

Supporting Information

Cu-Catalyzed Tandem Cyclization and Coupling of Enynones with Enaminones for Multisubstituted Furans & Furano-pyrroles

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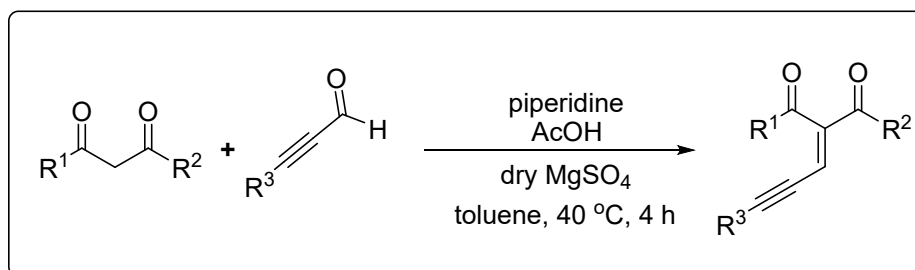
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1. General Information and methods.

All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used without purification. NMR spectra were recorded with a 300, 400 or 500 MHz spectrometer for ^1H NMR, 100 or 125 MHz for ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy. Chemical shifts are reported relative to the residual signals of tetramethylsilane in CDCl_3 or deuterated solvent CDCl_3 for ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy. Multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), doublet of triplets (dt), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m). HRMS were recorded by using QT of mass spectrometer. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (100–200 mesh) as the stationary phase. All reactions were monitored by using TLC.

2. Experimental Procedures

2.1. Preparation of Enynones General Procedure (GP-1):



General Procedure for the Synthesis of 2a-2k:¹

To a 25 mL round bottom flask, the mixture of 1,3-diketones (5 mmol), AcOH (0.2 equiv), piperidine (0.1 equiv) and dry MgSO₄ (1 equiv) was added to a solution of propionaldehyde (1.2 equiv) in toluene. The reaction was carried out at 40 °C stirring for 4 h while monitoring by TLC. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through *celite* and the resultant elute was concentrated to get the crude product. The enynone **2** was purified by chromatography on silica gel with the appropriate mixture of PE and EA in 60-90% yields (*Z/E* mixture, **1x** was isolated in 42% yield).

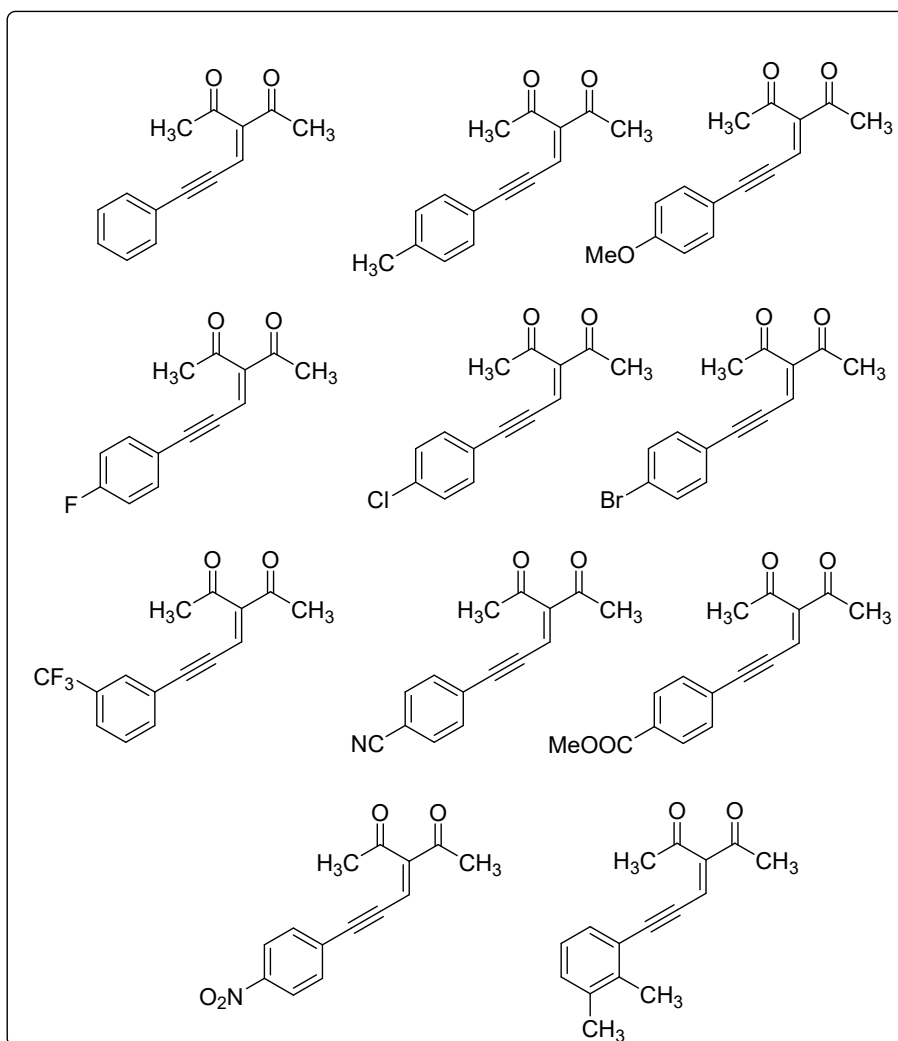
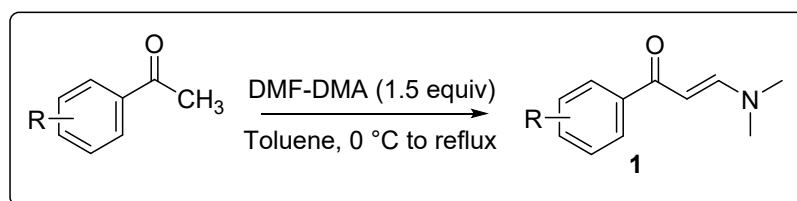


