

Supporting Information

1,6-Conjugated Addition-Mediated [4+1] Annulation: Approach to 2,3-Dihydrobenzofurans

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1. General Information

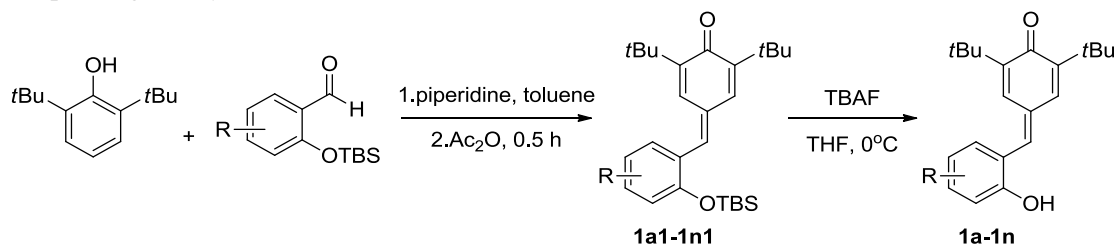
Reagents and Solvents: PE refers to petroleum ether b.p. 60-90 °C and EA refers to ethyl acetate. All other starting materials and solvents were commercially available and were used without further purification unless otherwise stated.

Chromatography: Flash column chromatography was carried out using commercially available 200-300 mesh under pressure unless otherwise indicated. Gradient flash chromatography was conducted eluting with PE/EA, they are listed as volume/volume ratios.

Data collection: ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were collected on BRUKER AV-300 (300 MHz) spectrometer using CDCl_3 as solvent. Chemical shifts of ^1H NMR were recorded in parts per million (ppm, δ) relative to tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0.00$ ppm) with the solvent resonance as an internal standard (CDCl_3 : $\delta = 7.26$ ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm (δ), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, brs = broad singlet, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Chemical shifts of ^{13}C NMR were reported in ppm with the solvent as the internal standard (CDCl_3 : $\delta = 77.16$ ppm). High Resolution Mass measurement was performed on Agilent Q-TOF 6520 mass spectrometer with electron spray ionization (ESI) as the ion source. Melting point (m.p.) was measured on a microscopic melting point apparatus.

2. Preparation of *ortho*-Hydroxyphenyl-substituted *para*-Quinone Methides

ortho-Hydroxyphenyl-substituted *para*-quinone methides were synthesized from the corresponding aldehydes as shown in Scheme S1.



Scheme S1. Preparation of *ortho*-hydroxyphenyl-substituted *para*-quinone methides

A solution of phenols (1.1 equiv.) and aldehydes (1.0 equiv.) in toluene (5 mL/mmol substrate) was placed in a Dean-Stark apparatus which was heated to reflux. Piperidine (2.0 equiv.) was added dropwise slowly. Then, the temperature was raised to 140 °C and stirred for 12 h. After that, the reaction mixture was cooled to 120 °C and acetic anhydride (2.0 equiv.) was dropwise added. The stirring was continued for 30 min and the solution was poured on ice-water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×50 mL). The organic phases were combined, washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the corresponding products **1a1-1n1** were obtained after flash column chromatography (PE/EA = 200/1 to 50/1).

To a solution of **1a1-1n1** (1.0 equiv.) in THF (10 mL/mmol substrate) at 0 °C was added tetrabutylammonium fluoride trihydrate (1.1 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min and a saturated NH_4Cl solution was added dropwise to quench the reaction. The resulting solution was extracted with Et_2O (3×20 mL). Then the combined organic phases were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed to give the crude product which was purified by flash column chromatography (PE/EA = 20/1 to 4/1) to afford the desired compounds

1a–1n. **1o** was prepared according to the literature.^[1] All structures of *ortho*-hydroxyphenyl-substituted *para*-quinone methides were listed in Figure S1.

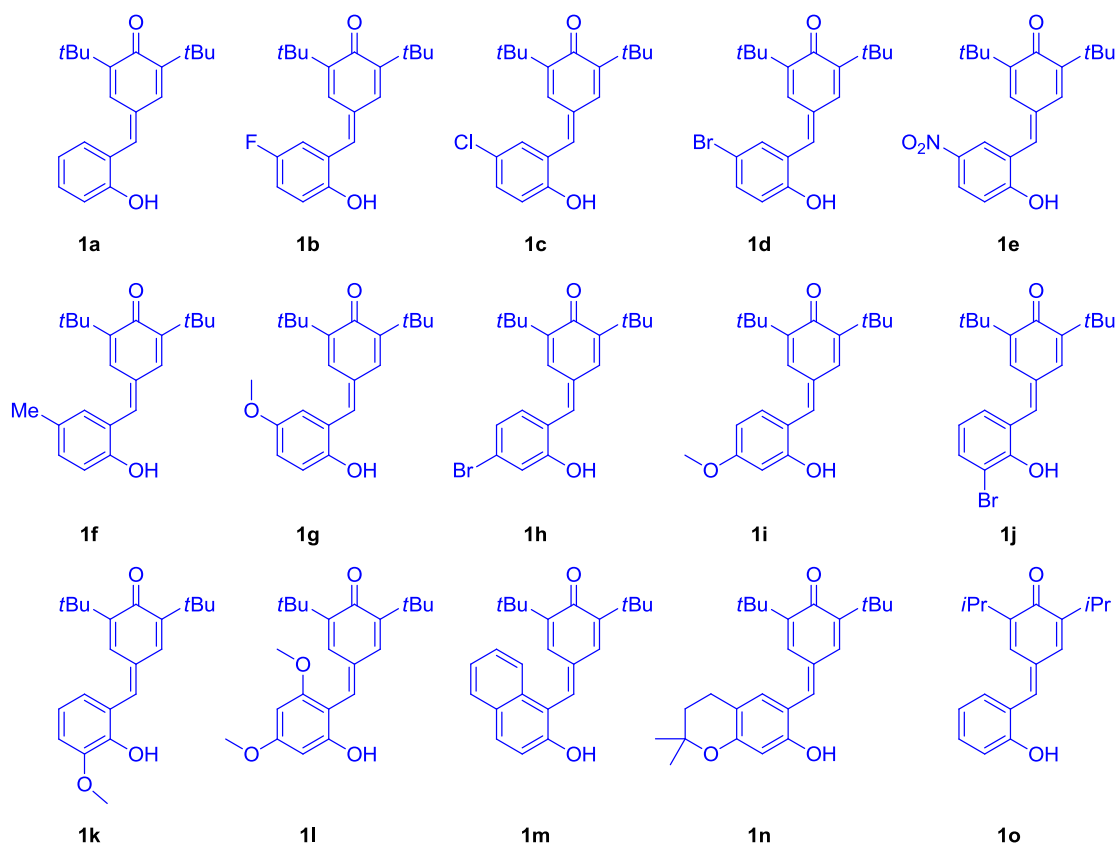
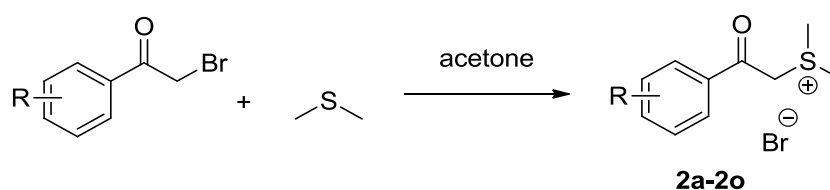


Figure S1. Substrates of *ortho*-hydroxyphenyl-substituted *para*-quinone methides

3. Preparation of Sulfonium Salts and Ammonium Salts

Sulfonium salts were synthesized from the corresponding aldehydes as shown in Scheme S2.



