## **Supporting Information**

## Highly Regioselective Lewis Acid-Catalyzed [3+2] Cycloadditions of Alkynes with Donor-acceptor Oxiranes by Selective Carbon-Carbon

### **Bond Cleavage of Epoxides.**

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**General Information.** Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained using a Bruker tensor 27 infrared spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer in chloroform-d<sub>3</sub>. All signals are reported in ppm with the internal TMS signal at 0 ppm as a standard. The data is being reported as (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br = broad signal, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration). Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel plates. Flash column chromatography was performed over silica gel (300-400 mesh). All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen in flame-dried glassware with magnetic stirring. ClCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl (DCE), was freshly distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>; toluene was freshly distilled from sodium metal prior to use. Lewis-acid purchased from Alfa or Aldrich were used directly. Commercially available reagents were used without further purification. 4 Å molecular sieves purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co.,Ltd were powdered and dried at 300 °C in muffle furnace for 8-10 hours prior to use.

Ph		Lewis acid (5 mol%)	PMP /= COMe</th		
Me	1a 2a	4 Å MS Ph <sup></sup> solvent, rt, 3 h	COMe 3a		
Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Yield <b>3a</b> $(\%)^b$		
1	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	DCE	98		
2	Yb(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	DCE	73		
3	Y(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	DCE	67		
4	In(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	DCE	92		
5	Sn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DCE	78		
6	Ni(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	DCE	67		
7	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	DCM	95		
8	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	toluene	82		
9	C	DCE	0		
10	d	DCE	9		
11	e	PhCl	5		

 Table 1. Screening Reaction Conditions.<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), 5 mol % of catalyst, and 80 mg of activated 4 Å MS in 2 mL of solvent at room temperature. <sup>*b*</sup> Isolated yield and no other stereoisomer is detected. PMP = 4-MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>. <sup>*c*</sup> No Lewis acid was added. <sup>*d*</sup> No Lewis acid was added, 100°C in sealed tube, 12 hours. <sup>*e*</sup> No Lewis acid was added, 160°C, 10 hours.

### Synthesis of Oxiranyl diketones

The substrate **1a-1m**, **5**, **6** were synthesized according to the procedure of references.<sup>[1],[2]</sup> The spectral data of **1a-1b**,<sup>[4]</sup> **1h-1j**,<sup>[2]</sup> **1l**,<sup>[3]</sup> **1m**<sup>[1]</sup> are consisted with the literature.

### 1. 1,1'-(3-*p*-Tolyloxirane-2,2-diyl)diethanone (1c)



Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.16 (s, 4 H), 4.37 (s, 1 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), 2.28 (s, 3 H), 1.64 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  201.8, 199.5, 139.2, 129.4, 128.7, 126.0, 72.7, 62.1, 29.8, 25.2, 21.2 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3664, 2987, 2902, 1700, 1407, 1252, 1066, 1055, 870, 812; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 218 (0.49) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 218.0943, found: 218.0944.

### 2. 1,1'-(3-(4-Bromophenyl)oxirane-2,2-diyl)diethanone (1d)



White solid, m.p.121-122°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.49 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.17 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 4.37 (s, 1 H), 2.28 (s, 3 H), 2.03 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  201.3, 198.8, 131.9, 130.7, 127.8, 123.4, 72.4, 61.3, 29.7, 25.2 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3089, 2989, 1718, 1699, 1490, 1413, 1360, 1255, 1169, 1086, 1071, 1011, 890, 807, 642; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 282 (0.18) [M<sup>+</sup>], 284 (0.21) [M<sup>+</sup>+2], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br: 281.9892, found: 281.9894.

### 3. 1,1'-(3-(2-Bromophenyl)oxirane-2,2-diyl)diethanone (1e)



White solid, m.p. 71-73 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.55 (d, 1 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.30-7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 1 H), 4.50 (s, 1 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 2.06 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  201.1, 198.7, 132.4, 131.3, 130.6, 127.9, 127.6, 122.2, 71.7, 62.4, 29.6, 25.5 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3005, 1712, 1519, 1391, 1353, 1247, 1175, 1104, 1029; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 282 (3.53) [M<sup>+</sup>], 284 (3.41) [M<sup>+</sup>+2], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br (M)<sup>+</sup>: 281.9892, found: 281.9892.

