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Diastereo- and Enantioselective Rhodium(III)-Catalyzed Reductive Cyclization of Cyclohexadienone-Containing 1,6-Dienes

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1. General information

All solvents were dried before use following the standard procedures. Unless otherwise indicated, all starting materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and were used without further purification. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV-400 MHz, Bruker AV-500 MHz and Bruker AV-600 MHz in the indicated solvents. Chemical shifts are reported in δ (ppm) referenced to an internal TMS standard for ¹H NMR and CDCl₃ (δ = 77.0 ppm) for ¹³C NMR. Coupling constants (*J*) are quoted in Hz. Optical rotations were measured on Anton Paar MCP 5500. ESI mass spectra were recorded on Agilent 1200/G6100A. EI mass spectra were recorded on Waters Micromass DCT Premier.

2. Substrate preparation

Note: Substrates 1a-1u, 1z, 1ab, and 1ac were synthesized according to our previous reports.^[1]



General procedure for preparation of substrates 1v-1y: A dried bottle was charged with 1i or 1j (2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Cat. 246047-72-3 (84.9 mg, 5 mol%), backfilled with argon. Then substrate **20** (10 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and DCM (10 mL) were added. After the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 4 to 8 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford the desired product 1v-1y.

^[1] For the preparation of substrates **1a-1k**, **1m-1t**, and **1ab**, see: (a) Y.-X. Tan, F. Zhang, P.-P. Xie, S.-Q. Zhang, Y.-F. Wang, Q.-H. Li, P. Tian, X. Hong and G.-Q. Lin, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2019, **141**, 12770. For the preparation of substrates **11** and **1u**, see: (b) C.-Y. He, Q.-H. Li, X. Wang, F. Wang, P. Tian, and Lin, G.-Q. *Adv. Synth. Catal.*, 2020, **362**, 765. For the preparation of substrate **1z**, see: (c) J.-L. Zhang, D. Gao, Y.-X. Tan, C.-Y. He, P.-Y. Peng, G.-Q. Lin, Q.-H. Li and P. Tian, *Org. Lett.*, 2020, **22**, 3661. For the preparation of substrate **1ac**, see: (d) B. F. Sels, D. E. De Vos, and P. A. Jacobs, *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.*, 2005, **44**, 310.

(*E*)-4'-Bromo-1-((3-(4-bromophenyl)allyl)oxy)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4(1*H*)-one (1v)



 $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 10/1), yellow solid (200 mg, 22% yield), m.p. = 128 - 129 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.50 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (dt, J = 15.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, J = 5.8, 1.5 Hz, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 185.3, 149.9, 137.3, 135.5, 132.0, 131.8, 131.4, 130.1, 128.1, 127.6, 126.5, 122.7, 121.8, 76.2, 65.9.

FT-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 459.0; **HRMS** (**DART**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{21}H_{17}^{79}Br_2O_2^{\oplus}$ 458.9590, found 458.9584.

(*E*)-4'-Bromo-1-((3-(p-tolyl)allyl)oxy)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4(1*H*)-one (1w)



 $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 10/1), yellow solid (140 mg, 18% yield), m.p. = 105 - 106 °C.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.49 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (dt, J = 15.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, J = 6.0, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 185.5, 150.8, 137.9, 137.4, 133.7, 132.8, 132.0, 130.0, 129.4, 127.7, 126.5, 124.6, 122.6, 76.2, 66.3, 21.3.

FT-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 395.1; **HRMS** (**DART**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{20}^{79}BrO_{2}^{\oplus}$ 395.0641, found 395.0635.

(E)-1-((3-(Naphthalen-2-yl)allyl)oxy)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4(1H)-one (1x)



 $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 15/1), yellow oil (152 mg, 22% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.84 – 7.74 (m, 4H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.52 – 6.41 (m, 3H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 185.7, 150.7, 138.2, 134.1, 133.6, 133.2, 132.5, 129.8, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 126.7, 126.4, 126.4, 126.1, 125.9, 123.6, 76.6, 66.1.

FT-MS: [M+H][⊕] 353.2; **HRMS** (**DART**): [M+H][⊕] calcd for C₂₅H₂₁O₂[⊕] 353.1536, found 353.1529. (*E*)-4'-Bromo-1-((3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)allyl)oxy)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4(1 *H*)-one (1y)



 $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EA = 5/1), yellow oil (150 mg, 17% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (dt, *J* = 18.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (s, 12H).

¹³**C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 185.3, 149.9, 148.5, 137.2, 132.0, 130.1, 127.7, 122.6, 83.5, 76.1, 66.5, 24.9.

FT-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 430.1; **HRMS** (**DART**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{21}H_{25}{}^{79}Br^{10}BO_4{}^{\oplus}$ 430.1060, found 430.1053.



General procedure for preparation of substrates 1aa and **1ad**: A well-stirred solution of substituted phenol **21aa**^[2] or **21ad** (1.0 eq) in alcohol (5.0 eq) was cooled to 0 °C and treated with phenyliodine (III) diacetate (PIDA, 1.5 eq) in several portions. The resulting mixture was warmed

^[2] For the preparation of substrate 21aa, see: J. A. Cella, J. Org. Chem., 2002, 47, 2125.

to room temperature and stirred overnight. Then it was diluted with water and extracted with dichloroethane. The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate eluent to afford the desired product **1aa** or **1ad**.