Table S1: List of Enynes

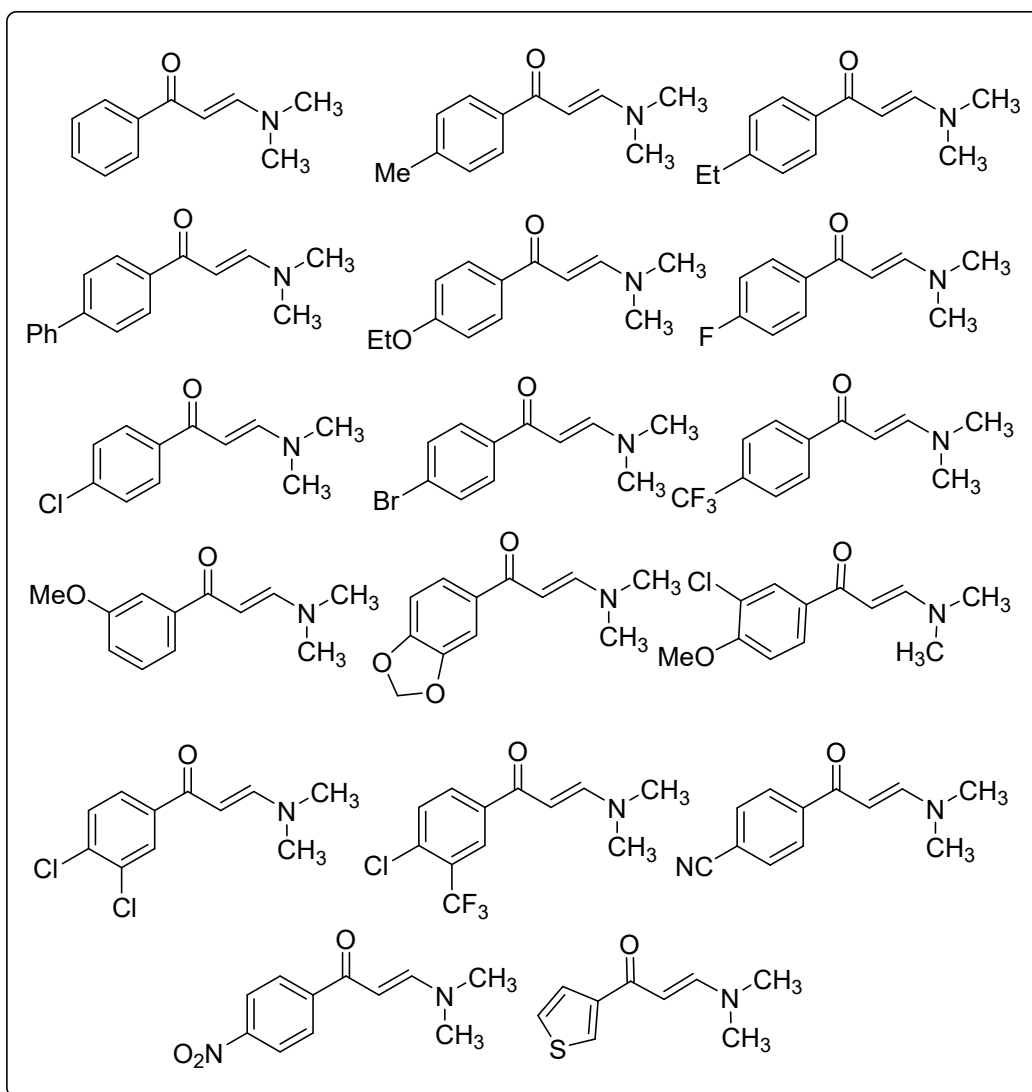
2.3. Preparation of Enaminones: General Procedure (GP-3):²



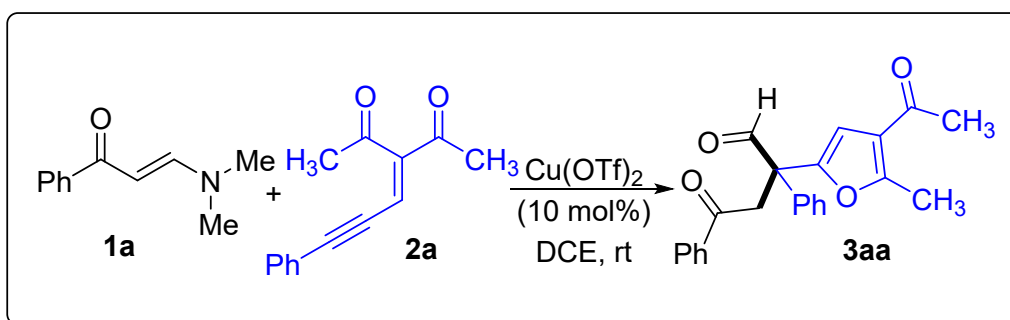
General Procedure for the Synthesis of 1a-1q:²

To a stirred solution of ketone **5** (5.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in 5.0 mL of toluene, 1,1-dimethoxy-*N,N*-dimethylmethanamine **6** (7.0 mmol, 1.4 eq.) was added and stirred at 110 °C. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), it was quenched with water, extracted with ethyl acetate and dried with anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and was purified by column chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate = 1:1) to give the desired product **1**.

Table S2: List of Enaminones.



3. Optimization Studies

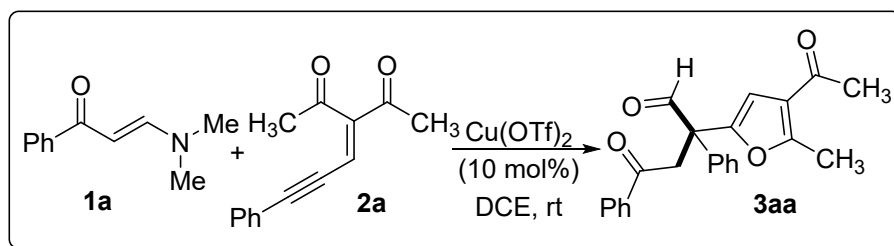


Entry	Variation from the standard conditions	Yield (%) ^b
1	None	80
2	Cu(OAc) ₂ instead of Cu(OTf) ₂	40
3	AgOTf instead of Cu(OTf) ₂	60

4	CuI instead of Cu(OTf) ₂	10
5	Cu(OTf) instead of Cu(OTf) ₂	19
6	Zn(OTf) ₂ instead of Cu(OTf) ₂	2
7	DCM instead of DCE	60
8	THF instead of DCE	50
9	CH ₃ CN instead of DCE	48
10	60 °C instead of rt	55

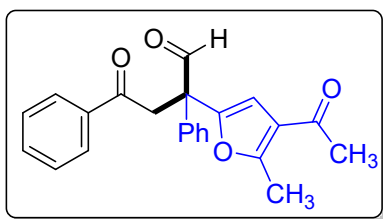
^aReaction conditions: **1** (1 equiv), **2** (1 equiv), Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol%), DCE, rt for 15-30 min. ^b isolated yield.

4. General Procedure-A for Cu-Catalyzed Cyclizative Coupling of Enaminones (**1a**) with Enynones (**2a**) and Characteristic data:



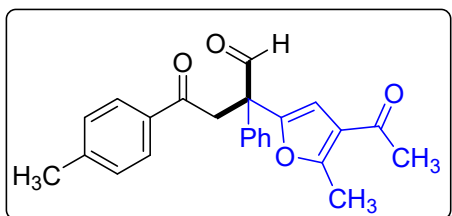
To a mixture of enaminone **1a** (52.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), enynone **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) in DCE was added Cu(OTf)₂ (10 mol%) into 10ml round-bottomed flask. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt in air for 15-30 min (monitored by TLC). After completion of reaction, the mixture was concentrated and was added with water and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (2×10 mL). The organic layer was evaporated and purified by column chromatography $R_f = 0.50$ (SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) to get **3aa** as pale brown sticky solid in 80% (86.4 mg) yield.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-oxo-2,4-diphenylbutanal (**3aa**):



The title compound was prepared from **1a** (52.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) to give pure product as a pale yellow solid, (84.2 mg, 78 % yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.09 (s, 1H), 7.95 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.31 (ddd, $J = 8.5, 4.3, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.16 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.5, 196.0, 194.1, 158.2, 150.7, 137.6, 136.2, 133.8, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 122.4, 109.3, 57.3, 45.3, 29.3, 14.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₁O₄ [M+H]⁺ 361.1440, found 361.1429.