Scheme S2. Preparation of sulfonium salts

Dimethyl sulfide (10 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-bromoacetophenone derivatives (10 mmol) in acetone (15 mL). After the mixture had been stirred for 12 h, the residue was filtered and washed with acetone. The solid product (**2a–2o**) was used as sulfonium bromide without further purification. (Scheme S2) All sulfonium salts were prepared according to the previous reported method.^[2] All structures of sulfonium salts were listed in Figure S2.

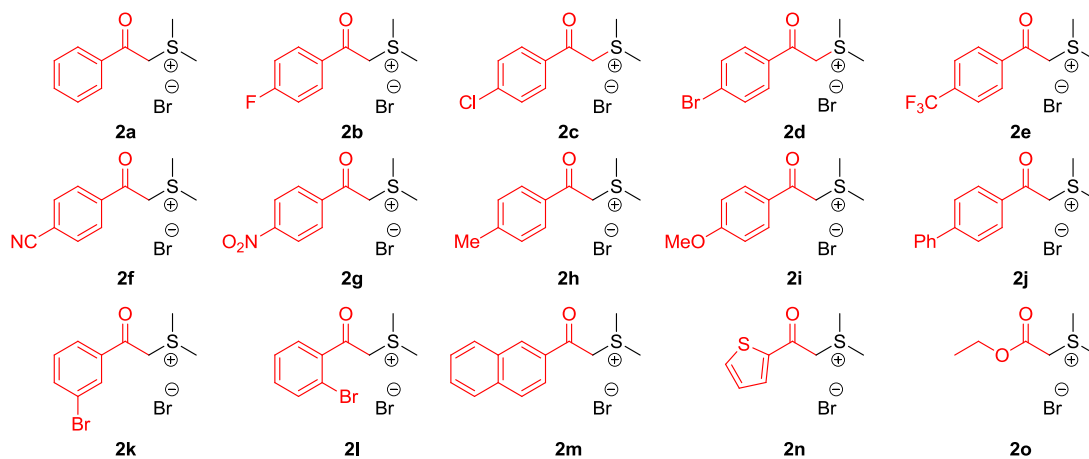
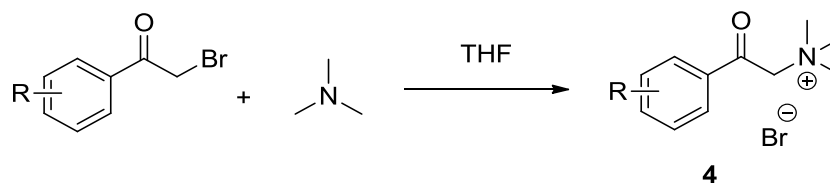


Figure S2. Substrates of sulfonium salts

Ammonium salts were synthesized from the corresponding aldehydes as shown in Scheme S3.



Scheme S3. Preparation of ammonium salts

To a solution of 2-bromoacetophenone derivatives (1 equiv.) in THF (3.3 mL per mmol starting material) trimethylamine (33% in EtOH - 1 equiv.) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight. The product was filtered off and washed twice with EtOAc and dried under *vacuo* to get a series of compound **4**. All ammonium salts were prepared according to the previous reported method.^[3] All structures of ammonium salts were listed in Figure S3.

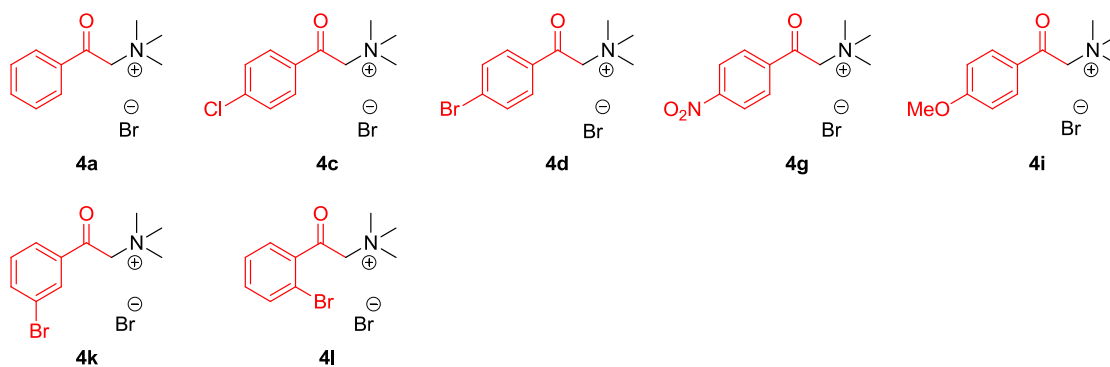
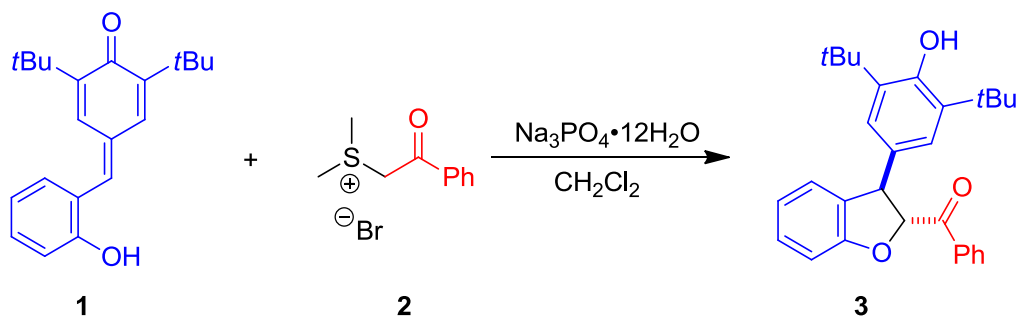


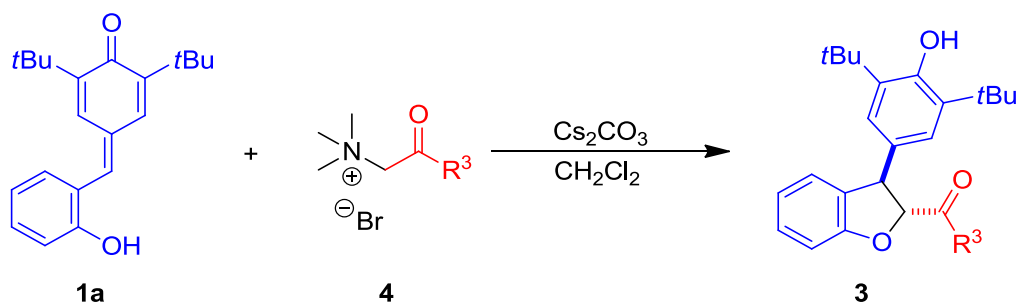
Figure S3. Substrates of ammonium salts

4. Synthesis of 2,3-Dihydrobenzofurans



Scheme S4. Synthesis of compounds **3** from sulfonium salts **2**

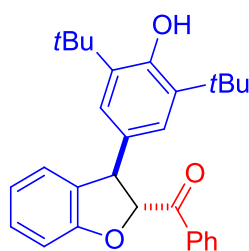
A sealed tube was charged with *ortho*-hydroxyphenyl-substituted *para*-quinone methides (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.), sulfonium salts (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). Dichloromethane (1.0 mL) was added in the tube. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. When the reaction was completed, the solution was concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by careful chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 200/1) to afford the desired product **3**.



