

Palladium-Catalyzed Ring-Contraction Reaction of Naphthalquinones Upon Reaction with Alkynes

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1. General Information

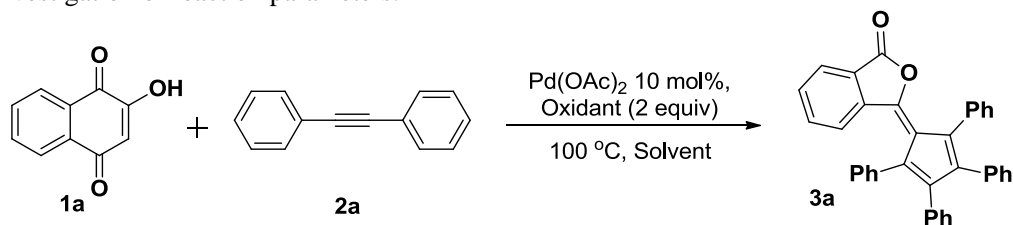
Chemicals and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ACF300 (300 MHz) or a AMX500 (500 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: proton (chloroform δ 7.26), carbon (chloroform δ 77.0) or tetramethylsilane (TMS δ 0.00) was used as a reference. Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), bs (broad singlet). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). Low resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT LCQ spectrometer in ESI mode. All high resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T spectrometer. For thin layer chromatography (TLC), Merck pre-coated TLC plates (Merck 60 F254) were used, and compounds were visualized with a UV light at 254 nm. Further visualization was achieved by staining with iodine. Flash chromatography separations were performed on Merck 60 (0.040-0.063 mm) mesh silica gel.

2. Starting materials

Compounds 1a, 2k, 2n, 2o, 2p were commercially available. Compounds **1b-j**¹, **2b-k**² were prepared according to literature, respectively.

3. Optimization of reaction conditions

Table a. Investigation of reaction parameters.^[a]

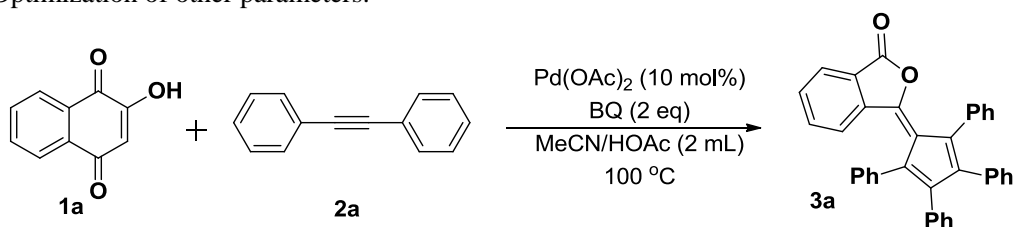


Entry	Solvent	Catalyst	Oxidant	Temp/ °C	Yield/% ^[b]
1	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	100	47%
2	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgI	100	No reaction
3	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOCCF ₃	100	55%
4	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgSbF ₆	100	<10%
5	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	Fe(OAc) ₂	100	49%
6	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	FeCl ₃	100	<10%
7	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	Fe(CH ₃ COCH ₂ CCOCH ₃) ₃	100	No reaction
8	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	Fe(OAc) ₂	100	49%
9	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	FeCl ₂	100	<10%
10	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	CuCl	100	<10%
11	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	CuBr ₂	100	No reaction
12	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(CH ₃ ClO ₄) ₂	100	No reaction
13	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	CuOAc	100	16%
14	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	100	21%
15	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	CuCl ₂	100	Compound 10
16	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	CuI	100	No reaction
17	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhI(OAc) ₂	100	No reaction
18	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	65%
19	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	Oxones	100	Compound 9
20	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈	100	No reaction
21	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	(NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₈	100	No reaction

22	MeCN/HOAc (1:1 v/v)	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc/Fe(OAc) ₂	100	55%
23	MeCN/HOAc (1:1 v/v)	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc/Fe(OAc) ₂	120	64%
24	MeCN/HOAc (1:1 v/v)	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	60%
25	MeCN/HOAc (2:1 v/v)	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	69%
26	MeCN/HOAc (3:1 v/v)	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	81%
27	MeCN/HOAc (3:1 v/v)	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	120	79%
28	MeCN/HOAc (3:1 v/v)	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	80	53%
29	MeCN/HOAc (1:4 v/v)	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	50%
30	MeCN/HOAc (3:1 v/v)	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ/N ₂	100	75%
31	MeCN/HOAc (3:1 v/v)	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ/O ₂	100	47%

Reaction conditions: MeCN (2 mL), **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2a** (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), 10 mol% catalyst, oxidant (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) at 100 °C, 24 h.