4-Methoxy-4-(2-methylpent-4-en-2-yl)cyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-one (1aa)



 $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EA = 9/1), colorless oil (300 mg, 29% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.90 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 5.78 (ddt, J = 17.5, 10.1, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.07 – 4.97 (m, 2H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.15 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (s, 6H). ¹³**C** NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 185.2, 150.4, 134.8, 132.5, 117.8, 80.1, 53.1, 42.4, 41.9, 22.1.

ESI-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 207.1; **HRMS** (**ESI**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{13}H_{19}O_2^{\oplus}$ 207.1380, found 207.1379.

4-(Allyloxy)-3,4,5-trimethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-one (1ad)



 $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EA = 9/1), colorless oil (38% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.17 (s, 2H), 5.87 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dt, J = 5.4, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.02 (s, 6H), 1.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 185.3, 161.0, 134.0, 129.1, 117.1, 76.7, 65.9, 25.1, 18.0.

ESI-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 193.2; **HRMS** (**DART**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{17}O_2^{\oplus}$ 193.1223, found 193.1221.

3. Substrate scope of cyclohexadienone-tethered alkenes



Condition A: A dried Schlenk flask was charged with **C3** (5.66 mg, 5 mol%), *t*-BuONa (2.0 mg, 10 mol%), and substrate **1** (if **1** is a solid, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), backfilled with argon. Then anhydrous DCE (2 mL), Et₃SiH (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and substrate **1** (if **1** is a liquid, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added. After the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 10 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Then NH₄F (0.5M in MeOH) was added to quench the reaction and stirred for 10 min. Finally, the reaction mixture was filtered, washed with EtOAc (10 mL × 3) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford the desired product **3**.

Condition B: A dried Schlenk flask was charged with C3 (5.66 mg, 5 mol%) and substrate 1 (if 1 is a solid, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), backfilled with argon. Then anhydrous DCE (2 mL), HBpin (0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and substrate 1 (if 1 is a liquid, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added. After the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 h. Then, the reaction mixture was filtered, washed with EtOAc (10 mL \times 3) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford the desired product 3.

Condition C: A dried Schlenk flask was charged with **C3** (2.8 mg, 5 mol%), *t*-BuONa (1.0 mg, 10 mol%), and substrate **1** (if **1** is a solid, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), backfilled with argon. Then anhydrous DCE (1 mL), Et₃SiH (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and substrate **1** (if **1** is a liquid, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added. After the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Then NH₄F (0.5M in MeOH) was added to quench the reaction and stirred for 10 min. Finally, the reaction mixture was filtered, washed with EtOAc (10 mL × 3) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford the desired product **3**.

(3R,3aS,7aS)-3,7a-Dimethyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4H)-one (3a)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.25$ (PE/EA = 10/1), light yellow oil (32 mg, 96% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.62 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.65 – 2.48 (m, 4H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.5, 152.6, 129.0, 78.9, 73.6, 45.6, 36.7, 35.7, 25.8, 13.8.
EI-MS: [M][⊕] 166; HRMS (EI): [M][⊕] calcd for C₁₁H₁₄O₂[⊕] 166.0994, found 166.0997.
Specific Rotation: [α]_D^{25.0} 78.5 (*c* 1.9, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 16.0 min (major), 14.1 min (minor).



(3R,3aS,7aS)-7a-Ethyl-3-methyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4H)-one (3b)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 15/1), colorless oil (33.72 mg, 94% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.62 (dd, J = 10.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.47 (m, 4H), 1.85 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.8, 151.8, 129.7, 81.4, 73.3, 43.0, 37.2, 36.1, 32.3, 13.8, 8.4.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 180; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{11}H_{16}O_2^{\oplus}$ 180.1150, found 180.1147.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 91.3 (*c* 1.57, CHCl₃) for 93% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 14.8 min (major), 13.1 min (minor).



(3R,3aS,7aS)-7a-Isopropyl-3-methyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4H)-one (3c)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 15/1), colorless oil (33.2 mg, 86% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.61 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.70 – 2.42 (m, 4H), 2.04 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.06 – 0.94 (m, 6H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 199.0, 150.5, 130.3, 83.4, 72.8, 40.9, 38.2, 37.1, 36.8, 17.7, 17.0, 13.8.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 194; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{18}O_2^{\oplus}$ 194.1307, found 194.1314.

Specific Rotation: [*α*]_D^{25.0} 89.2 (*c* 1.35, CHCl₃) for 91% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 12.9 min (major), 11.6 min (minor).



(3R,3aS,7aS)-7a-(Tert-butyl)-3-methyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4H)-one (3d)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EA = 10/1), colorless oil (36 mg, 87% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.75 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.92 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.49 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.7, 150.7, 130.0, 84.8, 73.1, 39.2, 38.6, 38.6, 37.3, 25.4, 14.2.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 208; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{13}H_{20}O_2^{\oplus}$ 208.1463, found 208.1457.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 103.2 (*c* 1.55, CHCl₃) for 89% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 11.4 min (major), 10.6 min (minor).



(3R,3aS,7aS)-7a-Cyclohexyl-3-methyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4H)-one (3e)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.35$ (PE/EA = 15/1), colorless oil (42.8 mg, 91% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.59 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.73 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.41 (m, 3H), 1.91 – 1.75 (m, 4H), 1.69 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.21 (m, 2H), 1.18 – 1.00 (m, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 199.0, 151.1, 129.9, 83.0, 72.8, 47.3, 41.1, 38.2, 37.1, 27. 9, 27.1, 26.6, 26.5, 26.4, 13.8.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 234; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{22}O_2^{\oplus}$ 234.1620, found 234.1629.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 40.3 (*c* 1.9, CHCl₃) for 93% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 14.1 min (major), 12.1 min (minor).