Scheme S5. Synthesis of compound **3** from ammonium salts **4**

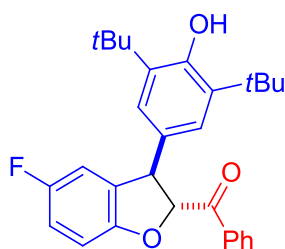
A sealed tube was charged with *ortho*-hydroxyphenyl-substituted *para*-quinone methides (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.), ammonium salts (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), Cs_2CO_3 (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). Dichloromethane (1.0 mL) was added in the tube. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. When the reaction was completed, the solution was concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by careful chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 200/1) to afford the desired product **3**. (Scheme S5)

(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3aa)



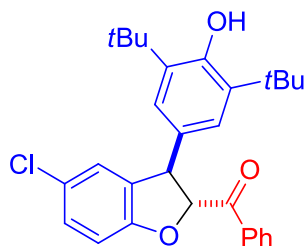
91% yield (77.9 mg). White solid, m.p. 152 – 154 °C. Rf = 0.5 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.95 (s, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.7, 158.7, 152.5, 135.8, 134.1, 133.2, 132.1, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 125.0, 124.3, 121.0, 109.3, 90.3, 50.8, 33.9, 29.8 ppm. IR (KBr): 3609, 3065, 3012, 2964, 2882, 1698, 1597, 1459, 1433, 1261, 1228, 1103, 1051, 1022, 956, 863, 802, 753, 699, 671, 645, 596, 510 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₃₃O₃ 429.2424; Found 429.2431.

(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-5-fluoro-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ba)



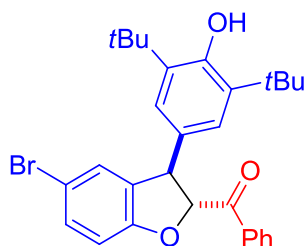
95% yield (84.4 mg). White solid, m.p. 146 – 148 °C. Rf = 0.5 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (s, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.3, 157.6 (d, *J* = 238.0 Hz), 153.7 (d, *J* = 142.2 Hz), 136.0, 134.0, 133.3, 131.4, 130.5 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 128.8, 128.1, 124.2, 114.6 (d, *J* = 24.4 Hz), 112.0, 111.7, 109.6 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 90.8, 50.9 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 33.9, 29.8 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -121.97, -121.99 ppm. IR (KBr): 3624, 3602, 3065, 2958, 2922, 2872, 1687, 1597, 1571, 1481, 1434, 1231, 1212, 1120, 960, 900, 781, 762, 688, 644 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₃₂FO₃ 447.2330; Found 447.2335.

(5-chloro-3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone
(3ca)



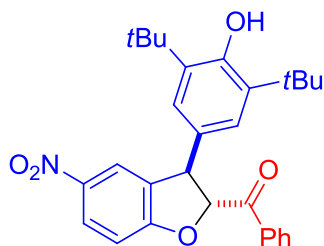
61% yield (56.5 mg). White solid, m.p. 138 – 140 °C. Rf = 0.5 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.94 (s, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.6, 157.8, 153.3, 136.5, 134.4, 133.8, 131.9, 131.5, 129.3, 128.6, 126.2, 125.5, 124.6, 110.8, 91.3, 51.2, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3583, 3134, 3061, 3004, 2965, 2918, 2872, 1695, 1592, 1474, 1435, 1401, 1298, 1227, 1165, 1118, 1081, 1058, 961, 869, 816, 771, 730, 695, 678, 465 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₃₂ClO₃ 463.2035; Found 463.2037.

(5-bromo-3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone
(3da)



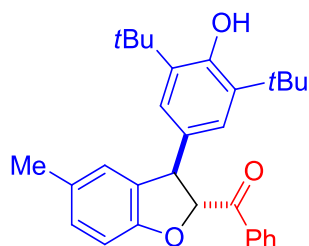
84% yield (85.0 mg). White solid, m.p. 156 – 158 °C. Rf = 0.5 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.5, 158.3, 153.3, 136.5, 134.3, 133.8, 132.0, 131.9, 131.6, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 124.7, 113.3, 111.5, 91.2, 51.1, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3589, 3065, 2956, 2924, 2871, 1698, 1471, 1434, 1364, 1230, 1155, 1112, 1053, 871, 862, 773, 696, 668 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₃₂BrO₃ 507.1530; Found 507.1531.

(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-5-nitro-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone
(3ea)



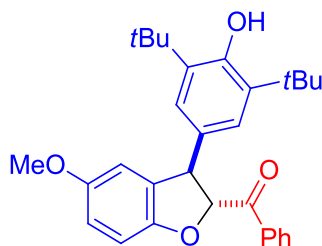
62% yield (58.8 mg). White solid, m.p. 126 – 127 °C. Rf = 0.3 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.90 (m, 3H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 2H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.0, 163.7, 153.1, 142.4, 136.3, 133.7, 133.3, 131.0, 130.6, 128.8, 128.3, 125.7, 124.1, 121.5, 109.4, 91.8, 50.0, 33.9, 29.7 ppm. IR (KBr): 3576, 3964, 2922, 2865, 1692, 1597, 1478, 1435, 1338, 1235, 1115, 1071, 1042, 967, 900, 829, 776, 750, 694, 670 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₃₂NO₅ 474.2275; Found 474.2284.

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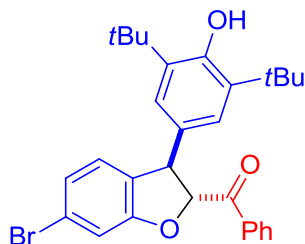
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(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-5-methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ga)



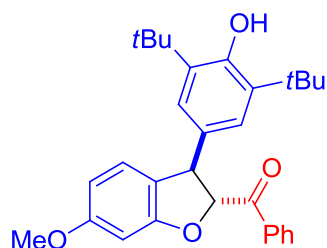
73% yield (67.3mg). White solid, m.p. 137 – 138 °C. Rf = 0.4 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (s, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.3, 154.9, 153.4, 153.1, 136.3, 134.7, 133.6, 132.3, 130.2, 129.3, 128.6, 124.8, 114.3, 111.1, 109.9, 91.1, 56.1, 51.6, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3636, 3065, 2952, 2925, 2865, 1696, 1596, 1484, 1433, 1362, 1203, 1179, 1116, 1082, 1005, 967, 802, 866, 763, 748, 702 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₀H₃₅O₄ 459.2530; Found 459.2539.

(6-bromo-3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ha)



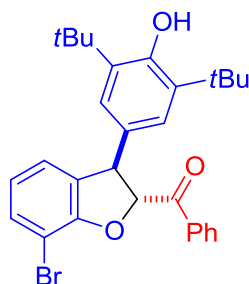
93% yield (94.4 mg). White solid, m.p. 167 – 170 °C. Rf = 0.6 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.4, 159.9, 153.0, 136.3, 134.2, 133.6, 131.8, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 126.3, 124.5, 124.4, 121.5, 113.3, 91.2, 50.6, 34.2, 30.1 ppm. IR (KBr): 3581, 3072, 2953, 2924, 2871, 1701, 1593, 1474, 1435, 1414, 1297, 1224, 1116, 1051, 959, 874, 841, 788, 769, 692 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₃₂BrO₃ 507.1530; Found 507.1531.