Table b. Optimization of other parameters.^[a]



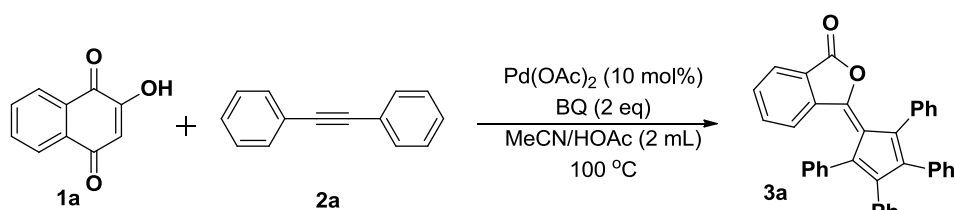
Entry	Solvent	Catalyst	Oxidant	Temp/ °C	Yield/% ^[b]
1	MeCN/HOAc (3:1 v/v)	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	81%
2	MeOH	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	No reaction
3	IPA	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	No reaction
4	THF	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	80	20%
4	MeCN	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	65%
5	Diglyme	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	No reaction
6	CHCl ₃	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	80	No reaction
7	Toluene	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	No reaction
8	1,4-Dioxane	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	30%
9	DCE	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	No reaction

10	DMA	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	56%
11	DMSO	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	62%
12	DMF	Pd(OAc) ₂	BQ	100	32%

Reaction condition: solvent (2 mL), 2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), diphenylacetylene **2a** (1 mmol, 5 equiv), 10 mol% catalyst, additives (0.4 mmol, 2 equiv), 80 or 100°C, 24 h.

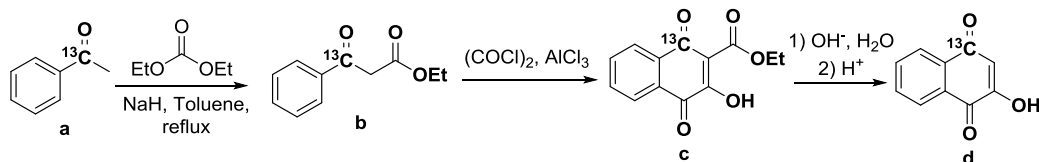
4. Representative Procedure for Palladium-catalyzed Reaction.

a) Procedure for **3a** synthesis:



To a solution of diphenylacetylene **2a** (178.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 2-hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone **1a** (34.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) in 2.0 ml of MeCN/HOAc (v/v = 3:1), Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol) as catalyst and 1,4-benzoquinone (BQ) (43.2 mg, 0.4 mmol) as oxidant were added. The reaction was refluxed at 100 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, poured into H₂O and extracted with DCM for 3 times, combined organic layers were then dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and the solvent removed in-vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, eluted by hexane/EtOAc=25:1 then 10:1 to afford 81.3 mg (81 % yield) of the desired product **3a** as dark green powder.

b) ¹³C-labeled experiment:



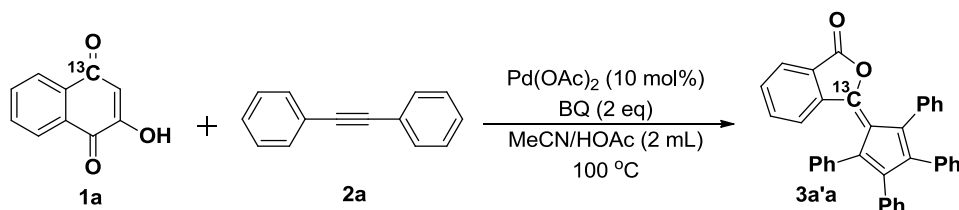
1) Procedure for preparing compound **d** (¹³C-labeled-2-hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone) ^[1,3]. To a dried two-necked flask equipped with a magnetic stirred, and condenser was added NaH (7.0 mmol), diethyl carbonate (5.0 mmol), and toluene (2.5 ml). The mixture was heated to reflux. A solution of ketone **a** (2.5 mmol) in toluene (1.5 ml) was added dropwise with syringe over 10-20 min. After the addition, the mixture was heated

to reflux until the evolution of hydrogen ceased (3.0 – 5.0 min.). When the reaction was cooled to room temperature, glacial acetic acid (5.0 mL) was added dropwise and a heavy, pasty solid appeared. Ice-water was added until the solid was dissolved completely. The toluene layer was separated, and the water layer was extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic solution was washed with water and brine, then dried over MgSO₄. After evaporation of the solvent, the mixture was distilled under reduced pressure and subjected chromatography to give the desired β-keto esters **b** in 95% yield.

To a solution of β-keto esters **b** (2.0 mmol) in dry nitromethane (5.0 mL) under nitrogen was added AlCl₃ (6.0 mmol). After stirring for 15 min, oxalyl chloride (2.0 mmol) in dry nitromethane (2.0 mL) was added dropwise. After 15 min the solution was heated to 80 °C for 3 h. A solution of 10% aqueous oxalic acid was added under stirring at r.t. The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic solution was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄. After evaporation of the solvent, the mixture was distilled under reduced pressure and subjected chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50:1 then 10:1) to give the desired β-Keto Ester Oxaloylation product **c** in 90% yield.

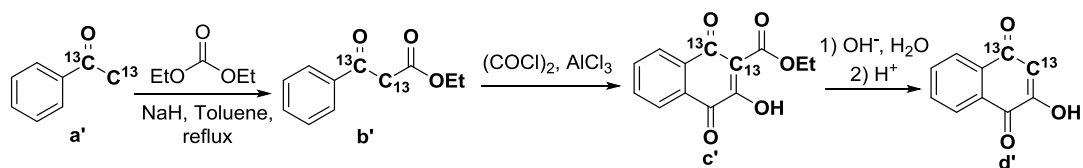
A solution of the compound **c** (1.5 mmol) in 5% aqueous NaOH (20 mL) was stirred at 60 °C for 8 h. A solution of 10% aqueous HCl (20 mL) was added, and heating was continued for 30 min. After cooling to r.t., the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 X 20 mL). The combined organic solution was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄. After evaporation of the solvent, the mixture was distilled under reduced pressure and subjected chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50:1 then 4:1) to give the desired ¹³C-labeled-2-hydroxy-1, 4-naphthoquinone product **d** in 82% yield.

