

Supporting Information

Copper-catalyzed [3 + 2] annulation of ethynyl epoxides with malononitrile to access highly substituted dihydrofurans with an all-carbon quaternary stereocenter

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1. General Information

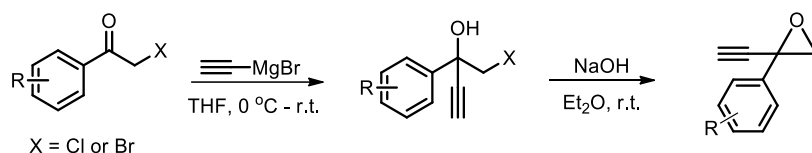
Reagents and Solvents: PE refers to petroleum ether b.p. 60 – 90 °C and EA refers to ethyl acetate. All other starting materials and solvents were commercially available and were used without further purification unless otherwise stated.

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 volumerations.

Data collection: ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were collected on BRUKER AV-300/500 (300/500 MHz) spectrometer using CDCl_3 or DMSO-d_6 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, DMSO-d_6 , $\delta = 2.50$ ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm (δ), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, 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 : $\delta = 77.0$ ppm, DMSO-d_6 , $\delta = 39.5$ ppm). High Resolution Mass measurement was performed on Agilent Q-TOF 6520 mass spectrometer with electron spray ionization (ESI) as the ion source. IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR spectrometer. Melting point (m.p.) was measured on a microscopic melting point apparatus.

2. General Procedure for Preparation of Substituted Ethynyl

Epoxides^[1]



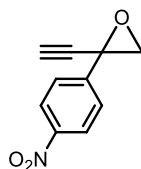
Substituted ethynyl epoxides were prepared in two steps from substituted phenacyl chloride/bromine. A typical experimental procedure for the preparation of ethynyl epoxide is described below.

Preparation of 2-ethynyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)oxirane (**1e**) is used as an example:

In a 100 mL round-bottomed flask were placed 2-chloro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanone (10.0 mmol) and anhydrous THF (30 mL). Ethynylmagnesium bromide (0.5 M in THF; 11.0 mmol) was added to the solution at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. After that, the reaction was quenched slowly with sat. aq. NH_4Cl solution at 0 °C and extracted with EA (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine sequentially, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 200:1 ~ 100:1) to afford the 1-chloro-2-(4-nitrophenyl)but-3-yn-2-ol in 70% yield.

In a 100 mL round-bottomed flask were placed the 1-chloro-2-(4-nitrophenyl)but-3-yn-2-ol and anhydrous diethyl ether (10 mL). Powdered NaOH (20.0 mmol) was added to the solution slowly, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After that, the suspension was filtered through a pad of celite and washed by DCM (5 mL). Then the solvent was removed in vacuum and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 100:1) to afford the 2-ethynyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)oxirane (**1e**) in 86% yield.

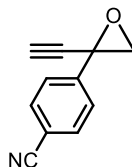
2-ethynyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)oxirane (**1e**)



60% yield (1.13 g), yellow solid, m.p. 101 – 102 °C, R_f = 0.34 (PE/EA = 20:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.0, 143.8, 126.5, 123.7, 79.9, 73.9, 59.2, 50.1 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2918,

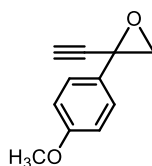
2851, 2119, 1520, 1341, 847, 860, 748 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{NO}_3+\text{H}]^+$ 190.0499, found 190.0498.

4-(2-ethynyloxiran-2-yl)benzonitrile (1g)



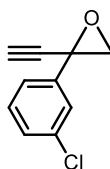
51% yield (0.86 g), yellow solid, m.p. 64 – 65 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, R_f = 0.42 (PE/EA = 20:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.9, 132.3, 126.3, 118.4, 112.4, 80.0, 73.8, 59.1, 50.2 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3063, 2992, 2922, 2230, 1506, 1417, 910, 842 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{NO}+\text{H}]^+$ 170.0600, found 170.0595.

2-ethynyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxirane(1i)



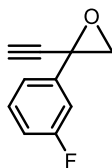
53% yield (0.93 g), yellow oil, R_f = 0.51 (PE/EA = 20:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.41 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.9, 128.4, 126.9, 113.9, 81.4, 72.5, 58.6, 55.3, 50.5 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3296, 3065, 2987, 2124, 1576, 1473, 1269, 690, 785 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2+\text{H}]^+$ 175.0754, found 175.0753.