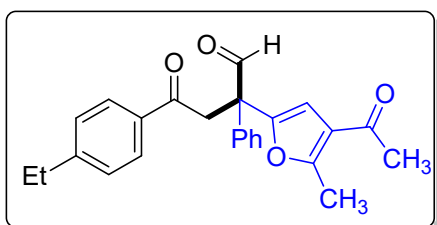
2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-oxo-2-phenyl-4-(p-tolyl) butanal (**3ba**):



The title compound was prepared from **1b** (56.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a brown colour sticky

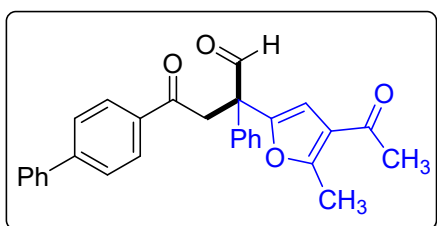
solid (87.5mg, 78% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.09 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 2H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.14 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.6, 195.7, 194.1, 158.1, 150.9, 144.7, 137.7, 133.8, 131.5, 129.5, 129.1, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 122.4, 109.3, 57.3, 45.3, 29.3, 21.8, 14.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 375.1596, found 375.1584.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-(4-ethylphenyl)-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3ca):



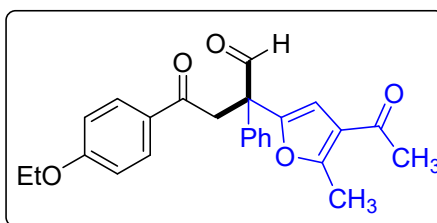
The title compound was prepared from **1c** (60.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.5$, SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 05:95) gave pure product as a pale brown colour sticky solid (83.8 mg, 72% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.12 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 9.9, 4.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dd, $J = 5.3, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 4.17 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.73 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.6, 195.7, 194.1, 158.1, 150.9, 150.8, 137.6, 133.9, 129.1, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 122.4, 109.2, 57.2, 45.3, 29.3, 29.1, 15.3, 14.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 411.1572, found 411.1564.

4-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3da):



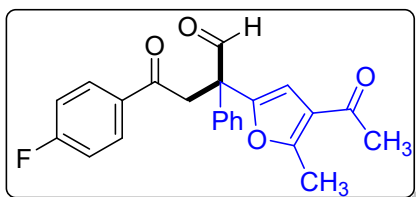
The title compound was prepared from **1d** (75.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.5$, SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a brown colour sticky solid (98.1 mg, 75% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.13 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 4.21 (s, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.46, 195.57, 194.07, 158.14, 150.76, 146.39, 139.72, 137.59, 134.86, 129.11, 129.08, 128.89, 128.47, 128.11, 127.77, 127.41, 127.36, 122.42, 109.32, 57.30, 45.33, 29.30, 14.53. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 437.1753, found 437.1746.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3ea):



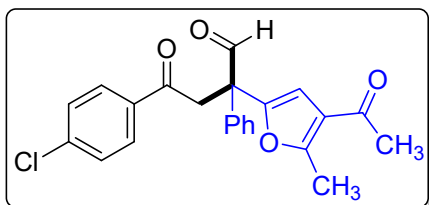
The title compound was prepared from **1e** (65.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.4$, SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 7:93) gave pure product as a pale brown colour sticky solid (84.8 mg, 70% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.09 (s, 1H), 7.95 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.11 (dd, $J = 7.6, 6.0$ Hz, 4H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.44 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.7, 194.5, 194.2, 163.5, 158.1, 151.0, 137.7, 130.7, 129.1, 128.0, 127.8, 122.4, 114.4, 109.2, 63.9, 57.2, 45.1, 29.3, 14.7, 14.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 405.1702, found 405.1689.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3fa):



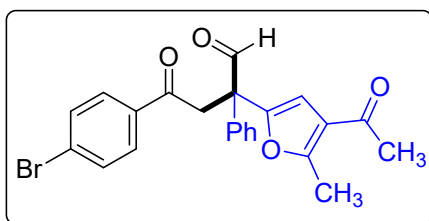
The title compound was prepared from **1f** (57.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.5$, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a pale brown colour sticky solid (82.7 mg, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.07 (s, 1H), 7.97 (dd, $J = 8.7$, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.3, 194.4, 194.1, 167.4, 164.8, 158.2, 150.6, 137.5, 132.7, 131.0, 130.9, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 127.7, 122.5, 116.1, 115.8, 109.3, 57.3, 45.1, 29.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀FO₄ [M+H]⁺ 379.1346, found 379.1334.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3ga):



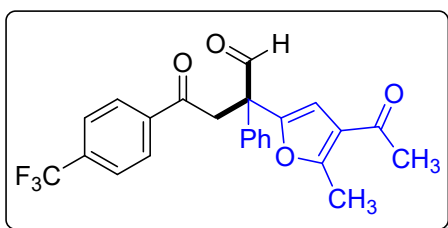
The title compound was prepared from **1g** (62.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$ SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 4:96) gave pure product as a brown colour sticky solid (83.9 mg, 71% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.07 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.2, 194.8, 194.0, 158.2, 150.5, 140.3, 137.4, 134.6, 129.7, 129.2, 129.2, 128.2, 127.7, 122.5, 109.4, 57.4, 45.1, 29.3, 14.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀ClO₄ [M+H]⁺ 395.1050, found 395.1037.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-(4-bromophenyl)-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3ha):



The title compound was prepared from **1h** (75.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** ((63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a brown solid (93.2 mg, 71% yield), mp 135-137 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.06 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.2, 195.1, 194.0, 158.2, 150.5, 138.0, 137.5, 135.0, 132.2, 129.8, 129.2, 128.3, 127.8, 122.5, 109.4, 57.4, 45.0, 29.3, 14.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₁₉BrO₄ [M+H]⁺ 439.0545, found 439.0541.

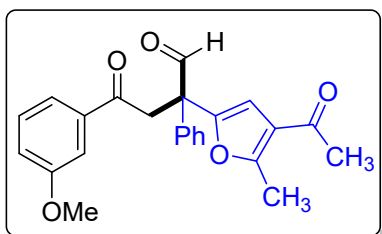
2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-oxo-2-phenyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl) butanal (3ia):



The title compound was prepared from **1i** (72.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.5$, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a brown colour sticky solid (78.3 mg, 61% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.06 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 –

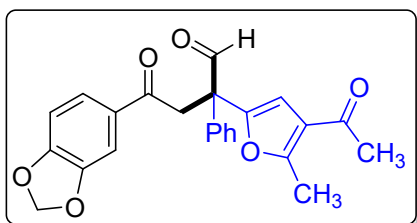
7.31 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.9, 195.1, 194.0, 158.3, 150.3, 139.0, 137.3, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 125.9, 125.9, 122.6, 109.5, 57.5, 45.1, 29.3, 14.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₀O₄ [M+H]⁺ 429.1314, found 429.1304.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3ja):



