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 6.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.90(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 5.05 (d, $J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.96$ (d, $J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.84 ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.74 ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.83 ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.73 ( s , $3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 168.12,166.79,151.75,147.84,142.88,137.69,120.91,119.64$, $104.51,101.43,93.53,93.41,53.57,52.63,47.41,25.89,18.24$. IR (KBr): $\gamma 3435,1747,1632,1474$, 1284, 1182, 1150, $1036 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (ESI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{O}_{7}\right]^{+}$requires 335.11253, found 335.11365. $[\mathrm{a}]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+61.5\left(\mathrm{c}=0.75, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. Enantiomeric excess: $44 \%$, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC-H, hexane/ isopropanol $=70 / 30$, flow rate $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \mathrm{T}=30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 254 \mathrm{~nm}$ ): $\mathrm{tR}=$ 7.029 min (minor), $\mathrm{tR}=10.489 \mathrm{~min}$ (major).

## Synthesis of 5b for X-ray analysis:



A solution of lithium aluminium tetrahydride in ether ( $2 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.4 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added dropwise to a solution of $\mathbf{4 b}(23 \mathrm{mg}, 0.06 \mathrm{mmol})$ in ether $(1 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under nitrogen. The reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and was stirred for 16 h . The reaction mixture was quenched with water
( 5 mL ), and extracted with DCM ( $3 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The organic phases were combined and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford $\mathbf{5 b}$ as a colourless oil( $95 \%, 19 \mathrm{mg}) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.27(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.57$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=14.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.41(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.21(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.7,9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.90(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.90(\mathrm{t}, J=11.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.79(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.34(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.23(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.06(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 152.48,147.88,142.07,133.78,133.62,129.38,126.38,124.74,120.55,105.41$, 101.32, 93.34, 93.11, 64.95, 63.10, 50.09, 21.24. HRMS (ESI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{O}_{5}\right]^{+}$ requires 341.1384 , found 341.1387 .

## X-ray Single Crystal Data for 5b




| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Formula weight | 340.36 |
| Space group | $\mathrm{P} 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$ |
| Z | 8 |
| $\mathrm{a} / \AA$ | $5.6783(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{b} / \AA$ | $18.1808(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{c} / \AA$ | $34.1983(14)$ |
| $\alpha /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| $\beta /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| $\gamma /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| Volume $/ \AA^{3}$ | $3530.5(2)$ |
| Temperature $/ \mathrm{K}$ | 300 K |
| $\rho, \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ | 1.281 |

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## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ - and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$-NMR Spectra

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(4a)


|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $(\mathrm{V}$ *ec $)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | \% <br> Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 7.652 | 5054454 | 50.92 | 229816 | 53.90 |
| 2 | 10.502 | 4871300 | 49.08 | 196580 | 46.10 |



|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $(\mathrm{V}$ *sec $)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | $\%$ <br> Height |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 7.690 | 892111 | 3.59 | 61382 | 4.80 |
| 2 | 10.797 | 23977483 | 96.41 | 1216131 | 95.20 |

(4b)


|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $\left(\mathrm{V}^{*} \mathrm{sec}\right)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | \% <br> Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 7.447 | 3803831 | 50.14 | 311236 | 60.51 |
| 2 | 11.333 | 3783185 | 49.86 | 203160 | 39.49 |



|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $\left(\mathrm{V}^{*} \mathrm{sec}\right)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | \% <br> Height |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 7.512 | 550419 | 2.86 | 41839 | 4.13 |
| 2 | 11.549 | 18683095 | 97.14 | 971584 | 95.87 |

(4c)



|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $\left(\mathrm{V}^{*} \mathrm{sec}\right)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | \% <br> Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 9.733 | 1146283 | 4.51 | 61539 | 7.38 |
| 2 | 16.673 | 24275031 | 95.49 | 771872 | 92.62 |

(4d)



|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $(\mathrm{V}$ *sec $)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | \% <br> Height |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 11.505 | 537599 | 1.57 | 21244 | 2.82 |
| 2 | 21.944 | 33680423 | 98.43 | 732648 | 97.18 |

(4e)


|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $(\mathrm{V}$ *sec $)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | \% <br> Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 8.008 | 29728462 | 49.79 | 2030473 | 63.44 |
| 2 | 13.171 | 29982394 | 50.21 | 1170148 | 36.56 |



|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $(\mathrm{V}$ sec $)$ | $\%$ Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | \% <br> Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 8.211 | 2041567 | 3.25 | 111912 | 4.70 |
| 2 | 13.437 | 60841299 | 96.75 | 2269637 | 95.30 |

(4f)



|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $\left(\mathrm{V}^{*} \mathrm{sec}\right)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | \% <br> Height |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 7.846 | 733209 | 1.71 | 50542 | 2.83 |
| 2 | 12.724 | 42213352 | 98.29 | 1737334 | 97.17 |

## (4g)




|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $\left(\mathrm{V}^{*} \mathrm{sec}\right)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | $\%$ <br> Height |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 7.609 | 693722 | 2.60 | 48517 | 4.00 |
| 2 | 12.803 | 25944459 | 97.40 | 1164859 | 96.00 |

(4h)


|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $\left(\mathrm{V}^{*}\right.$ sec $)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | \% <br> Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 8.505 | 3629849 | 50.31 | 227902 | 65.25 |
| 2 | 14.947 | 3585606 | 49.69 | 121377 | 34.75 |



|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $(\mathrm{V}$ sec $)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | \% <br> Height |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 8.437 | 965072 | 4.27 | 40790 | 7.76 |
| 2 | 13.695 | 21625482 | 95.73 | 484724 | 92.24 |

(4i)



|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $(\mathrm{V}$ *sec $)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | \% <br> Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 10.710 | 322931 | 3.41 | 13088 | 3.65 |
| 2 | 11.783 | 9144967 | 96.59 | 345351 | 96.35 |

(4j)



|  | $R T$ <br> $(\mathrm{~min})$ | Area <br> $(\mathrm{V}$ *sec $)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | \% <br> Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 9.877 | 257133 | 13.47 | 14425 | 19.12 |
| 2 | 14.521 | 1651438 | 86.53 | 61010 | 80.88 |

(4k)


|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $(\mathrm{V}$ *sec $)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | \% <br> Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 7.157 | 2812431 | 50.14 | 246845 | 61.81 |
| 2 | 10.868 | 2796817 | 49.86 | 152540 | 38.19 |



|  | RT <br> $(\mathrm{min})$ | Area <br> $(\mathrm{V}$ *sec $)$ | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mathrm{V})$ | \% <br> Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 7.029 | 531987 | 28.12 | 46614 | 37.03 |
| 2 | 10.489 | 1359900 | 71.88 | 79256 | 62.97 |

