

**DMTSF-mediated electrophilic cyclization for the synthesis of
3-thiomethyl substituted benzo[b]furan derivatives**

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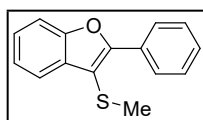
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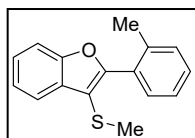
General. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively. Thin layer chromatography was performed using commercially prepared 60-mesh silica gel plates, utilizing short wavelength UV light (254 nm) for effective visualization. All obtained melting points are uncorrected.

Reagents. All reagents were used directly as obtained commercially unless otherwise noted.

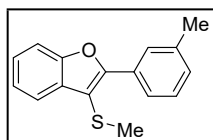
General Procedure for synthesis of benzofurans: To a 6-dram vial, a substituted (o-methoxy) phenylacetylene (100mg, 0.48mol), dimethyl(methylthio)sulfonium tetrafluoroborate (54.2mg, 0.58mol), and 5mL of dichloromethane was added. The reaction was monitored by TLC and stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered and absorbed in silica gel before purification via column chromatography using hexanes and ethyl acetate as the eluent.



3-(methylsulfanyl)-2-phenyl-1-benzofuran (3): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. Light yellow viscous liquid; 0.0928g, 83%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.28 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.31, 153.73, 131.19, 130.36, 129.02, 128.57, 127.32, 125.07, 123.21, 120.07, 111.38, 109.24, 18.46; FTIR (Salt Plate) cm^{-1} 3066, 2992, 2921, 2859, 1888, 1779, 1594, 1552, 1489, 1474, 1454, 1442, 1342, 1336, 1276, 1254, 1201, 1182, 1108, 1084, 1067, 1032, 1014, 1006, 970, 927, 888, 822;

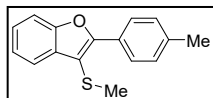


2-(2-methylphenyl)-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran (6): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. White solid; 0.1099g, 95%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.47, 154.30, 138.19, 131.07, 130.61, 130.00, 129.68, 129.50, 125.48, 124.74, 123.07, 119.99, 111.51, 110.84, 20.48, 18.33; FTIR (ATR) cm^{-1} 3065, 2921, 2858, 1729, 1590, 1447, 1382, 1246, 1196, 1071, 1041, 1007, 970, 890, 830, 762, 746, 721.

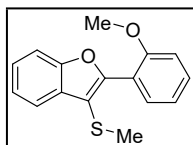


2-(3-methylphenyl)-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran (7): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. Colorless visous liquid; 0.1115g, 95%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.12 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, J = 6.4, 4.1, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.50, 153.69,

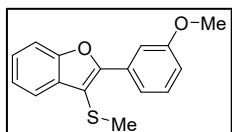
138.20, 131.21, 130.25, 129.86, 128.47, 127.84, 124.98, 124.58, 123.15, 120.03, 111.34, 109.07, 21.66, 18.44; FTIR (Salt Plate) cm^{-1} 3070, 2908, 2875, 2430, 1710, 1576, 1430, 1382, 1260, 1213, 1052, 1023, 1014, 963, 922, 897, 837, 750, 731, 707.



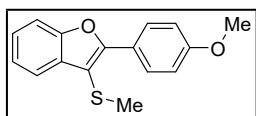
2-(4-methylphenyl)-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran (8): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. White solid; 0.0933g, 81%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.74 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.64, 153.61, 139.15, 131.23, 129.25, 127.54, 127.22, 124.79, 123.09, 119.87, 111.26, 108.37, 21.48, 18.40; FTIR (ATR) cm^{-1} 3068, 2926, 2886, 1695, 1574, 1416, 1389, 1265, 1214, 1057, 1017, 1008, 951, 913, 829, 736;



2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran (9): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. Colorless viscous liquid; 0.1012g, 96%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, J = 9.0, 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.09 (td, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.83, 154.69, 154.53, 131.89, 131.17, 130.10, 124.56, 122.88, 120.39, 119.92, 119.19, 111.57, 111.53, 111.42, 55.74, 18.14; FTIR (Salt Plate) cm^{-1} 3057, 2996, 2956, 2925, 2834, 2044, 1934, 1786, 1697, 1585, 1491, 1451, 1436, 1343, 1281, 1250, 1199, 1122, 1062, 1028, 971, 891;