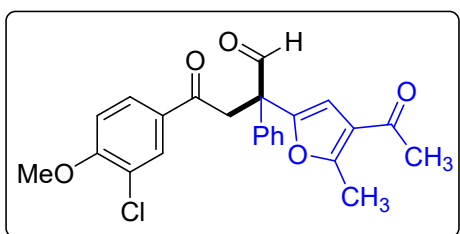
The title compound was prepared from **1j** (61.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography (*R_f* = 0.4, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 8:92) gave pure product as a pale brown colour sticky solid (72.5 mg, 62% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.09 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.4, 195.9, 194.1, 159.9, 158.1, 150.7, 137.5, 137.5, 129.8, 129.1, 128.1, 127.7, 122.4, 120.9, 120.3, 112.4, 109.3, 57.3, 55.5, 45.3, 29.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₃O₅ [M+H]⁺ 391.1545, found 391.1534.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3ka):



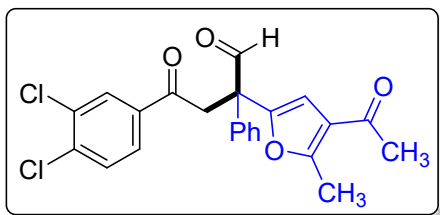
The title compound was prepared from **1k** (65.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography (*R_f* = 0.30, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 8:92) gave pure product as a brown colour sticky solid (83.6 mg, 69% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.07 (s, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 4.5 Hz, 3H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.04 (s, 2H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.5, 194.1, 194.1, 158.1, 152.3, 150.9, 148.4, 137.6, 131.0, 129.1, 128.1, 127.7, 124.7, 122.4, 109.2, 108.0, 102.1, 57.3, 45.2, 29.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₁O₆ [M+H]⁺ 405.1338, found 405.1330.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-(3-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal(3la):



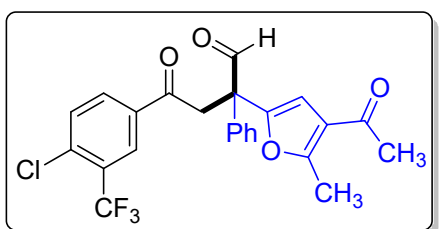
The title compound was prepared from **1l** (71.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography (*R_f* = 0.40, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 8:92) gave pure product as a brown sticky solid (73.7 mg, 58% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.07 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.3, 194.1, 193.7, 159.3, 158.2, 150.6, 137.5, 130.7, 129.8, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 127.8, 123.1, 122.4, 111.5, 109.3, 57.3, 56.6, 44.9, 29.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₂ClO₅ [M+H]⁺ 425.1156, found 425.1139.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal(3ma):



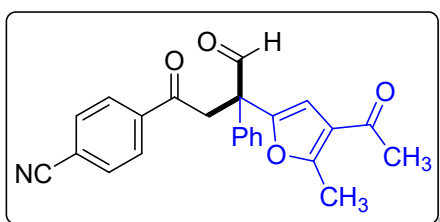
The title compound was prepared from **1m** (72.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 4:96) gave pure product as a pale brown sticky solid (80.9 mg, 63% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.04 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.8, 193.9, 193.8, 158.2, 150.2, 138.3, 137.2, 135.8, 133.5, 130.9, 130.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.3, 127.7, 127.2, 122.5, 109.5, 57.5, 44.8, 29.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₁₉Cl₂O₄ [M+H]⁺ 429.0660, found 429.0653.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-(4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (**3na**):



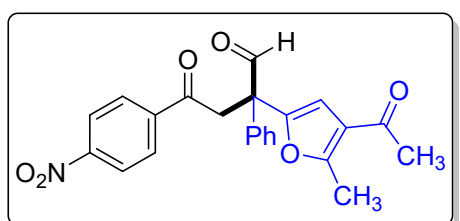
The title compound was prepared from **1n** (83.1 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a brown sticky solid (77.6 mg, 56% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.04 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dt, $J = 14.2, 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.7, 193.9, 193.8, 158.3, 150.0, 138.0, 137.1, 134.7, 132.3, 132.2, 129.3, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 122.6, 109.6, 57.6, 44.6, 29.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₁₉ClF₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 463.0924, found 463.0917.

4-(3-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-oxo-3-phenylbutanoyl) benzonitrile (**3oa**):



The title compound was prepared from **1o** (60 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.40$, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 7:93) gave pure product as a pale brown sticky solid (67 mg, 58% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.04 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.10 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.7, 194.7, 193.9, 158.3, 150.0, 139.2, 137.2, 132.7, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 122.6, 117.8, 116.9, 109.5, 57.6, 44.9, 29.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₀NO₄ [M+H]⁺ 386.1392, found 386.1381.

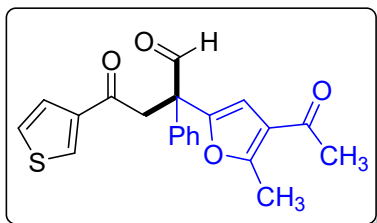
2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (**3pa**):



The title compound was prepared from **1p** (66 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.30$, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a brown sticky solid (72.9 mg, 60% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.05 (s, 1H),

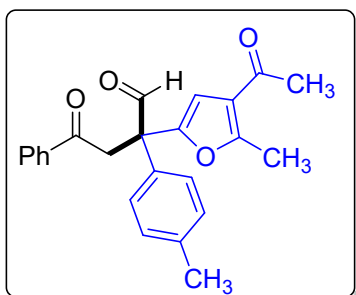
8.29 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 8.08 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dt, $J = 14.0, 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.6, 194.6, 193.9, 158.3, 150.6, 149.9, 140.7, 137.1, 129.3, 128.4, 127.7, 124.0, 122.6, 109.6, 57.7, 45.1, 29.3, 14.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 406.1291, found 406.1283.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-oxo-2-phenyl-4-(thiophen-3-yl)butanal (3qa):



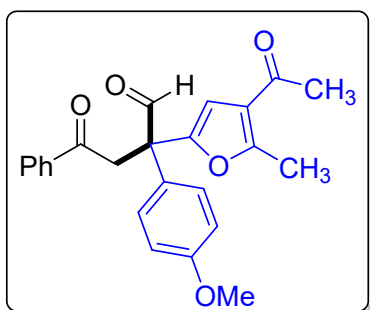
The title compound was prepared from **1q** (54.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2a** (63.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a dark brown colour sticky solid (65.8 mg, 65% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.03 (s, 1H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 3.8, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, $J = 4.9, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 (dd, $J = 5.3, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 4.9, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.9, 194.1, 188.9, 158.3, 150.3, 143.4, 137.3, 134.5, 132.5, 129.2, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 122.4, 109.7, 57.5, 45.3, 29.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 389.0823, found 389.0829.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-oxo-4-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)butanal (3ab):



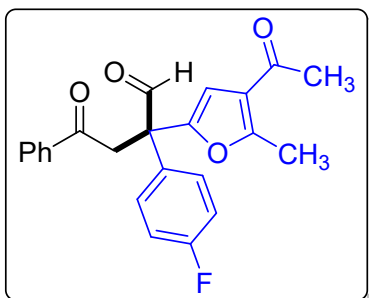
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (52.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2b** (67.8 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a yellow colour sticky solid (78.5 mg, 70% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.05 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 4.13 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.4, 196.1, 194.1, 158.1, 150.9, 138.0, 136.3, 134.4, 133.7, 129.8, 128.8, 128.3, 127.6, 122.4, 109.2, 57.0, 45.1, 29.3, 21.1, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 375.1596, found 375.1588.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3ac):



The title compound was prepared from **1a** (52.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2c** (72.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.4$, SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 8:92) gave pure product as a sticky solid (80.7 mg, 69% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.02 (s, 1H), 7.94 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.45 (td, $J = 7.6, 3.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.91 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 4.11 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.2, 196.2, 194.1, 159.4, 158.1, 150.9, 136.3, 133.7, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3, 122.4, 114.5, 109.2, 56.7, 55.4, 45.1, 29.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 391.1545, found 391.1537.

