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Supporting Information

Transition-Metal-Free Synthesis of Functional 2-Arylphenols by Intermolecular S_NAr Reaction between

Dibenzofurans and Various Nucleophiles

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I. General Information

Reagents

All compounds were used as received unless otherwise noted.

Bases

All bases, unless otherwise noted, were stored and handled in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. KO'Bu was purchased from *Bidepharm* and used as received. The bases used were NaO'Bu (*Accela*), LiO'Bu (*Accela*)), K₂CO₃ (*Energy Chemical*). Be aware of the dangers when using strong base.

Solvents:

All solvents, unless otherwise noted, were stored and handled in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. The solvent used were THF (*Energy Chemical*), 1,4-dioxane (*Innochem*), cyclopentyl Methyl ether (CPME) (*Energy Chemical*), toluene (*Innochem*), N,N-Dimethylformamide (DMF) (*Innochem*).

Analytical Methods

¹H nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy chemical shifts are reported in ppm and referenced to TMS (tetramethylsilane) in CDCl₃ ($\delta = 0$ ppm) or the residual solvent peak for CDCl₃ ($\delta = 7.26$ ppm). For ¹³C NMR chemical shifts, the residual solvent peak (CDCl₃, $\delta = 77.00$ ppm) was used as references. ³¹P-NMR were recorded on Bruker 400 MHz at 25 °C in (CD₃)₂SO. NMR spectra were recorded on Avance Bruker NMR spectrometers operating at either 400 MHz or 500 MHz and data analysis was performed using the MestReNova software. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm), multiplicities are indicated by s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet). Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz. GC analyses were performed on an Agilent 7890B GC equipped with HP-5 columns (30 m × 320 µm × 0.25 µm), FID detectors, and hydrogen as the carrier gas. A sample volume of 1 µL was injected at a temperature of 250 °C and a 15:1 split ratio.

The initial inlet pressure was 2.7 psi but varied as the column flow was held constant at 1 mL/min for the duration of the run. The initial oven temperature of 60 °C was held for 0 min followed by a temperature ramp of 50 °C/min up to 300 °C. The temperature was held at 300 °C for 6 min. The total run time was ~10.8 min and the FID temperature was 300 °C. GC/MS analyses were performed on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010SE equipped with an RTX-5MS column (30 m \times 0.25 mm \times 0.25 µm) with a quadrupole mass analyzer using helium as the carrier gas. The analysis method used in all cases was 5 µL injection of sample, an injection temp of 250 °C, and no split ratio. The initial inlet pressure was 7.8 psi, but varied as the column flow was held constant at 1.7 mL/min for the duration of the run. The interface temperature was held at 250 °C, and the ion source (EI+, 30 eV) was held at 250 °C. The initial oven temperature was held at 50 °C for 1 min with the detector off, followed by a temperature ramp, with the detector on, to 250 °C at 30 °C /min. The temperature was held at 250 °C for 0 min, then to 280 °C and held for 7 min. Total run time was 16.2 min. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) was carried out on an electrospray (ESI+) ionization method (ESIquadrupole). Thin layer chromatography was performed on TLC Silica Gel 60 F254 plates. Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel 60, particle size 0.040-0.063 mm using standard flash techniques. Chiral HPLC analyses were performed on SHIMADZU LC-15C system.

Procedure

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were conducted in an oven-dried vial with a magnetic stirrer under nitrogen atmosphere. All the reaction temperatures reported are oil bath temperatures.

II. Methods for the Synthesis of Dibenzofuran Derivatives

1. Synthesis of benzofuran substrates.























All the substrates above were synthesized according to the literature reports.¹⁻⁵ All spectroscopic data of known molecules match those previously reported in the literature. Some new dibenzofuran derivatives were synthesized with the following procedure.

2. General procedure for the preparation of dibenzofuran.

General Procedure I



The mixture of **S1** (6.7 mmol, 1.6 g) and **S2** (13.4 mmol, 1.2 g) were stirred in dimethylformamide (DMF, 100 mL) and refluxed (an oil bath) for 12 h under nitrogen condition. After cooling to room temperature, poured into ice water (50 mL), and extracted by EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The filter cake was purified by column chromatography using dichloromethane and hexane as eluents. The purified product was obtained as white solid.¹

General Procedure II



The mixture of 2-bromophenols (**S3**, 5 mmol), aryl halides (**S4**, 5 mmol), and anhydrous K_2CO_3 (10 mmol, 1.4 g) in DMF (30 mL) in 100 ml rockered flask was stirred at 90 °C (an oil bath) (for 2-chloronitrobenzene or 4-bromonitrobenzene, under reflux conditions) under an argon atmosphere and the reaction process was checked by TLC. When the starting materials was nearly consumed, Pd(OAc)₂ (0.25 mmol, 56 mg) and PPh₃ (0.5 mmol, 131 mg) were added to the above mixture, which was continued to be stirred at 90 °C (for 2-chloronitrobenzene or 4-bromonitrobenzene, under reflux conditions) under an argon atmosphere. When the reaction was complete according to TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was cooled to r.t., poured into ice water (50 mL), and extracted by EtOAc. Subsequently, the combined organic phase was washed by brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated in vacuo and purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the pure dibenzofurans.²