2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-ethynyloxirane(1j)



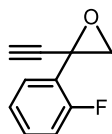
37% yield (0.66 g), yellow oil, R_f = 0.65 (PE/EA = 20:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) 141.3, 137.2, 132.4, 131.3, 128.4, 126.3, 83.2, 80.1, 61.4, 52.8 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3063, 2988, 2123, 1599, 1427, 1267, 918, 785 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{ClO}+\text{H}]^+$ 179.0258, found 179.0248.

2-ethynyl-2-(3-fluorophenyl)oxirane(1k)



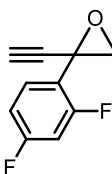
67% yield (1.09 g), yellow oil, R_f = 0.62 (PE/EA = 20:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 3.47 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.9 (d, J = 246.2 Hz), 139.3 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 130.0 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 121.2 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 115.4 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 112.7 (d, J = 23.5 Hz), 80.7, 72.9, 58.9, 50.2 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3067, 2989, 2909, 2126, 1593, 1487, 1279, 1188, 925, 785 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{FO}+\text{H}]^+$ 163.0554, found 163.0550.

2-ethynyl-2-(2-fluorophenyl)oxirane(1l)



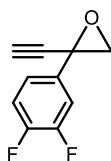
58% yield (0.94 g), yellow oil, R_f = 0.60 (PE/EA = 20:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 3.38 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.5 (d, J = 249.6 Hz), 130.4 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 128.3 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 124.5 (d, J = 13.4 Hz), 124.2 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 115.78 (d, J = 20.7 Hz), 81.3, 71.7 (d, J = 1.6 Hz), 55.8 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 47.5 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3067, 2926, 2855, 2124, 1491, 1456, 1220, 759 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{FO}+\text{H}]^+$ 163.0554, found 163.0558.

2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-2-ethynyloxirane(1n)



50% yield (0.90 g), yellow oil, R_f = 0.63 (PE/EA = 20:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 6.93 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 3.37 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.1 (dd, J = 248.9, 11.4 Hz), 160.7 (dd, J = 248.6, 12.0 Hz), 129.4 (dd, J = 9.9, 4.6 Hz), 120.8 (dd, J = 13.43, 3.7 Hz), 111.4 (dd, J = 21.5, 3.8 Hz), 104.6, 104.3, 103.9, 81.1, 71.9 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 55.8 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 47.1 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3082, 2995, 2916, 2122, 1616, 1506, 1142, 852 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{F}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 181.0459, found 181.0463.

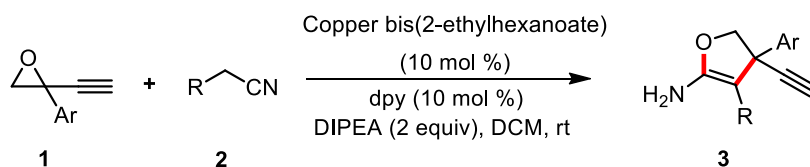
2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-2-ethynyloxirane(**1o**)



45% yield (0.81 g), yellow oil, $R_f = 0.62$ (PE/EA = 20:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 1H), 3.42 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.98 (dd, $J = 12.1, 7.4$ Hz), 148.69 (dd, $J = 12.1, 6.2$ Hz), 133.78 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 121.75 (dd, $J = 6.6, 3.7$ Hz), 117.31 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz), 114.85 (d, $J = 19.3$ Hz), 80.4, 73.3, 58.8, 49.86 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz) ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3064, 2992, 2916, 2125, 1611, 1522, 1119, 771, 1770, 1558, 1521, 1508, 933, 769$ cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{F}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 181.0459, found 181.0465.

3. General Procedure for Preparation of Substituted Dihydrofurans and Characterization

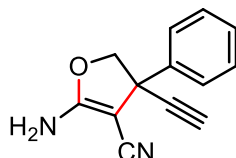
3.1 General procedure for Preparation of Substituted Dihydrofurans



A sealed tube were charged with Copper bis(2-ethylhexanoate) (0.01 mmol, 10 mol %), dpy (0.02 mmol, 20 mol %) and dry DCM (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under at room temperature for 30 min. After that, **1** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2** (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv), DIPEA (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were dissolved in dry DCM (0.5 mL) and added to the tube via a syringe under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After the reaction was completed determined by TLC, the reaction mixture was diluted with EA (5 mL) and filtered through a plug of Celite. And then the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 20:1 ~ 10:1) to afford the desired product **3**.