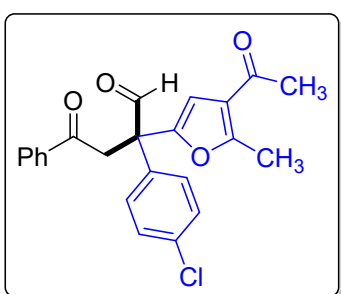
2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3ad):



The title compound was prepared from **1a** (52.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2d** (69 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a pale brown sticky solid (77 mg, 68% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.06 (s, 1H), 7.98 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.59 (ddd, $J = 6.9$, 2.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 10.6$, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.05 (ddd, $J = 12.2$, 6.2, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 4.13 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.2,

195.9, 194.0, 163.6, 161.2, 158.4, 150.5, 136.1, 133.9, 133.4, 129.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.3, 122.5, 116.1, 115.9, 109.5, 56.7, 45.5, 29.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{FO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 379.1346, found 379.1335.

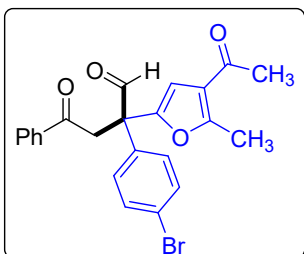
2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (**3ae**):



The title compound was prepared from **1a** (52.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2e** (73.8 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a pale brown sticky solid (78 mg, 66% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.08 (s, 1H), 7.96 (dt, $J = 8.5$, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.15 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

196.1, 195.8, 194.0, 158.5, 150.2, 136.2, 136.0, 134.2, 133.9, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.3, 122.5, 109.5, 56.8, 45.4, 29.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 395.1050, found 395.1040.

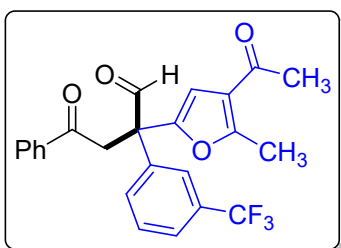
2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (**3af**):



The title compound was prepared from **1a** (52.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2f** (86.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a brown colour sticky solid (84 mg, 64% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.06 (s, 1H), 8.14 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.60 (dd, $J = 10.5$, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.15 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 4.13 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s,

3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.0, 195.8, 193.9, 158.5, 150.2, 136.8, 136.0, 133.9, 132.2, 129.6, 128.8, 128.3, 122.5, 122.4, 109.6, 56.8, 45.3, 29.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 439.0545, found 439.0535.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-oxo-4-phenyl-2-(3-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl) butanal (**3ag**):

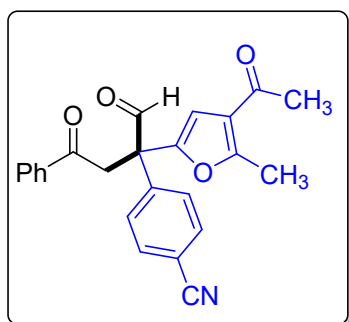


The title compound was prepared from **1a** (52.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2g** (84 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.5$, SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a brown colour sticky solid (79.6 mg, 62% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.10 (s, 1H), 7.93 (dd, $J = 8.3$, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dt, $J = 15.4$, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (ddd, $J = 22.8$, 11.1, 5.3 Hz, 5H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.25 – 4.02 (m,

2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.0, 195.7, 193.9, 158.7, 149.9, 139.0, 136.0,

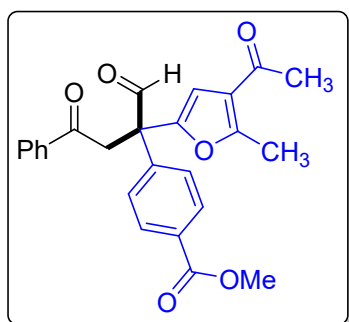
134.0, 131.5, 129.6, 128.9, 128.3, 125.1, 125.0, 124.6, 124.6, 122.6, 109.8, 57.1, 45.6, 29.3, 14.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₂₄H₂₀F₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 429.1314, found 429.1313.

Methyl 4-(2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-1,4-dioxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl) benzoate (3ah):



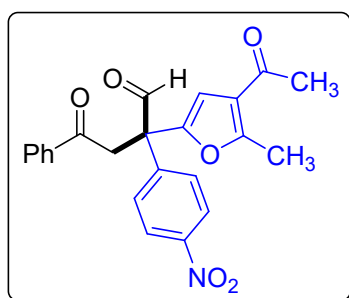
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (52.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2h** (71.1 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.3$, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 12:88) gave pure product as a brown sticky solid (70.4 mg, 61% yield). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 10.09 (s, 1H), 7.93 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.60 (dd, $J = 4.9, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, $J = 10.7, 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.17 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 195.6, 195.5, 193.7, 158.9, 149.5, 143.8, 143.2, 142.3, 135.7, 134.1, 132.7, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3, 122.6, 118.4, 112.1, 109.9, 57.2, 45.6, 29.3, 14.6. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₂₄H₂₀NO₄ [M+H]⁺ 386.1392, found 386.1385.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3ai):



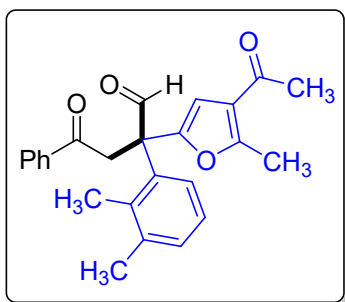
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (52.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2i** (81 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.30$, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a pale brown sticky solid (75.2 mg, 60% yield). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 10.11 (s, 1H), 8.04 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.97 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 10.7, 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 4.18 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 196.1, 195.7, 193.9, 166.6, 158.5, 150.2, 142.8, 136.0, 133.9, 130.2, 129.9, 128.9, 128.3, 127.9, 122.5, 109.6, 52.4, 45.4, 29.3, 14.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₂₅H₂₃O₆ [M+H]⁺ 419.1495, found 419.1479.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3aj):



