

Transition Metal-Catalyzed Addition Reactions of Arylboronic Acids with Alkyl 2-Formylbenzoates: Efficient Access to Chiral 3-Substituted Phthalides

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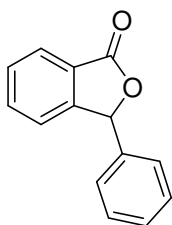
Supporting Information

General: NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 300 MHz or 600 MHz spectrometers. All yields reported refer to isolated yields unless otherwise indicated, and the product purity was estimated to be greater than 95% as determined by ^1H NMR. Compounds described in the literature were characterized by comparison of their ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra to reported data. HPLC analyses were performed using an Agilent 1100 series HPLC system. Optical rotations were measured using a JASCO polarimeter DIP-370.

THF and Toluene were dried and freshly distilled with sodium under nitrogen prior to use. CH_2Cl_2 was dried and freshly distilled with calcium hydride under nitrogen prior to use. Arylboronic acids were obtained as gifts from Frontier Scientific, Inc. Alkyl formylbenzoates were prepared from reported methods.^{1,2} Ligand **10a** was purchased from Strem Chemicals and used directly. Other ligands were prepared by following reported methods.³⁻⁶ Other chemical reagents were purchased from Strem Chemicals Aldrich or Alpha Aesar and used directly.

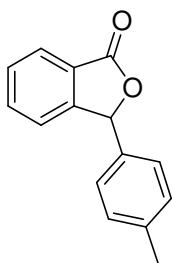
General procedure for palladacycle 1, 2 or platinacycle 3-catalyzed addition reactions of arylboronic acids with methyl 2-formylbenzoate: To a vial containing methyl 2-formylbenzoate (0.5 mmol), arylboronic acid (1.0 mmol), K_3PO_4 (1.5 mmol) and palladacycles **1**, **2** or platinacycle **3** (0.0025 mmol) was added toluene (1 ml). After the mixture was stirred for 12 hrs at room temperature (for palladacycle **1**, **2**-catalyzed reactions) or 80-90 $^\circ\text{C}$ (for platinacycle **3**-catalyzed reactions), the reaction was quenched by adding small amount of water. Column chromatography on silica gel with diethyl ether/hexane (v/v=20:1) afforded the addition product.

General Procedure for $[\text{Rh}(\text{COD})\text{Cl}]_2$ Catalyzed Addition Reactions of Arylboronic Acids with Alkyl/benzyl 2-Formylbenzoates: To a vial containing arylboronic acid (0.75 mmol), 2-formylbenzoate (0.5 mmol) and THF (2 mL), $[\text{Rh}(\text{COD})\text{Cl}]_2$ (0.5 mol %) and K_3PO_4 (5.0 M, 0.3 mL, 1.5 mmol.) were added in sequence. After the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1-2 hrs, the reaction was quenched by adding water, and then extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL $\times$ 2). After remove solvent, column chromatography on silica gel with ethyl acetate/hexane afforded the product.



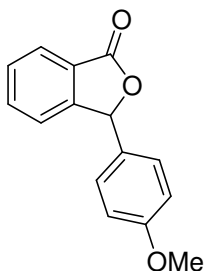
3-Phenylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one⁸

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 7.97 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dt, J= 1.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.39 (m, 6H), 6.41 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): 170.5, 149.7, 136.4, 134.3, 129.34, 129.29, 129.0, 127.0, 125.64, 125.59, 122.8, 82.7 ppm.



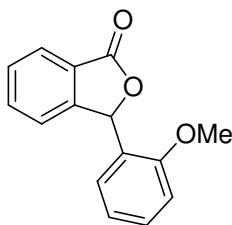
3-p-Tolylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one⁷

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 7.96 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.20 (m, 4H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): 170.6, 149.8, 139.3, 134.2, 133.4, 129.6, 129.3, 127.0, 125.7, 125.6, 122.8, 82.8, 21.2 ppm.