### 4. 1,1'-(3-(3-Bromophenyl)oxirane-2,2-diyl)diethanone (1f)



Yellow oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.46-7.50 (m, 2 H), 7.19-7.28 (m, 2 H), 4.36 (s, 1 H), 2.28 (s, 3 H), 2.05 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  201.1, 198.8, 134.0, 132.4, 130.3, 129.3, 124.7, 122.8, 72.3, 61.1, 29.8, 25.3 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3066, 2926, 1706, 1570, 1421, 1360, 1250, 1170, 1100, 1071; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 282 (18.0) [M<sup>+</sup>], 282 (16.0) [M<sup>+</sup>+2], 126.9 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br (M)<sup>+</sup>: 281.9892, found: 281.9895.

### 5. 1,1'-(3-(4-Fluorophenyl)oxirane-2,2-diyl)diethanone (1g)



Colorless oil, Z<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.27 (s, 2 H), 7.06 (t, 2 H, J = 8.4 Hz), 4.38 (s, 1 H), 2.28 (s, 3 H), 2.03 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  201.5, 199.1, 163.1 (d,  ${}^{1}J_{C,F} = 248$  Hz), 128.1, (d,  ${}^{3}J_{C,F} = 9$  Hz), 127.5, 115.9 (d,  ${}^{2}J_{C,F} = 22$  Hz), 72.6, 61.4, 29.8, 25.3 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1725, 1708, 1608, 1513, 1421, 1361, 1289, 1228, 1158, 1101; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 222 (9.51) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F: 222.0692, found: 222.0694.

### 6. Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-phenyloxirane-2-carboxylate (1k)



Colorless oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.33 (s, 5 H), 4.43 (s, 1 H), 3.97-4.07 (m, 2 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H), 0.95 (t, 3 H, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  199.4, 163.9, 132.0, 129.0, 128.3, 126.0, 68.2, 61.9, 61.7, 25.2, 13.6 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2984, 1748, 1714, 1457, 1372, 1314, 1257, 1221, 1200, 1109, 1031; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 234 (9.07) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 234.0892, found: 234.0893.





Colorless oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.41 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.25-7.32 (m, 4 H), 7.23 (d, 1 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.11 (d, 1 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.96 (t, 1 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 5.00 (d, 1 H, J = 17.6 Hz), 4.96 (d, 1 H, J = 17.6 Hz), 4.83 (s, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.52 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  166.0, 164.1, 156.5, 131.7, 130.0, 128.7, 128.3, 126.2, 122.1, 121.2, 121.1, 112.2, 87.5, 83.6, 62.6, 59.2, 57.0, 53.4, 52.5 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3658, 2955, 1750, 1604, 1492, 1439. 1372, 1335, 1274, 1238, 1219, 1190, 1163, 1121, 1047, 1016; ESI-MS: m/z: 367.0 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HR-ESI-MS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 367.11739, found: 367.11761.

### Dimethyl 3-(2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-ynyloxy)phenyl)oxirane-2,2-dicar boxylate (6)



White solid, m.p. 118-120 °C.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.29-7.37 (m, 3 H), 7.22 (d, 1 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.11 (d, 1 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.95 (t, 1 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.82 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz ), 4,98 (d, 1 H, J = 14.0 Hz), 4.94 (d, 1 H, J = 14.0 Hz), 4.83 (s, 1 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 3.52 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  166.0, 164.1, 159.9, 156.5, 133.2, 129.9, 126.2, 121.2, 121.0, 114.1, 113.9, 112.2, 87.4, 82.3, 62.6, 59.2, 57.1, 55.2, 53.4, 52.5 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3652, 2955, 1751, 1605, 1510, 1493, 1457, 1439, 1335, 1290, 1244, 1219, 1174, 1121, 1108, 1030; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 396 (0.23) [M<sup>+</sup>], 145 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 396.1209, found: 396.1209.

#### Typical procedure for Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> catalyzed [3+2] cycloaddition reaction.

In an inert atmosphere glovebox, a flame-dried vial was charged with 80 mg of activated 4Å molecular sieves powder (MS), and a magnetic stir bar. Outside of the glovebox, the vial was placed under an  $N_2$  atmosphere and added the alkyle 2 (0.4 mmol)., oxirane 1 (0.2 mmol) and 2 mL of DCE were added followed by 5 mol %

 $Sc(OTf)_3$ , The reaction was stirred at room temperature and detected by TLC, the reaction mixture was then passed over a plug of silica with 30 mL of EtOAc. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography, eluting with (hexanes: EtOAc = 5:1) to afford the desired product.