General Procedure III



To a mixture of **S6** (4 mmol) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.08 mmol) in 1,2-dimethoxyethane (21 mL) was added a solution of **S5** (5.2 mmol) in ethanol (21 mL), followed by addition of 2.0 M sodium carbonate aqueous solution (21 mL). Then, the mixture was refluxed (an oil bath) for 24 h under nitrogen. After cooling, the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate (50 mL), and then the solution was washed with water (50 mL) and sat. brine (50 mL). The obtained organic solution was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. The solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using ethyl acetate as eluent to obtain product as white powder.³

General Procedure IV



To a flame-dried reaction flask charged with a magnetic stir bar, under argon, at room temperature was added **S7** (5 mmol, 1.1 g) and CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL). The brown suspension was cooled to 0°C and then oxalyl chloride (2.0 M in dichloromethane, 15.0 mL, 6.3 mmol) was added followed by anhydrous DMF (0.13 mL). The resulting brown solution was stirred at 0°C for 1 h, equilibrated to room temperature, and then the solvent was evaporated and the resulting residue was used in the next step without purification. Then, to a solution of amine **S8** (5 mmol) in chloroform (50 mL) was added dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carbonyl chloride (5 mmol) and stirred under inert conditions for half an hour at room temperature. The resulting mixture was refluxed (an oil bath) with stirring for the next 2 hours. The reaction mixture was treated by the dropwise addition of pyridine over 10 minutes. The mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and stirred overnight. The mixture was washed well with 0.5 M HCl, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the corresponding amide.⁴

General Procedure V



To **S9** (3 mmol, 588 mg) was added tert-butylamine (3 mmol, 219 mg). The mixture was flushed with N_2 and the vial was carefully sealed. The reaction was stirred at 100 °C (an oil bath) for 24 h, diluted with ether, and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Removal of the solvent afforded 751 mg (99%) of the imine **1p** as a yellow solid.⁵

III. Characterization of Dibenzofurans

dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carbonitrile (1a)¹



According to the general procedure I, the reaction gave **1a** in 88% yield (1138 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz,

1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 156.0, 130.3, 128.6, 125.5, 125.4, 123.8, 122.9, 122.7, 121.0, 115.0, 112.1, 96.6.

2-methyldibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carbonitrile (1b)



According to the general procedure II, the reaction gave **1b** in 77% yield (797 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.5, 154.5, 132.9, 130.8, 128.4, 125.7, 125.5, 123.6, 122.8, 120.9, 115.1, 112.1, 95.9, 21.0. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₄H₉NO 208.0757; found: 208.0757.

2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carbonitrile (1c)



According to the general procedure II, the reaction gave 1c in 76% yield (1007 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H),

4.18 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 156.5, 156.1, 134.9, 129.8, 129.5, 125.5, 125.4, 124.7, 122.7, 122.5, 115.2, 112.6, 102.3, 95.6, 65.6. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁NO₃ 266.0812; found: 266.0812.

8-methyldibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carbonitrile (1d)²



According to the general procedure II, the reaction gave 1d in 70% yield (725 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* =

8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.3, 154.6, 133.4, 130.0, 129.6, 125.5, 125.2, 122.7, 122.7, 120.8, 115.1, 111.6, 96.4, 21.3.

dibenzo[b,d]furan-2-carbonitrile (1e)



According to the general procedure I, the reaction gave 1e in 87% yield (1125 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 5H), 7.66 – 7.58 (m,

7H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 5H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9, 156.7, 130.8, 128.7, 125.3, 125.2, 123.7, 122.5, 121.0, 119.2, 112.8, 112.0, 106.5. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]+ Calcd. for C₁₃H₇NO 194.0600; found: 194.0601.

3-(trifluoromethyl)dibenzo[b,d]furan-2-carbonitrile (1f)



According to the general procedure II, the reaction gave **1f** in 66% yield (861 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.13 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.40 – 8.29 (m, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80

-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.5, 156.9, 130.8, 130.0, 128.0, 125.1, 124.3, 123.2, 121.7, 116.5, 112.9, 112.5, 112.5, 108.2. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -59.5. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]+ Calcd. for C₁₄H₆F₃NO 262.0474; found: 262.0476.

2-(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)-4-methylpyridine (1g)³

Me



According to the general procedure III, the reaction gave 1g in 66% yield (684 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.28 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t,

J= 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1, 153.6, 151.1, 150.2, 137.1, 132.0, 127.2, 127.0, 125.1, 124.3, 124.1, 123.7, 123.3, 122.9, 120.9, 120.7, 111.8, 18.3.

4-methyl-2-(3-phenyldibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)pyridine (1h)



According to the general procedure III, the reaction gave **1h** in 54% yield (724 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 7.7 Hz, 2H),

7.53 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 5H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.8, 154.8, 154.6, 149.2, 146.9, 140.9, 140.3, 130.0, 127.9, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 125.3, 124.4, 124.1, 123.8, 123.1, 122.8, 120.6, 120.3, 112.1, 21.0. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]+ Calcd. for C₂₄H₁₇NO 336.1383; found: 336.1383.