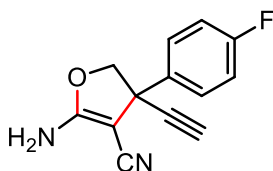
3.2 Characterization of the Products

2-amino-4-ethynyl-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3aa)



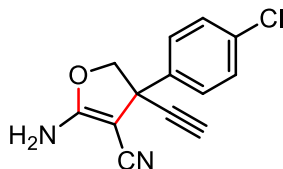
86% yield (18.1 mg), white solid, m.p. 144 – 145 °C, R_f = 0.39 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.63 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 4.70 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.5, 142.3, 129.1, 128.1, 126.4, 118.7, 85.8, 83.4, 76.5, 59.2, 49.9 ppm. IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2924, 2851, 2187, 1635, 1792, 1651, 1489, 1096, 827 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 211.0866, found 211.0866.

2-amino-4-ethynyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3ba)



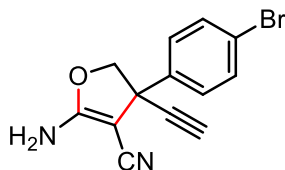
85% yield (19.4 mg), white solid, m.p. 174 – 175 °C, R_f = 0.46 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.68 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.24 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.5, 161.9 (d, J = 244.3 Hz), 138.4 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 128.6 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 118.6, 115.9 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 85.6, 83.3, 76.7, 59.1, 49.5 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2920, 2849, 2189, 1747, 1647, 1506, 1224, 835 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{FN}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 229.0772, found 229.0770.

2-amino-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-ethynyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3ca)



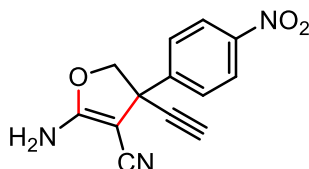
77% yield (18.8 mg), white solid, m.p. 111 – 112 °C, R_f = 0.44 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.62 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 4.66 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.5, 141.3, 132.8, 129.1, 128.4, 118.5, 85.3, 83.1, 77.0, 59.0, 49.6 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2924, 2852, 2189, 1651, 1489, 1095, 1037, 827 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{ClN}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 245.0476, found 245.0476.

2-amino-4-(4-bromophenyl)-4-ethynyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3da)



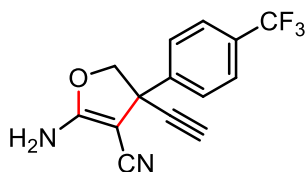
76% yield (21.9 mg), white solid, m.p. 149 – 150 °C, R_f = 0.47 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.60 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (s, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.5, 141.8, 132.0, 128.8, 121.3, 118.5, 85.2, 83.1, 77.0, 59.0, 49.6 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2922, 2191, 1653, 1593, 1473, 1037, 1008, 821 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{BrN}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 288.9971, found 288.9970.

2-amino-4-ethynyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3ea)



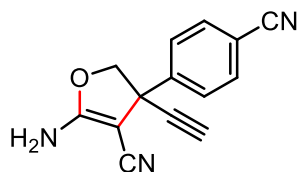
71% yield (18.1 mg), green solid, m.p. 219 – 220 °C, R_f = 0.21 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.30 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (s, 2H), 4.73 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.1, 149.2, 146.9, 127.4, 123.9, 117.8, 84.1, 82.2, 77.1, 58.5, 49.5 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2920, 2849, 2187, 1647, 1541, 1339, 931, 657 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_3+\text{H}]^+$ 256.0717, found 466.256.0721.

2-amino-4-ethynyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3fa)



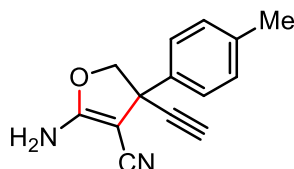
86% yield (23.9 mg), white solid, m.p. 115 – 116 °C, R_f = 0.59 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.94 – 7.68 (m, 4H), 7.58 (s, 2H), 4.71 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.6, 146.9, 128.8 (d, J = 31.6 Hz), 127.4, 126.2, 126.1, 118.4, 84.9, 82.9, 77.2, 59.0, 49.9 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2920, 2851, 2187, 1747, 1647, 1506, 1039 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 279.0740, found 279.0743.

2-amino-4-(4-cyanophenyl)-4-ethynyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3ga)



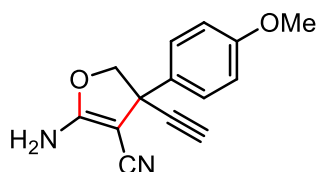
87% yield (20.5 mg), white solid, m.p. 201 – 202 °C, R_f = 0.38 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.07 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.81 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.59 (s, 2H), 4.70 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.6, 147.8, 133.2, 127.6, 119.0, 118.3, 111.0, 84.6, 82.7, 77.5, 58.9, 50.1 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2926, 2191, 1647, 1327, 1068, 1039, 1124, 810 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 236.0818, found 236.0821.