# 9. 1,1'-(3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl)diethanone (3a)



The reaction of **1a** (40.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (55 µL, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 3 hours to afford 65.6 mg (89%) of **3a**, white solid, m.p. 118-120 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.32-7.39 (m, 7 H), 6.83 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.43 (s, 1 H), 6.08 (s, 1 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H), 2.17 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  206.4, 205.1, 159.9, 139.4, 139.2, 129.2, 128.9, 127.5, 127.4, 123.8, 113.9, 101.0, 88.8, 55.3, 26.7, 26.0; MS (70 eV): IR (neat)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3072, 3013, 2935, 2839, 1721, 1707, 1606, 1574, 1518, 1490, 1355, 1302, 1282, 1262, 1221, 1117, 1085, 1026; MS (70 eV): m/z(%): 336 (0.65) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 336.1362, found: 336.1367.

### 10. 1,1'-(4-Butyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl)dietha none (3b)



The reaction of **1a** (40.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2b** (76.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 3 hours to afford 69.3 mg (88%) of **3b**, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$ 7.37-7.44 (m, 3 H), 7.34 (d, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.15 (d, 2 H, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.87 (d, 2 H, J= 8.4 Hz), 5.93 (s, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 2.13-2.22 (m, 1 H), 2.13 (s, 3 H), 1.70-1.75 (m, 1 H), 1.09-1.26 (m, 4 H), 0.73 (t, 3 H, J = 6.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  206.0, 204.9, 159.1, 143.8, 139.0, 133.0, 130.9, 128.9, 128.8, 127.9, 124.6, 113.6, 102.6, 90.9, 55.1, 29.6, 27.0, 26.0, 25.8, 22.3, 13.6 ppm; IR (neat)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2956, 2933, 2861, 1711, 1608, 1511, 1457, 1352, 1248, 1179, 1125, 1061, 1032; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 392 (0.28) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>4</sub>(M)<sup>+</sup>: 392.1988, found: 392.1989.

## 11. 1,1'-(4-Cyclopropyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl) diethanone (3c)



The reaction of **1a** (40.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2c** (69 mg, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 3 hours to afford 69 mg (92%) of **3c**, colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$ 7.30-7.42 (m, 7 H), 6.88 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 5.73 (s, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H), 2.08 (s, 3 H), 1.40-1.45 (m, 1 H), 0.54-0.60 (m, 1 H), 0.40-0.50 (m, 2 H), 0.01-0.06 (m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  206.2, 205.2, 159.0, 142.6, 139.4, 133.3, 131.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.0, 124.5, 113.5, 102.2, 90.1, 55.1, 26.9, 25.8, 9.3, 6.6, 5.9 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3006, 2960, 2837, 1753, 1710, 1669, 1607, 1572, 1543, 1458, 1418, 1352, 1290, 1247, 1177, 1077, 1029; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 376 (0.01) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 376.1675, found: 376.1676.

### 12. 1,1'-(5-Phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl)diethanone (3d)



The reaction of **1a** (40.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2d** (44 mg, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 3 hours to afford 55.8 mg (90%) of **3d**, colorless oil.. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$ 7.30-7.39 (m, 5 H), 7.21-7.23 (m, 1 H), 7.06 (s, 1 H), 6.95 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz), 6.40 (s, 1 H), 6.10 (s, 1 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H), 2.17 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  205.8, 204.2, 138.9, 133.7, 133.3, 128.83, 128.78, 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 127.2, 125.9, 100.8, 88.8, 26.4, 25.6 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3105, 3070, 3030, 2924, 2856, 1726, 1710, 1624, 1493, 1454, 1301, 1211, 1080, 1038, 1001; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 312 (0.12) [M<sup>+</sup>], 105 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (M)<sup>+</sup>: 310.0820, found: 310.0817.

### 13. 1,1'-(5-Phenyl-3-p-tolyl-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl)diethanone (3e).



The reaction of **1a** (40.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2e** (55 µL, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 3 hours to afford 43.5 mg (68%) of **3e**, colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.30-7.39 (m, 7 H), 7.11 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.50 (s, 1 H), 6.08 (s, 1 H), 2.32 (s, 6 H), 2.17 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  206.1, 204.8, 139.5, 139.2, 138.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.6, 127.3, 126.4, 100.9, 88.7, 26.6, 25.9, 21.2 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3031, 2921, 2861, 1710, 1672, 1605, 1512, 1475, 1451, 1415, 1352, 1251, 1071, 1028, 1002; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 320 (0.90) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 320.1412, found: 320.1411.