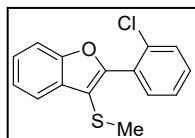


2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran (10): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. Yellow viscous liquid; 0.1088g, 91%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.81 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.00 (ddd, J = 8.3, 2.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.68, 155.03, 153.64, 131.53, 131.17, 129.60, 125.11, 123.19, 120.07, 119.78, 115.09, 112.38, 111.36, 109.50, 55.41, 18.41; FTIR (Salt Plate) cm^{-1} 3016, 2943, 2923, 2852, 1466, 1380, 1289, 1263, 1216, 1179, 1050, 975; HRMS (EI-ion trap) m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{S})^+$ 270.0715, found 270.0718.

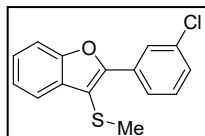


2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran (11): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. White solid; 0.0944g, 89%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.18 (p, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.24, 155.59, 153.55, 131.38, 128.85, 124.61, 123.12,

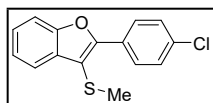
123.08, 119.76, 114.03, 111.19, 107.35, 55.37, 18.41; FTIR (ATR) cm^{-1} 3056, 2961, 2914, 2831, 1886, 1745, 1610, 1497, 1450, 1348, 1293, 1291, 1244, 1176, 1075, 1039, 981, 890, 829;



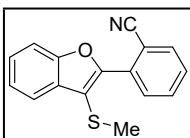
2-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran (12): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. Light yellow viscous liquid; 0.0996g, 88%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 7.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (ddd, J = 6.9, 4.3, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.55, 154.43, 134.53, 132.68, 130.91, 130.15, 129.67, 129.36, 126.51, 125.22, 123.23, 120.21, 112.46, 111.76, 18.19; FTIR (Salt Plate) cm^{-1} 3066, 2980, 2843, 1583, 1572, 1431, 1309, 1261, 1213, 1207, 1105, 1013, 945, 912, 834, 812;



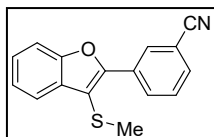
2-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran (13): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. Light yellow solid; 0.1085g, 92%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.29 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.72, 153.52, 134.59, 132.01, 130.94, 129.81, 128.88, 127.04, 125.52, 125.24, 123.37, 120.24, 111.45, 110.54, 18.42; FTIR (ATR) cm^{-1} 3063, 2971, 2855, 1596, 1588, 1448, 1422, 1252, 1202, 1095, 1020, 972, 884, 839, 782, 741;



2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran (14): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. Light yellow solid; 0.1132g, 99%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 6.98 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.97, 134.07, 133.58, 132.88, 130.02, 128.60, 122.13, 120.54, 112.13, 110.73, 92.27, 86.74, 55.85; FTIR (ATR) cm^{-1} 3063, 2925, 2865, 1484, 1449, 1403, 1342, 1312, 1250, 1202, 1095, 1075, 1012, 968, 932, 830, 755, 743, 725.



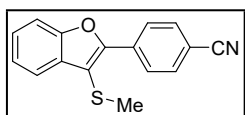
2-[3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran-2-yl]benzonitrile (15): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. Off-white solid; 0.0570g, 50%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.74 (td, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.56 (td, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dtd, J = 20.1, 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.53, 152.31, 134.10, 132.95, 132.35, 130.84, 129.86, 129.29, 126.00, 123.56, 120.55, 118.10, 113.29, 112.12, 111.99, 18.09; FTIR (ATR) cm^{-1} 3070, 2926, 2855, 2225, 1728, 1598, 1448, 1343, 1266, 1246, 1202, 1082, 1037, 964, 892, 828; HRMS (EI-ion trap) m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{NOS})^+$ 265.0561, found 265.0559.



3-[3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran-2-yl]benzonitrile (16): Column

chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent.