4-methyl-2-(6-phenyldibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)pyridine (1i)³



According to the general procedure III, the reaction gave **1i** in 52% yield (697 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d,

J=4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.6, 153.1, 153.0, 149.4, 147.5, 136.4, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.1, 126.6, 125.6, 125.2, 125.0, 124.6, 123.9, 123.5, 123.4, 123.3, 121.2, 119.8, 21.3.

2-(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)-5-methylpyridine (1j)³



According to the general procedure III, the reaction gave 1j in 69% yield (715 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6

Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1, 153.7, 153.6, 149.5, 147.6, 127.4, 127.2, 125.1, 124.4, 124.0, 123.5, 123.2, 122.9, 121.0, 120.6, 111.8, 21.4.

4-(tert-butyl)-2-(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)pyridine (1k)³



According to the general procedure III, the reaction gave 1k in 74% yield (891 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.70 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz,

1H), 8.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.5, 156.1, 153.8, 153.6, 149.6, 127.3, 127.2, 125.1, 124.8, 124.0, 123.2, 122.9, 121.5, 121.0, 120.7, 119.6, 111.8, 34.9, 30.6.

2-(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)pyrimidine (11)



According to the general procedure III, the reaction gave **11** in 61% yield (600 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.97 (d, *J* = 4.8

Hz, 2H), 8.40 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 157.4, 156.5, 154.3, 133.8, 128.7, 127.3, 125.9, 123.6, 123.3, 122.9, 120.7, 120.4, 119.0, 112.3, 111.5.

N-phenyldibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carboxamide (1m)



According to the general procedure IV, the reaction gave **1m** in 89% yield (1277 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.43 (s, 1H), 8.32 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz,

2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.7, 155.4, 152.6, 138.1, 129.1, 129.1, 127.9, 124.9, 124.6, 124.4, 123.8, 123.5, 123.3, 120.9, 120.6, 118.2, 111.6. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]+ Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₃NO₂ 288.1019; found: 288.1021.

N-(4-methoxyphenyl)dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carboxamide (1n)



According to the general procedure IV, the reaction gave **1n** in 83% yield (1316 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.31 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H),

7.52 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6, 156.7, 155.5, 152.7, 131.2, 129.1, 127.9, 124.9, 124.3, 123.9, 123.5, 123.4, 122.4, 121.0, 118.3, 116.4, 114.3, 111.7, 55.6. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]+ Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₅NO₃ 318.1125; found: 318.1128.

N-benzyldibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carboxamide (10)



According to the general procedure IV, the reaction gave **10** in 64% yield (963 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.1

Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (m, 9H), 4.82 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 155.3, 152.8, 138.4, 128.9, 128.6, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 124.7, 123.9, 123.5, 123.1, 123.1, 120.7, 117.7, 111.5, 43.8. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₅NO₂ 302.1176; found: 302.1177.

(E)-N-tert-butyl-1-(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)methanimine (1p)



According to the general procedure V, the reaction gave 1p in 83% yield (655 mg) as white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.95 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H),

7.58 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dt, J = 14.4, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1, 155.2, 149.5, 127.3, 124.6, 124.1, 123.8, 122.9, 122.8, 122.0, 121.6, 120.6, 111.6, 57.9, 29.8. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]+ Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇NO 252.1383; found: 252.1383.

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V. Optimization Studies

Table S1. Selected optimization experiments for ring-opening of dibenzofuran^[a]

CN CN CN O Ta	+ H−O ⁱ Pr THF 80 °C, 12 h 2a	iv.) HO 3a
entry	deviation from the optimized conditions	yield(%) ^[b]
1	None	79(75) ^[c]
2	NaO'Bu instead of KO'Bu	12
3	LiO'Bu instead of KO'Bu	n.d.
4	K ₂ CO ₃ instead of KO'Bu	n.d.
5	KOMe instead of KO'Bu	52
6	"BuLi instead of KO'Bu	trace
7	1,4-dioxane instead of THF	47
8	CPME instead of THF	19
9	Et ₂ O instead of THF	50
10	toluene instead of THF	21
11	DME instead of THF	60
12	DMF instead of THF	n.d.
13	1 equiv of KO'Bu	66
14	2 equiv of KO'Bu	63
15	60 °C instead of 80 °C	61
16	100 °C instead of 80 °C	70

^[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol, 19.3 mg), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 18.0 mg), KO'Bu (1.5 equiv., 0.15 mmol, 16.8 mg), THF (2 M, 0.2 mL), 80 °C, 12 h, N₂. ^[b] Yields were determined by GC analysis with n-dodecane as the internal standard. ^[c] Isolated yield.

VI. General Procedures for Transition-Metal-Free Transformation

of Dibenzofurans

General procedure A



A sealed tube was charged with dibenzofuran 1 (0.3 mmol) and KO'Bu (0.45 mmol, 50.5 mg) at room temperature, then THF (2 M, 0.6 mL) and 2 (0.9 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C (heating mantle) for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM, filtered through a plug of silica gel, and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 50:1-5:1) to afford the corresponding product 3.