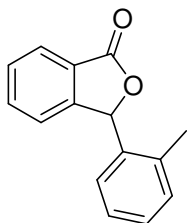
3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one⁹

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 7.96 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): 170.5, 160.4, 149.8, 134.2, 129.3, 128.8, 128.3, 125.9, 125.6, 122.9, 114.3, 82.7, 55.3 ppm.



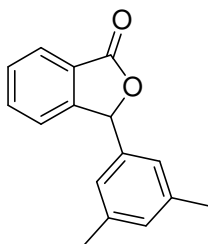
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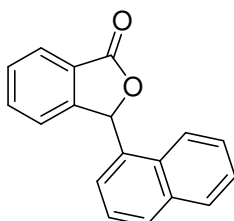
3-*o*-Tolylisobenzofuran-1(3*H*)-one¹¹

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3-(3, 5-Dimethylphenyl)isobenzofuran-1(3*H*)-one

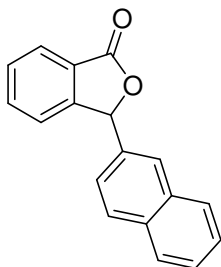
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 7.96 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 2H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 6H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): 170.6, 149.9, 138.6, 136.2, 134.2, 130.9, 129.2, 125.6, 124.6, 122.8, 82.9, 21.2 ppm. FT-IR (cm^{-1}): 3092(w), 3022(w), 2973(w), 2917(w), 1750(s), 1612(m), 1600(m), 1467(s), 1334(m), 1300(m), 1282(s), 1209(s), 1190(m), 1159(m), 1102(m), 1062(s), 984(s), 937(s), 909(m), 867(m), 841(s), 804(m), 761(s), 719(s), 706(s), 689(s), 671(m), 631(m). MS (EI) m/z : 238 (M^+ , 48.6), 223(100), 179(11.8), 133(53.2), 105(30.4), 104(31.2), 77(25.8), 76(14.3), 51(9.1).



3-(Naphthalen-1-yl)isobenzofuran-1(3*H*)-one¹²

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 8.23 (d, $J=8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J=6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.27

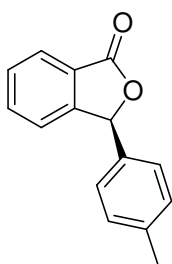
(m, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): 170.5, 149.3, 134.1, 134.0, 131.9, 131.3, 129.9, 129.5, 129.0, 127.0, 126.2, 126.1, 126.0, 125.2, 124.5, 123.2, 122.9, 79.6 ppm.