2) Procedure for **3a'a** synthesis:



To a solution of diphenylacetylene **2a** (178.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 2-hydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone **1a'** (35.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) in 2.0 ml MeCN/HOAc (v/v = 3:1), palladium acetate (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol) as catalyst and 1,4-

Benzoquinone (43.2 mg, 0.4 mmol) as an oxidant were added. The reaction was refluxed at 100 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, poured into H₂O and extracted with DCM for 3 times, combined organic layers were then dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and the solvent removed in-vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, eluted by hexane/EtOAc=25:1 then 10:1 to afford 78.3 mg (78 % yield) of the desired product **3a'a** as dark green powder.

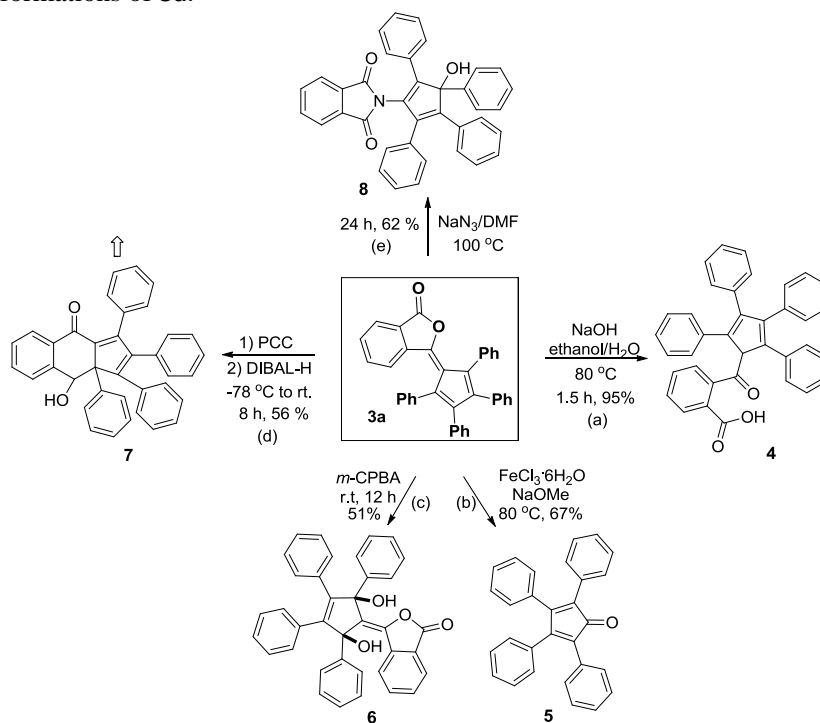


3) Procedure for **d'** synthesis^[1,3]. To a dried two-necked flask equipped with a magnetic stirred, and condenser was added NaH (7.0 mmol), diethyl carbonate (5.0 mmol), and toluene (2.5 ml). The mixture was heated to reflux. A solution of ketone **a'** (2.5 mmol) in toluene (1.5 ml) was added dropwise with syringe over 10-20 min. After the addition, the mixture was heated to reflux until the evolution of hydrogen ceased (3.0 – 5.0 min.). When the reaction was cooled to room temperature, glacial acetic acid (5.0 mL) was added dropwise and a heavy, pasty solid appeared. Ice-water was added until the solid was dissolved completely. The toluene layer was separated, and the water layer was extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic solution was washed with water and brine, then dried over MgSO₄. After evaporation of the solvent, the mixture was distilled under reduced pressure and subjected chromatography to give the desired β-keto esters **b'** in 92% yield.

To a solution of β-keto esters **b'** (2.0 mmol) in dry nitromethane (5.0 mL) under nitrogen was added AlCl₃ (6.0 mmol). After stirring for 15 min, oxalyl chloride (2.0 mmol) in dry nitromethane (2.0 mL) was added dropwise. After 15 min the solution was heated to 80 °C for 3 h. A solution of 10% aqueous oxalic acid was added under stirring at r.t. The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic solution was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄. After evaporation of the solvent, the mixture was distilled under reduced pressure and subjected chromatography (DCM/EtOAc = 50:1 then 10:1) to give the desired β-Keto Ester Oxaloylation product **c'** in 87% yield.

A solution of the compound **c'** (1.5 mmol) in 5% aqueous NaOH (20 mL) was stirred at 60 °C for 8 h. A

5. Synthetic transformations of **3a**.



Product **4**^[4]

To a stirred solution of **3a** (100 mg, 0.2 mmol) in ethanol/H₂O (2.0 mL, v/v = 1:1) was added aqueous NaOH (10 mol/L, 0.4 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 1.0 h. After complete conversion as indicated by TLC, aqueous HCl (4 mol/L, 0.6 mL) was dropped into the reaction system, the resulting mixture was stirred at r.t. for 0.5 h, the mixture was poured into H₂O and extracted with DCM three times. The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography and eluted by hexane/EtOAc=10:1 then 1:1 to afford the product **4** (98.4 mg, 95 %) as pale yellow oil.

Product **5**

To a stirred solution of **3a** (50.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) in EtOH (2.0 mL) was added FeCl₃·6H₂O (54.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), NaOMe (10.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. After complete conversion as indicated by TLC, the solvent was removed by evaporation and the residue was directly purified by silica gel flash chromatography and eluted by hexane/EtOAc=100:1 to 20:1 to afford the product **5** (26.2 mg, 68 %) as red-dark powder.

