Catalyst-Free Diazo Cross-coupling to Access Useful 3(2*H*)-Furanone Derivatives

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1.1 General Procedure.

Unless otherwise noted, all the preparations of substrates were performed in oven-dried glassware under a nitrogen atmosphere with freshly distilled solvents. The catalytic reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere. DCE, DCM and Ether were distilled from CaH₂ under nitrogen. THF was redistilled from Na metal under nitrogen. All other commercial reagents were used without further purification unless otherwise indicated. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500, 600 MHz and Varian 500,700 MHz spectrometers using chloroform-*d* (CDCl₃) as the internal standards. High-resolution mass spectral analysis (HRMS) data were measured on JMS-T100LP4G (JEOL) mass spectrometer or a TOF mass analyzer equipped with the ESI source and Magnetic Sector Mass Analyzer (MStation) equipped with the EI source. Brand: JEOL Model: JMS-T200GC AccuTOF GCx, Source mode: FD(field desorption). Single-crystal X-ray diffraction intensity data were collected on a Bruker X8 APEX diffractometer equipped with a CCD area detector and Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) at 100 K; all data calculations were performed by using the PC version of the APEX2 program package. Final R indices were obtained using those reflections I > 2 σ (I).



1.2 1. General synthetic procedures for preparation of diazo ketone^[s1]

To a DCM (60 ml) solution of substituted phenylacetic acid (s1) (3.0 g, 22.03 mmol) was added SOCl₂ (1.91 ml, 26.44 mmol) dropwise at 0 °C. The mixture was warm to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C, followed by the addition of AlCl₃ (2.93 g, 22.03 mmol) and Anisole (2.39 ml, 22.03 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3h. After completion of the reaction. The reaction was quenched with H₂O, extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 50 mL), and washed with brine (25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by a silica column (EA/Hexane = 15/85) to afford 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylethanone (s2) white solid (4.0 g, 17.67 mmol, 80%). To an acetonitrile (23 ml) solution of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2phenylethanone (1.0 g, 44.19 mmol) was added p-ABSA (1.27 g, 53.03 mmol). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and DBU (0.86 ml, 57.45 mmol) was added dropwise to the above mixture and stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with H₂O, followed by extraction with ether (2 x 50 mL), and washed with brine (25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by a silica column (EA/Hexane = 15/85) to afford 2-diazo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-one (1a) (0.836 g, 33.14 mmol, 76%) as yellow solid.

Substrates (1b - 1j) were synthesized according to the reported literature above procedure ^[s1-a]



To a DCM (30 ml) solution of substituted hexanoic acid (s3) (2.0 g, 17.2 mmol) was added (COCl)₂ (2.95 ml, 34.4 mmol) dropwise at 0 °C. The mixture was warm to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C, followed by the addition of AlCl₃ (2.52 g, 18.9 mmol) and Anisole (1.86 ml, 17.2 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2h. After completion of the reaction. The reaction was quenched with H₂O, extracted with DCM (2 x 50 mL), and washed with brine (25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by a silica column (EA/Hexane = 15/85) to afford 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)hexan-1-one (s5) white solid (3.50 g, 16.97 mmol, 98%). To an acetonitrile (20 ml) solution of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)hexan-1-one (1.5 g, 7.27 mmol) was added *p*-ABSA (2.18 g, 9.09 mmol, 1.25 equiv.). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and DBU (1.47 ml, 8.72 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) was added dropwise to the above mixture and stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with H₂O, followed by extraction with ether (2 x 50 mL), and washed with brine (25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with H₂O, followed by extraction with ether (2 x 50 mL), and washed with brine (25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by a silica column (EA/Hexane = 15/85) to afford 2-diazo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)hexan-1-one (**1k**) (400 mg, 1.72 mmol, 24%) as yellow oil.

Substrate 11 synthesized according to above procedure ^[s1-b]



To a solution of aromatic acetic acid **s1** (0.9 gm, 6.66 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and aromatic methyl ester **s6** (1 gm, 6.66 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in DMF (3 mL) was added NaHMDS (2.0 M in THF) (5.43 mL, 4.0 eq.) at -10°C over 1 min. The resulting mixture was stirred at -10°C for 3.5 hours. To the resulting solution was then added saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution. The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2x30 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford desired ketone **s7**. The compound **s7** was dissolved in ACN at 0 °C

and *p*-ABSA (0.60 gm, 2.51 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added to above solution and DBU (0.38 mL, 1.21 equiv.) was added dropwise to the above mixture at 0 °C and stirred at room temperature for 3h. The reaction was quenched with H₂O, followed by extraction with ether (3 x 50 mL), and washed with brine (25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by a silica column (EA/Hexane = 15/85) to afford 2-diazo-2-phenyl-1-(*m*-tolyl) ethan-1-one (**1q**) (0.24 g, 1.02 mmol, 48%) as yellow solid.