General procedure B



A sealed tube was charged with dibenzofuran 1 (0.2mmol) and ^{*n*}BuLi (0.4 mmol, 0.25 mL, 1.6 mol/L in THF) at room temperature, then THF (5 M, 1 mL) and 4 (0.4 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 40 °C (heating mantle) for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM, filtered through a plug of silica gel, and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 50:1-5:1) to afford the corresponding product **5**.

General procedure C



A sealed tube was charged with dibenzofuran **1** (0.2 mmol) and KO'Bu (0.2 mmol, 22.4 mg) at room temperature, then DMF (1 M, 0.2 mL) and **6a** (0.2 mmol, 37.2 mg)

was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 100 °C (heating mantle) for 8 h. After the reaction completed, the mixture was quenched with saturation NaCl solution (5 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20:1–4:1) to yield the corresponding product 7.

VII. Analysis Data for the Products

2'-hydroxy-2-isopropoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3a)



According to the general procedure A, a sealed tube was charged with dibenzofuran **1a** (0.3 mmol, 57.9 mg) and KO'Bu (0.45 mmol, 50.0 mg) at room temperature, then THF (2 M, 0.6 mL) and **2a** (0.9 mmol, 54.1 mg) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C (heating

HO mantle) for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM, filtered through a plug of silica gel, and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 50:1–5:1) to afford the corresponding product **3a** in 75% yield (57 mg) as white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.32 (m, *J* = 21.1, 13.6, 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 4.21 (p, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 153.3, 137.3, 134.0, 132.9, 130.6, 130.3, 125.3, 125.0, 121.5, 118.6, 116.6, 108.9, 79.9, 21.9. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅NO₂ 254.1176; found: 254.1176.

2'-hydroxy-2-isopropoxy-5-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3b)



According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **3b** in 71% yield (57 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1–5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 4.07 (p, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H),

1.08 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.4, 153.4, 138.0, 135.3, 133.6, 133.0, 130.5, 130.2, 125.2, 121.4, 118.7, 116.7, 108.5, 79.8, 21.9, 20.5. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇NO₂ 268.1332; found: 268.1333.

5-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2'-hydroxy-2-isopropoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3c)



According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **3c** in 75% yield (73 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1–5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.09

-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 4.19 (p, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.14 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 4.08 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 153.3, 135.5, 135.5, 133.9, 131.0, 130.6, 130.4, 124.8, 121.4, 118.5, 116.3, 108.9, 102.0, 80.1, 65.4, 21.9. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉NO₄ 326.1387; found: 326.1387.

2'-hydroxy-2-isopropoxy-5'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3d)



According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **3d** in 79% yield (63 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1–5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 4.11 (p, *J* =

6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 151.0, 137.2, 134.1, 132.7, 130.9, 130.8, 130.7, 125.2, 124.7, 118.5, 116.6, 108.9, 79.8, 21.9, 20.4. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]+ Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇NO₂ 268.1332; found: 268.1334.

2'-hydroxy-6-isopropoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3e)



According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **3e** in 78% yield (59 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1–5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (s, 1H),

4.62 (p, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.1, 153.7, 136.5, 133.0, 131.1, 130.2, 129.9, 124.6, 121.2, 118.7, 117.8, 114.8, 105.3, 72.9, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M-H]⁻ Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅NO₂ 252.1030; found: 252.1027.

2'-hydroxy-6-isopropoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3f)



According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **3f** in 59% yield (57 mg) as yellow solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1–5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 4.77 (p, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C

NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.1, 153.6, 138.8, 133.6, 133.4, 133.1, 131.1, 130.6, 123.1, 121.3, 117.8, 115.5, 112.3, 102.3, 73.6, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M-H]⁻ Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄F₃NO₂ 320.0904; found: 320.0902.

2-ethoxy-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3g)



According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **3g** in 89% yield (64 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.61 (s,

1H), 3.85 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0, 153.4, 137.2, 133.3, 132.9, 130.7, 130.3, 125.3, 124.3, 121.3, 118.3, 116.1, 107.9, 72.1, 15.2. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M-H]⁻ Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃NO₂ 238.0874; found: 238.0869.

2-butoxy-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3h)



According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **3h** in 82% yield (65 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.06 (m 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 3.87 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.34 (h, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.82

(t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.3, 153.4, 137.3, 133.3, 133.1, 130.7, 130.3, 125.4, 124.5, 121.4, 118.4, 116.2, 107.8, 76.2, 31.7, 18.6, 13.5. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M-H]⁻ Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇NO₂ 266.1187; found: 266.1184. **2-(cyclobutylmethoxy)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3i)**



According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **3i** in 80% yield (67 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1– 5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.56 (s, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42

(p, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.88 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.61 – 1.51 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 159.3, 155.0, 137.8, 133.7, 132.9, 131.3, 129.8, 124.4, 123.8, 119.2, 117.2, 116.1, 106.8, 77.9, 34.8, 24.2, 18.3. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M-H]⁻ Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇NO₂ 278.1187; found: 278.1184.