3-(Naphthalen-3-yl)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one¹³

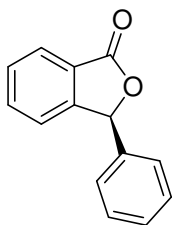
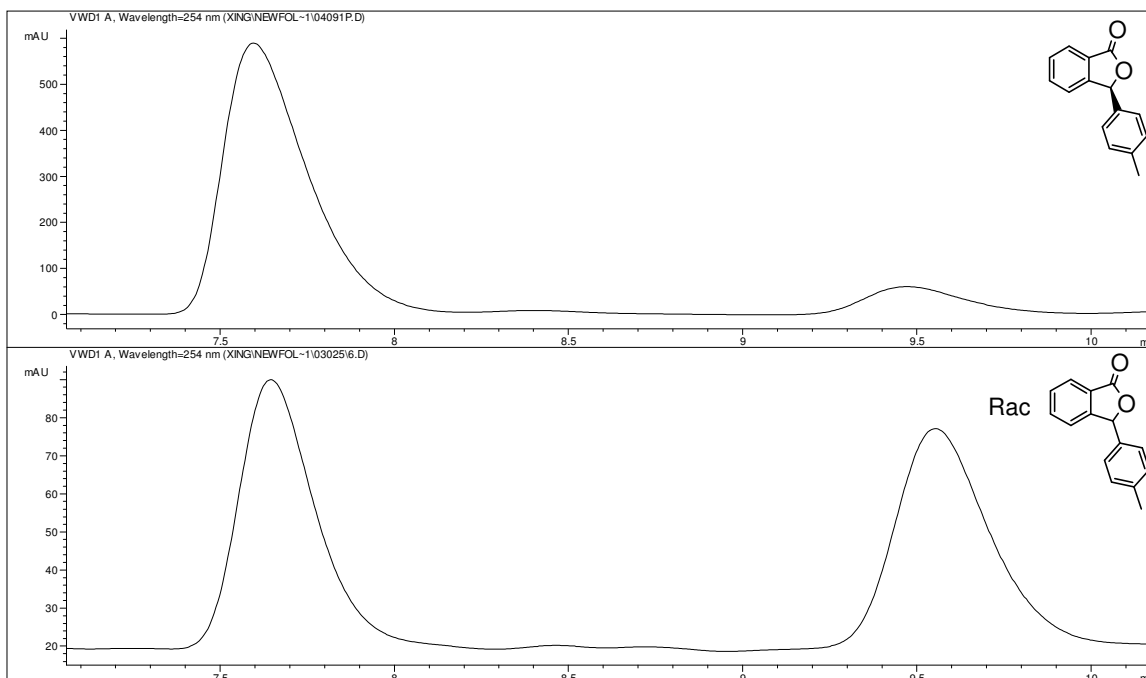
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 8.01 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.85 (m, 4H), 7.65 (dt, $J=1.2$, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): 170.6, 149.7, 134.4, 133.7, 133.6, 133.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.1, 127.8, 126.8, 126.71, 126.69, 125.7, 125.6, 123.8, 122.9, 82.9 ppm.

General Procedure for $[\text{Rh}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2\text{Cl}]_2/(\text{R})$ -Ligand Catalyzed Addition Reactions of Arylboronic Acids with Aromatic and Aliphatic Aldehydes: To a schlenk flask, $[\text{Rh}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2\text{Cl}]_2$ (0.5 mmol%) and ligand (3 mmol%) were mixed in 3mL toluene and stirred under nitrogen at room temperature for 1 hour. Boronic acid (0.75 mmol) and K_3PO_4 (5M, 0.1-0.15 mL) was added and cooled to 0 °C, then 2-formylbenzoate (0.5 mmol) was injected. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 12-24 hours. The reaction was quenched by adding brine, and then extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL). After remove solvent, column chromatography on silica gel with ethyl acetate/hexane afforded the product. Enantiomerical excess were check by chiral HPLC. Absolute configuration was determined based on reference.^{14, 15}



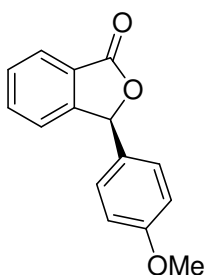
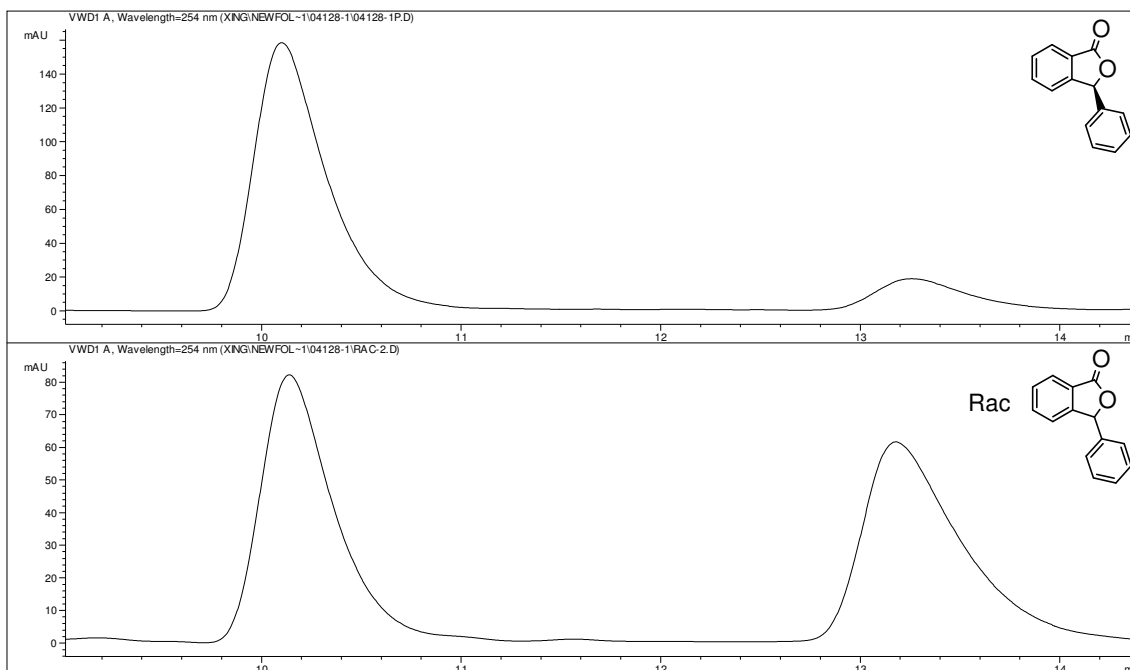
(S)-3-p-Tolylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one¹⁴