### 14. 1,1'-(4-(3-Chloropropyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2 -diyl)diethanone (3f)



The reaction of **1a** (40.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2f** (84 mg, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 3 hours to afford 79 mg (96%) of **3f**, colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$ 7.38-7.45 (m, 3 H), 7.35 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.15 (d, 2 H, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.87 (d, 2 H, J= 8.4 Hz), 5.90 (s, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 3.26-3.36 (m, 2 H), 2.30-2.40 (m, 1 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), 2.15 (s, 3 H), 1.89-1.99 (m, 1 H), 1.59-1.76 (m, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  205.5, 204.7, 159.3, 141.8, 138.6, 134.4, 130.7, 129.1, 128.9, 127.9, 124.1, 113.7, 102.5, 90.8, 55.1, 43.9, 30.2, 26.9, 26.1, 23.6 ppm; IR (neat)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3004, 2956, 2837, 1711, 1670, 1608, 1572, 1510, 1444, 1353, 1247, 1177, 1109, 1071, 1029; MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%): 412 (0.09) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Cl (M)<sup>+</sup>: 412.1441, found: 412.1439.

#### 15. 1,1'-(3,4-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl)diethanon

e (3g).



The reaction of **1a** (40.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2g** (96 mg, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 3 hours to afford 61 mg (69%) of **3g**, including 9% product with double bond migration. colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.29-7.33 (m, 5 H), 7.20 (d, 2 H, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.93 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.78 (d, 2 H, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.59 (d, 2 H, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.36 (s, 1 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H), 3.65 (s, 3 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 2.11 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  206.0, 205.3, 159.2, 159.1, 140.1, 138.9, 133.1, 131.5, 130.2, 128.7, 128.3, 124.7, 113.8, 113.6, 102.9, 91.2, 55.0, 55.0, 27.0, 25.8 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3063, 3004, 2837, 1710, 1671, 1606, 1572, 1509, 1458, 1417, 1352, 1291, 1247, 1178, 1107, 1080, 1029; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 442 (0.23) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 442.1780, found: 442.1783.

# 16. (4-Bromo-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl)bis(phen ylmethanone) (3h)



The reaction of **1b** (81.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2h** (84 mg, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Ni(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> 6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.01 mmol, 3.6 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 3 hours to afford 100 mg (82%) of **3h**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$ 7.96-7.99 (m, 2 H), 7.85-7.88 (m, 2 H), 7.57 (t, 1 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.46 (t, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.21-7.41 (m, 10 H), 6.85 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.05 (s, 1 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  196.8, 195.2, 159.7, 138.7, 136.7, 135.5, 134.4, 133.4, 132.8, 131.2, 129.8, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 123.3, 122.5, 113.6, 101.7, 91.7, 55.1 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3064, 2953, 2836, 1690, 1597, 1509, 1446, 1248, 1178, 1125, 1052, 1029; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 538 (0.40) [M<sup>+</sup>], 540 (0.43) [M<sup>+</sup>+2], 77 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br (M)<sup>+</sup>: 538.0780, found: 538.0783.

# 17. 1,1'-(3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-p-tolyl-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl)diethanone (3i)



The reaction of **1c** (43.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (55 µL, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 3 hours to afford 67.4 mg (97%) of **3i**, yellow solid, m.p. 43-45 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.37 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.17-7.24 (m, 4 H), 6.83 (d, 2 H, J = 7.2Hz), 6.41 (s, 1 H), 6.04 (s, 1 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 2.16 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  206.4, 205.1, 159.7, 138.9, 138.6, 136.3, 129.4, 129.0, 127.5, 127.3, 123.7, 113.7, 100.8, 88.6, 55.2, 26.6, 25.8, 21.1 ppm; IR (neat) v(cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3006, 2936, 2839, 1753, 1710, 1667, 1607, 1573, 1482, 1420, 1382, 1292, 1181, 1075, 1030; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 350 (0.75) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 350.1518, found: 350.1516.

### 18. 1,1'-(5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl)diet hanone (3j)



The reaction of **1d** (56.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (55 µL, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 3 hours to afford 81.4 mg (98%) of **3j**, white solid, m.p. 104-106 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.51 (d, 2 H, J = 6.8 Hz), 7.36 (d, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.21 (d, 2 H, J =7.2 Hz), 6.83 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.40 (s, 1 H), 6.04 (s, 1 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 2.16 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  206.1, 204.6, 159.9, 139.4, 138.3, 131.9, 129.1, 128.9, 126.7, 123.3, 122.7, 113.7, 100.9, 87.9, 55.2, 26.6, 25.8 ppm; IR (neat)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3397, 3083, 2945, 2844, 1727, 1706, 1605, 1571, 1511, 1489, 1417, 1352, 1223, 1184, 1072, 1026, 1010; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 414 (0.29) [M<sup>+</sup>], 416 (0.27) [M<sup>+</sup>+2], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br (M)<sup>+</sup>: 414.0467, found: 414.0463.