2-(hex-5-yn-1-yloxy)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3j)



According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **3j** in 40% yield (35 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1–5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 3.99 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (m, 2H),

1.80 (p, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.4, 153.3, 137.2, 133.1, 133.0, 130.7, 130.3, 125.2, 124.2, 121.3, 118.1, 116.1, 107.7, 77.4, 76.3, 74.8, 29.1, 15.0, 3.3. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M-H]⁻ Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇NO₂ 290.1186; found: 290.1182.

2'-hydroxy-2-(pent-4-en-1-yloxy)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3k)



According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **3k** in 46% yield (38 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.36 (dt, J = 11.6, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dd, J = 7.4,

1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 5.77 – 5.59 (m, 1H), 4.99 – 4.88 (m, 2H), 3.91 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.76 (dt, J = 8.2, 6.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.3, 153.4, 137.3, 137.1, 133.2, 133.1, 130.8, 130.4, 125.4, 124.4, 121.4, 118.4, 116.2, 115.3, 107.8, 75.7, 29.5, 28.8. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M-H]⁻ Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇NO₂ 278.1187; found: 278.1185.

2-(cyclopentyloxy)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (31)



According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **31** in 68% yield (57 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1–5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.02 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 4.54 (dt, *J* = 5.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s, 2H), 1.58 (s, 2H), 1.53 – 1.35 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1, 153.5, 137.3, 133.8, 133.1, 130.6, 130.3, 125.1, 125.1, 121.5,

118.5, 116.6, 108.3, 89.4, 32.5, 23.0. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: $[M-H]^-$ Calcd. for $C_{18}H_{17}NO_2$ 278.1187; found: 278.1185.

2-(cyclohexyloxy)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3m)



According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **3m** in 68% yield (60 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1–5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 3.93 (m, 1H), 1.77 (t, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 1.72 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.42 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 4.2 Hz, 3H), 1.17 – 0.99 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.8, 153.4, 137.2, 134.0,

132.9, 130.6, 130.2, 125.1, 125.1, 121.4, 118.6, 116.7, 108.6, 85.5, 31.9, 24.8, 23.7. 68% HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: $[M-H]^-$ Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{19}NO_2$ 292.1343; found: 292.1342.

2'-hydroxy-2-(((1S,2R,4S)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl)oxy)-[1,1'biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3n)



According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **3n** in 93% yield (97 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (td, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 2.14 (m, 1H), 1.79 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.64 (a, J = 4.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.21

HO (m, 1H), 1.64 (q, J = 4.7, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.31 – 1.22 (m, 2H), 0.92 – 0.84 (m, 2H), 0.79 (s, 6H), 0.63 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9, 153.2, 137.3, 133.3, 132.5, 130.4, 130.1, 125.1, 124.1, 121.2, 117.6, 116.9, 107.3, 91.5, 49.8, 47.7, 44.4, 34.7, 27.7, 26.4, 19.6, 18.5, 13.2. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M-H]⁻ Calcd. for C₂₃H₂₅NO₂ 346.1813; found: 346.1810. HPLC analysis: ee = 94%. ODH (80% hexanes: 20% isopropanol, 1 mL/min) $t_{minor} = 13.1$ min, $t_{major} = 8.0$ min.



(R)-2'-hydroxy-2-((1-methoxypropan-2-yl)oxy)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (30)

CN 0 O HO According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **30** in 49% yield (42 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (dd, J = 32.4, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, J = 13.0, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 4.21 (m, 1H), 3.50 – 3.24 (m, 2H),

3.14 (s, 3H), 1.15 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.8, 153.4, 137.2, 133.2, 132.9, 130.7, 130.2, 125.2, 125.0, 121.5, 118.6, 116.7, 108.6, 80.9, 76.1, 58.8, 16.9. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇NO₃ 284.1281; found: 284.1282. HPLC analysis: ee = 96%. ODH (80% hexanes: 20% isopropanol, 0.8 mL/min) $t_{minor} = 5.8$ min, $t_{major} = 5.5$ min.



2-(heptan-2-yloxy)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3p)



According to the general procedure A, the reaction gave **3p** in 73% yield (67 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.17 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.29 – 1.20 (m, 4H),

1.17 – 1.13 (m, 2H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.8, 153.4, 137.2, 134.0, 133.0, 130.6, 130.2, 125.2, 125.1, 121.5, 118.5, 116.6, 108.8, 83.3, 36.0, 31.5, 24.5, 22.4, 19.2, 13.9. 73% HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M-H]⁻ Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₃NO₂ 308.1656; found: 308.1655. **3'-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2'-morpholino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5a)**

 $3 - (4 - \operatorname{meth} y_1 p_y_1 \operatorname{m} - 2 - y_1) - 2 - \operatorname{mot} p_1 \operatorname{mot} p_1 \operatorname{mot} p_1 (1, 1 - p_1 p_1) \operatorname{mot} y_1) - 2 - o_1 (3, 1)$



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave **5a** in 91% yield (63 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.27 (s, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 7.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 3H),

7.07 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.86 (td, J = 7.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 4H), 2.52 – 2.46 (m, 4H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 159.8, 155.0, 149.2, 148.2, 147.0, 139.0, 137.6, 132.1, 131.7, 130.4, 128.8, 128.7, 125.7, 123.6, 123.1, 119.0, 115.9, 66.5, 51.6, 21.0. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₂N₂O₂ 347.1754; found: 347.1754.