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = + 10.3^\circ$ (c = 0.101, CHCl_3); 77% e. e. (HPLC condition: Chiralcel OD column, Hexanes/2-Propanol=80/20, 1.0mL/min, 254 nm UV detector, $t_{\text{R major}} = 7.59$ min, $t_{\text{R minor}} = 9.47$ min). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): 7.96 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.55 (t, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 4H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): 170.6, 149.8, 139.4, 134.3, 133.4, 129.6, 129.3, 127.1, 125.8, 125.6, 122.9, 82.8, 21.2 ppm.



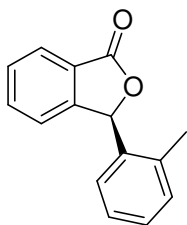
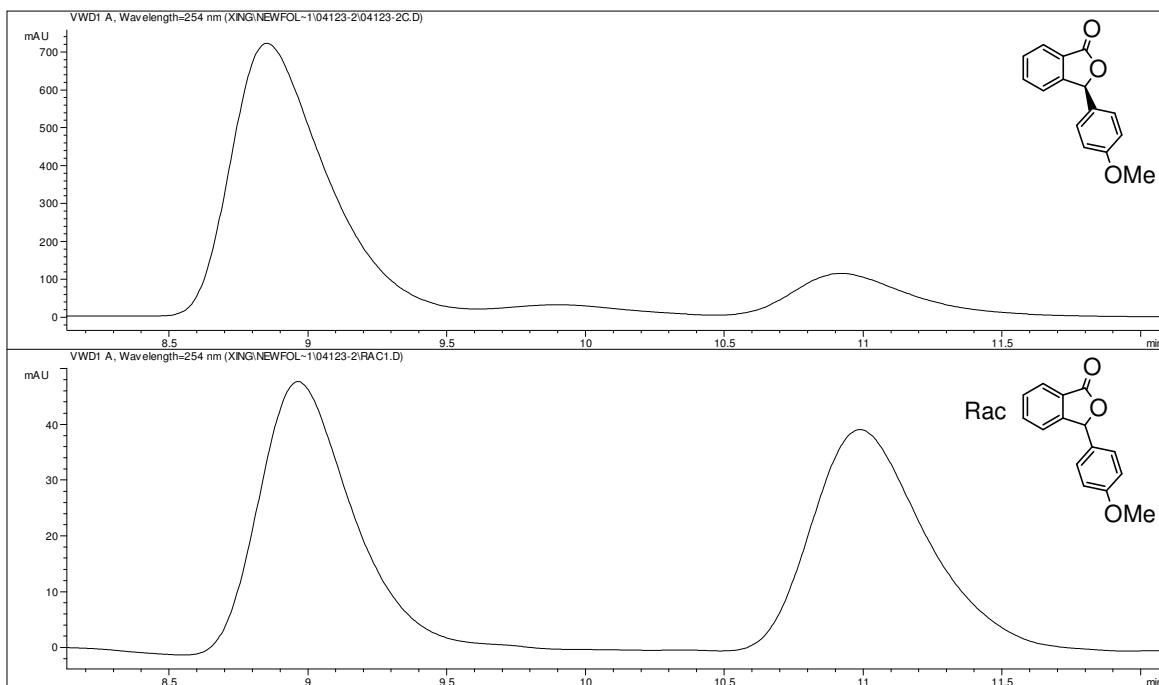
(S)-3-Phenylisobenzofuran-1(3H)-one^{7, 14}