(3R,3aS,7aS)-7a-Benzyl-3-methyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4H)-one (3f)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.35$ (PE/EA = 12/1), colorless oil (46 mg, 95% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 6.58 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dd, J = 10.4, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, J = 8.7, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (s, 2H), 2.67 – 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.51 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 2.16 (dd, J = 17.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.5, 151.6, 135.8, 130.4, 129. 6, 128.3, 127.0, 81.1, 73.3, 45.6, 43.3, 37.2, 35.9, 14.2.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 242; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{16}H_{18}O_2^{\oplus}$ 242.1307, found 242.1302.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 35.2 (*c* 2.05, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 17.2 min (major), 15.4 min (minor).



(3R,3aS,7aS)-3-Methyl-7a-vinyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4H)-one (3g)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 15/1), colorless oil (32.5 mg, 91% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.56 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (dd, J = 17.4, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dd, J = 17.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (dd, J = 10.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, J = 8.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.66 – 2.47 (m, 4H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.6, 149.2, 139.7, 130.1, 115.4, 81.4, 74.0, 45.3, 36.2, 35.0, 13.6.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 178; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{11}H_{14}O_2^{\oplus}$ 178.0994, found 178.0997.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 1.6 (*c* 1.07, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 14.3 min (major), 12.7 min (minor).



(3R,3aS,7aS)-7a-(But-3-en-1-yl)-3-methyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4H)-one (3h)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 10/1), light yellow oil (39 mg, 95% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.65 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (ddt, J = 16.7, 10.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.12 – 4.91 (m, 2H), 4.03 (dd, J = 8.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 8.5, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.65 – 2.48 (m, 4H), 2.25 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.6, 151.6, 137.9, 129.6, 115.0, 80.8, 73.3, 43.6, 38.6, 37.1, 35.9, 28.3, 13.9.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 206; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{13}H_{18}O_2^{\oplus}$ 206.1307, found 206.1299.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 40.3 (*c* 1.88, CHCl₃) for 93% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralpak AS-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 10.0 min (major), 15.7 min (minor).





Condition A, $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/EA = 20/1), colorless oil (42.5 mg, 93% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 8.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 2.78 (dd, J = 14.3, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.61 – 2.52 (m, 3H), 0.95 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 199.0, 149.4, 143.8, 129.2, 128.7, 127.7, 125.0, 82.8, 74.2, 48.3, 36.4, 35.4, 12.9.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 228; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{16}O_2^{\oplus}$ 228.1150, found 228.1151.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ -108.9 (*c* 1.87, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 17.1 min (major), 15.3 min (minor).



(3R,3aS,7aS)-7a-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-methyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4H)-one (3j)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.35$ (PE/EA = 15/1), colorless oil (56 mg, 92% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.74 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 2.73 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.49 (m, 3H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.6, 148.7, 142.9, 131.8, 129.4, 126.9, 121.8, 82.5, 74.2, 48.3, 36.4, 35.3, 12.8.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 306; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{15}O_2^{79}Br^{\oplus}$ 306.0255, found 306.0261. **Specific Rotation:** $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ -110.4 (*c* 2.7, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 21.3 min (major), 18.9 min (minor).



4-((3R,3aS,7aS)-3-Methyl-5-oxo-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzofuran-7a(2H)-yl)benzonitrile (3k)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 5/1), colorless oil (48 mg, 95% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.73 (m, 1H), 2.79 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.64 – 2.52 (m, 3H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.0, 149.2, 147.7, 132.5, 129.8, 125.9, 118.5, 111.7, 82.5, 74.3, 48.2, 36.5, 35.1, 12.7.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 253; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{16}H_{15}NO_2^{\oplus}$ 253.1103, found 253.1098.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ -129.1 (*c* 2.4, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 80/20; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; Retention time: 26.1 min (major), 21.0 min (minor).





Condition B, $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 5/2), light yellowe oil (32.1mg, 65% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.61 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.76 – 2.68 (m, 1H), 2.64 – 2.30 (m, 7H), 2.27 – 2.18 (m, 2H), 2.16 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 0.91 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 210.7, 198.1, 149.6, 130.6, 82.3, 73.0, 45.4, 41.3, 40.9, 40.6, 38.1, 36.8, 27.5, 26.8, 13.7.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 248; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{20}O_3^{\oplus}$ 248.1412, found 248.1416.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 27.7 (*c* 1.36, CHCl₃) for 91% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralpak OD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 85/15; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 35.0 min (major), 24.8 min (minor).



Methyl 2-((3R,3aS,7aS)-3-methyl-5-oxo-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzofuran-7a(2H)-yl) acetate (3m)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 4/1), colorless oil (30.5 mg, 68% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.75 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.43 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.92 – 2.85 (m, 1H), 2.76 (s, 2H), 2.65 – 2.52 (m, 3H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.2, 170.0, 149.4, 129.8, 78.9, 73.5, 52.0, 44.1, 43.8, 37.0, 35.6, 13.7.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 224; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{16}O_4^{\oplus}$ 224.1049, found 224.1041.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 51.6 (*c* 1.35, CHCl₃) for 93% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 90/10; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 27.1 min (major), 23.7 min (minor).