# 19. 1,1'-(5-(2-Bromophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl)diet hanone (3k).



The reaction of **1e** (56.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (55 µL, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 9.8 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 12 hours to afford 78 mg (95%) of **3k**, colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.60 (d, 1 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.29-7.38 (m, 4 H), 7.19 (t, 1 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.82 (d, 2 H, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.52 (s, 1 H), 6.48 (s, 1 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H), 2.22 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  206.4, 204.2, 159.8, 139.1, 138.3, 133.0, 129.9, 129.1, 128.1, 127.9, 126.5, 123.5, 122.6, 113.7, 101.0, 87.3, 55.2, 26.7, 25.9 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3068, 3005, 2934, 2837, 1711, 1607, 1571, 1512, 1465, 1439, 1352, 1255, 1217, 1183, 1118, 1077, 1027; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 414 (0.18) [M<sup>+</sup>], 416 (0.17) [M<sup>+</sup>+2], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br (M)<sup>+</sup>: 414.0467, found: 414.0466.

# 20. 1,1'-(5-(3-Bromophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl)diet hanone (3l)



The reaction of **1f** (56.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (55 µL, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 3 hours to afford 69.9 mg (85%) of **3l**, yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$ 7.47-7.50 (m, 2 H), 7.36 (d, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.26 (s, 2 H), 6.83 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.40 (s, 1 H), 6.03 (s, 1 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 2.18 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  205.9, 204.5, 159.9, 141.6, 139.5, 131.7, 130.4, 130.3, 129.1, 126.5, 125.6, 123.3, 122.8, 113.8, 101.0, 87.8, 55.2, 26.6, 25.9 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3066, 3006, 2932, 1710, 1607, 1569, 1513, 1471, 1439, 1357, 1254, 1183, 1096, 1078, 1026; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 414 (0.15) [M<sup>+</sup>], 416 (0.14) [M<sup>+</sup>+2], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br (M)<sup>+</sup>: 414.0467, found: 414.0468.

21. 1,1'-(5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl)diet hanone (3m)



The reaction of **1a** (44.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (55 µL, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 3 hours to afford 63.7 mg (90%) of **3m**, white solid, m.p. 76-78 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.37 (d, 2 H *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.29-7.33 (m, 2 H), 7.07 (t, 2 H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.84 (d, 2 H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.41 (s, 1 H), 6.07 (s, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 2.16 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  206.3, 204.8, 162.9 (d, <sup>*1*</sup>*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 246 Hz), 159.9, 139.3, 135.2, 129.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 9 Hz), 127.0, 123.5, 115.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 21 Hz), 113.8, 100.9, 88.0, 55.2, 26.6, 25.8 ppm; IR (neat) *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2839, 1712, 1607, 1510, 1421, 1353, 1257, 1221, 1184, 1158, 1075, 1033; MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%): 354 (0.65) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub>F (M)<sup>+</sup>: 354.1267, found: 354.1268.

# 22. (3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl)bis(phenylmethan one) (3n)



The reaction of **1b** (81.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (55 µL, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 2 hours to afford 85.5 mg (93%) of **3n**, white solid, m.p. 68-70 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  8.01 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.92 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.54 (t, 1 H, J =7.6 Hz), 7.39-7.48 (m, 5 H), 7.20-7.30 (m, 7 H), 6.80 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.53 (s, 1 H), 6.17 (s, 1 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  198.5, 196.4, 159.7, 141.4, 138.8, 135.9, 134.7, 133.0, 132.6, 130.0, 129.7, 129.2, 128.49, 128.45, 128.3, 128.0, 127.1, 124.3, 113.6, 101.6, 88.9, 55.1 ppm; IR (neat)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3058, 3029, 2936, 2836, 1782, 1728, 1689, 1598, 1577, 1511, 1448, 1419, 1254, 1180, 1118, 1066, 1028; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 460 (1.20) [M<sup>+</sup>], 105 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 460.1675, found: 460.1676.

# 23. (3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl)bis(phe nylmethanone) (30)



The reaction of **1h** (75.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (55 µL, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 2 hours to afford 91.8 mg (90%) of **3o**, white solid, m.p. 190-192 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  8.10 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 8.05 (d, 1 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.87 (d, 2 H, J =7.2 Hz), 7.82 (d, 1 H, J = 6.8 Hz), 7.76 (d, 1 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.58 (t, 1 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.43-7.51 (m, 7 H), 7.32-7.38 (m, 2 H), 7.18 (t, 2 H, J = 7.6Hz), 6.87 (s, 1 H), 6.82 (d, 3 H, J = 4.8 Hz), 3.75 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  197.7, 196.9, 159.7, 142.6, 135.7, 134.9, 134.2, 133.7, 133.0, 132.6, 130.9, 129.9, 129.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 127.2, 126.3, 125.7, 125.2, 124.6, 124.1, 123.3, 113.7, 101.3, 85.0, 55.2 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3390, 2934, 2361, 1749, 1684, 1602, 1510, 1446, 1366, 1285, 1255, 1182, 1111, 1074, 1028; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 510 (1.10) [M<sup>+</sup>], 105 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 530.1831, found: 530.1823.