Product 6

To a stirred solution of **3a** (50.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DCM (2.0 mL) was added *m*-CPBA (34.6 mg, 0.2 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at r.t. for 0.5 h. After complete conversion as indicated by TLC, the solvent was removed by evaporation and the residue was directly purified by silica gel flash chromatography and eluted by hexane/EtOAc=20:1 to 4:1 afford the product **6** (27.2 mg, 51 % yield) as white solid.

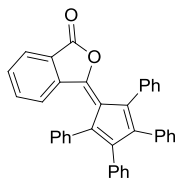
Product 7^[5]

A solution of DIBAL-H (0.2 mmol, 1.0 M in CH₂Cl₂) was injected via a syringe into a stirred solution of **3a** (50.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (4 mL) at -78 °C under an Ar atmosphere. After stirring at -78 °C for 6 h, a catalytic amount of NaOMe (3.3 mg, 0.06 mmol) was added to the mixture and the solution was allowed to warm to r.t. for 12 h. The mixture was poured into sat. NH₄Cl solution and extracted with DCM three times. The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give an intermediate which without isolation was used in the next step. To a solution of the intermediate in DCM (2 mL) was added PCC (86 mg, 0.4 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 12 h. Then, the mixture was poured into H₂O and extracted with DCM three times. The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography and eluted by hexane/EtOAc = 20:1 then 4:1 to afford the product **6** (21.2 mg, 56 % yield) as white solid.

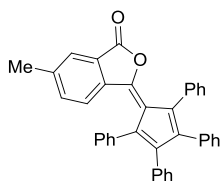
Product 8^[6]

To a stirred solution of **3a** (50.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DMF (2.0 mL) were added NaN₃ (32.5 mg, 0.5 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. After complete conversion as indicated by TLC, the solvent was removed by evaporation and the residue was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10.0 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ ethyl acetate (20:1 to 2:1) as eluent to afford the product **8** (32.9 mg, 62 %) as white solid.

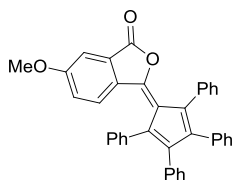
6. Analytical Data.



3-(2,3,4,5-Tetraphenylcyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3a). 81% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.83$ (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.25(m, 10H), 7.14 – 6.99 (m, 7H), 6.91 – 6.82 (m, 4H), 6.09 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 165.42, 151.65, 147.02, 145.31, 138.01, 137.64, 135.75, 135.41, 134.57, 133.85, 131.49, 130.95, 130.76, 129.97, 129.32, 128.43, 127.94, 127.76, 127.61, 127.50, 127.07, 126.93, 126.88, 126.82, 125.70$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{24}\text{NaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 523.1669, found 523.1679.

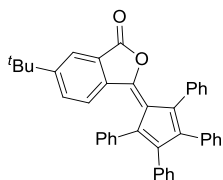


5-Methyl-3-(2,3,4,5-tetraphenylcyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3b). 82% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.62$ (s, 1H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 10H), 7.11 – 6.95 (m, 6H), 6.93 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 5.93 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 165.57, 151.97, 146.66, 144.93, 142.74, 138.15, 137.75, 135.85, 135.52, 135.10, 134.51, 131.56, 131.50, 130.97, 130.79, 130.77, 129.27, 129.10, 128.18, 127.89, 127.73, 127.58, 127.42, 127.17, 126.98, 126.84, 126.81, 125.81, 21.88$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 515.2006, found 515.2015.

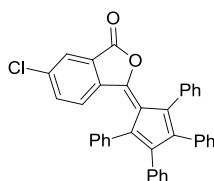


5-Methoxy-3-(2,3,4,5-tetraphenylcyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3c). 86% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.25 - 7.23$ (m, 11H), 7.11 – 6.99 (m, 6H), 6.87 – 6.81 (m, 4H), 6.65 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.5$ Hz, 0H), 5.94 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 0H), 3.84 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 165.52, 162.63, 151.94, 146.35, 144.62, 138.22, 137.76, 135.92, 135.61, 134.43, 131.52, 131.01, 130.81, 130.62, 129.72, 129.30,$

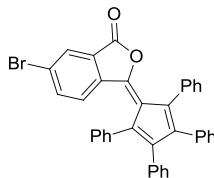
129.11, 128.29, 127.87, 127.72, 127.58, 127.42, 126.94, 126.79, 122.42, 107.80, 56.38; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{38}H_{27}O_3$ $[M+H]^+$ 531.1995, found 531.1963.



5-Tert-butyl-3-(2,3,4,5-tetraphenylcyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3d). 72% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.81 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 10H), 7.15 – 7.00 (m, 7H), 6.88 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 5.91 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 165.89, 156.05, 151.91, 146.61, 144.92, 138.20, 137.77, 135.87, 135.56, 135.45, 134.50, 131.64, 131.60, 131.54, 130.97, 130.80, 130.79, 129.30, 129.20, 128.15, 127.89, 127.72, 127.58, 127.49, 127.00, 126.97, 126.84, 126.80, 122.39, 35.73, 31.45.; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{41}H_{33}O_2$ $[M+H]^+$ 557.2475, found 557.2481.