2-amino-4-ethynyl-4-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3ha)



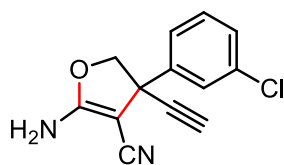
72% yield (16.1 mg), white solid, m.p. 140 – 141 °C, R_f = 0.45 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.58 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 167.9, 138.8, 136.8, 129.1, 125.9, 118.2, 85.5, 83.0, 75.9, 58.8, 49.2, 20.5 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2920, 2851, 2180, 1600, 1471, 1037, 815, 727 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 225.1022, found 225.1026.

2-amino-4-ethynyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3ia)



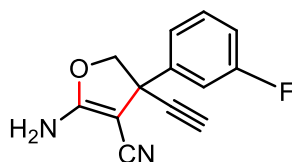
58% yield (13.9 mg), white solid, m.p. 115 – 117 °C, R_f = 0.37 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.53 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.3, 159.1, 134.0, 127.7, 118.8, 114.4, 86.1, 83.6, 76.3, 59.3, 55.6, 49.4 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2920, 2849, 2187, 1645, 1508, 1252, 1035, 831 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2+\text{H}]^+$ 241.0972, found 241.0976.

2-amino-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-4-ethynyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3ja)



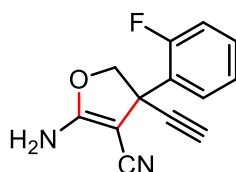
81% yield (19.8 mg), white solid, m.p. 137 – 138 °C, R_f = 0.50 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.57 (s, 2H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.6, 144.8, 133.7, 131.2, 128.1, 126.3, 125.3, 118.5, 85.0, 83.0, 77.1, 58.8, 49.7 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2922, 2851, 2185, 1660, 1598, 1473, 1041, 937 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{ClN}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 245.0476, found 245.0481.

2-amino-4-ethynyl-4-(3-fluorophenyl)-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3ka)



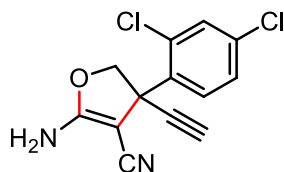
71% yield (16.2 mg), white solid, m.p. 140 – 141 °C, R_f = 0.49 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.76 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 4.67 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.6, 162.7 (d, J = 244.2 Hz), 145.3 (d, J = 6.6 Hz), 131.2 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 122.6 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 118.4, 114.9 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 113.4 (d, J = 23.0 Hz), 85.2, 83.0, 76.8, 58.9, 49.8 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2920, 2848, 2187, 1653, 1338, 1041, 758 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{FO}+\text{H}]^+$ 229.0772, found 229.0772.

2-amino-4-ethynyl-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3la)



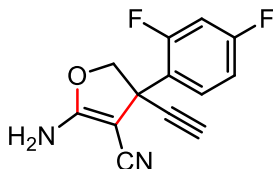
63% yield (14.3 mg), white solid, m.p. 131 – 132 °C, R_f = 0.51 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.59 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 4.65 (dd, J = 10.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.6, 160.5 (d, J = 247.7 Hz), 130.6 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 129.6 (d, J = 11.4 Hz), 128.2 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 124.7 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 118.9, 116.9 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 85.0, 81.7 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 56.4, 46.7 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2920, 2851, 2187, 1506, 1259, 1034, 934, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{FO}+\text{H}]^+$ 229.0772, found 229.0775.

2-amino-4-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-4-ethynyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3ma)



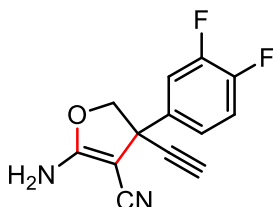
64% yield (25.0 mg), white solid, m.p. 195 – 196 °C, R_f = 0.56 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.68 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 4.84 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.9, 138.7, 133.9, 133.7, 131.1, 129.8, 127.8, 119.1, 84.5, 81.0, 75.8, 56.0, 48.8 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2922, 2951, 2185, 1651, 1499, 1275, 1041, 966 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 279.0086, found 279.0090.