### 24. (3,5-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,2-diyl)bis(phenylmethanone) (3p)



The reaction of **1i** (40.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (55 µL, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 2 hours to afford 91.6 mg (94%) of **3p**, yellow oil.. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$ 8.01 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.91 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.55 (t, 1 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.39-7.48 (m, 5 H), 7.28 (t, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.18 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.76-6.83 (m, 4 H), 6.50 (s, 1 H), 6.12 (s, 1 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$ 198.6, 196.6, 159.7, 141.4, 136.0, 134.8, 133.0, 132.6, 130.9, 130.0, 129.8, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 124.4, 113.9, 113.6, 101.4, 88.7, 55.2, 55.1 ppm; IR (neat) v(cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3067, 3003, 2933, 2836, 1771, 1688, 1607, 1510, 1446, 1249, 1176, 1116, 1065, 1029; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 490 (1.40) [M<sup>+</sup>], 105 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>5</sub>(M)<sup>+</sup>: 490.1780, found: 490.1783.  $\label{eq:25.1} \textbf{25.} (5-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2, 5-dihydrofuran-2, 2-diyl) bis (phenyl)-2, 5-dihydrofuran-2, 5-dihydrofu$ 

ylmethanone) (3q)



The reaction of **1j** (40.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (55 µL, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 2 hours to afford 101 mg (94%) of **3q**, white solid, m.p. 72-74 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.99 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.88 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.56 (t, 1 H, J = 7.2Hz), 7.42-7.47 (m, 5 H), 7.36 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.30 (t, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.10 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.81 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.49 (s, 1 H), 6.12 (s, 1 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  198.3, 196.4, 159.8, 141.9, 137.9, 135.9, 134.6, 133.1, 132.8, 131.7, 129.9, 129.8, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.5, 124.1, 122.4, 113.7, 101.5, 88.2, 55.2 ppm; IR (neat)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3063, 2958, 2837, 1781, 1689, 1598, 1511, 1488, 1447, 1409, 1253, 1180, 1117, 1067, 1028, 1010; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 538 (0.07) [M<sup>+</sup>], 540 (0.09) [M<sup>+</sup>+2], 105 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br (M)<sup>+</sup>: 538.0780, found: 538.0778.

# 26. Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-carboxylate (3r)



The reaction of **1k** (46.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (55 µL, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 4 hours to afford 68 mg (93%) of **3r** (dr=7:1), colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.44 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.30-7.40 (m, 5 H), 6.84 (d, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.40 (s, 1 H), 6.11 (s, 1 H), 4.26 (q, 2 H,  $J_I = 7.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.2$  Hz), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 2.25 (s, 3 H), 1.24 (t, 3 H, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  203.0, 169.3, 159.7, 139.2, 129.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.44, 128.38, 127.2, 123.9, 113.6, 96.9, 88.5, 61.9, 55.2, 26.1, 13.9 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3064, 3033, 2936, 2838, 1721, 1608, 1576, 1541, 1454, 1420, 1353, 1253, 1182, 1097, 1030; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 366 (0.61) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 366.1467, found: 366.1470.

### 27. Ethyl 2-benzoyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-carboxyla

te (3s)



The reaction of **11** (59.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (55 µL, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 4 hours to afford 72.7 mg (85%) of **3s** (d r = 4:1), Major isomer: yellow solid, m.p. 58-60 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  8.04 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.50 (t, 3 H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.37 (t, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.19-7.24 (m, 5 H), 6.84 (d, 2 H, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.38 (s, 1 H), 6.26 (s, 1 H), 4.10 (q, 2 H,  $J_I$  = 6.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 6.0 Hz), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 0.99 (t, 3 H, J = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  193.4, 170.3, 159.6, 139.5, 138.8, 134.9, 132.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 128.5, 128.2, 127.0, 124.4, 113.4, 96.3, 89.6, 61.8, 55.2, 13.7 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3063, 2981, 2935, 2838, 1748, 1728, 1690, 1606, 1512, 1450, 1367, 1254, 1224, 1183, 1118, 1075, 1029, 1002; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 428 (1.99) [M<sup>+</sup>], 77 (100);