$[\alpha]_D = +45.3^\circ$ ($c = 0.101$, CHCl_3). 71% ee (HPLC condition: Chiralcel OD column, Hexanes/2-Propanol=85/15, 1.0mL/min, 254 nm UV detector, $t_{R\text{major}} = 10.10$ min, $t_{R\text{minor}} = 13.26$ min). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 7.97 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dt, $J=1.2$ Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.39 (m, 6H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): 170.5, 149.7, 136.4, 134.3, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 127.0, 125.7, 125.6, 122.8, 82.7 ppm.



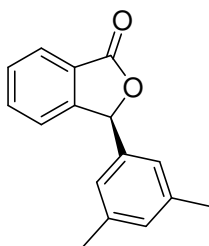
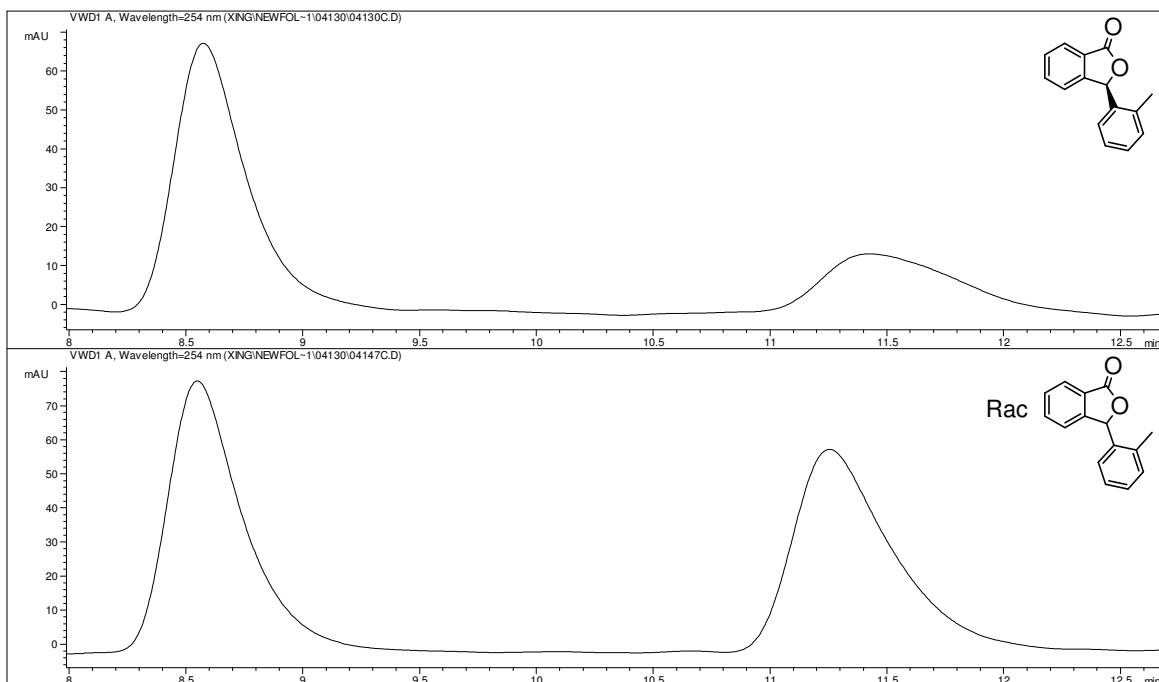
(S)-3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one¹⁴