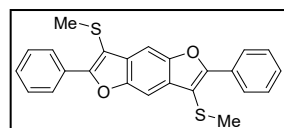
White solid; 0.0924g, 80%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (td, J = 1.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.59 (dt, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (td, J = 7.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.32 (td, J = 8.2, 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.82, 152.37, 131.88, 131.61, 130.97, 130.71, 130.50, 129.42, 125.96, 123.59, 120.41, 118.61, 112.96, 111.57, 18.44; FTIR (ATR) cm⁻¹ 3064, 2974, 2942, 2874, 2229, 1753, 1600, 1583, 1494, 1311, 1293, 1243, 1124, 1086, 1053, 1023, 950, 880, 845; HRMS (EI-ion trap) *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for (C₁₆H₁₁NOS)⁺ 265.0561, found 265.0548.



4-[3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran-2-yl]benzonitrile (17): Column

chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent.

White solid; 0.0548g, 49% ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (ddd, J = 8.6, 4.2, 1.5 Hz, 3H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.36 (dtd, J = 21.5, 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.90, 152.50, 134.35, 132.24, 130.74, 127.22, 126.18, 123.60, 120.49, 118.72, 112.71, 111.81, 111.57, 18.41; FTIR (ATR) cm⁻¹ 3033, 2949, 2928, 2856, 2226, 1741, 1608, 1538, 1490, 1451, 1410, 1342, 1253, 1202, 1074, 1013, 973, 888, 838, 833; HRMS (EI-ion trap) *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for (C₁₆H₁₁NOS)⁺ 265.0561, found 265.0558.

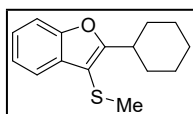


3,7-bis(methylsulfanyl)-2,6-diphenylbenzo[1,2-b:4,5-b']difuran (18):

Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1)

as the eluent. Pale yellow solid; 0.0620g, 99%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

8.28 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.72 (s, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.31, 150.98, 130.36, 130.18, 129.08, 128.58, 127.23, 109.32, 101.24, 18.38; FTIR (ATR) cm⁻¹ 3022, 2909, 2868, 1711, 1642, 1565, 1518, 1459, 1417, 1380, 1216, 1109, 1033, 934, 856; HRMS (EI-ion trap) *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for (C₂₄H₁₈O₂S₂)⁺ 402.0748, found 402.0744.

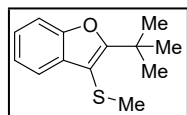


2-cyclohexyl-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran (22): Column chromatography was

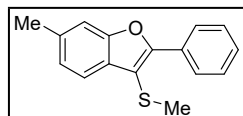
performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (80:1) as the eluent. Colorless viscous liquid;

0.0500g, 41%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 3.25 (tt, J = 11.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.97 – 1.84 (m, 4H), 1.78 (qd, J = 12.3, 3.5 Hz, 3H), 1.54 – 1.33 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.61, 153.91, 130.01, 123.77, 122.78, 119.29, 111.15, 106.71, 36.32, 31.35, 26.28, 25.88, 19.24; FTIR (Salt Plate) cm⁻¹ 3022, 2961, 2925, 2853,

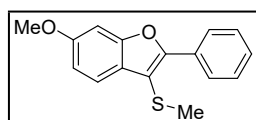
2405, 1581, 1539, 1480, 1430, 1216, 1105, 1000, 932, 801; HRMS (EI-ion trap) m/z $[M]^+$ calcd for $(C_{15}H_{18}OS)^+$ 246.1077, found 246.1078.



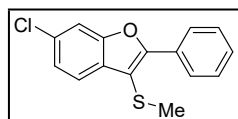
2-tert-butyl-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1-benzofuran (23): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (80:1) as the eluent. Yellow viscous liquid. 0.0306g, 47%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.20, 152.97, 131.14, 123.85, 122.70, 119.18, 111.03, 106.49, 34.84, 29.50, 19.31. FTIR (Salt Plate) cm^{-1} 2959, 2923, 2852, 2362, 1734, 1501, 1465, 1375, 1221, 1087, 1037, 972, 827; HRMS (EI-ion trap) m/z $[M]^+$ calcd for $(C_{13}H_{16}OS)^+$ 220.0922, found 220.0923.