2-amino-4-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-4-ethynyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3na)



71% yield (17.5 mg), white solid, m.p. 155 – 156 °C, R_f = 0.48 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.70 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 4.72 (dd, J = 9.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (dd, J = 9.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 161.97 (dd, J = 244.7, 12.05 Hz), 160.0 (dd, J = 249.15, 12.25 Hz), 128.9 (dd, J = 9.8, 4.7 Hz), 125.6 (dd, J = 11.9, 3.5 Hz), 118.3, 111.02 (dd, J = 21.1, 3.3 Hz), 105.4, 105.1, 104.7, 84.2, 81.0, 75.5, 55.8, 45.9 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2926, 2189, 1661, 1593, 1518, 1285, 1040, 773 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 247.0677, found 247.0678.

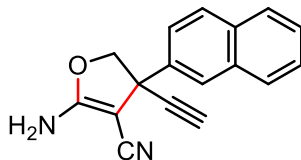
2-amino-4-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-4-ethynyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3oa)



64% yield (15.7 mg), white solid, m.p. 118 – 119 °C, R_f = 0.53 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.73 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 1H). ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.1, 150.60 (dd, J = 32.7, 12.7 Hz), 147.34 (dd, J = 33.0, 12.8 Hz), 139.5, 122.88 (dd, J = 6.7, 3.3 Hz), 117.9, 117.8, 117.5, 115.25 (d, J = 18.6 Hz), 84.5,

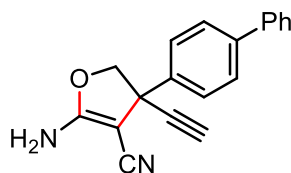
82.4, 76.6, 58.4, 49.0 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2924, 2853, 2187, 1651, 1435, 1040, 937, 817 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 247.0677, found 247.0680.

2-amino-4-ethynyl-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3pa)



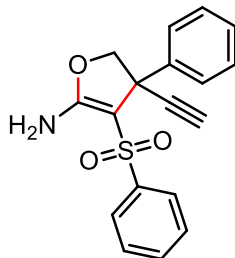
80% yield (20.8mg), white solid, m.p. 149 – 150 °C, R_f = 0.47 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.20 – 7.82 (m, 4H), 7.74 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 4.74 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 168.0, 139.1, 132.5, 132.2, 128.6, 128.0, 127.4, 126.5, 126.3, 124.5, 124.1, 118.2, 85.2, 82.7, 76.4, 59.0, 58.9, 49.6 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2924, 2855, 2189, 1645, 1489, 1095, 827 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 261.1022, found 261.1028.

4-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-amino-4-ethynyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (3qa)



76% yield (21.7 mg), white solid, m.p. 210 – 212 °C, R_f = 0.42 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.85 – 7.53 (m, 6H), 7.55 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 4.69 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 168.0, 141.0, 139.5, 139.5, 128.9, 127.5, 127.0, 126.6, 126.6, 118.2, 85.2, 82.8, 76.1, 58.8, 49.3 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2920, 2851, 2187, 1635, 1506, 1033, 765 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$ 287.1179, found 287.1182.

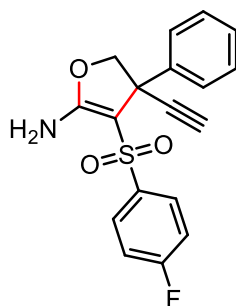
4-ethynyl-4-phenyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)-4,5-dihydrofuran-2-amine (3ab)



41% yield (13.3 mg), white solid, m.p. 187 – 188 °C, R_f = 0.40 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.60 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 4.55 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 165.6, 145.5, 142.1, 132.0, 128.8,

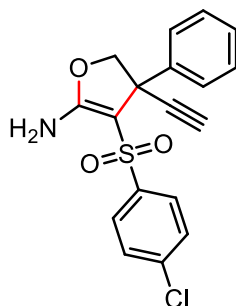
128.4, 127.4, 126.8, 126.3, 84.6, 83.9, 82.1, 76.9, 49.8 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2922, 2311, 1770, 1506, 1489, 1271, 1124, 723 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3\text{S}+\text{H}]^+$ 326.0845, found 326.0842.

4-ethynyl-3-((4-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-2-amine (3ac)



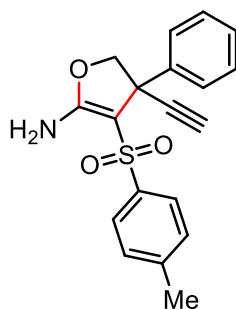
48% yield (16.5 mg), white solid, m.p. 197 – 198 °C, R_f = 0.44 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.68 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 4.57 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 165.6, 164.14 (d, J = 247.9 Hz), 141.93 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 129.3 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 128.4, 127.5, 126.8, 115.8 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 84.6, 83.9, 81.9, 77.0, 49.8 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2924, 2852, 2320, 1749, 1714, 1636, 1128, 833 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{FNO}_3\text{S}+\text{H}]^+$ 344.0751, found 344.0754.