$[\alpha]_D = -27.8^\circ$ ($c = 0.101$, CHCl_3). 67% ee (HPLC condition: Chiralcel OD column, Hexanes/2-Propanol=75/25, 1.0mL/min, 254 nm UV detector, $t_{R\text{major}} = 9.31$ min, $t_{R\text{minor}} = 11.59$ min). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 7.96 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dt, $J=1.2, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, $J=9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): 170.5, 160.4, 149.7, 134.2, 129.3, 128.8, 128.3, 125.9, 125.6, 122.9, 114.3, 82.7, 55.3 ppm.



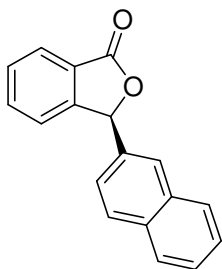
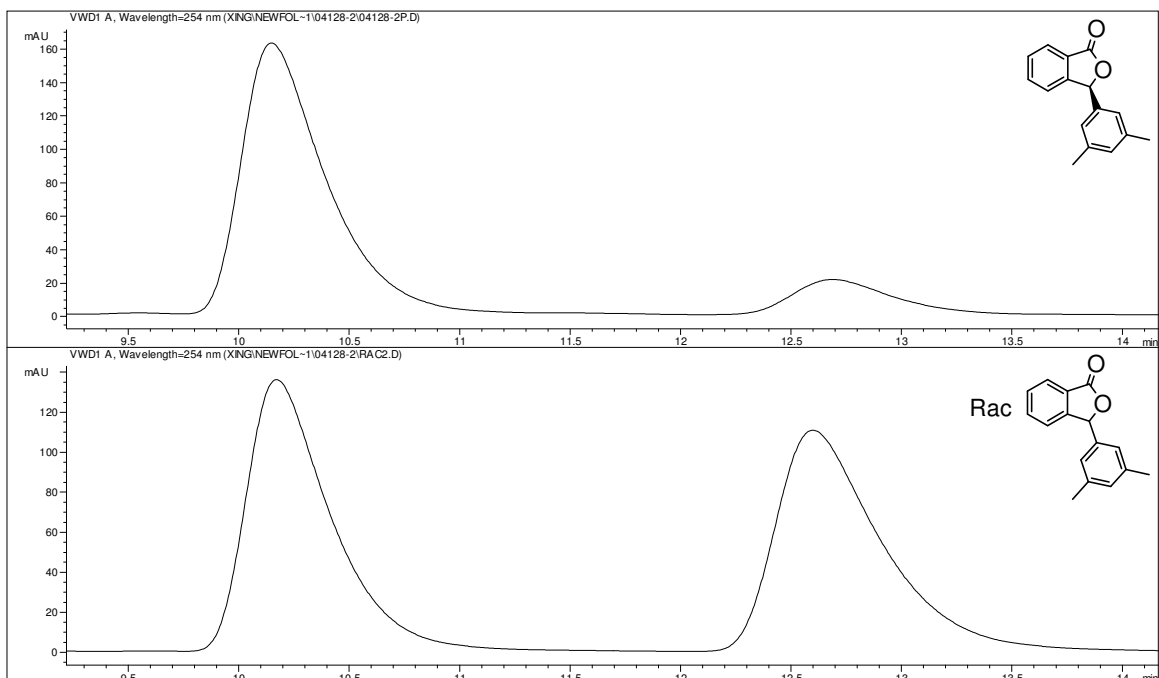
(S)-3-*o*-Tolylisobenzofuran-1(3*H*)-one

$[\alpha]_D = -55.3^\circ$ ($c = 0.103$, CHCl_3). 63% ee (HPLC condition: Chiralcel OD column, Hexanes/2-Propanol=80/20, 1.0mL/min, 254 nm UV detector, $t_{R\text{major}} = 8.57$ min, $t_{R\text{minor}} = 11.43$ min). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): 7.98 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): 170.6, 149.3, 137.2, 134.2, 134.1, 131.1, 129.4, 129.30, 127.3, 126.4, 126.4, 125.8, 123.0, 80.5, 19.3 ppm.