3'-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2'-morpholino-[1,1':4',1''-terphenyl]-2-ol (5b)



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave **5b** in 88% yield (74 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.36 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 5H), 7.09 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t,

J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 2.43 (m, 4H), 2.21 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 159.0, 155.2, 148.9, 148.4, 146.1, 141.5, 141.2, 140.4, 139.4, 137.2, 131.7, 129.7, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.5, 126.7, 125.8, 122.8, 119.0, 115.9, 66.6, 51.4, 20.9. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₈H₂₆N₂O₂ 423.2067; found: 423.2067.

3-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2-morpholino-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-ol (5c)



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave **5c** in 86% yield (73 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1–5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.71 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.21 (m, 9H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, *J* =

59.5 Hz, 4H), 2.76 (d, J = 140.9 Hz, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 150.3, 148.9, 148.0, 146.0, 138.8, 137.6, 137.6, 1338, 131.9, 130.8, 130.6, 130.3, 129.6, 129.5, 128.1, 126.9, 125.0, 124.7, 123.3, 120.9, 67.0, 21.3. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₈H₂₆N₂O₂ 423.2067; found: 423.2067. **3'-(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2'-morpholino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5d)**



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave **5d** in 57% yield (40 mg) as yellow solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1–5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.26 (s, 1H), 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.9

Hz, 1H), 7.20 - 7.06 (m, 4H), 6.95 - 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.88 - 6.82 (m, 1H), 3.06 (t, J = 4.1 Hz, 4H), 2.54 - 2.46 (m, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.2, 155.0, 149.7, 148.3, 138.9, 137.7, 137.0, 132.0, 131.7, 131.3, 130.5, 128.8, 128.7, 124.4, 123.6, 119.0, 115.9, 66.4, 51.6, 18.2. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₂N₂O₂ 347.1754; found: 347.1757.

3'-(4-(tert-butyl)pyridin-2-yl)-2'-morpholino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5e)



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave **5e** in 83% yield (65 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.36 (dd, J = 5.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J =

7.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.07 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 3.05 (s, 4H), 2.56 – 2.45 (m, 4H), 1.33 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 159.9, 159.4, 155.0, 149.6, 148.1, 139.2, 137.2, 132.2, 131.7, 130.5, 128.9, 128.7, 123.5, 121.8, 119.4, 119.1, 116.0, 66.4, 51.6, 34.9, 30.8. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₅H₂₈N₂O₂ 389.2224; found: 389.2224. **2'-morpholino-3'-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5f)**



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave **5f** in 51% yield (34 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1–5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.24 (s, 1H), 8.94 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.87 (m,

1H), 3.04 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 4H), 2.57 – 2.44 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.0, 157.8, 155.0, 148.7, 138.5, 137.7, 132.5, 131.7, 130.5, 128.7, 128.4, 123.7, 119.8, 119.0, 115.9, 66.6, 51.4. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉N₃O₄ 334.1550; found: 334.1550.

2'-hydroxy-2-morpholino-N-phenyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carboxamide (5g)



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave **5g** in 81% yield (61 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1–5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.27

(t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.96 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.32 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (s, 1H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 156.0, 153.0, 142.3, 138.0, 129.1, 127.2, 125.3, 124.6, 123.7, 123.2, 122.5, 121.9, 120.5, 120.2, 119.8, 111.8, 34.3, 33.4, 22.7, 14.0. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₃H₂₂N₂O₃ 374.1650; found: 374.1650.

2'-hydroxy-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-morpholino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carboxamide



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave 5h in 88% yield (71 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.12 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 3H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m,

2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 4H), 3.03 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 156.6, 153.0, 145.9, 136.9, 135.5, 132.7, 131.2, 131.0, 129.6, 129.2, 128.1, 125.0, 121.7, 121.0, 117.7, 114.3, 66.9, 59.2, 55.5. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ Calcd. for C₂₄H₂₄N₂O₄ 405.1809; found: 405.1811.

N-benzyl-2'-hydroxy-2-morpholino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carboxamide (5i)



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave 5i in 83% yield (65 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.31 (s, 1H), 8.99 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.04 (dd, J =

7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.21 – 3.14 (m, 4H), 2.72 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 169.7, 154.9, 147.6, 139.9, 137.7, 135.5, 133.2, 131.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3, 123.5, 119.1, 116.0, 66.8, 51.3, 43.1. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₄H₂₄N₂O₃ 389.1860; found: 389.1859.

2'-hydroxy-2-morpholino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbaldehyde (5j)



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave 5j in 77% yield (43 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1–5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.39 (s, 1H), 9.48 (s, 1H), 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.88 (m, 1H), 3.50 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 4H), 2.83 (s,

4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 192.7, 155.1, 153.2, 138.7, 137.0, 132.6, 131.5, 129.4, 128.2, 128.0, 123.9, 119.2, 115.9, 66.9, 53.1. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M-H]⁻ Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇NO₃ 282.1136; found: 282.1135.