3-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-4-ethynyl-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-2-amine (3ad)



51% yield (18.3 mg), white solid, m.p. 164 – 165 °C, R_f = 0.42 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 7.23 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 4.57 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 165.8, 144.3, 142.0, 136.8, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 126.8, 84.5, 83.9, 81.6, 77.1, 49.7 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2924, 2853, 2310, 1635, 1417, 1274, 754 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}_3\text{S}+\text{H}]^+$ 360.0456, found 360.0454.

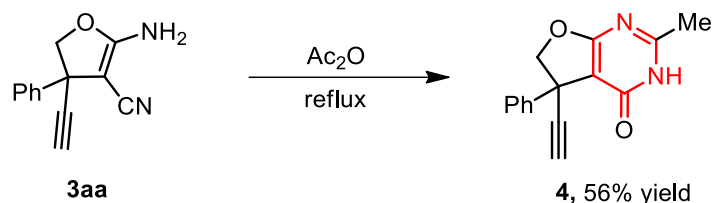
4-ethynyl-4-phenyl-3-tosyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-2-amine (3ae)



37% yield (12.6 mg), white solid, m.p. 197 – 199 °C, R_f = 0.41 (PE/EA = 2:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 7.45 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.03 (m, 7H), 4.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 166.3, 143.7, 143.2, 143.1, 130.1, 129.3, 128.3, 127.7, 127.3, 85.6, 84.8, 83.3, 77.8, 50.8, 22.3 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2922, 2850, 1634, 1429, 1278, 1128, 835 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3\text{S}+\text{H}]^+$ 340.1002, found 340.1002.

4. Further Study of the Reaction

4.1 Preparation of 4 and Characterization^[2]:

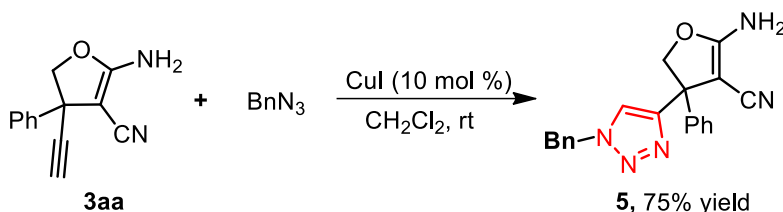


A solution of **3aa** (0.1 mmol) in acetic anhydride (1 mL) was refluxed for 6 h. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50:1) to give dihydrofuran derivative **4** in 56% yield.

5-ethynyl-2-methyl-5-phenyl-5,6-dihydrofuro[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one (4)

56% yield (14.1 mg), colorless oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 7.75 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 4.92 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (s, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.6, 159.8, 139.7, 129.0, 128.3, 126.1, 114.6, 84.8, 82.9, 75.5, 49.9, 29.7, 24.0 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2982, 1760, 1729, 1446, 1180, 1025, 995, 818, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2+\text{Na}]^+$ 275.0791, found 275.0810.

4.2 Preparation of 5 and Characterization^[3]:



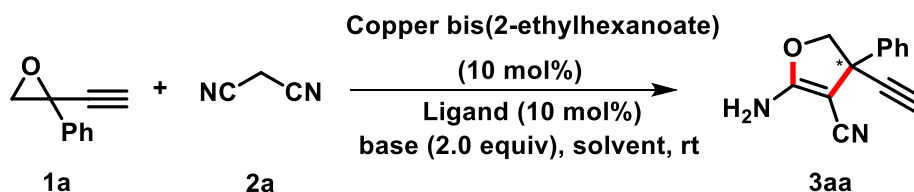
To a solution of **3aa** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCM was added CuI (10 mol %), benzyl azide (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) under air. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After the reaction was completed determined by TLC, the reaction mixture was diluted with EA (5 mL) and filtered through a plug of Celite. And then the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 2:1) to afford dihydrofuran derivative **5** in 75% yield.

2-amino-4-(1-benzyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carbonitrile (**5**)

75% yield (25.7 mg), white solid, m.p. 267 – 268 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.38 – 7.26 (m, 12H), 5.61 (s, 2H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 168.0, 139.1, 132.5, 132.2, 128.6, 128.0, 127.4, 126.5, 126.3, 124.5, 124.1, 118.2, 85.2, 82.7, 76.4, 59.0, 58.9, 49.6 ppm; IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2920, 2175, 1697, 1681, 1506, 1456, 1039, 912 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for [C₂₀H₁₇N₅O+Na]⁺ 366.1325, found 366.1338.