Minor isomer: white solid, m.p. 145-147 °C. HRMS calcd for  $C_{27}H_{24}O_5$  (M)<sup>+</sup>: 428.1624, found: 428.1619. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  8.08 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.61 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.53 (t, 1 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.40-7.46 (m, 6 H), 7.33-7.38 (m, 1 H), 6.84 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.30 (s, 1 H), 5.97 (s, 1 H), 4.08 (q, 2 H,  $J_I$  = 7.2 Hz,  $J_2$ = 7.2 Hz), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 0.98 (t, 3 H, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$ 194.1, 169.6, 159.7, 139.9, 139.5, 135.1, 133.0, 130.0, 129.8, 129.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.5, 124.5, 113.4, 97.0, 88.8, 61.8, 55.2, 13.6 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3057, 3028, 2873, 1749, 1682, 1602, 1509, 1447, 1418, 1391, 1366, 1284, 1255, 1225, 1111, 1074, 1029; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 428 (1.89) [M<sup>+</sup>], 105 (100); HRMS calcd for  $C_{27}H_{24}O_5$  (M)<sup>+</sup>: 428.1624, found: 428.1629.

#### 28. Dimethyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran-2,2(5H)-dicarboxylate (3t)



The reaction of **1m** (47.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (55 µL, 0.4 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 2 hours to afford 39 mg (53%) of **3t**, white solid, m.p. 100-102 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.42-7.44 (m, 4 H), 7.31-7.39 (m, 3 H), 6.85 (d, 2 H, J = 7.8 Hz),

6.31 (s, 1 H), 6.10 (s, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 6 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  169.0, 168.4, 159.7, 139.3, 137.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.5, 127.2, 123.7, 113.6, 93.4, 89.0, 55.2, 52.9 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3081, 3037, 3011, 2988, 2962, 2842, 2565, 1744, 1730, 1605, 1511, 1361, 1259, 1105, 1053, 1024; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 368 (3.55) [M<sup>+</sup>], 105 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 368.1260, found: 368.1272.

### 29. Dimethyl 3-phenyl-2H-furo[3,2-c]chromene-2,2(4H,9bH)-dicarboxylate (7).



The reaction of **5** (73.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCE (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 12 hours to afford 31.5 mg (43%) of **7**, white solid, m.p. 55-57 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.48 (d, 1 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.36 (s, 3 H), 7.21-7.23 (m, 3 H), 6.99-7.03 (m, 1 H), 6.85 (d, 1 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.13 (s, 1 H), 4.87 (d, 1 H, J = 13.2 Hz), 4.80 (d, 1 H, J = 13.2 Hz), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.64 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  168.3, 167.3, 152.7, 136.2, 132.5, 131.0, 129.13, 129.06, 128.6, 128.3, 126.4, 124.8, 121.5, 116.7, 96.3, 81.6, 62.8, 52.9, 52.8 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2954, 1739, 1609, 1580, 1484, 1461, 1435, 1258, 1220, 1198, 1129, 1111, 1075, 1036; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 366 (4.01) [M<sup>+</sup>], 115 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 366.1103, found: 366.1105.

### 30. Dimethyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2H-furo[3,2-c]chromene-2,2(4H,9bH)-dicarboxylate (8).



The reaction of **6** (79.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), 80 mg of 4Å MS and 5 mol % Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.01 mmol, 4.9 mg) in DCM (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 12 hours to afford 60 mg (76%) of **7**, white solid, m.p. 69-71 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.47 (d, 1 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.14-7.22 (m, 3 H), 7.00 (d, 1 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.83-6.90 (m, 3 H), 6.10 (s, 1 H), 4.88 (d, 1 H, J = 13.2 Hz), 4.82 (d, 1 H, J = 13.2 Hz), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.65 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  168.5, 167.5, 159.8, 152.8, 135.2,

132.2, 130.8, 130.5, 129.1, 126.4, 125.0, 123.2, 121.5, 116.7, 113.8, 96.2, 81.5, 63.0, 55.2, 52.9 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2954, 1740, 1608, 1579, 1512, 1484, 1459, 1249, 1221, 1181, 1153, 1130, 1110, 1074, 1033; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 396 (23.15) [M<sup>+</sup>], 249 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 396.1209, found: 396.1211.