(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-6-methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ia)



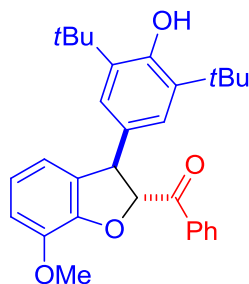
85% yield (78.2 mg). White solid, m.p. 152 – 154 °C. Rf = 0.4 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (s, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 4.75 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 160.8, 160.6, 153.0, 136.3, 134.6, 133.6, 132.9, 129.3, 128.6, 125.6, 124.7, 121.3, 107.6, 96.1, 91.7, 55.5, 50.9, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3580, 3065, 2955, 2925, 2961, 2833, 1701, 1624, 1597, 1498, 1446, 1436, 1282, 1234, 1173, 1147, 1109, 967, 833, 771, 637 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₀H₃₅O₄ 459.2530; Found 459.2536.

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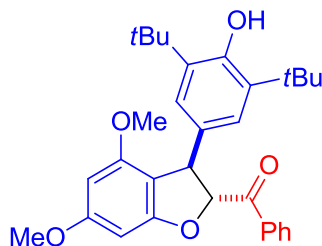
99% yield (101.2 mg). White solid, m.p. 169 – 170 °C. Rf = 0.5 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.95 (s, 2H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.4, 156.5, 153.2, 136.4, 134.5, 133.8, 131.8, 130.9, 129.4, 128.6, 124.7, 124.5, 122.8, 102.8, 90.9, 52.1, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3569, 3069, 2962, 2923, 2873, 2853, 1698, 1595, 1580, 1453, 1435, 1220, 1116, 1056, 964, 918, 882, 863, 748, 695 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₃₂BrO₃ 507.1530; Found 507.1534.

(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-7-methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ka)



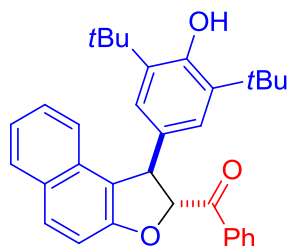
93% yield (85.1 mg). White solid, m.p. 148 – 149 °C. Rf = 0.4 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (s, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.8, 153.1, 147.8, 144.6, 136.3, 134.7, 133.6, 132.4, 130.6, 129.3, 128.6, 124.8, 122.1, 117.6, 112.0, 91.2, 56.2, 51.9, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3598, 3053, 3004, 2954, 2924, 2853, 1684, 1492, 1621, 1595, 1435, 1279, 1178, 1118, 1086, 926, 886, 653, 734, 684 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₀H₃₅O₄ 459.2530; Found 459.2533.

(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-4,6-dimethoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3la)



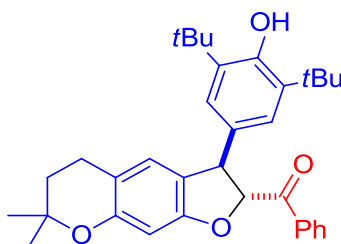
67% yield (65.7 mg). White solid, m.p. 126 – 128 °C. Rf = 0.4 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (s, 2H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.3, 162.2, 161.5, 156.9, 152.7, 135.9, 134.2, 133.5, 132.8, 129.1, 128.6, 123.9, 108.1, 92.4, 91.6, 88.4, 55.5, 55.3, 49.0, 34.3, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3605, 2958, 2927, 1679, 1628, 1598, 1502, 1433, 1233, 1216, 1202, 1143, 1097, 1046, 955, 882, 813, 767, 739, 678 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₁H₃₇O₅ 489.2636; Found 489.2639.

(1-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1,2-dihydronaphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ma)



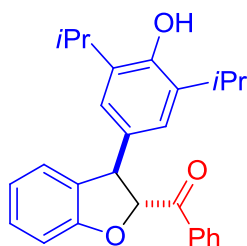
89% yield (85.3 mg). White solid, m.p. 165 – 166 °C. Rf = 0.4 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 1.34 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.1, 157.1, 153.0, 136.4, 134.5, 133.7, 132.8, 130.6, 130.3, 130.1, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 126.5, 124.5, 123.1, 123.0, 120.1, 112.1, 91.8, 51.1, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3607, 3061, 2954, 2870, 1698, 1632, 1600, 1522, 1433, 1238, 1140, 1119, 979, 857, 751, 704, 692 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₃H₃₅O₃ 479.2581; Found 479.2581.

(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-3,5,6,7-tetrahydro-2H-furo[3,2-g]chromen-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3na)



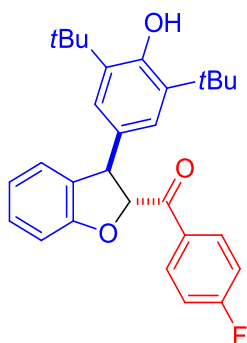
62% yield (63.1 mg). White solid, m.p. 144 – 146 °C. Rf = 0.6 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (s, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.75 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.5, 158.7, 154.5, 152.9, 136.2, 134.7, 133.5, 133.2, 129.3, 128.5, 125.3, 124.7, 120.9, 113.8, 98.7, 91.4, 74.2, 51.1, 34.4, 32.9, 30.3, 27.2, 26.5, 22.2 ppm. IR (KBr): 3587, 3135, 2959, 2922, 2878, 1692, 1627, 1599, 1478, 1435, 1399, 1237, 1151, 1121, 1097, 965, 906, 873, 842, 690, 663 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₃₄H₄₀O₄Na 535.2819; Found 535.2820.

(3-(4-hydroxy-3,5-diisopropylphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3oa)



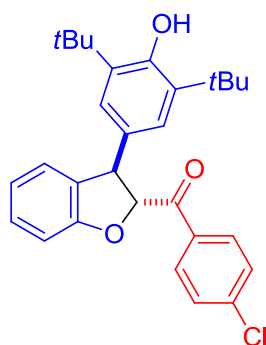
78% yield (62.8 mg). White solid, m.p. 130–132 °C. R_f = 0.4 (PE/EA = 10/1). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.91 – 6.85 (m, 3H), 5.78 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 3.19 – 3.05 (m, 2H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.18 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.1, 159.1, 149.3, 134.5, 134.1, 133.9, 133.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 125.3, 123.3, 121.4, 109.8, 90.8, 51.2, 27.3, 22.6, 22.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3435, 3422, 2962, 2928, 1692, 1595, 1447, 1260, 1211, 1196, 1184, 1152, 1184, 1123, 962, 856, 773, 745, 691 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_3$ 401.2111; Found 401.2107.

(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(4-fluorophenyl)methanone (3ab)



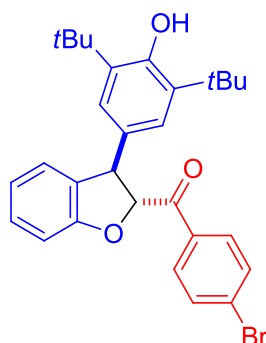
90% yield (80.3 mg). White solid, m.p. 166 – 168 °C. R_f = 0.5 (PE/EA = 10/1). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (s, 2H), 7.19 – 6.89 (m, 8H), 5.70 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 4.90 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 18H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.7, 167.7, 164.3, 157.6 (d, J = 238.0 Hz), 136.4, 132.4, 132.1 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 131.2, 129.4, 128.7, 125.5, 124.8, 121.5, 115.7 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 109.8, 90.9, 51.1, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -102.75 ppm. IR (KBr): 3613, 2958, 2924, 2969, 1686, 1596, 1505, 1435, 1228, 1156, 1119, 962, 865, 754, 653 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{32}\text{FO}_3$ 447.2330; Found 447.2322.