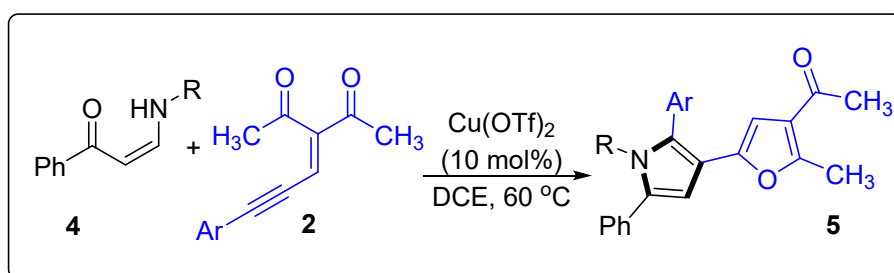
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (52.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2j** (77.1 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.3$, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 15:85) gave pure product as a yellow colour sticky solid (72.9 mg, 60% yield). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 10.11 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.98 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 15.0, 8.3$ Hz, 4H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.20 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 195.5, 195.4, 193.7, 159.0, 149.5, 147.5, 145.2, 135.7, 134.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 124.0, 122.7, 110.0, 57.2, 45.7, 29.3, 14.6. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₂₃H₂₀NO₆ [M+H]⁺ 406.1291, found 406.1282.

2-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-2-(2,3-dimethylphenyl)-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3ak):



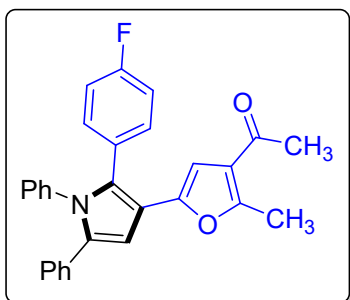
The title compound mixture was prepared from **1a** (52.5 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2k** (72 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure **A**. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a sticky pale yellow sticky solid (80.3 mg, 69% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.04 (s, 1H), 7.99 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.12 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.4, 196.2, 194.2, 158.0, 151.0, 137.5, 136.8, 136.4, 134.8, 133.7, 130.4, 128.8, 128.3, 125.1, 122.4, 109.2, 57.0, 45.0, 29.3, 20.2, 19.5, 14.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 389.1753, found 389.1741.

General procedure-B for the synthesis of 2-ester polysubstituted 1H-pyrrole (**5**)



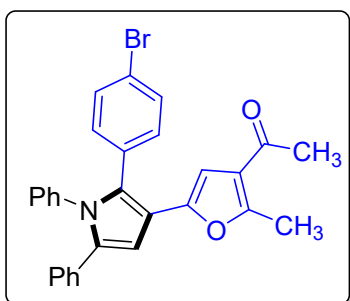
A mixture of ynynone **2** (69 mg, 0.3 mmol) and $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (10.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DCE (5 mL) was stirred at 60 °C for 1 min, and enaminone **4** (66.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added slowly at 60 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC to ensure its completion. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and evaporated all the volatiles under reduced pressure. The resultant residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc:Hexane = 5:95, v/v), affording **5** (78.3 mg, 60%) as a pale yellow solid.

1-(5-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-2-methylfuran-3-yl)ethan-1-one (**5a**):



The title compound was prepared from **4** (66.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2d** (69 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure **B**. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a pale yellow solid (78.3 mg, 60% yield), mp 136-138 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 (dd, $J = 8.9, 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23 (s, 2H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 3.4, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.11 (dd, $J = 3.4, 1.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.98 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.2, 162.8, 160.8, 158.2, 143.7, 138.8, 136.7, 132.3, 131.6, 129.5, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.0, 126.3, 122.5, 121.4, 29.2, 14.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{23}\text{FNO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 436.1713, found 436.1741.

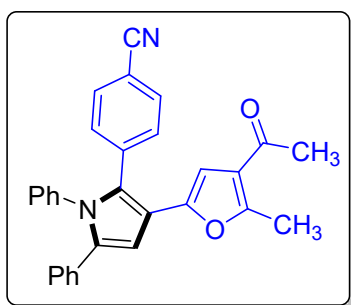
1-(5-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-2-methylfuran-3-yl)ethan-1-one (**5b**):



The title compound was prepared from **4** (66.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2f** (86.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure **B**. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO_2 , EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a pale yellow solid (90.5 mg, 61% yield), mp 142-144 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400

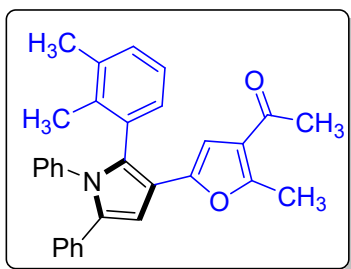
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.28 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 194.1, 158.3, 143.5, 138.7, 136.9, 134.5, 132.2, 131.5, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.1, 126.0, 122.5, 121.5, 120.3, 112.2, 109.7, 29.2, 14.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₂₉H₂₃BrNO₂ [M+H]⁺ 496.0912, found 496.0915.

4-(3-(4-acetyl-5-methylfuran-2-yl)-1,5-diphenyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl) benzonitrile (5c):



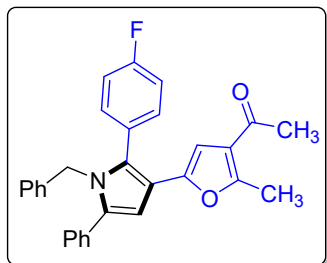
The title compound was prepared from **4** (66.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2h** (132.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure **B**. Purification using column chromatography (R_f = 0.50, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a pale yellow solid (79.5 mg, 60% yield), mp 150-152 °C. **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 193.9, 158.5, 143.0, 140.4, 138.3, 137.4, 132.2, 131.9, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.3, 125.2, 122.6, 122.3, 119.4, 112.5, 109.6, 109.5, 29.1, 14.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₃₀H₂₃N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 443.1760, found 443.1748.

1-(5-(2-(2,3-dimethylphenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-2-methylfuran-3-yl)ethan-1-one (5d):



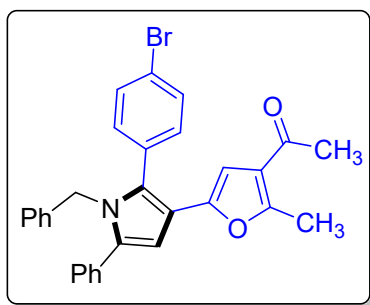
The title compound was prepared from **4** (66.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2j** (72 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure **B**. Purification using column chromatography (R_f = 0.50, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a pale yellow solid (89.4 mg, 67% yield), mp 140-142 °C. **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 7.11 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (dd, J = 7.1, 5.2 Hz, 4H), 6.88 (dd, J = 6.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 208.2, 136.0, 134.9, 132.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 127.3, 126.6, 122.8, 113.5, 107.8, 103.8, 29.2, 19.7, 14.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₃₁H₂₈NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 446.2120, found 446.2102.