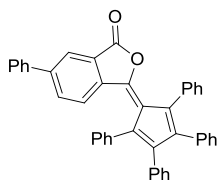


6-Chloro-3-(2,3,4,5-tetraphenylcyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3e). 74% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.78 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 10H), 7.14 – 6.98 (m, 7H), 6.89 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.82 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 5.92 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 164.21, 150.46, 147.45, 145.72, 138.10, 137.84, 137.49, 136.25, 135.57, 135.26, 134.52, 134.11, 131.44, 131.32, 130.92, 130.71, 129.50, 129.34, 128.42, 127.99, 127.81, 127.73, 127.65, 127.22, 127.06, 127.01, 125.57; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{37}H_{24}ClO_2$ $[M+H]^+$ 535.1412, found 535.1422.

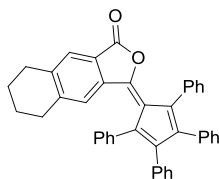


6-Bromo-3-(2,3,4,5-tetraphenylcyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3f). 79% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.95 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 10H), 7.15 – 7.00 (m, 7H), 6.99 – 6.86

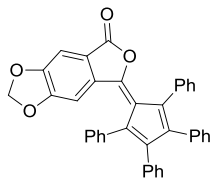
(m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 5.84 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 164.08, 150.54, 147.49, 145.76, 137.83, 137.47, 136.92, 136.67, 135.57, 135.26, 134.53, 131.43, 131.34, 130.92, 130.69, 129.51, 129.45, 128.65, 128.49, 127.99, 127.81, 127.75, 127.65, 127.22, 127.07, 127.01, 126.26$.; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{24}\text{BrO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 579.0954, found 579.0962.



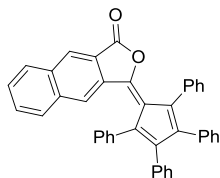
6-Phenyl-3-(2,3,4,5-tetraphenylcyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3g). 83% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.05$ (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 10H), 7.16 – 6.99 (m, 6H), 6.92 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.85 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.08 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 165.50, 151.60, 150.47, 146.98, 145.28, 144.68, 138.94, 138.11, 137.75, 136.57, 135.82, 135.50, 134.56, 132.59, 131.57, 131.00, 130.80, 129.97, 129.61, 129.39, 129.26, 128.78, 127.95, 127.77, 127.62, 127.57, 127.08, 126.94, 126.90, 123.74$; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 577.2162, found 577.2181.



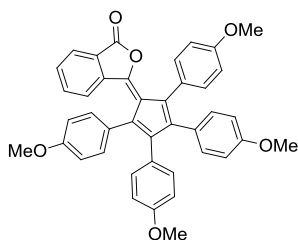
3-(2,3,4,5-Tetraphenylcyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphtho[2,3-c]furan-1(3H)-one (3h). 62% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.29 - 7.24$ (m, 10H), 7.10 – 7.00 (m, 6H), 6.87–6.79 (m, 5H), 5.86 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.73 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.79 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 165.52, 152.30, 146.41, 144.55, 142.47, 138.95, 138.32, 137.93, 136.26, 136.05, 135.70, 134.83, 134.59, 131.57, 131.53, 131.01, 130.87, 130.84, 129.19, 128.45, 127.87, 127.71, 127.57, 127.28, 126.90, 126.76, 126.71, 125.46, 124.02, 30.01, 25.48, 22.72, 22.42$; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 555.2319, found 555.2320.



7-(2,3,4,5-Tetraphenylcyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuro[5,6-d][1,3]dioxol-5(7H)-one (3i). 73% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 11H), 7.09 – 6.97 (m, 7H), 6.85 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.80 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 5.99 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 164.83, 153.26, 151.62, 151.24, 146.79, 144.88, 138.17, 137.80, 135.81, 135.51, 134.59, 134.20, 131.49, 131.28, 130.96, 130.78, 129.36, 129.05, 127.87, 127.74, 127.59, 127.02, 126.85, 126.81, 122.51, 107.56, 104.33, 103.37; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 545.1747, found 547.1742.

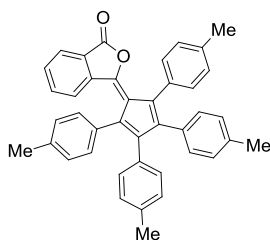


3-(2,3,4,5-Tetraphenylcyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)naphtho[2,3-c]furan-1(3H)-one (3j). 69% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.20 (m, 10H), 7.17 – 6.98 (m, 6H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.24 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 165.61, 151.81, 147.21, 145.65, 138.82, 137.97, 137.69, 135.82, 135.43, 134.55, 134.65, 134.13, 131.64, 131.60, 131.54, 131.02, 130.97, 130.80, 129.71, 129.29, 129.24, 128.49, 127.98, 127.81, 127.68, 127.64, 127.47, 127.14, 126.99, 126.91, 124.80, 123.33, 122.07; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 551.2006, found 551.2009.

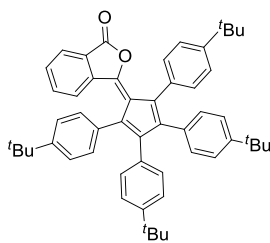


(Z)-3-(3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2,4,5-tris(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-

1(3*H*)-one (3k). 81% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.79$ (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 6.81 – 6.75 (m, 6H), 6.70 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.17 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 165.77, 159.28, 158.59, 158.52, 158.45, 150.64, 146.46, 145.18, 138.27, 133.79, 133.25, 132.53, 132.11, 132.08, 131.14, 130.71, 130.59, 130.22, 128.43, 128.39, 128.08, 126.74, 125.59, 114.81, 113.49, 113.27, 113.14, 55.81, 55.59, 55.50, 55.45$; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 621.2272, found 621.2285.