(4-chlorophenyl)(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)methanone
(3ac)



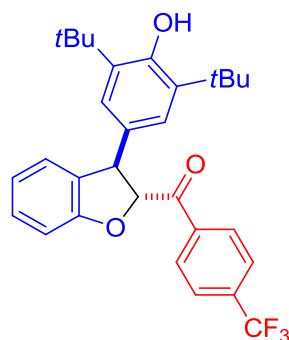
87% yield (80.7 mg). White solid, m.p. 179 – 180 °C. R_f = 0.5 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.87 (m, 4H), 5.69 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.1, 159.0, 153.1, 140.2, 136.4, 133.1, 132.4, 130.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 125.5, 124.8, 121.6, 109.8, 90.9, 51.1, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3615, 2963, 2926, 2865, 1687, 1588, 1478, 1460, 1435, 1401, 1304, 1223, 1120, 1090, 1012, 963, 864, 820, 654 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₃₁ClO₃Na 485.1854; Found 485.1855.

(4-bromophenyl)(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)methanone
(3ad)



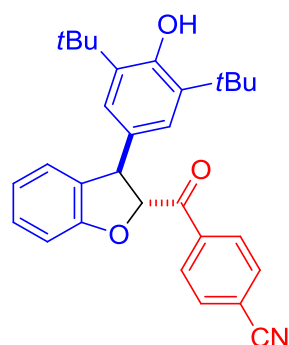
82% yield (83.5 mg). White solid, m.p. 172 – 174 °C. R_f = 0.5 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.86 (m, 4H), 5.68 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.4, 159.0, 153.1, 136.4, 133.5, 132.3, 131.9, 130.9, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 125.5, 124.8, 121.6, 109.8, 90.9, 51.1, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3602, 3432, 3188, 2963, 2922, 2865, 1386, 1584, 1478, 1459, 1434, 1399, 1371, 1225, 1161, 1099, 1070, 1009, 863, 812, 784, 753, 649 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₃₂BrO₃ 507.1530; Found 507.1523.

(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl) methanone (3ae)



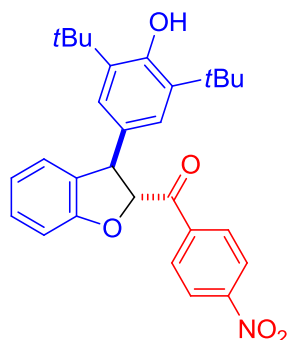
88% yield (87.3 mg). White solid, m.p. 141 – 142 °C. Rf = 0.6 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 4H), 5.73 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.6, 158.8, 153.2, 137.6, 136.5, 134.8 (d, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 132.2, 129.7, 129.2, 128.8, 125.6 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 152.5, 124.7, 121.7, 109.9, 91.1, 50.9, 34.4, 30.2 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.12 ppm. IR (KBr): 3608, 2958, 2927, 2873, 1698, 1596, 1478, 1460, 1435, 1327, 1226, 1172, 1134, 1068, 1015, 955, 867, 845, 753, 657 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₀H₃₂F₃O₃ 497.2298; Found 497.2294.

4-(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carbonyl)benzonitrile (3af)



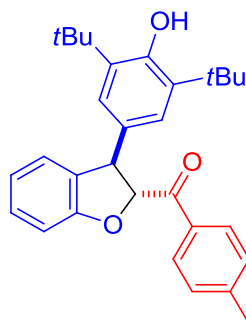
85% yield (77.1 mg). White solid, m.p. 208 – 210 °C. Rf = 0.4 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 2H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.3, 158.7, 153.2, 137.9, 136.5, 132.3, 132.1, 129.8, 129.1, 128.8, 125.6, 124.7, 121.8, 117.8, 116.8, 109.9, 91.1, 50.7, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3606, 3004, 2954, 2922, 2872, 1696, 1597, 1480, 1460, 1435, 1409, 1290, 1229, 1218, 1122, 977, 961, 965, 847, 754, 682, 653 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M - H]⁻ Calcd for C₃₀H₃₀NO₃ 452.2231; Found 452.2230.

(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(4-nitrophenyl)methanone (3ag)



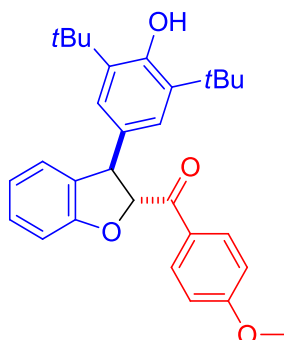
82% yield (77.7 mg). Yellow solid, m.p. 190 – 192 °C. Rf = 0.4 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.2, 158.6, 153.2, 150.5, 139.4, 136.5, 132.1, 130.5, 129.1, 128.8, 125.6, 124.7, 123.7, 121.9, 109.9, 91.2, 50.6, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3596, 3111, 3080, 2957, 2921, 2870, 1705, 1605, 1594, 1491, 1436, 1344, 1225, 1154, 1053, 984, 958, 857, 845, 753, 700, 645 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₃₁NO₅Na 496.2094; Found 496.2095.

(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (3ah)



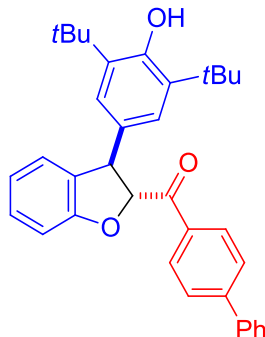
92% yield (81.8 mg). White solid, m.p. 166 – 168 °C. Rf = 0.5 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.95 (m, 3H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.8, 159.3, 153.0, 144.6, 136.3, 132.6, 132.2, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 125.5, 124.8, 121.4, 109.8, 90.8, 51.4, 34.4, 30.3, 21.7 ppm. IR (KBr): 3597, 2962, 2922, 2861, 1678, 1606, 1477, 1460, 1434, 1303, 1233, 1185, 1116, 1012, 963, 950, 863, 773, 753, 739, 655 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₀H₃₅O₃ 443.2581; Found 443.2582.

(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (3ai)



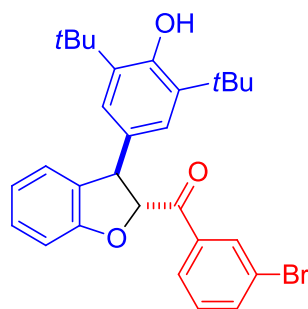
78% yield (71.5 mg). White solid, m.p. 152 – 154 °C. Rf = 0.4 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.95 (m, 3H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.6, 163.9, 159.3, 153.0, 136.3, 132.7, 131.7, 129.5, 128.6, 127.7, 125.4, 124.8, 121.4, 113.8, 109.8, 90.7, 55.5, 51.4, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3597, 2959, 2925, 2869, 1675, 1594, 1510, 1479, 1435, 1306, 1262, 1234, 1172, 1113, 1024, 863, 835, 755 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₀H₃₅O₄ 459.2530; Found 459.2534.