Substrates (1r –1s) were synthesized according to the reported literature above procedure ^[s1-c]

Substrate 1s having non-separable impurities and it used as without further purification.

Substrates (1m-1p) were synthesized according to reported literature.^[s1-d]

Substrates 1t, and 1u were synthesized according to reported literature. [s1-e]

1.2.3 Preparation of α -diazo esters.

2a is commercially available from Sigma-Aldrich.

All α -diazo esters (2b-2i) were prepared from the reported procedure in the literature. ^[s2]

2. Standard reaction procedures



A Schlenk tube charged with freshly distilled out THF (2 mL) and heated up to the 65°C in oil bath, then to that pre-heated solution of THF, suspension of **1a** (50 mg, 0.198 mmol) and **2a** (34 mg, 0.297 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in THF (1 mL) was added quickly at 60°C and resultant reaction mixture continue for 30 min at same temperature. Reaction monitor by using TLC and after completion of reaction solvent was removed under reduced pressure and eluted through a silica gel column with ethyl acetate/ hexane (25/75) to afford 5-ethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylfuran-3(2H)-one (**3a**) (50 mg, 0.161 mmol, 81%) as a colorless oil.

3. Chemical functionalization procedure and Large scale synthesis



3.1. Synthesis 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenylfuran-3(2H)-one (6)

To a THF (3 mL) solution of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-ethoxy-2-phenylfuran-3(2*H*)-one (**3p**) (30 mg, 0.095 mmol) was added MeMgBr (0.31 mL, 10 equiv.) at 0°C and the reaction is stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After completion of the reaction, reaction was quenched by saturated NH₄Cl solution (2 mL), followed by extraction with ether (3 x 5 mL), and washed with brine (5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by a silica column (EA/Hexane = 15/85) to afford 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenylfuran-3(2*H*)-one (**6**) (12.2 mg, 0.042 mmol, 45%) as a colorless oil.

3.2. Synthesis 2,2-diphenyltetrahydrofuran-3-ol (5)



To a THF (3 mL) solution of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-ethoxy-2-phenylfuran-3(2*H*)-one (**3p**) (30 mg, 0.095 mmol) was added LAH (1M, 0.38 mL, 4 equiv.) at 0°C and the reaction is stirred at room temperature for 8 h. After completion of the reaction, reaction was quenched by H₂O (2 mL), followed by extraction with ether (3 x 5 mL), and washed with brine (5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by a silica column (EA/Hexane = 15/85) to afford 2,2-diphenyltetrahydrofuran-3-ol (**5**) (11.2 mg, 0.046 mol, 49%) as a colorless oil.

3.3. Synthesis (2*R*,3*S*)-2-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)tetrahydrofuran-3-ol (7a) and (2*R*,3*R*)-2-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)tetrahydrofuran-3-ol (7b)



To a THF (3 mL) solution of (*R*)-5-ethoxy-2-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)furan-3(2*H*)-one (**3n**) (60 mg, 0.20 mmol) was added LAH (1M, 0.85 mL, 4 equiv.) at 0°C and the reaction is stirred at room temperature for 8 h. After completion of the reaction, reaction was quenched by H₂O (2 mL), followed by extraction with ether (3 x 5 mL), and washed with brine (5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by a silica column (EA/Hexane = 20/80) to afford (2*R*,3*S*)-2-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)tetrahydrofuran-3-ol (**7a**) (21 mg, 0.077 mol, 40%) as white solid and (2*R*,3*R*)-2-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)tetrahydrofuran-3-ol (**7b**) (8 mg, 0.031 mmol, 15%) as colorless oil.

3.4. Large scale synthesis.



A Schlenk tube charged with freshly distilled out THF (8 mL) and heated up to the 65°C in oil bath, then to that pre-heated solution of THF, suspension of **1a** (252.3 mg, 1.00 mmol) and **2a** (171.1 mg, 1.50 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in THF (3 mL) was added quickly at 60°C and resultant reaction mixture continue for 45 min at same temperature. Reaction monitor by using TLC and after completion of reaction solvent was removed under reduced pressure and eluted through a silica gel column with ethyl acetate/ hexane (25/75) to afford 5-ethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylfuran-3(2H)-one (**3a**) (224 mg, 0.72 mmol, 72%) as a colorless oil.