Methyl 3-((3R,3aS,7aS)-3-methyl-5-oxo-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzofuran-7a(2H)-yl) propanoate (3n)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 7/2), yellow oil (46.5 mg, 98% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.61 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.43 (m, 6H), 2.15 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.1, 173.5, 150.6, 129.78, 80.0, 73.5, 51.8, 43.5, 36.9, 35.7, 33.8, 28.7, 13.8.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 238; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{13}H_{18}O_4^{\oplus}$ 238.1205, found 238.1202.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{24.9}$ 50.2 (*c* 2.02, CHCl₃) for 93% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 80/20; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 24.2 min (major), 19.2 min (minor).



2-((3R,3aS,7aS)-3-Methyl-5-oxo-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzofuran-7a(2H)-yl)ethyl acetate (30)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.35$ (PE/EA = 4/1), yellow oil (40.2 mg, 84% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.64 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.32 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 4.04 (dd, J = 8.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, J = 8.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.69 – 2.51 (m, 4H), 2.17 – 2.01 (m, 5H), 0.91 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.2, 170.9, 150.9, 129.8, 79.8, 73.4, 60.3, 44.0, 37.9, 36.9, 35.6, 21.0, 13.9.

EI-MS: [M][⊕] 238; **HRMS** (**EI**): [M][⊕] calcd for C₁₃H₁₈O₄[⊕] 238.1205, found 238.1205.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 64.3 (*c* 1.67, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralpak OD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 20.1 min (major), 22.3 min (minor).



(3*R*,3a*S*,7a*S*)-7a-(2-((Tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-3-methyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofu ran-5(4*H*)-one (3p)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 8/1), colorless oil (55.2 mg, 89% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.64 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, J = 8.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 – 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.37 (dd, J = 8.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.81 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.69 – 2.50 (m, 3H), 2.07 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 0.94 – 0.86 (m, 12H), 0.05 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.9, 151.9, 129.4, 80.5, 73.3, 58.8, 43.9, 42.2, 37.0, 35.8, 25.9, 18.2, 14.0, -5.4.

EI-MS: [M][⊕] 310; **HRMS** (**EI**): [M][⊕] calcd for C₁₇H₃₀O₃Si[⊕] 310.1964, found 310.1964.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 41.3 (*c* 2.38, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralpak OD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 98/2; flow rate = 0.4 mL/min; Retention time: 14.5 min (major), 13.4 min (minor).



Tert-butyl (2-((3*R*,3a*S*,7a*S*)-3-methyl-5-oxo-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzofuran-7a(2*H*)-yl)ethyl) carbamate (3q)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 3/1), yellow oil (20 mg, 68% yield, 0.1 mmol scale).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.66 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.09 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.41 – 3.21 (m, 3H), 2.69 – 2.45 (m, 4H), 2.04 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.1, 155.9, 150.9, 129.9, 80.6, 79.4, 73.6, 44.1, 38.5, 36.6, 36.4, 35.7, 28.5, 14.1.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 295; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{16}H_{25}NO_4^{\oplus}$ 295.1784, found 295.1788.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 33.0 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 80/20; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; Retention time: 16.4 min (major), 13.9 min (minor).



(3R,3aS,7aS)-7a-(3-Chloropropyl)-3-methyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4H)-one (3r)



Condition A, $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/EA = 5/1), colorless oil (41 mg, 90% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.62 (dd, J = 10.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, J = 8.7, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.48 (m, 4H), 1.97 – 1.79 (m, 4H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.3, 151.2, 129.8, 80.5, 73.5, 45.1, 43.8, 37.0, 36.7, 35.9, 27.3, 13.9.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 228; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{17}^{35}ClO_2^{\oplus}$ 228.0917, found 228.0923.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 53.2 (*c* 1.77, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 28.4 min (major), 23.6 min (minor).





Condition A, $R_f = 0.35$ (PE/EA = 5/1), colorless oil (46.3 mg, 85% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.62 (dd, J = 10.4, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, J = 8.7, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.47 (m, 4H), 2.07 – 1.78 (m, 4H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.2, 151.2, 129.8, 80.5, 73.5, 43.7, 37.9, 37.0, 35.9, 33.7, 27.4, 13.9.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 272; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{17}^{79}BrO_2^{\oplus}$ 272.0412, found 272.0409.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 35.0 (*c* 1.77, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 29.1 min (major), 24.1 min (minor).



(3R,3aS,7aS)-3-Methyl-7a-(3-(((8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-de cahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)propyl)-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4 H)-one (3t)



Condition A, C2 was used instead of C3, $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 5/2), white solid (43.3 mg, 94% yield, 0.1 mmol scale). m.p. = $172^{\circ}C-173^{\circ}C$.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.19 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 – 6.61 (m, 3H), 6.04 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, J = 8.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 2.64 – 2.45 (m, 5H), 2.43 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.28 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.19 – 1.82 (m, 8H), 1.65 – 1.40 (m, 6H), 0.93 – 0.88 (m, 6H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 221.0, 198.5, 156.9, 151.6, 137.8, 132.1, 129.7, 126.4, 114.5, 112.0, 80.8, 73.4, 67.7, 50.4, 48.0, 44.0, 43.5, 38.4, 37.0, 35.9, 35.9, 31.6, 29.7, 26.6, 25.9, 24.1, 21.6, 13.9, 13.9.

ESI-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 463.3; **HRMS** (**ESI**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{30}H_{39}O_4^{\oplus}$ 463.2843, found 463.2846. **Specific Rotation:** $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 100.0 (*c* 1.45, CHCl₃) for 95:5 dr.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 80/20; flow rate = 1.5 mL/min; Retention time: 35.8min (major), 29.4 min (minor).