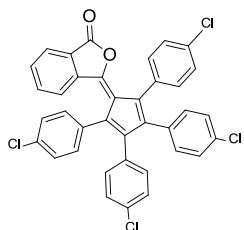


3-(2,3,4,5-Tetrap-tolylcyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3*H*)-one (3l). 79% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.78$ (d, $J = 7.6$, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.02 (m, 9H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.08 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 165.74, 150.99, 146.92, 145.43, 138.26, 137.01, 136.48, 136.31, 136.03, 135.13, 134.81, 134.05, 133.62, 132.98, 132.65, 131.36, 131.21, 131.17, 130.85, 130.70, 129.95, 128.66, 128.56, 128.46, 128.34, 126.75, 125.52, 21.86, 21.75, 21.72$; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 557.2475, found 557.2483.

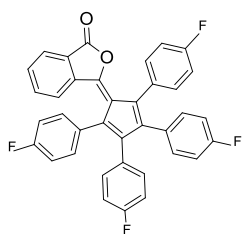


3-(2,3,4,5-Tetrakis(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)cyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3*H*)-one (3m). 61% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.78$ (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 7.5, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.10 – 6.95 (m, 5H), 6.88 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.75 – 6.69 (m, 2H), 5.91 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.25 (s, 9H), 1.22 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 165.71, 150.87,$

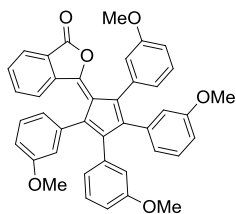
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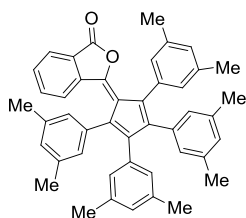
3-(2,3,4,5-Tetrakis(4-chlorophenyl)cyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3n). 73% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.13 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.91, 152.59, 145.69, 143.99, 137.53, 135.89, 135.55, 134.13, 134.05, 133.62, 133.58, 133.43, 133.24, 133.15, 132.61, 132.41, 132.28, 132.12, 131.91, 130.98, 130.70, 130.63, 129.77, 129.72, 128.64, 128.52, 128.49, 128.37, 128.31, 128.11, 126.94, 126.19; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₃₇H₂₀Cl₄NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 659.0110, found 659.0121.



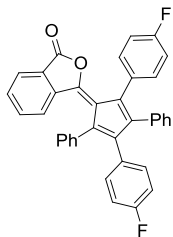
3-(2,3,4,5-Tetrakis(4-fluorophenyl)cyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3o). 77% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 6.98 – 6.94 (m, 4H), 6.81 – 6.72 (m, 8H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 165.13, 163.23, 163.17, 163.04, 161.71, 161.28, 161.19, 161.08, 152.01, 146.03, 144.35, 137.72, 134.09, 133.75, 132.95, 133.56, 133.30, 132.89, 132.41, 132.35, 132.28, 132.00, 131.33, 131.00, 130.70, 129.20, 128.18, 126.92, 126.09, 116.63, 116.46, 115.28, 115.12, 114.95; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₃₇H₂₀F₄O₂ [M+H]⁺ 573.1472, found 573.1489.



3-(2,3,4,5-Tetrakis(3-methoxyphenyl)cyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3p). 74% yield; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.81 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.99 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.87 – 6.76 (m, 6H), 6.66 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.43 – 6.39 (m, 3H), 6.21 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 165.38, 160.48, 159.47, 159.09, 158.94, 151.89, 146.72, 145.01, 139.34, 138.80, 138.05, 137.03, 136.58, 134.33, 133.90, 131.64, 131.42, 130.36, 129.57, 128.91, 128.80, 128.62, 128.57, 126.81, 125.71, 124.04, 123.68, 123.35, 123.31, 116.60, 116.47, 115.56, 115.32, 114.02, 113.99, 113.88, 112.84, 55.73, 55.71, 55.45, 55.40; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 621.2272, found 621.2286.

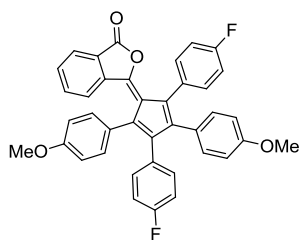


3-(2,3,4,5-Tetrakis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)cyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3q). 64% yield; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 – 6.83 (m, 6H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.49 (s, 2H), 6.43 (s, 2H), 6.07 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 6H), 2.13 (s, 6H), 2.06 (s, 6H), 2.01 (s, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 165.78, 150.72, 147.28, 145.57, 138.47, 138.41, 138.03, 137.61, 136.66, 136.42, 136.22, 135.79, 135.38, 134.27, 133.50, 131.21, 130.98, 130.94, 129.36, 128.84, 128.82, 128.72, 128.68, 128.43, 128.29, 126.78, 125.34, 21.85, 21.68, 21.65, 21.62; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 613.3101, found 613.3115.