2'-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)-3'-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5k)



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave 5k in 85% yield (64 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24 - 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 - 6.99(m, 2H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.33 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 5H),

2.04 – 1.84, (m, 1H), 1.23 (dd, J = 14.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR

(5h)

(126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 160.0, 153.3, 148.9, 147.9, 145.9, 137.3, 133.4, 131.7, 131.2, 129.2, 128.9, 124.9, 124.3, 123.2, 120.7, 117.7, 52.2, 52.1, 46.2, 41.3, 21.2, 11.8, 11.1. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₄H₂₇N₃O 374.2227; found: 374.2229.

2'-(4-(2-methoxyethyl)piperazin-1-yl)-3'-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5l)



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave **5l** in 88% yield (71 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.52 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 7.10 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.49 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 4H), 2.40 – 2.18 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.4,

153.4, 148.9, 147.8, 145.9, 137.3, 137.2, 133.7, 131.9, 131.3, 129.5, 129.0, 125.0, 124.2, 123.2, 120.8, 118.1, 69.8, 59.0, 58.8, 57.8, 53.3, 21.3. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ Calcd. for $C_{25}H_{29}N_3O_2$ 404.2333; found: 404.2335.

3'-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2'-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5m)



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave **5m** in 79% yield (52 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1–5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.08 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 4.6

Hz, 1H), 7.01 - 6.96 (m, 2H), 2.78 (s, 4H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.65 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.5, 155.1, 148.9, 148.0, 142.9, 138.2, 137.2, 133.8, 131.5, 131.4, 129.3, 128.8, 124.7, 124.2, 123.1, 120.3, 117.7, 51.1, 24.6, 21.2. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₂N₂O 331.1805; found: 331.1804. **2'-(azetidin-1-yl)-3'-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5n)**



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave **5n** in 84% yield (53 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.21

(s, 1H), 7.06 – 6.95 (m, 4H), 3.23 (d, J = 23.4 Hz, 4H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.84 (p, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 154.3, 148.9, 148.3, 146.9, 133.0, 131.3, 130.3, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 126.7, 125.7, 122.7, 120.5, 120.3, 117.0, 57.3, 21.1, 16.9. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₀N₂O 317.1648; found: 317.1648.

2'-(dimethylamino)-3'-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (50)



According to the general procedure B, the reaction gave **50** in 74% yield (45 mg) as colorless oil (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1-5:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.41 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s,

1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.02 (m, 4H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.6, 159.8, 154.0, 153.7, 152.0, 142.6, 141.4, 137.5, 136.2, 135.4, 133.7, 133.3, 129.6, 127.8, 127.7, 124.1, 121.1, 48.2, 25.9. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀N₂O 305.1648; found: 305.1649.

2-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (7a)

According to the general procedure C, the reaction gave **7a** in 69% yield (52 mg) as yellow solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1-2:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.64 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 8.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 11.4, 7.7 Hz, 8H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H),

6.95 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.79 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 154.9, 149.7, 149.4, 138.9, 135.7, 134.4, 132.8, 132.7, 132.0, 131.9, 131.0, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 125.9, 120.1, 119.1, 118.7, 117.8, 116.6, 115.5. ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -10.5. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₅H₁₈NOP 380.1199; found: 380.1200.

2-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-5-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (7b)



CN

HO

PPh₂

According to the general procedure C, the reaction gave **7b** in 67% yield (53 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1-2:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.62 (s, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 - 7.28 (m, 8H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 - 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.98 - 6.94 (m, 1H),

6.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 155.0, 149.7, 149.4, 141.2, 136.2, 136.1, 135.4, 132.7, 132.6, 132.0, 131.8, 130.9, 129.6, 128.9, 128.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 128.2, 119.0, 118.6, 118.5, 117.9, 115.5, 20.7. ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -12.0. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₆H₂₀NOP 394.1355; found: 394.1360.

5-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3carbonitrile (7c)



According to the general procedure C, the reaction gave 7c in 82% yield (74 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1-2:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.88 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20 (dd, J = 4.4, 2.2 Hz, 3H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.86 (dd, J

= 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.81 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.05 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 3.96 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 156.5, 154.8, 144.9, 140.2, 133.8, 132.0, 131.0, 128.5, 128.3, 124.9, 122.6, 120.8, 116.7, 115.6, 111.7, 102.7, 101.7, 92.6, 65.7. ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -10.9. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₈H₂₂NO₃P 452.1410; found: 452.1410.

2-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-5'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (7d)

CN PPh₂ HO According to the general procedure C, the reaction gave 7d in 71% yield (56 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1-2:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.40 (s, 1H), 7.83 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.40 - 7.23 (m, 11H), 6.98 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J =

8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 152.6, 149.7, 149.4, 138.9, 138.7, 136.2, 136.0, 135.6, 135.5, 132.9, 132.8, 132.1, 131.9, 131.5, 130.9, 130.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.4, 118.6, 117.8, 115.4, 20.5. ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -10.3. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₆H₂₀NOP 394.1355; found: 394.1359.