(3*S*,3a*R*,7a*R*)-3-Methyl-7a-(3-(((8*R*,9*S*,13*S*,14*S*)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-d ecahydro-6*H*-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)propyl)-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4 *H*)-one (3t')



Condition A, *ent*-**C2** was used instead of **C3**, $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 5/2), white solid (44 mg, 95% yield, 0.1 mmol scale). m.p. = 176°C–177°C.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.19 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.61 (m, 3H), 6.04 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, J = 8.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.66 – 2.46 (m, 5H), 2.42 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.28 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 1.82 (m, 8H), 1.68 – 1.38 (m, 6H), 0.93 – 0.88 (m, 6H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 221.0, 198.5, 156.9, 151.6, 137.8, 132.1, 129.7, 126.4, 114.5, 112.1, 80.8, 73.4, 67.7, 50.4, 48.0, 44.0, 43.6, 38.4, 37.0, 36.0, 35.9, 31.6, 29.7, 26.6, 25.9, 24.1, 21.6, 13.9, 13.9.

ESI-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 463.3; **HRMS** (**ESI**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{30}H_{39}O_4^{\oplus}$ 463.2843, found 463.2846. **Specific Rotation:** $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 75.0 (*c* 1.83, CHCl₃) for 6:94 dr.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 80/20; flow rate = 1.5 mL/min; Retention time: 29.2min (major), 36.1 min (minor).



(3R,3aS,7aS)-7a-(3-(((R)-2,8-Dimethyl-2-((4R,8R)-4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl)chroman-6-yl)oxy) propyl)-3-methyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4H)-one (3u)



Condition A, C2 was used instead of C3, $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/EA = 10/1), light yellow oil (35.8 mg, 60% yield, 0.1 mmol scale).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.65 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, J = 8.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.77 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.66 – 2.50 (m, 4H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.97 – 1.69 (m, 6H), 1.58 – 1.46 (m, 3H), 1.43 – 1.20 (m, 15H), 1.17 – 1.02 (m, 6H), 0.92 – 0.81 (m, 15H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.6, 151.7, 151.4, 146.3, 129.7, 127.3, 121.0, 115.5, 111.9, 80.9, 75.6, 73.4, 68.3, 43.6, 40.0, 39.4, 37.5, 37.5, 37.3, 37.1, 36.0, 32.9, 32.8, 31.4, 28.1, 24.9, 24.5, 24.3, 24.2, 22.8, 22.7, 22.7, 21.1, 19.8, 19.7, 16.3, 13.9.

ESI-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 595.5; **HRMS** (**ESI**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{39}H_{63}O_4^{\oplus}$ 595.4721, found 595.4729. **Specific Rotation:** $[\alpha]_D^{24.9}$ 11.9 (*c* 1.43, CHCl₃) for 95:5 dr.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 98/2; flow rate = 0.5 mL/min; Retention time: 32.5 min (major), 27.7 min (minor).



(3S,3aR,7aR)-7a-(3-(((R)-2,8-dimethyl-2-((4R,8R)-4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl)chroman-6-yl)oxy) propyl)-3-methyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4H)-one (3u')



Condition A, *ent*-**C2** was used instead of **C3**, $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/EA = 10/1), light yellow oil (35 mg, 59% yield, 0.1 mmol scale).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.65 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, J = 8.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.67 (m, 2H), 2.66 – 2.50 (m, 4H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.98 – 1.69 (m, 6H), 1.58 – 1.47 (m, 3H), 1.43 – 1.20 (m, 15H), 1.16 – 1.02 (m, 6H), 0.92 – 0.82 (m, 15H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.6, 151.7, 151.4, 146.3, 129.7, 127.3, 121.0, 115.5, 111.9, 80.9, 75.6, 73.4, 68.3, 43.6, 40.0, 39.4, 37.5, 37.5, 37.3, 37.1, 36.0, 32.9, 32.8, 31.4, 28.1, 24.9, 24.5, 12.5 (m, 2.5 m) (m, 2

24.3, 24.2, 22.8, 22.7, 22.7, 21.1, 19.8, 19.7, 16.3, 13.9.

ESI-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 595.5; **HRMS** (**ESI**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{39}H_{63}O_4^{\oplus}$ 595.4721, found 595.4729. **Specific Rotation:** $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ -2.9 (*c* 1.45, CHCl₃) for 5: 95 dr.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 98/2; flow rate = 0.5 mL/min; Retention time: 26.8 min (major), 31.9 min (minor).



(3*R*,3a*S*,7a*S*)-3-(4-Bromobenzyl)-7a-(4-bromophenyl)-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4*H*)-one (3v)



Condition C, $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/EA = 5/1), colorless oil (35.2 mg, 77% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 – 3.83 (m, 1H), 2.82 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.75 – 2.46 (m, 5H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.2, 148.3, 142.8, 138.5, 131.9, 131.9, 130.2, 129.2, 126.9, 122.0, 120.4, 82.7, 72.3, 47.5, 43.3, 35.5, 33.4.

FT-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 461.0; **HRMS** (**DART**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{21}H_{19}^{79}Br_2O_2^{\oplus}$ 460.9746, found 460.9736.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ -107.3 (*c* 0.88, CHCl₃) for >99% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralpak IA Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 85/15; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 17.4 min (major), 11.6 min (minor).



(3*R*,3a*S*,7a*S*)-7a-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(4-methylbenzyl)-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4*H*)-one (3w)



Condition C, $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 9/1), colorless oil (19.5 mg, 49% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.93 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 2.81 (dd, J = 14.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.75 – 2.47 (m, 5H), 2.30 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.5, 148.3, 143.1, 136.4, 136.1, 131.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.3, 126.9, 121.9, 82.7, 72.6, 47.5, 43.4, 35.5, 33.5, 21.1.