4.3 Optimization of reaction conditions for asymmetric version of the reaction

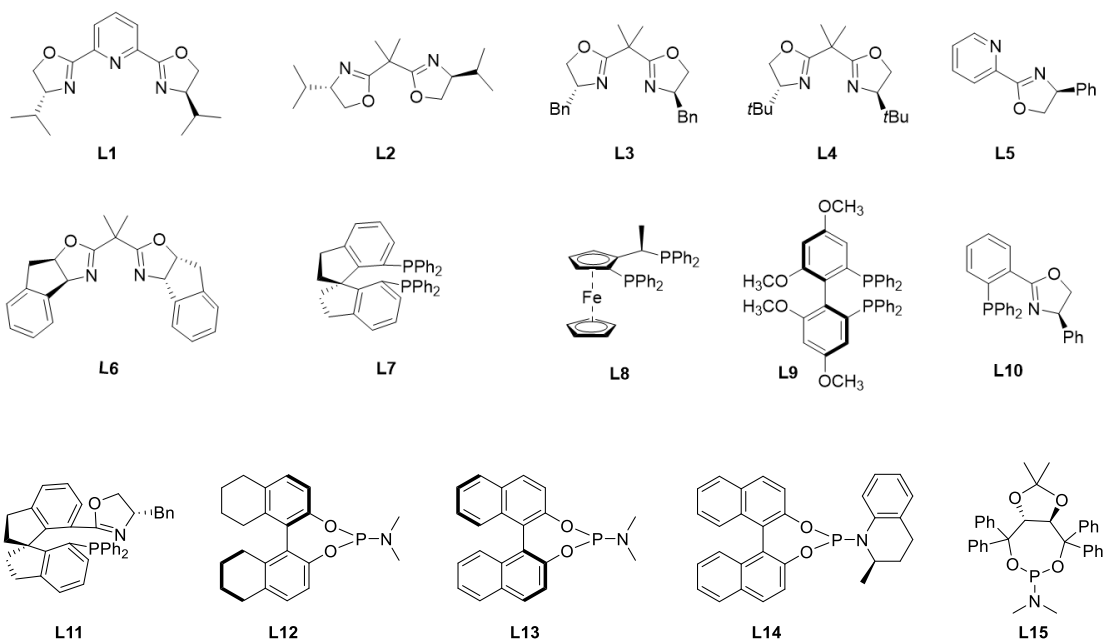
Table S1: Optimization of the reaction conditions.^a



Entry	Ligand	Base	Solvent	Yield (%)	Er ^b
1	L1	DIPEA	DCM	71	50:50
2	L2	DIPEA	DCM	72	53:47

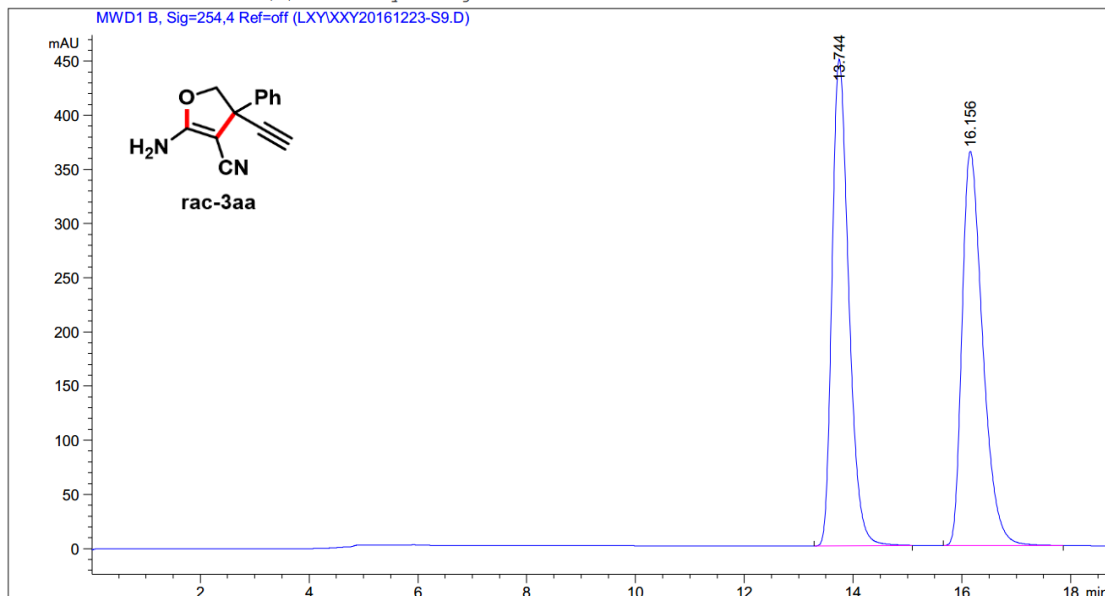
3	L3	DIPEA	DCM	67	52:48
4	L4	DIPEA	DCM	90	46:54
5	L5	DIPEA	DCM	57	50:50
6	L6	DIPEA	DCM	62	44:56
7	L7	DIPEA	DCM	91	55:45
8	L8	DIPEA	DCM	24	50:50
9	L9	DIPEA	DCM	10	50:50
10	L10	DIPEA	DCM	26	50:50
11	L11	DIPEA	DCM	34	52:48
12	L12	DIPEA	DCM	81	50:50
13	L13	DIPEA	DCM	67	50:50
14	L14	DIPEA	DCM	43	50:50
15	L15	DIPEA	DCM	86	50:50
16^c	L7	DIPEA	DCM	52	55:44
17	L7	DBU	DCM	27	50:50
18	L7	K ₂ CO ₃	DCM	26	56:44
19	L7	NaOH	DCM	NR	-
20	L7	DIPEA	THF	48	55:45
21	L7	DIPEA	DCE	78	60:40
22	L7	DIPEA	Toluene	50	56:44