[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)methanone (3aj)



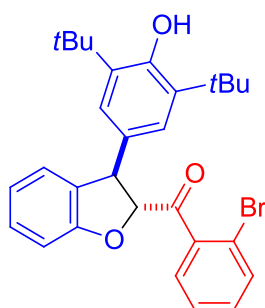
82% yield (83.1 mg). White solid, m.p. 155 – 156 °C. Rf = 0.6 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 4.91 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.8, 159.2, 153.1, 146.4, 139.8, 136.3, 133.4, 132.6, 130.0, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.3, 127.2, 125.5, 124.8, 121.5, 109.9, 90.9, 51.3, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3587, 3012, 2951, 2923, 2873, 1683, 1603, 1477, 1457, 1435, 1232, 1162, 1119, 950, 867, 837, 820, 747, 690 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₅H₃₇O₃ 505.2737; Found 505.2748.

(3-bromophenyl)(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)methanone
(3ak)



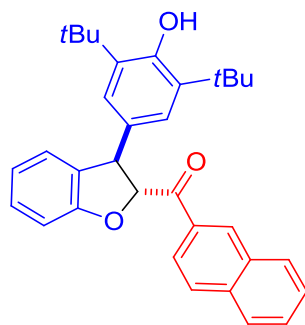
78% yield (79.0 mg). White solid, m.p. 152 – 154 °C. R_f = 0.6 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.0, 158.9, 153.1, 136.4, 132.2, 132.2, 130.1, 129.2, 128.7, 127.8, 125.4, 124.7, 122.8, 121.6, 109.8, 90.8, 51.2, 34.3, 30.2 ppm. IR (KBr): 3635, 3128, 3072, 3003, 2961, 2907, 2873, 1696, 1597, 1567, 1478, 1461, 1433, 1400, 1222, 1209, 1144, 1105, 1016, 967, 863, 787, 751, 732, 693, 637 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + NH₄]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₃₅NBrO₃ 524.1795; Found 524.1798.

(2-bromophenyl)(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)methanone
(3al)



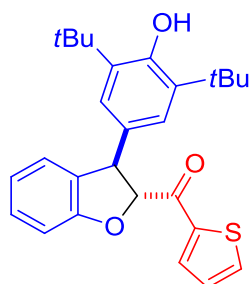
55% yield (55.8mg). White solid, m.p. 136 – 138 °C. R_f = 0.5 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (s, 2H), 5.67 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.4, 159.0, 152.9, 139.1, 136.1, 133.6, 132.3, 131.9, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 127.0, 125.5, 124.4, 121.5, 119.6, 109.9, 92.5, 51.3, 34.3, 30.2 ppm. IR (KBr): 3614, 3007, 2956, 2906, 2865, 1705, 1595, 1480, 1462, 1434, 1306, 1234, 1211, 1120, 1020, 971, 837, 752, 732, 690, 639 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + NH₄]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₃₅NBrO₃ 524.1795; Found 524.1798.

(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(naphthalen-2-yl)methanone
(3am)



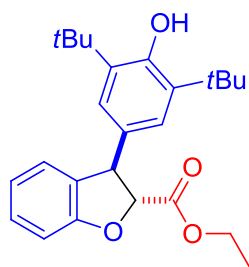
88% yield (83.3 mg). White solid, m.p. 156 – 158 °C. Rf = 0.4 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.1, 159.3, 153.1, 136.4, 135.8, 132.5, 132.3, 132.0, 131.5, 129.8, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.8, 126.8, 125.5, 124.9, 124.5, 121.5, 109.9, 91.1, 51.9, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3579, 3053, 2965, 2912, 2871, 1684, 1628, 1598, 1477, 1434, 1400, 1302, 1236, 1224, 1197, 1124, 1058, 970, 897, 864, 825, 776, 755, 641 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₃H₃₅O₃ 479.2581; Found 479.2586.

(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(thiophen-2-yl)methanone
(3an)



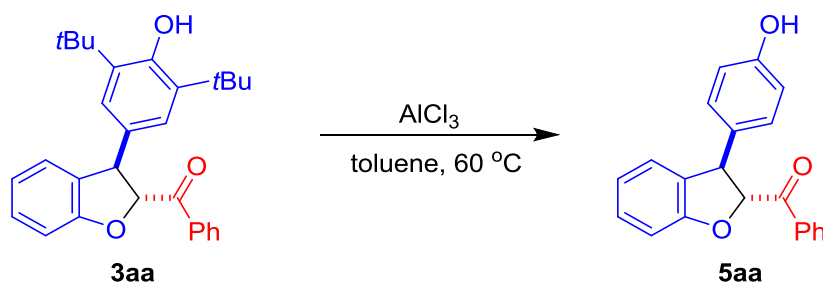
92% yield (79.6 mg). White solid, m.p. 157 – 158 °C. Rf = 0.5 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.95 (m, 3H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.4, 159.1, 153.1, 141.1, 136.3, 135.0, 134.2, 132.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.2, 125.6, 124.8, 121.6, 109.9, 92.0, 52.1, 34.4, 30.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3604, 3126, 3086, 3068, 3010, 2951, 2923, 2873, 2849, 1675, 1596, 1515, 1479, 1460, 1433, 1411, 1361, 1303, 1234, 1160, 1118, 1032, 984, 932, 832, 755, 734, 694, 649 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₃₁O₃S 435.1989; Found 435.1996.

ethyl 3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-carboxylate (3ao)



37% yield (29mg). White solid, m.p. 107 – 108 °C. R_f = 0.5 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 6.91 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 18H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.6, 170.9, 159.2, 153.0, 136.1, 132.5, 128.7, 125.4, 124.4, 121.4, 109.9, 87.4, 61.6, 52.6, 34.4, 30.2, 14.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3589, 2957, 2924, 2871, 1751, 1613, 1597, 1480, 1460, 1435, 1375, 1260, 1238, 1209, 1118, 1042, 886, 821, 751 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₃₃O₄ 397.2374; Found 397.2372.

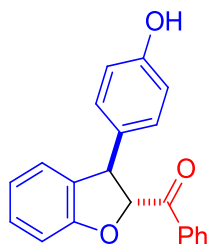
5. Further Transformations of 3aa



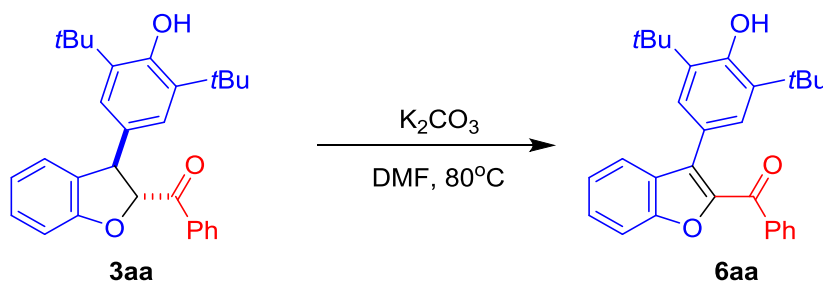
Scheme S6. Synthesis of **5aa**

The compound **3aa** (85.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) was dissolved in 3 mL dry toluene. Then AlCl_3 (133.3 mg, 5.0 equiv.) was added. The reaction was stirred for 2 h at $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and 5 mL H_2O was added. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate ($3 \times 10\text{ mL}$). The combined extracts were washed with 20 mL brine and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue obtained was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 10/1) to afford the desired product **5aa**.