#### 31. 1,1'-(3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyltetrahydrofuran-2,2-diyl)diethanone (9)



The reaction of **3a** (50.4 mg, 0.15 mmol), Pd/C(2.4 mg) in EtOAc (3 mL) was carried out in the presence of H<sub>2</sub> (balloon) at r.t. for 12 hours to afford 48 mg (95%) of **9** (dr = 2.2 :1), colorless oil. The major isomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.30-7.40 (m, 5 H), 7.22 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.86 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.71 (t, 1 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.40-4.50 (m, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 2.55-2.61 (m, 1 H), 2.30-2.40 (m, 1 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 1.79 (s, 3 H).

The minor isomer: H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.57 (d, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.44 (t, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.30-7.40 (m, 1 H), 7.17 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.80 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 4.92-4.97 (m, 1 H), 4.40-4.50 (m, 1 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H), 2.65-2.75 (m, 1 H), 2.30-2.40 (m, 1 H), 2.40 (s, 3 H), 1.91 (s, 3 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  206.2, 204.1, 158.7, 141.1, 140.0, 130.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.62, 128.55, 128.1, 127.9, 126.0, 125.9, 114.1, 113.8, 101.6, 98.9, 83.3, 81.2, 55.2, 55.1, 47.9, 47.8, 41.3, 40.6, 28.0, 27.1, 26.2, 26.1 ppm; IR (neat) *ν* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2956, 2933, 2833, 1727, 1708, 1610, 1582, 1513, 1457, 1420, 1353, 1291, 1249, 1181, 1115, 1068, 1031; MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%): 338 (0.79) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 338.1518, found: 338.1513.

### 32. 1-(3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran-2-yl)ethanone (10)



Method A: The reaction of **3a** (50.4 mg, 0.15 mmol), DDQ (1.5eq., 51 mg) in THF (1.5 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 20 hours to afford 37.2 mg (85%) of **10**. Method B: The reaction of **3a** (50.4 mg, 0.15 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.0eq., 49 mg) in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (3 mL) was refluxed for 12 hours to afford 36.8 mg (84%) of **10**. white solid, m.p. 115-117 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.81 (d, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.69 (d, 2

H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.46 (t, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.40 (t, 1 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.96 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.89 (s, 1 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 2.56 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  187.6, 159.9, 155.3, 146.0, 135.4, 130.6, 129.3, 128.9, 124.8, 124.1, 113.6, 109.8, 55.3, 27.6 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2921, 2849, 1752, 1664, 1610, 1575, 1532, 1502, 1451, 1420, 1387, 1353, 1294, 1256, 1211, 1183, 1153, 1071, 1025; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 292 (4.82) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(M)<sup>+</sup>: 292.1099, found: 292.1101.

### 33. 1-(3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)ethanone (11)



The reaction of **3a** (50.4 mg, 0.15 mmol), KOH (1.0 eq, 8.4mg) in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (3 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 13 hours to afford 40 mg (90%) of **11**, colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.54 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.39-7.50 (m, 4 H), 7.35 (d, 1 H, J = 6.0 Hz), 6.89 (d, 2 H, J = 7.2 Hz), 5.64 (t, 1 H, J = 9.6 Hz), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 3.54-3.62 (m, 1 H), 3.19-3.26 (m, 1 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  192.5, 159.4, 146.6, 141.9, 129.8, 128.6, 128.0, 125.6, 125.2, 122.7, 113.4, 80.1, 55.2, 44.9, 29.1 ppm; IR (neat) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2960, 2934, 2838, 1720, 1688, 1604, 1511, 1455, 1420, 1356, 1295, 1253, 1221, 1179, 1133, 1111, 1028; MS (70 eV): m/z (%): 294 (0.73) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 294.1256, found: 294.1248.

### 34. 3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (12)



The reaction of **3a** (67.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), *m*-CPBA (0.6 mmol, 122 mg), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.6 mmol, 52 mg) in DCM (2 mL) was carried out at r.t. for 8 hours to afford 23 mg (38%) of **12**, (PE:DCM:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3:2:0.1), white solid, m.p. 85-87 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.87 (d, 2 H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.50 (s, 1 H), 7.33-7.39 (m, 3 H), 7.32 (d, 2 H, J = 5.2 Hz), 6.94 (d, 2 H, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.00 (s, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  172.0, 160.5, 145.0, 135.1, 130.2, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 126.6, 121.8, 114.1, 81.5, 55.3 ppm; IR (neat)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3095, 2953, 2833, 1737, 1608, 1574, 1511, 1438, 1333, 1308, 1267, 1236, 1182, 1127, 1058, 1039; MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%): 266 (3.64) [M<sup>+</sup>], 43 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup>: 266.0493, found: 266.0491.



SI- Fig. 1. X-ray structure of the major product of 3s.

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