FT-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 397.1; **HRMS** (**DART**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{22}^{79}BrO_2^{\oplus}$ 397.0798, found 397.0790.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ -117.8 (*c* 0.74, CHCl₃) for >99% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane/*i*-propanol = 80/20; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; Retention time: 8.8 min (major), 8.1 min (minor).



(3*R*,3a*S*,7a*S*)-3-(Naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-7a-phenyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4*H*)-on e (3x)



Condition C, $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EA = 5/1), colorless oil (21.7 mg, 61% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.81 – 7.73 (m, 3H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.00 – 3.92 (m, 1H), 2.95 – 2.83 (m, 3H), 2.78 – 2.65 (m, 3H).

¹³**C** NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.7, 149.1, 143.8, 137.2, 133.6, 132.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 126.8, 126.2, 125.6, 125.0, 83.0, 72.4, 47.6, 43.5, 35.7, 34.3.

FT-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 355.2; **HRMS** (**DART**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{25}H_{23}O_2^{\oplus}$ 355.1693, found 355.1685. **Specific Rotation:** $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ -90.2 (*c* 0.9, CHCl₃) for >99% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane/i-propanol = 80/20; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; Retention time: 12.0 min (major), 9.7 min (minor).



(3*R*,3a*S*,7a*S*)-7a-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)-2,3, 3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4*H*)-one (3y)



Condition C, $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EA = 5/1), colorless oil (21.8 mg, 50% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 4.32 – 4.27 (m, 1H), 3.72 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (s, 12H), 0.78 (qd, *J* = 15.8, 8.1 Hz, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.8, 148.4, 143.3, 131.7, 129.3, 127.0, 121.7, 83.5, 82.5, 74.3, 48.3, 37.6, 35.4, 24.9, 24.8.

FT-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 432.1; **HRMS** (**DART**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{21}H_{27}^{79}Br^{10}BO_4^{\oplus}$ 432.1217, found 432.1210.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ -93 (*c* 0.25, CHCl₃) for >99% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 20.6 min (major), 13.9 min (minor).



Unsuccessful substrates:





A dried Schlenk flask was charged with C3 (5.66 mg, 5 mol%) and *t*-BuONa (2.0 mg, 10 mol%), backfilled with argon. Then anhydrous DCE (1 mL), Et₃SiH (0.15 mmol, 0.75 equiv) and *rac*-1z (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added. After the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 10 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Then NH₄F (0.5M in MeOH) was added to quench the reaction and stirred for 10 min. Finally, the reaction mixture was filtered, washed with EtOAc (10 mL \times 3) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography to afford product (+)-3z and (+)-1z.



 $R_f = 0.3$ (PE/EA = 4/1), colorless oil (20.3 mg, 47% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.95 (dd, J = 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 4.16 – 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 8.8, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.91 – 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.72 – 2.58 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 0.74 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 197.3, 147.4, 134.6, 131.5, 127.7, 127.0, 125.8, 80.4, 73.5, 46.5, 36.4, 36.2, 29.2, 14.7.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 216; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{14}H_{16}O_2^{\oplus}$ 216.1150, found 216.1158.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 22.5 (*c* 0.86, CHCl₃) for 92% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 98/2; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 18.4 min (major), 14.7 min (minor).



(S)-4-(Allyloxy)-4-methylnaphthalen-1(4H)-one ((+)-1z)



 $R_f = 0.6$ (PE/EA = 4/1), colorless oil (19 mg, 44% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.14 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (ddd, *J* = 22.7, 10.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.27 – 5.19 (m, 1H), 5.13 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (ddt, *J* = 12.1, 5.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (ddt, *J* = 12.2, 5.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 184.3, 152.7, 145.2, 134.6, 133.3, 131.3, 130.1, 128.2, 126.8, 126.3, 116.9, 73.8, 66.4, 30.6.

ESI-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 215.1; **HRMS** (**ESI**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{14}H_{15}O_2^{\oplus}$ 215.1067, found 215.1067. **Specific Rotation**: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 76.6 (*c* 0.89, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralpak OD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 11.5 min (major), 6.2 min (minor).



5. Deuterium-labelling experiment



(3*R*,3a*S*,7a*S*)-7a-Methyl-3-(methyl-d)-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4*H*)-one ([**D**₁]-3a) A dried Schlenk flask was charged with **C3** (5.66 mg, 5 mol%) and *t*-BuONa (2.0 mg, 10 mol%), backfilled with argon. Then anhydrous DCE (2 mL), Et₃SiD (0.276 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and **1a** (0.184 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added. After the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 10 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Then NH₄F (0.5M in MeOH) was added to quench the reaction and stirred for 10 min. Finally, the reaction mixture was filtered, washed with EtOAc (10 mL × 3) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1) to afford product [**D**₁]-3a.

light yellow oil (28.2 mg, 92% yield, 96% D).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 6.62 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.66 – 2.48 (m, 4H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 0.89 (dt, *J* = 5.3, 1.6 Hz, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.5, 152.6, 129.0, 78.9, 73.5, 45.6, 36.6, 35.7, 25.8, 13.50 (t, *J* = 19.0 Hz).

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 167; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{10}H_{13}DO_2^{\oplus}$ 167.1057, found 167.1063.