(3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**5aa**)



69% yield (43.9 mg). White solid, m.p. $188 - 190\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EA = 10/1). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 9.38 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.3\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.68 (t, $J = 7.3\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.02 – 6.95 (m, 4H), 6.85 (t, $J = 7.4\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.3\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 6.12 (d, $J = 5.6\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.70 (d, $J = 5.6\text{ Hz}$, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 195.1, 158.5, 156.5, 134.0, 133.8, 132.3, 130.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 125.1, 121.1, 115.5, 109.4, 89.2, 49.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3385, 3180, 2960, 2924, 2851, 1679, 1613, 1513, 1400, 1234, 1105, 1049, 982, 838, 818, 773, 753, 693, 645 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3$ 317.1172; Found 317.1174.

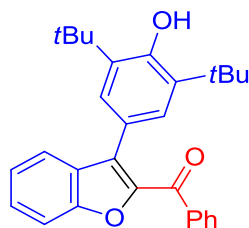


Scheme S7. Synthesis of **6aa**

To a sealing tube were added **3aa** (85.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 3.0 equiv. K_2CO_3 (82.8 mg) and anhydrous DMF (1 mL). Then the oxidation reaction was conducted at $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 2 hours. After the

reaction was completed, the solvent was removed to give a residue which was purified by flash column chromatography (PE/EA = 100/1) to give the desired product **6aa**. (Scheme S7)

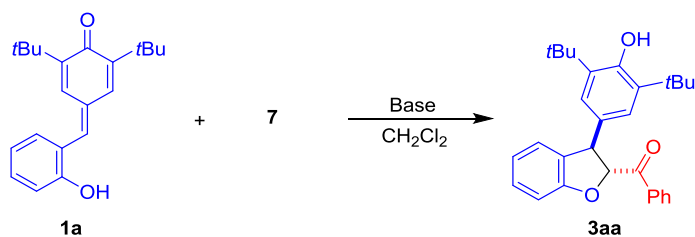
(3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)benzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (6aa)



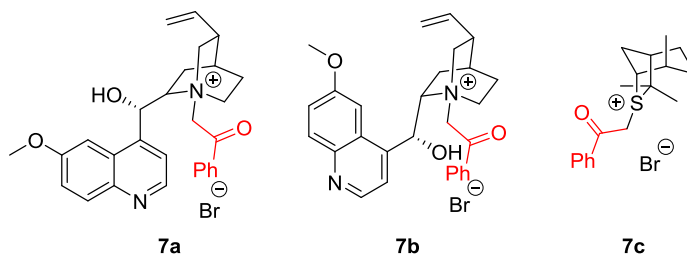
68% yield (58.0 mg). White solid, m.p. 150 – 152 °C. R_f = 0.3 (PE/EA = 4/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.53 (td, *J* = 8.4, 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 1.35 (s, 18H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.0, 154.4, 153.5, 146.2, 136.9, 135.5, 131.8, 130.1, 129.3, 127.7, 127.7, 127.2, 126.6, 123.2, 122.2, 121.3, 112.0, 33.7, 29.7 ppm. IR (KBr): 3540, 3132, 2956, 2924, 2872, 1731, 1635, 1552, 1447, 1379, 1294, 1258, 1161, 1122, 966, 882, 752, 730, 696, 657 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₃₁O₃ 427.2268; Found 427.2271.

6. Screening Asymmetric Reaction Conditions

Table 1. Attempt to synthesize enantiopure 3aa ^{[a],[b]}



Entry	Chiral sulfonium/ ammonium bromides 7	Base	Yield (%)	dr	ee ^[c]
1	7a	Cs ₂ CO ₃	37	> 20:1	73
2	7b	Cs ₂ CO ₃	16	> 20:1	54
3	7c	Na ₃ PO ₄ · 12H ₂ O	80	> 20:1	61



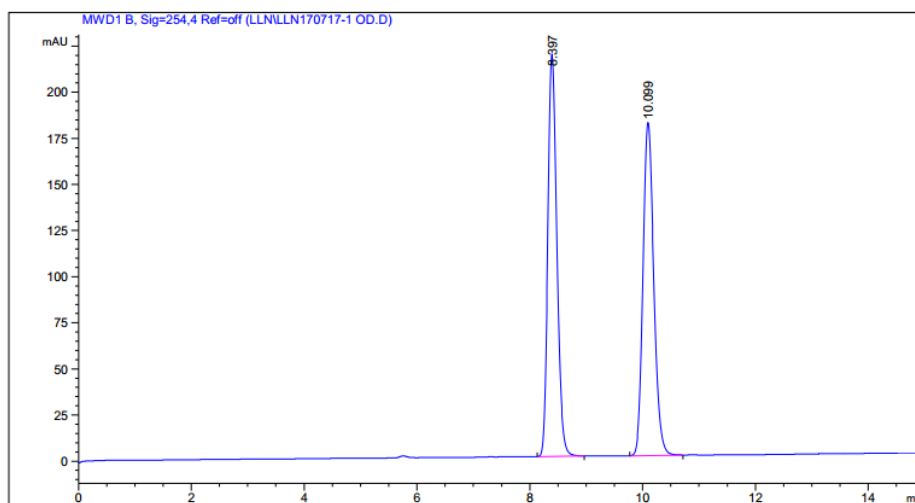
[a] Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **7** (0.24 mmol), and base (0.50 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) at room temperature for 12 h. [b] All yields refer to the isolated yields. [c] Determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary phase.

HPLC acquisition parameters:

Chiral column: CHIRALCEL® OD-H, Wave length: 254 nm,

Mobile phase: *i*PrOH:Hex=20:80, Flow rate: 0.5mL/min, Temperature: 28 °C.

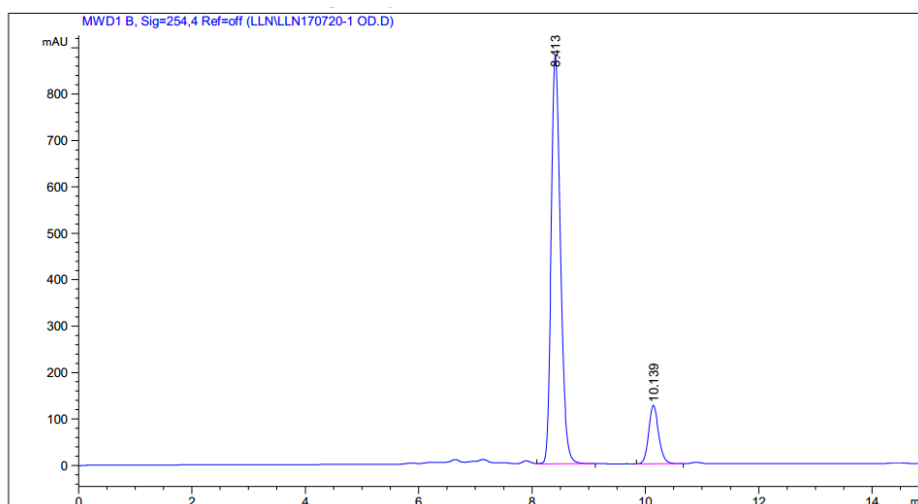
HPLC Spectra of racemic 3aa



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	8.397	BB	0.1707	2401.04150	217.72502	50.0688
2	10.099	BB	0.2047	2394.44312	180.54102	49.9312