6-Methyl-3-(methylthio)-2-phenyl-1-benzofuran (25): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (80:1) as the eluent. White solid. 0.0979g, 87%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.41 – 8.34 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 154.68, 154.16, 135.49, 130.58, 128.80, 128.74, 128.56, 127.18, 124.65, 119.58, 111.65, 109.19, 77.47, 77.36, 77.16, 76.84, 21.83, 18.47. FTIR (Salt Plate) cm^{-1} 3055, 2921, 2856, 1621, 1549, 1485, 1445, 1332, 1288, 1210, 1129, 1065, 1030, 967, 936, 851, 807; HRMS (EI-ion trap) m/z $[M]^+$ calcd for $(C_{16}H_{14}OS)^+$ 254.0765, found 254.0765.

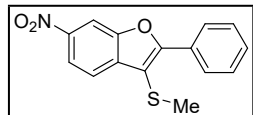


6-Methoxy-3-(methylthio)-2-phenyl-1-benzofuran (26): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. Brown liquid. 0.1003g, 88%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.31 – 8.23 (m, 2H), 7.60 (dd, J = 8.5, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.68, 154.65, 130.53, 128.51, 126.81, 124.48, 120.20, 112.15, 95.98, 77.35, 77.03, 76.71, 29.72, 18.44. FTIR (Salt Plate) cm^{-1} 3746, 2921, 1621, 1488, 1343, 1276, 1199, 1150, 1112, 1062, 1029, 967, 821; HRMS (EI-ion trap) m/z $[M]^+$ calcd for $(C_{16}H_{14}O_2S)^+$ 270.0715, found 270.0715.

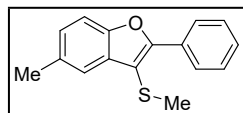


6-Chloro-3-(methylthio)-2-phenyl-1-benzofuran (27): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (80:1) as the eluent. Off-white solid. 0.1096g, 97%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.34 – 8.27 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 156.38, 153.65, 131.23, 129.92, 129.26, 128.62, 127.21, 123.96, 120.58, 111.90,

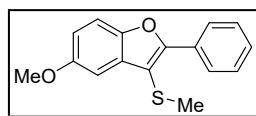
109.17, 77.41, 77.09, 76.78, 18.42. FTIR (Salt Plate) cm^{-1} 3063, 2921, 1606, 1465, 1417, 1327, 1285, 1200, 1122, 1060, 1030, 968, 913, 843, 810; HRMS (EI-ion trap) m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $(\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClOS})^+$ 274.0219, found 274.0219.



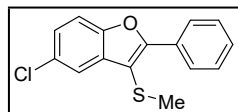
6-Nitro-3-(methylthio)-2-phenyl-1-benzofuran (28): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. Yellow solid. 0.1095g, 96%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.40 – 8.32 (m, 2H), 8.27 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.43, 152.22, 145.42, 137.25, 130.33, 129.16, 128.82, 128.45, 127.63, 119.90, 119.09, 109.76, 107.81, 77.35, 77.24, 77.03, 76.72, 18.46. FTIR (Salt Plate) cm^{-1} 3094, 2958, 2917, 2846, 2342, 1605, 1513, 1481, 1424, 1338, 1198, 1121, 1061, 1029, 969, 938, 878, 819; HRMS (EI-ion trap) m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $(\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3\text{S})^+$ 285.0460, found 285.0460.



5-Methyl-3-(methylthio)-2-phenyl-1-benzofuran (29): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (80:1) as the eluent. White solid. 0.0980g, 86%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.41 – 8.34 (m, 2H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 8.0, 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.44, 152.18, 132.79, 131.26, 130.53, 128.92, 128.56, 127.26, 126.36, 119.84, 110.93, 108.94, 77.46, 77.14, 76.82, 21.52, 18.50. FTIR (Salt Plate) cm^{-1} 2919, 2227, 2083, 1895, 1813, 1734, 1643, 1599, 1468, 1443, 1336, 1261, 1202, 1159, 1067, 1025, 966, 831; HRMS (EI-ion trap) m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{OS})^+$ 254.0765, found 254.0765.