3-(2,4-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)-3,5-diphenylcyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3r) 81% yield, regioisomer ratio = 5:3; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.87 – 7.83 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.31 – 7.18 (m, 31H), 7.13 – 7.02 (m, 27H), 6.99 – 6.95 (m, 15H), 6.86 – 6.76 (m, 20H), 6.71 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 6.07 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 164.76, 163.09, 162.66, 161.12, 151.14, 146.97, 145.26, 137.34, 135.00, 134.64, 133.49, 133.06, 133.04, 133.01, 132.50, 132.43, 131.98, 131.92, 131.90, 131.81, 131.29, 130.92, 130.36, 130.16, 129.90, 129.18, 128.97, 127.93, 127.68, 127.59, 127.51, 127.41, 127.34, 127.25, 126.78, 126.62, 126.38, 125.49, 125.31, 115.94, 115.77, 114.60, 114.43, 104.97; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 537.1661, found 537.1672.

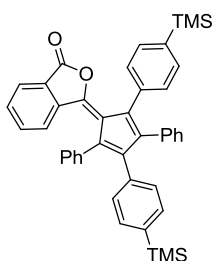
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.84 – 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.19 (m, 31H), 7.15 – 7.03 (m, 10H), 6.99 – 6.84 (m, 5H), 6.82 – 6.69 (m, 24H), 6.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 165.32, 165.28, 165.22, 163.16, 163.08, 162.96, 161.62, 161.21, 161.12, 161.01, 152.01, 151.87, 151.79, 147.29, 145.83, 145.63, 145.56, 144.15, 143.92, 137.91, 137.82, 137.45, 135.51, 134.82, 133.97, 133.93, 133.53, 132.99, 132.94, 132.48, 132.41, 132.39, 132.36, 132.35, 131.81, 131.78, 131.69, 131.67, 131.43, 130.88, 130.86, 130.69, 129.48, 128.43, 128.18, 128.08, 128.02, 127.85, 127.72, 127.35, 127.18, 127.09, 127.07, 126.89, 125.97, 125.79, 116.45, 116.28, 115.09, 114.99, 114.93, 114.84, 114.83, 114.77, 114.68; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 537.1661, found 537.1672.



3-(2,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-3,5-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one

(3s). 70% yield, regioselectivity ratio = 3:2; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.84 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6.4, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.12 (m, 7H), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 6.85 – 6.58 (m, 15H), 6.22 – 6.17 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 165.45, 165.44, 165.38, 163.50, 163.06, 162.97, 162.85, 161.50, 161.12, 161.01, 160.89, 159.50, 158.84, 158.81, 158.70, 158.67, 151.27, 151.26, 150.77, 147.17, 146.99, 145.49, 145.24, 144.27, 137.98, 137.94, 137.88, 134.17, 133.98, 133.88, 133.80, 133.03, 132.97, 132.77, 132.56, 132.53, 132.47, 132.41, 132.39, 132.01, 131.97, 131.94, 131.90, 131.72, 131.61, 131.54, 131.49, 129.95, 129.91, 129.63, 128.43, 128.13, 128.03, 127.80, 127.70, 127.48, 127.44, 126.84, 126.76, 126.73, 125.89, 125.87, 125.75, 116.41, 116.24, 115.07, 114.99, 114.84, 114.81, 114.67, 113.56, 113.44, 113.39, 113.29, 113.24, 55.79, 55.55, 55.49, 55.44. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{27}\text{F}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 597.1872, found 597.1902.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.81 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 6.80 – 6.71 (m, 12H), 6.18 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 165.53, 159.50, 158.73, 151.79, 145.31, 144.07, 138.08, 134.21, 133.97, 132.42, 132.37, 131.98, 131.57, 129.97, 129.66, 128.55, 126.85, 125.75, 115.08, 114.93, 114.91, 114.76, 113.58, 55.82, 55.59; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{27}\text{F}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 597.1872, found 597.1902.

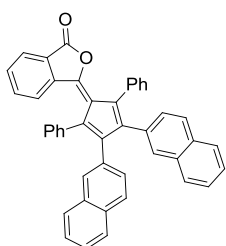


3-(2,4-diphenyl-3,5-bis(4-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl)cyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3t)

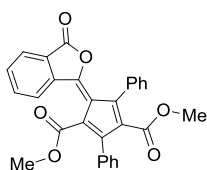
87% yield, regioisomer ratio = 2:1; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.80 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 5H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.12 – 7.00 (m, 7H), 6.91 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.91 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 0.29 (s, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 165.41, 151.71, 146.81, 145.40, 139.62, 138.41, 138.32, 138.08, 137.96, 135.82, 135.50, 134.61, 134.22, 133.57, 132.86, 131.67, 131.43, 130.83, 130.26, 128.52, 127.78, 127.59, 127.06, 126.88, 125.58, -0.51, -0.55; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_2\text{Si}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$

645.2640, found 645.2656.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.82 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 10H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.07 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 0.22 (s, 9H), 0.19 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 165.46, 151.52, 147.19, 145.40, 138.93, 138.71, 138.14, 138.09, 137.73, 136.09, 135.72, 134.52, 133.82, 132.59, 132.46, 131.55, 131.47, 131.41, 131.02, 130.30, 129.98, 129.94, 129.30, 128.41, 127.93, 127.47, 126.86, 126.81, 125.68, -0.66, -0.68; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_2\text{Si}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 645.2640, found 645.2656.