6. Subgram-scale experiment



A dried Schlenk flask was charged with **C3** (45.3 mg, 2 mol%) and *t*-BuONa (15.4 mg, 4 mol%), backfilled with argon. Then anhydrous DCE (10 mL), Et₃SiH (6.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and **1a** (4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added. After the mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 20 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Then NH₄F (0.5M in MeOH) was added to quench the reaction and stirred for 10 min. Finally, the reaction mixture was filtered, washed with EtOAc (100 mL × 3) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1) to afford product **3a** (556 mg, 84% yield).

7. Transformations of cyclization product



(3*R*,3a*S*,5*S*,7a*S*)-3,7a-Dimethyl-2,3,3a,4,5,7a-hexahydrobenzofuran-5-ol (5a) A dried Schlenk flask was charged with 3a (33.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CeCl₃·7H₂O (89 mg, 1.2 equiv) and MeOH (2.0 mL). It was cooled to 0°C and NaBH₄ (9.12 mg, 1.2 equiv) was added carefully. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 10 mins. Then it was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate eluent (PE/EA = 2:1) to afford the desired product 5a as colorless oil (24.5 mg, 73% yield, >20:1 dr).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 5.79 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (dd, J = 10.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.21 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 3.97 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dd, J = 10.7, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.83 – 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.15 (s, 1H), 1.98 (ddd, J = 13.5, 6.7, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.92 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.26 – 1.16 (m, 4H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 133.3, 132.1, 79.6, 72.4, 67.6, 44. 4, 35.7, 30.8, 28.4, 11.2. EI-MS: [M]^{\oplus} 168; HRMS (EI): [M]^{\oplus} calcd for C₁₀H₁₆O₂^{\oplus} 168.1150, found 168.1145. Specific Rotation: [α]_D^{25.0} 16.2 (*c* 1.2, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*. **Chiral HPLC analysis**: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 90/10; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 16.0 min (major), 14.1 min (minor).



(3*R*,3a*S*,7a*S*)-3,7a-Dimethylhexahydrobenzofuran-5(4*H*)-one (6a) A dried Schlenk flask was charged with 3a (33.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Pd/C (31.8 mg, 15 mol%) and EA (2.0 mL), backfilled with hydrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered, washed with EtOAc (10 mL \times 3) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate eluent (PE/EA = 4:1) to afford the desired product 6a as colorless oil (28.3 mg, 84% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 4.04 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.43 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.73 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.53 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.38 – 2.07 (m, 5H), 1.99 (dt, *J* = 18.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 213.3, 82.0, 72.7, 46.3, 38.1, 36.7, 35.8, 34.2, 27.5, 11.9.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 168; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{10}H_{16}O_2^{\oplus}$ 168.1150, found 168.1149.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ -21.7 (*c* 0.81, CHCl₃) for 96% *ee*.

Chiral GC analysis: The enantiomeric ratio was determined by GC using Cyclosil-B $(30m \times 0.25mm \times 0.25um)$ column $(150 \ ^{\circ}C - 260 \ ^{\circ}C)$. He carrier gas at 1.0 mL/min. Retention time: 14.2 min (major), 13.9 min (minor).





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7a

(1aS,3aS,4R,6aR,6bR)-4,6a-Dimethylhexahydrooxireno[2,3-g]benzofuran-2(1aH)-one (7a) A dried Schlenk flask was charged with **3a** (33.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), DCM/MeOH (0.2 mL/0.6 mL). It was cooled to 0°C, then 30% wt H₂O₂ (0.4 mL) and 20% wt NaOH (0.2 mL) were added carefully. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Na₂S₂O₃ was added to quench the reaction. Then it was diluted with water (20 mL) and extracted with DCM (20 mL×3). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate eluent (PE/EA = 4:1) to afford the desired product **7a** as colorless oil (22.5 mg, 62% yield). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 3.91 (dd, J = 8.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 8.8, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, J = 15.2, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.52 - 2.40 (m, J = 15.2, 7.3 Hz), 2.52 - 2.40 (m, J = 15.2, 7.3 Hz), 2.52 - 2.40 (m, J = 15.2, 7.3 Hz), 2.52 - 2.40 (m, J = 15.2, 7.3 Hz), 2.52 (m, J = 15.2, 7.3 Hz), 2.52 (m, J = 15.2, 7.3 Hz), 2.52 (m2H), 2.22 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 207.2, 78.4, 73.4, 64.4, 55.5, 48.5, 38.7, 33.1, 25.4, 12.6.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 182; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{10}H_{14}O_3^{\oplus}$ 182.0943, found 182.0941.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 16.9 (*c* 0.77, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

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3a

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 11.0 min (major), 12.3 min (minor).



(3*R*,3a*S*,7a*R*)-6-iodo-3,7a-Dimethyl-2,3,3a,7a-tetrahydrobenzofuran-5(4*H*)-one (8a) A dried Schlenk flask was charged with 3a (33.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), I_2 (114.3 mg, 0.45 mmol, 3.0 equiv), pyridine/CCl₄ (1.5 mL/1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Then, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate eluent (PE/EA = 4:1) to afford the desired product 8a as colorless oil (25 mg, 57% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.40 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, J = 8.8, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 8.8, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, J = 17.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.72 – 2.53 (m, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 191.3, 161.2, 104.0, 82.2, 73.9, 46.1, 36.5, 34.4, 25.4, 13.8. **EI-MS**: [M]^{\oplus} 292; **HRMS** (**EI**): [M]^{\oplus} calcd for C₁₀H₁₃O₂I^{\oplus} 291.9960, found 291.9966.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ -27.5 (*c* 0.93, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 95/5; flow rate = 0.7 mL/min; Retention time: 15.4 min (major), 11.3 min (minor).