6-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (7e)



According to the general procedure C, the reaction gave 7e in 92% yield (70 mg) as white solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1-2:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.58 (s, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 3.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 6H), 7.20 – 7.09 (m, 6H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81

(dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 154.7, 146.3, 146.1, 144.7, 144.6, 136.8, 136.6, 134.6, 134.1, 134.1, 133.8, 133.6, 131.3, 131.3, 131.0, 129.9, 129.4, 129.4, 129.1, 126.7, 126.7, 119.0, 118.7, 115.9, 111.9. ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -12.3. HRMS (ESI-quadrupole) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₂₅H₁₈NOP 380.1199; found: 380.1204.

6-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3carbonitrile (7f)

F₃C PPh₂ NC HO According to the general procedure C, the reaction gave **7f** in 56% yield (50 mg) as yellow solid (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1-2:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.12 (s, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.07 – 7.83 (m, 2H),

7.78 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 7.32 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.90 – 6.60 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.5, 156.9, 133.9, 130.8, 130.0, 129.9, 129.4, 128.0, 125.1, 124.3, 123.2, 121.7, 118.8, 116.5, 116.1, 112.9, 112.5, 103.4. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -51.4. ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -10.8. HRMS (ESIquadrupole) m/z: [M-H]⁻ Calcd. for C₂₆H₁₇F₃NOP 446.0927; found: 446.0921.

VIII. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, ¹⁹F NMR, ³¹P NMR spectra

dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carbonitrile (1a)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-methyldibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carbonitrile (1b)



2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carbonitrile (1c) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



8-methyldibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carbonitrile (1d)



dibenzo[b,d]furan-2-carbonitrile (1e)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)



3-(trifluoromethyl)dibenzo[b,d]furan-2-carbonitrile (1f)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



3-(trifluoromethyl)dibenzo[b,d]furan-2-carbonitrile (1f)

¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





2-(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)-4-methylpyridine (1g)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)



4-methyl-2-(3-phenyldibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)pyridine (1h)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





4-methyl-2-(6-phenyldibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)pyridine (1i)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)-5-methylpyridine (1j)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





4-(tert-butyl)-2-(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)pyridine (1k)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)


2-(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)pyrimidine (11)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



100 90 f1 (ppm) 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10

0 -10

200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110

N-phenyldibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carboxamide (1m)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)



N-(4-methoxyphenyl)dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carboxamide (1n)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)



N-benzyldibenzo[b,d]furan-4-carboxamide (10)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)



(E)-N-tert-butyl-1-(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)methanimine (1p) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)



2'-hydroxy-2-isopropoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3a) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



2'-hydroxy-2-isopropoxy-5-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3b) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)



5-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2'-hydroxy-2-isopropoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3c) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



2'-hydroxy-2-isopropoxy-5'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3d) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)



2'-hydroxy-6-isopropoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3e)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



2'-hydroxy-6-isopropoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3f) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-ethoxy-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3g)

2-butoxy-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3h)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



2-(cyclobutylmethoxy)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3i) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



2-(hex-5-yn-1-yloxy)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3j) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



2'-hydroxy-2-(pent-4-en-1-yloxy)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3k) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



2-(cyclopentyloxy)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3l) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

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2-(cyclohexyloxy)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3m) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



2'-hydroxy-2-(((1S,2R,4S)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl)oxy)-[1,1'biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3n) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



(R)-2'-hydroxy-2-((1-methoxypropan-2-yl)oxy)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (30) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-(heptan-2-yloxy)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (3p) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

3'-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2'-morpholino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5a) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



3'-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2'-morpholino-[1,1':4',1''-terphenyl]-2-ol (5b) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



3-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2-morpholino-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-ol (5c) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



3'-(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2'-morpholino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5d) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



40 30

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f1 (ppm)

0 180

130 120

3'-(4-(tert-butyl)pyridin-2-yl)-2'-morpholino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5e) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





2'-morpholino-3'-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5f) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)

63

80 70 60 50

40 30

20 10

0 -10

210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 f1 (ppm)



2'-hydroxy-2-morpholino-N-phenyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carboxamide (5g) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

2'-hydroxy-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-morpholino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carboxamide (5h)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



N-benzyl-2'-hydroxy-2-morpholino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carboxamide (5i) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



2'-hydroxy-2-morpholino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbaldehyde (5j) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



2'-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)-3'-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5k) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)



2'-(4-(2-methoxyethyl)piperazin-1-yl)-3'-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5l)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



3'-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2'-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5m) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



2'-(azetidin-1-yl)-3'-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (5n) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)







¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)




¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



2-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (7a)







¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



2-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-5-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (7b)



5-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3carbonitrile (7c)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6)



5-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-

carbonitrile (7c)



2-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-5'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (7d) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6)





2-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-5'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (7d) ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)

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6-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (7e) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





6-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile (7e)



6-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3carbonitrile (7f)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6)



 13 C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6)



6-(diphenylphosphaneyl)-2'-hydroxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3carbonitrile (7f)

¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)