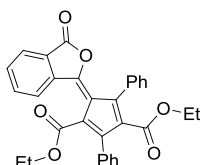


3-(3,4-Di(naphthalen-2-yl)-2,5-diphenylcyclopenta-2,4-dienylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (3u). 76% yield, regioselectivity ratio > 19:1; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.85 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.21 (m, 21H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.5, 1H), 7.01 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 165.43, 151.87, 146.70, 144.98, 138.06, 138.04, 137.65, 135.20, 133.90, 133.39, 133.21, 133.17, 133.03, 132.54, 132.45, 132.16, 131.56, 131.00, 130.22, 130.15, 130.11, 129.44, 128.76, 128.74, 128.52, 128.08, 127.95, 127.87, 127.61, 127.18, 126.99, 126.97, 126.87, 126.24, 126.13, 126.10, 125.96, 125.76; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 601.2162, found 601.2175.



Diethyl 4-(3-oxoisobenzofuran-1(3H)-ylidene)-3,5-diphenylcyclopenta-2,5-diene-1,2-dicarboxylate (3v). 69% yield, regioisomer ratio > 19:1; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.97 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (dd, J

= 5.7, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.05 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 195.04, 164.45, 163.26, 160.01, 153.57, 143.92, 141.19, 136.25, 133.95, 132.70, 132.31, 129.43, 129.11, 128.87, 128.71, 128.31, 128.04, 124.52, 52.21, 52.01$; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 465.1333, found 465.1339.

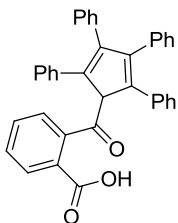


Diethyl 4-(3-oxoisobenzofuran-1(3H)-ylidene)-3,5-diphenylcyclopenta-2,5-diene-1,2-dicarboxylate (3w).

73% yield, regioisomer ratio > 19:1; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.97$ (d, $J = 5.7, 3.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.78 (dd, $J = 5.7, 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 3.88 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.80 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 0.77 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.66 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 195.16, 163.77, 162.42, 160.33, 153.56, 144.00, 141.34, 136.19, 134.21, 132.89, 132.45, 130.82, 129.70, 129.32, 129.29, 128.92, 128.89, 128.59, 128.39, 127.91, 127.87, 124.45, 61.26, 60.97, 13.82, 13.51$; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 493.1646, found 493.1650.

Synthetic transformations of 3a

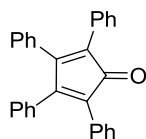
Compound 4



2-(2,3,4,5-Tetraphenylcyclopenta-2,4-dienecarbonyl)benzoic acid (4). 95% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 10.72$ (broad s, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.04 (m, 13H), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 6H), 5.55 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 191.93, 171.95, 158.80, 154.09, 145.41, 144.53, 144.14, 137.53, 135.32, 134.94, 134.57, 132.33, 130.70, 130.45, 129.68, 129.57, 128.91,$

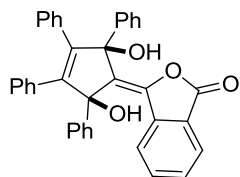
128.83, 128.62, 128.42, 128.28, 128.11, 128.05, 128.00, 127.94, 127.60, 127.55, 127.48, 127.04, 60.74;
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Compound 5



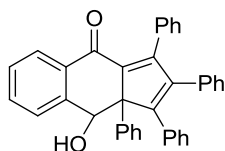
2,3,4,5-Tetraphenylcyclopenta-2,4-dienone (5). 67% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 11H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 6.85 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 200.82, 154.97, 133.57, 131.90, 131.24, 130.88, 130.63, 129.81, 128.97, 128.85, 128.82, 128.50, 128.46, 127.93, 127.05, 126.34, 125.81; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $C_{29}H_{21}O$ $[M+H]^+$ 385.1587, found 385.1592.

Compound 6



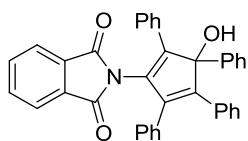
(Z)-3-((2R,5S)-2,5-dihydroxy-2,3,4,5-tetraphenylcyclopent-3-enylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (6). 51% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.99 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.88 (s, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 165.81, 148.09, 145.49, 142.58, 142.41, 140.32, 137.05, 134.53, 134.42, 134.05, 133.42, 130.69, 130.53, 130.04, 128.30, 128.06, 127.86, 127.73, 127.69, 127.64, 127.54, 127.01, 126.98, 125.14, 124.68, 87.32, 86.21; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $C_{37}H_{27}O_4$ $[M+H]^-$ 535.1904, found 535.1912.

Compound 7



4-Hydroxy-1,2,3,3a-tetraphenyl-3aH-cyclopenta[b]naphthalen-9(4H)-one (7). 56% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.83$ (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.55(m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.99 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.88 (s, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 165.81, 148.09, 145.49, 142.58, 142.41, 140.32, 137.05, 134.53, 134.42, 134.05, 133.42, 130.69, 130.53, 130.04, 128.30, 128.06, 127.86, 127.73, 127.69, 127.64, 127.54, 127.01, 126.98, 125.14, 124.68, 87.32, 86.21$; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 503.2006, found 503.2002.

Compound 8



2-(3-Hydroxy-2,3,4,5-tetraphenylcyclopenta-1,4-dienyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (8). 62% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.79 - 7.73$ (m, 4H), 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 8H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 7H), 3.16 (s, 1H), 3.16 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 168.07, 167.51, 152.10, 148.18, 139.67, 138.68, 134.74, 134.71, 134.13, 133.46, 132.23, 132.15, 132.03, 131.19, 129.60, 129.16, 129.12, 129.07, 128.70, 128.67, 128.33, 128.24, 127.80, 127.73, 125.80, 124.26, 124.17, 89.35$; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 554.1727, found 554.1726.

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