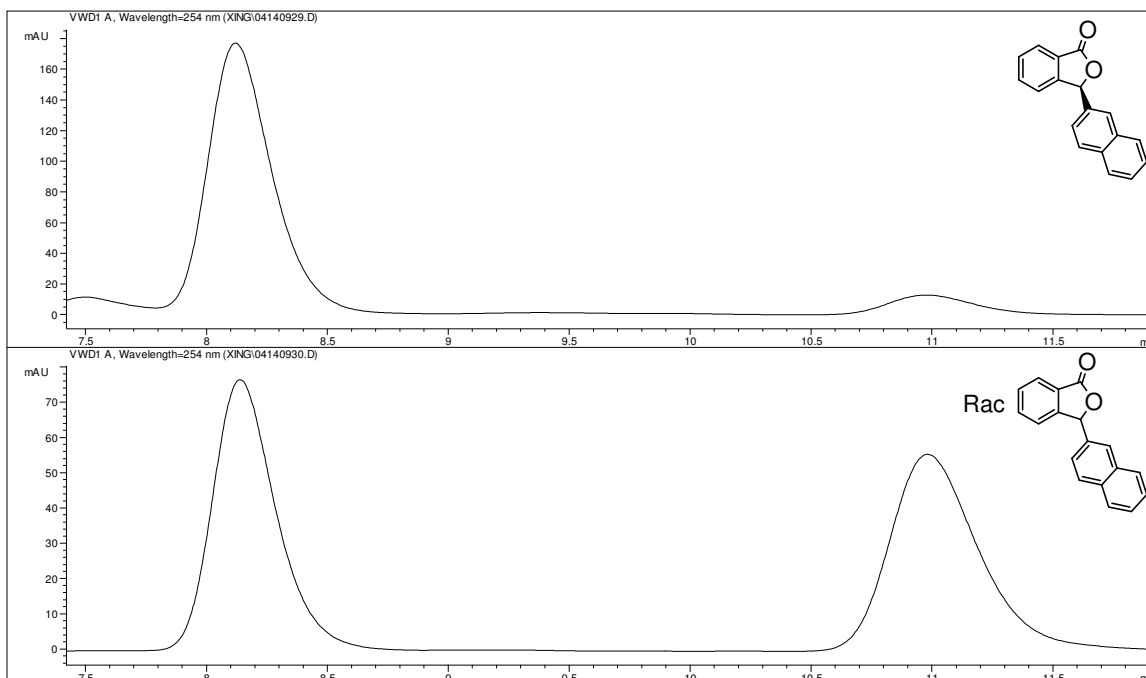
(S)-3-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one

$[\alpha]_D = +18.8^\circ$ ($c = 0.072$, CHCl_3). 66.5% ee (HPLC condition: Chiralcel OD column, Hexanes/2-Propanol=95/5, 1.0mL/min, 254 nm UV detector, $t_{R\text{major}} = 10.15$ min, $t_{R\text{minor}} = 12.69$ min). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 7.96 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 2H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 6H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): 170.7, 149.9, 138.7, 136.2, 134.3, 130.9, 129.3, 125.6, 125.6, 124.6, 122.8, 82.9, 21.3 ppm.



(S)-3-(Naphthalen-3-yl)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one¹³

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = +97.9^\circ$ ($c = 0.101$, CHCl_3). 83% ee (HPLC condition: Chiralcel OD column, Hexanes/2-Propanol=65/35, 1.0mL/min, 254 nm UV detector, $t_{R\text{major}} = 8.12$ min, $t_{R\text{minor}} = 10.98$ min). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz): 8.09 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.86 (m, 4H), 7.65 (t, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): 170.6, 149.7, 134.4, 133.7, 133.6, 133.1, 129.5, 129.1, 128.1, 127.8, 126.8, 126.72, 126.71, 125.8, 125.7, 123.8, 122.9, 82.9 ppm.



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