(*R*)-3-(1-Hydroxypropan-2-yl)-4-methylphenol (9a) A dried Schlenk flask was charged with 3a (33.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (76 mg, 2.0 equiv) and DCM/acetone (1.0 mL/1.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Then, the reaction mixture was filtered, washed with EtOAc (10 mL \times 3) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate eluent (PE/EA = 2:1) to afford the desired product 9a as colorless oil (16 mg, 48% yield).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 3.73 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 3.24 – 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 1H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 154.3, 143.1, 131.6, 128.2, 113.3, 112.7, 67.8, 37.3, 18.7, 17.5.

EI-MS: $[M]^{\oplus}$ 168; **HRMS** (**EI**): $[M]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{10}H_{14}O_2^{\oplus}$ 166.0994, found 166.0999.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 12.5 (*c* 0.54, CHCl₃) for 93% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) (250 mm); detected at 214 nm;

n-hexane/*i*-propanol = 80/20; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; Retention time: 5.5 min (major), 6.6 min (minor).



8. One-pot process to polycyclic products



(*3R*,3*aR*,4*R*,7*S*,7*aS*,8*S*,9*R*)-8-Benzoyl-7a-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-9-phenylhexahydro-4,7-et hanobenzofuran-5(4*H*)-one (11j) A dried Schlenk flask was charged with C3 (2.8 mg, 5 mol%), *t*-BuONa (1.0 mg, 10 mol%), and substrate 1j (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), backfilled with argon. Then anhydrous DCE (1 mL), Et₃SiH (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added. After the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo. Then (*E*)-chalcone (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), TBAF (2.0 equiv, 0.2 mL, 1.0M in THF) and THF (1.0 mL) were added and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for another 2 h. Finally, the reaction mixture was filtered, washed with EtOAc (10 mL × 3) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 9:1) to afford the desired product 11j (white solid, 40 mg, 78% yield, m.p. = 95 – 96 °C).

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 7H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (dd, J = 5.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dd, J = 5.9,

2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 18.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.58 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.43 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 215.6, 199.0, 143.6, 140.6, 135.6, 132.9, 130.9, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 121.9, 85.9, 74.4, 52.9, 50.2, 49.9, 45.6, 41.7, 40.8, 36.9, 11.9.

FT-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 515.1; **HRMS** (**DART**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{30}H_{28}O_3^{79}Br^{\oplus}$ 515.1216, found 515.1201.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 57.7 (*c* 1.65, CHCl₃) for 93% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralpak AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; *n*-hexane/*i*-propanol = 80/20; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; Retention time: 8.6 min (major), 7.6 min (minor).



(3*R*,3a*R*,4*R*,7*S*,7a*S*,8*S*,9*R*)-7a-(4-Bromophenyl)-8-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-9-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-met hylhexahydro-4,7-ethanobenzofuran-5(4*H*)-one (12j) A dried Schlenk flask was charged with C3 (2.8 mg, 5 mol%), *t*-BuONa (1.0 mg, 10 mol%), and substrate 1j (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), backfilled with argon. Then anhydrous DCE (1 mL), Et₃SiH (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added. After the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo. Then (*E*)-1,3-bis(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), TBAF (2.0 equiv, 0.2 mL, 1.0M in THF) and THF (1.0 mL) were added and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for another 2 h. Finally, the reaction mixture was filtered, washed with EtOAc (10 mL × 3) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography (PE/EA = 9:1) to afford the desired product 12j (yellow solid, 25 mg, 43% yield, m.p. = 109 - 110 °C). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 24.5, 13.9 Hz, 4H), 3.08 (s, 1H), 2.53 (dt, *J* = 15.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 214.9, 197.7, 142.0, 140.6, 139.4, 134.0, 132.9, 131.1, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 122.2, 85.8, 74.5, 53.2, 50.2, 49.8, 45.7, 41.7, 40.3, 36.9, 12.0.

FT-MS: $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ 583.0; **HRMS** (**DART**): $[M+H]^{\oplus}$ calcd for $C_{30}H_{26}O_3^{79}Br^{35}Cl_2^{\oplus}$ 583.0473, found 583.0427.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25.0}$ 71.6 (*c* 0.8, CHCl₃) for 94% *ee*.

Chiral HPLC analysis: Chiralpak AD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane/*i*-propanol = 80/20; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; Retention time: 8.4 min (major), 11.1 min (minor).



9. Proposed reaction mechanism



The reduction of rhodium precatalyst **C3** by triethylsilane and dissociation of water lead to the formation of Rh(I)-complex **A**, which may be the catalytic active species and triggers the Rh(I)/Rh(III) catalytic cycle. The oxidative addition of the Rh(I)-complex **A** with triethylsilane affords the Rh(III)-hydride complex **B**. Then, the coordination and *anti*-Markovnikov insertion of the cyclohexadienone-tethered terminal alkene **1a** to the Rh(III)-hydride complex **B** provides the Rh(III)-complex **D**, which subsequently undergoes conjugate addition and reductive elimination to offer the enol silyl ether product **F** and regenerates the Rh(I)-complex **A**. Finally, quenching silyl ether product **F** with ammonium fluoride produces the corresponding reductive cyclization product **3a**. Notably, the non-covalent interaction between the enone moiety and the terminal alkene may enhance the reactivity of the terminal alkene to some extent, which would avoid the direct reduction of the enone.
10. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, HMQC, and NOE Copies





































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