^aReaction conditions: 1a (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2a (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), Copper bis(2-ethylhexanoate) (10 mol%), ligand (10 mol%), base (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in solvent (1.0 mL) for 12 h. ^b The er value was determined by HPLC, using CHIRALCEL OD-H, i-PrOH: Hexane =20:80, ν = 0.5 mL/min, λ = 254 nm. ^cCuCl₂ instead of Copper bis(2-ethylhexanoate).



Additional Info : Peak(s) manually integrated

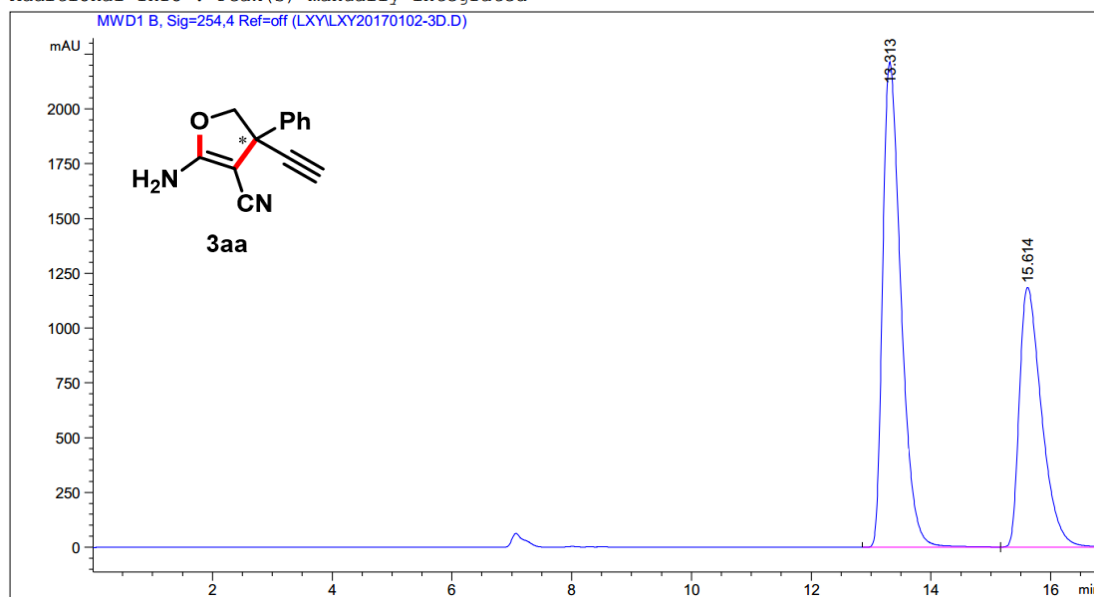
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Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	13.744	BB	0.3286	9571.21777	449.17276	49.9634
2	16.156	BB	0.4051	9585.25195	364.09885	50.0366

Additional Info : Peak(s) manually integrated



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	13.313	BV	0.3253	4.69414e4	2214.14209	60.4997
2	15.614	VBA	0.3931	3.06482e4	1187.40088	39.5003

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6 ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Spectra of Title Compounds