Totals : 4795.48462 398.26604

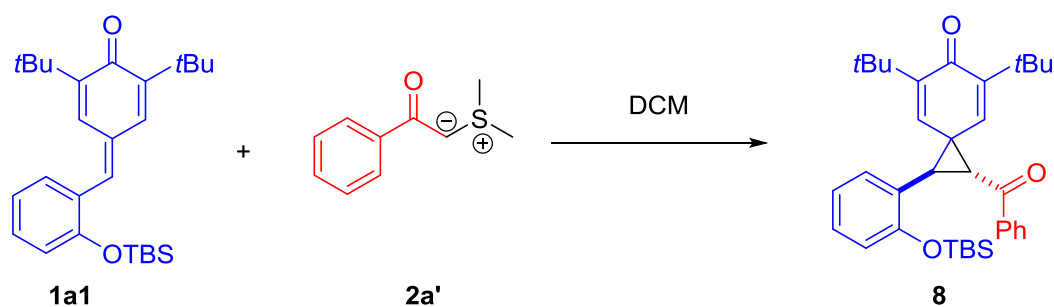
HPLC Spectra of enantiomeric 3aa



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	8.413	VB	0.1760	9949.27051	879.59406	86.6649
2	10.139	BB	0.1859	1530.88477	125.89284	13.3351

Totals : 1.14802e4 1005.48689

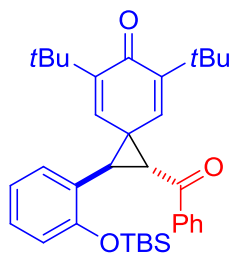
7. Synthesis of Spiro[2.5]octa-4,7-dien-6-ones



Scheme S8. Synthesis of **8**

A sealed tube was charged with *para*-quinone methide **1a1** (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv), sulfur ylide **2a'** (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv), and dichloromethane (1.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by careful chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product **8**.

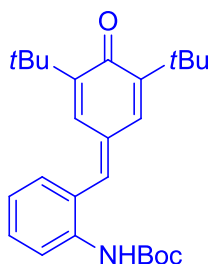
1-benzoyl-5,7-di-tert-butyl-2-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenylspiro[2.5]octa-4,7-dien-6-one (8)



37% yield (61.0 mg). White solid, m.p. 121 – 122 °C. R_f = 0.6 (PE/EA = 10/1). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 18H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 0.28 (s, 3H), 0.20 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.4, 188.1, 158.0, 152.6, 152.3, 141.1, 140.9, 140.2, 135.9, 131.9, 131.4, 131.3, 130.7, 128.5, 123.3, 121.2, 43.0, 43.0, 39.2, 37.7, 37.7, 31.8, 31.8, 28.5, 20.8 ppm. IR (KBr): 3474, 2957, 2928, 2858, 1670, 1645, 1618, 1354, 1319, 1265, 1215, 1175, 1109, 916, 783, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$ 543.3298; Found 543.3280.

8. Characterization of 9a and 10aa

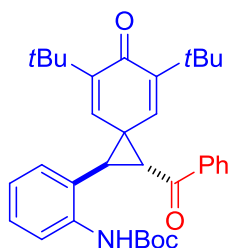
tert-butyl (2-((3,5-di-*tert-butyl*-4-oxocyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-ylidene)methyl)phenyl)carbamate (9a)



Yellow solid, m.p. 144 – 146 °C. R_f = 0.5 (PE/Ea = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 1.52 (s, 9H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.26 (s, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.5, 152.6, 149.6, 148.2, 137.1, 137.0, 134.3, 133.7, 131.3, 130.1, 128.0, 123.4, 121.1, 81.1, 35.4, 35.1, 29.5, 29.5, 28.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3413, 3127, 1635, 1614, 1508, 1400, 1252, 1151, 1077, 945, 854, 547 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₆H₃₅NNaO₃ 432.2509; Found 432.2517.

tert-butyl

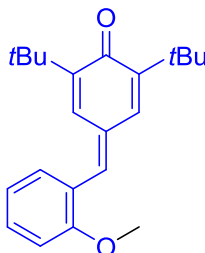
(2-((1*R*,2*R*)-2-benzoyl-5,7-di-*tert-butyl*-6-oxospiro[2.5]octa-4,7-dien-1-yl)phenyl)carbamate (10aa)



26% yield (26.9 mg). White solid, m.p. 130 – 132 °C. R_f = 0.5 (PE/Ea = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 1.19 (s, 9H), 1.12 (s, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.3, 185.1, 152.3, 151.2, 151.1, 138.2, 137.5, 137.2, 136.0, 133.8, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.3, 123.5, 122.8, 119.5, 80.8, 41.2, 39.5, 36.3, 35.3, 35.2, 29.4, 29.1, 28.2 ppm. IR (KBr): 3421, 3126, 3003, 1732, 1641, 1520, 1446, 1400, 1366, 1234, 1155, 907, 742 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₃₄H₄₁NNaO₄ 550.2928; Found 550.2930.

9. Characterization of 11a

2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(2-methoxybenzylidene)cyclohexa-2,5-dienone (11a)



52% yield (33.7.0 mg). Yellow solid, m.p. 137 – 138 °C. Rf = 0.7 (PE/EA = 10/1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.29 (s, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.7, 158.3, 148.9, 147.3, 138.9, 135.3, 131.8, 131.5, 130.9, 128.4, 124.9, 120.5, 110.8, 55.6, 35.4, 35.0, 29.6, 29.5 ppm. IR (KBr): 3128, 2957, 1615, 1587, 1476, 1461, 1400, 1358, 1252, 1160, 1110, 1048, 1028, 951, 892, 751 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂ H₂₉ O₂ 325.2162; Found 325.2175.

10. Crystal Structure of 3aa

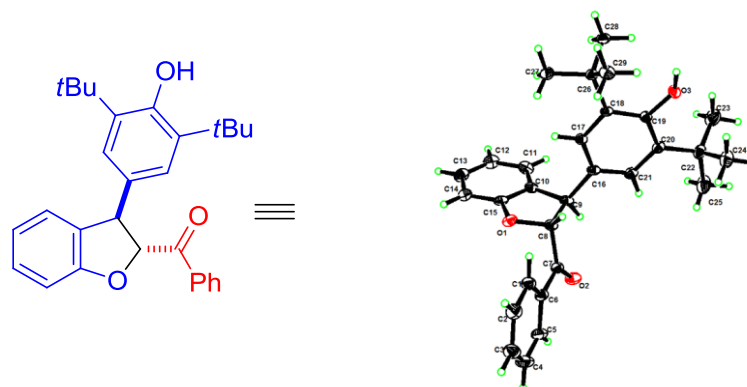


Figure S4. ORTEP plot of the crystal structure of 3aa.

X-ray crystallographic data of 3aa

CCDC number	1562708
Empirical formula	C ₂₉ H ₃₂ O ₃
Formula weight	428.55
Temperature	205 K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Space group	C2/c
Unit cell dimensions	a=30.962(5) Å =90°
	b=10.0760(18) Å = 121.016(4)°
	c=20.180(4) Å =90°
Volume	5395.5(17)Å ³
Z	8
Density	1.055 Mg/m ³
F(000)	1840.0
Completeness to theta = 25.048 °	98.7%
Max. and min. transmission	0.988 and 0.993
R indices (all data)	R= 0.0602(3492) wR2= 0.1836(6152)

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12. NMR Spectra