1-(5-(1-benzyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-2-methylfuran-3-yl)ethan-1-one (5e):



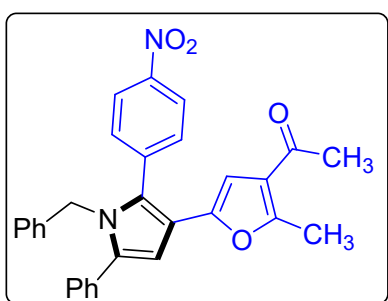
The title compound was prepared from **4** (71.1 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2d** (69 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to general procedure **B**. Purification using column chromatography (R_f = 0.50, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a white colour solid (78.1 mg, 58% yield), mp 145-147 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dddd, J = 7.7, 4.3, 2.4, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.94 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 194.2, 162.6, 160.7, 158.5, 143.8, 139.0, 137.5, 132.7, 131.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.2, 126.3, 126.0, 122.5, 120.1, 115.3, 115.2, 112.2, 109.5, 49.2, 29.2, 14.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₃₀H₂₅FNO₂ [M+H]⁺ 450.1869, found 450.1860.

1-(5-(1-benzyl-2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-2-methylfuran-3-yl)ethan-1-one (5f):



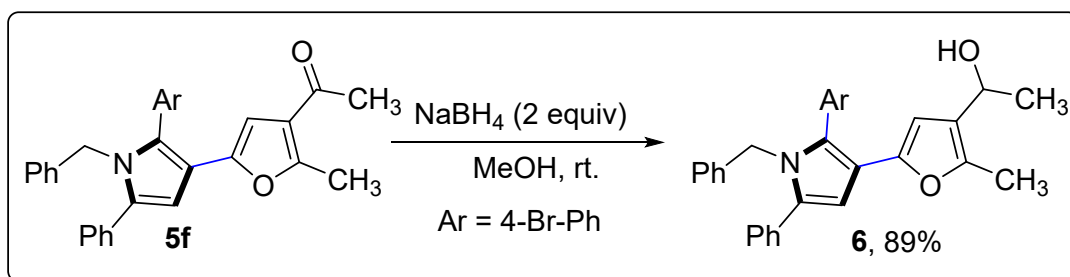
The title compound was prepared from **4** (71.1 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2f** (86.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure **B**. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a white colour solid (91.6 mg, 60% yield), mp 148-150 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.34 (dt, $J = 6.6, 4.2$ Hz, 3H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.20 (dt, $J = 4.6, 3.2$ Hz, 4H), 6.86 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.1, 158.7, 143.6, 138.9, 137.6, 134.6, 132.6, 131.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.2, 126.0, 122.5, 120.2, 120.0, 112.4, 109.3, 49.2, 29.2, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₂₅BrNO₂ [M+H]⁺ 510.1069, found 510.1093.

1-(5-(1-benzyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-2-methylfuran-3-yl)ethan-1-one (5g):



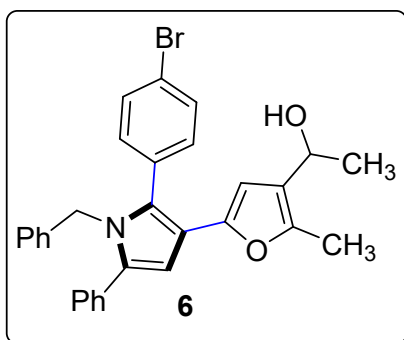
The title compound was prepared from **4** (71.1 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **2j** (77.1 mg, 0.3 mmol) according to general procedure **B**. Purification using column chromatography ($R_f = 0.50$, SiO₂, EtOAc:Hexane, 5:95) gave pure product as a white colour solid (78.5 mg, 55% yield), mp 155-157 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (qd, $J = 6.4, 2.9$ Hz, 5H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.9, 159.0, 145.9, 145.1, 143.0, 142.6, 138.5, 138.2, 132.2, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.6, 127.4, 126.0, 124.9, 123.9, 122.7, 121.5, 112.9, 109.4, 49.3, 29.2, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₂₅N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺ 477.1814, found 477.1861.

General procedure for the synthesis of **6**:



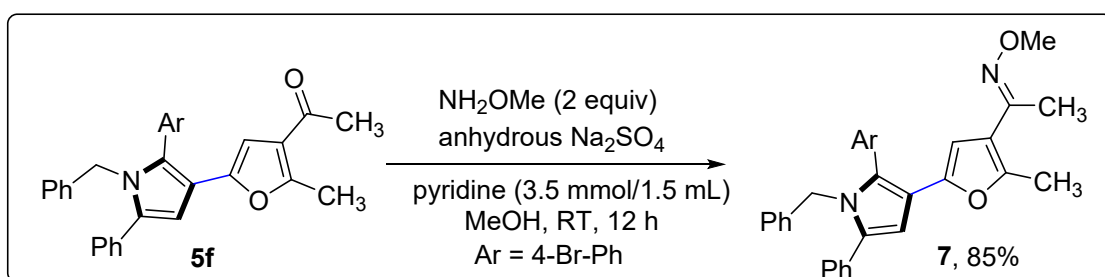
To a solution of **5f** (0.20 mmol, 102 mg) in MeOH (2 mL) was added NaBH₄ (0.40 mmol, 15.12 mg) at room temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 min under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was poured into H₂O (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL) and dried with Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent, the residue was subjected to column chromatography to get **6** as brown color sticky solid (56.3 mg, 55% yield), ($R_f = 0.4$, SiO₂ EtOAc:Hexane, 10:90).

1-(5-(1-benzyl-2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-2-methylfuran-3-yl)ethan-1-ol (6): ¹H NMR



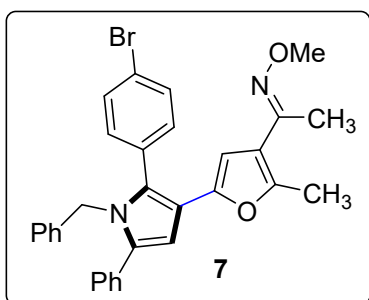
(500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 1.5 Hz, 3H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 4.74 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.32 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 148.0, 143.4, 139.1, 137.1, 135.0, 132.9, 131.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 127.0, 126.9, 126.2, 125.1, 121.8, 119.7, 110.9, 109.2, 62.8, 49.2, 24.0, 12.0. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₃₀H₂₅BrNO [M-OH] 494.1120, found 494.1109.

General Procedure for the Preparation of Oxime Ether 7:



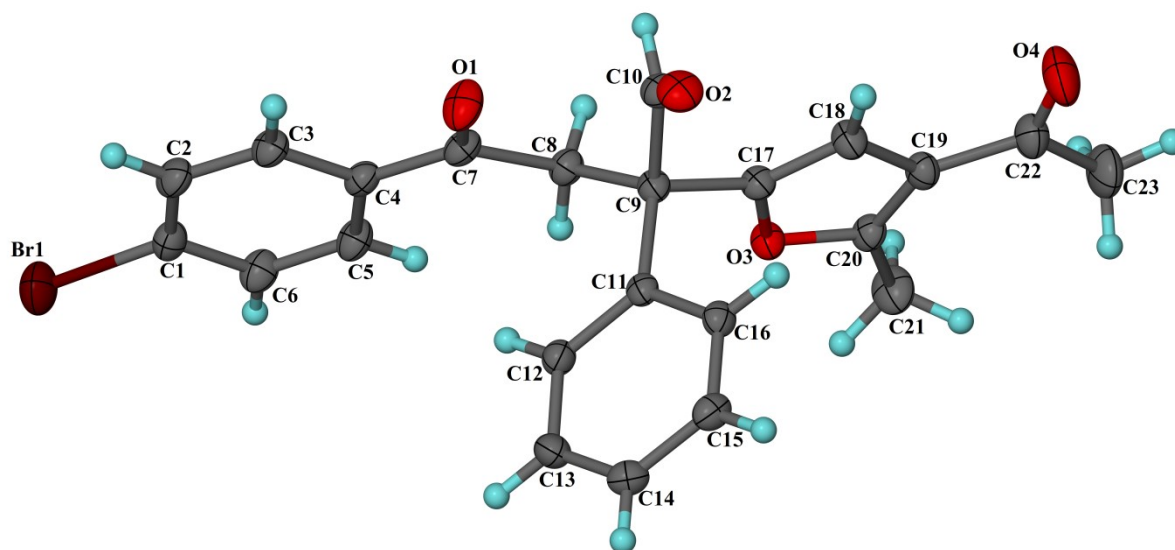
Compound **5f** (0.2 mmol, 102 mg), methoxylamine hydrochloride (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv, 33.2 mg), anhydrous Na₂SO₄ (4 mmol, 2.0 equiv, 56.8 mg), pyridine (.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv, .016 ml), and methanol (2 ml) were added to a 10 ml round-bottom flask. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was diluted with saturated NH₄Cl solution (25 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 25 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (R_f = 0.8, SiO₂ EtOAc:Hexane, 2:98) as the eluent to give the desired product **7** (51.8 mg, 85% yield).

(E)-1-(5-(1-benzyl-2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-2-methylfuran-3-yl)ethan-1-one O-methyl oxime (7): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 6.93 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 150.8, 150.3, 143.3, 139.1, 137.2, 134.8, 132.9, 131.4, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.1, 126.1, 125.3, 112.0, 109.3, 61.8, 49.1, 14.2, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C₃₁H₂₈BrN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 539.1334, found 539.1326.

5. X-ray crystallography data



Sample Preparation for Crystal Growth: The compound **3ha** was dissolved in CDCl_3 in beaker and kept for slow evaporation at room temperature. Formation of needle shape crystals was observed after seven days. The single crystals were then subjected to X-ray diffraction analysis.

Figure caption: ORTEP diagram of KB187 compound with the atom-numbering. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 35% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius. **CCDC deposition number 2164031** contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper which can be obtained free of charge at <https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/>

Crystal data for KB187: $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2\text{Br}_1$, $M = 439.29$, Monoclinic, Space group $P2_1/n$ (No. 14), $a = 11.9543(16)\text{\AA}$, $b = 13.1009(16)\text{\AA}$, $c = 12.3965(14)\text{\AA}$, $\alpha = 90^\circ$, $\beta = 98.422(3)^\circ$, $\gamma = 90^\circ$, $V = 1920.5(4)\text{\AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, $D_c = 1.519\text{ g/cm}^3$, $F_{000} = 896$, Bruker D8 QUEST PHOTON-III-C7 detector, Mo-K α radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073\text{ \AA}$, $T = 293(2)\text{K}$, $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 56^\circ$, $\mu = 2.167\text{ mm}^{-1}$, 29016 reflections collected, 4708 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0521$), 255 parameters, $R1 = 0.0389$, $wR2 = 0.0939$, R indices based on 3349 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ (refinement on F^2), Final $\text{Goof} = 1.026$, largest difference hole and peak = -0.530 and 0.382 e.\AA^{-3} .

Data collection and Structure solution details:

X-ray data for the compound were collected at room temperature on a Bruker D8 QUEST instrument with an $\text{I}\mu\text{S}$ Mo microsource ($\lambda = 0.7107\text{ \AA}$) and a PHOTON-100 detector. The raw data frames were reduced and corrected for absorption effects using the Bruker Apex 3 software suite programs [1]. The structure was solved using intrinsic phasing method [2] and further refined with the SHELXL [2-3] program and expanded using Fourier techniques. Anisotropic displacement parameters were included for all non-hydrogen atoms. All C bound H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding on their parent C atoms [C-H =

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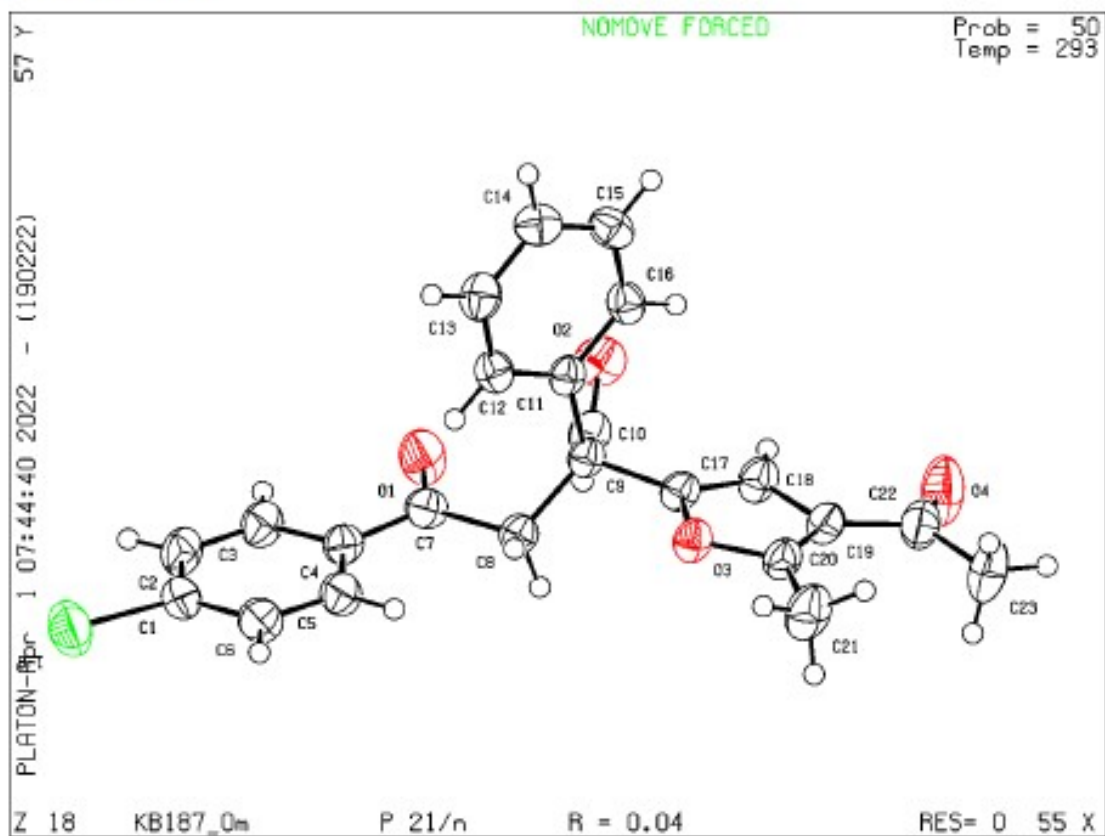
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