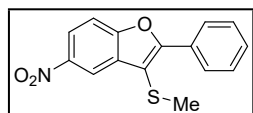


5-Methoxy-3-(methylthio)-2-phenyl-1-benzofuran (30): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. Brown liquid. 0.1081g, 95%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 – 8.30 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.55, 156.17, 148.86, 131.94, 130.43, 128.96, 128.54, 127.16, 113.95, 111.93, 109.20, 102.12, 77.39, 77.28, 76.76, 56.01, 18.42. FTIR (Salt Plate) cm^{-1} 3062, 2994, 2923, 2832, 1608, 1547, 1468, 1290, 1201, 1168, 1087, 1034, 968, 938, 836; HRMS (EI-ion trap) m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{S})^+$ 270.0715, found 270.0715.

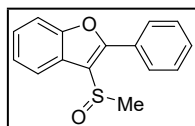


5-Chloro-3-(methylthio)-2-phenyl-1-benzofuran (31): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (80:1) as the eluent. Off-white solid. 0.1261g, 95%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.36 – 8.28 (m, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 2.2$

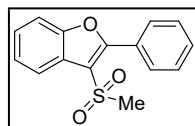
Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.77, 152.02, 132.73, 129.88, 129.40, 129.02, 128.63, 127.32, 125.24, 119.68, 112.37, 108.87, 77.44, 77.13, 76.81, 18.45. FTIR (Salt Plate) cm^{-1} 3063, 2989, 2922, 1728, 1607, 1580, 1549, 1442, 1319, 1255, 1198, 1066, 1027, 968, 913, 866; HRMS (EI-ion trap) m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $(\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClOS})^+$ 274.0219, found 274.0219.



5-Nitro-3-(methylthio)-2-phenyl-1-benzofuran (32): Column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. Yellow solid. 0.1049g, 93%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.61 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.34 – 8.28 (m, 2H), 8.25 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.43, 156.37, 144.55, 131.95, 130.01, 129.12, 128.76, 127.37, 120.86, 116.51, 111.71, 110.08, 77.43, 77.11, 76.79, 18.49. FTIR (Salt Plate) cm^{-1} 3148, 3096, 2916, 2843, 1765, 1643, 1578, 1522, 1482, 1441, 1344, 1263, 1200, 1117, 1060, 1027, 968, 934, 891, 825; HRMS (EI-ion trap) m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $(\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3\text{S})^+$ 285.0460, found 285.0460.



Synthesis of 3-(methanesulfinyl)-2-phenyl-1-benzofuran (48): To a 6 dram vial, 3-(methylsulfanyl)-2-phenyl-1-benzofuran (100mg, 0.42mol) and *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (70mg, 0.41mol) was added. 4mL of dichloromethane was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered and absorbed in silica gel before purification via column chromatography using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. White solid; 0.0915g, 83%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 – 8.20 (m, 1H), 7.86 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 3.10 (s, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.72, 154.16, 130.34, 128.95, 128.54, 128.19, 125.85, 125.17, 124.02, 121.37, 118.51, 111.87, 40.25; FTIR (ATR) cm^{-1} 3088, 3086, 3084, 1605, 1460, 1433, 1429, 1411, 1358, 1270, 1255, 1196, 1131, 1016, 970, 873, 864, 855, 849; HRMS (EI-ion trap) m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $(\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2\text{S})^+$ 256.0558, found 256.0551.



Synthesis of 3-(methanesulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1-benzofuran (49): To a 6 dram vial, 3-(methylsulfanyl)-2-phenyl-1-benzofuran (100mg, 0.42mol) and *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (180mg, 1.0mol) was added. 4mL of dichloromethane was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered and absorbed in silica gel before purification via column chromatography using hexanes and ethyl acetate (40:1) as the eluent. White solid; 0.0710g, 86%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (t, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.93 (dt, $J = 7.8, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, $J = 2.2, 1.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 5.1, 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 3.02 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 134.74, 133.90, 131.15, 130.96, 130.28, 129.86, 128.59, 128.33,

126.19, 124.76, 121.59, 111.52, 44.61; FTIR (ATR) cm^{-1} 3099, 3098, 3097, 3088, 2134, 1551, 1459, 1410, 1307, 1281, 1269, 1269, 1256, 1133, 1118, 1104, 1014, 971, 898, 874, 863, 854, 848, 841; HRMS (EI-ion trap) m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $(\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3\text{S})^+$ 272.0507, found 272.0500.