4. Verification of ketene intermediates

1. Synthesis of (3*S*,4*R*)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-triphenylazetidin-2-one (8a) and (3*S*,4*S*)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-triphenylazetidin-2-one (8b)



A Schlenk tube charged with freshly distilled out THF (2 mL) and heated up to the 60 °C in oil bath, then to that pre-heated solution of THF, suspension of **1a** (50 mg, 0.198 mmol) and (*E*)-N,1-diphenylmethanimine (71.8 mg, 0.39 mmol, 2 equiv.) in THF (1mL) was added quickly at 60°C and resultant reaction mixture continue for 1 hr at same temperature. Reaction monitor by using TLC and after completion of reaction solvent was removed under reduced pressure and eluted through a silica gel column with ethyl acetate/ hexane (20/80) to afford (3*S*,4*R*)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-triphenylazetidin-2-one (**8a**) (37.8 mg, 0.093 mmol, 47%) as white solid and (3*S*,4*S*)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-triphenylazetidin-2-one (**8b**) (16.1 mg, 0.039 mmol, 20%) as white solid.

2. Synthesis of (3*S*,4*R*)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-triphenylazetidin-2-one (8a) and (3*S*,4*S*)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-triphenylazetidin-2-one (8b)



A Schlenk tube charged with 10 mol% $P(C_6F_5)_3$ and freshly distilled out THF (1 mL) was added and stirred at rt heated up to the 65 °C in oil bath, then to that pre-heated solution of THF, suspension of **1a** (50 mg, 0.198 mmol) and (*E*)-N,1-diphenylmethanimine (107 mg, 0.59 mmol, 2 equiv.) in THF (2mL) was added quickly at 60 °C and resultant reaction mixture continue for 3 hr at same temperature. Reaction monitor by using TLC and after completion of reaction solvent was removed under reduced pressure and eluted through a silica gel column with ethyl acetate/ hexane (20/80) to afford (3*S*,4*R*)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-triphenylazetidin-2-one (**8a**) (36.2 mg, 0.089 mmol, 47%) as white solid and (3*S*,4*S*)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-triphenylazetidin-2-one (**8b**) (25.7 mg, 0.063 mmol, 33%) as white solid.

3. Synthesis of benzyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylacetate (8c)



A Schlenk tube charged with freshly distilled out THF (2 mL) and heated up to the 65°C in oil bath, then to that pre-heated solution of THF, suspension of **1a** (50 mg, 0.198 mmol) and Benzyl alcohol (42 mg, 0.39 mmol, 2 equiv.) in THF (1mL) was added quickly at 60°C and resultant reaction mixture continue for 2hr at same temperature. Reaction monitor by using TLC and after completion of reaction solvent was removed under reduced pressure and eluted through a silica gel column with ethyl acetate/ hexane (10/90) to afford 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**8c**) (45.4 mg, 0.0136 mmol, 69%) as a colorless oil.

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5. Spectral data of key compounds

Spectral data for 2-diazo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)hexan-1-one (1k)



Yellow oil, (400 mg, 1.72 mmol, 24%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.49 (t, *J* = 10 Hz, 2H), 1.54 ~ 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.43 ~ 1.38 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 188.6, 161.9, 130.4, 129.2, 113.6, 55.3, 29.1, 23.3, 21.9, 13.7, (C=N₂) Peak not showing because of low intensity; HRMS- ESI+ calcd. for C₁₃H₁₆O₂N₂ (M+Na): 255.1109; found: 255.1107.

Spectral data for 1-(3-bromophenyl)-2-diazo-2-phenylethan-1-one (1r)



Brown solide, (350 mg, 1.16 mmol, 64%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.74 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61 ~ 7.59 (m,1H), 7.49 ~ 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.43 ~ 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.28 ~ 7.23 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 186.5, 139.6, 134.5, 130.8, 129.9, 129.1, 127.3, 126.2, 126.2, 125.6, 122.7, 73.3; HRMS-FD+ calcd. for C₁₄H₉ON₂Br: 299.9903; found: 299.9896.

Spectral data for 2-diazo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (11)



Yellow solide, (220 mg, 1.16 mmol, 38%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.0, 162.0, 130.2, 129.2, 113.6, 62.0, 55.3, 9.7; HRMS-FD+ calcd. for C₁₀H₁₀O₂N₂: 190.0747; found: 190.0742.



colorless oil, (50 mg, 0.161 mmol, 81%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 ~ 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.29(q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.46 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.9, 183.3, 159.7, 138.0, 130.1, 128.3, 128.3, 126.4, 113.7, 94.2, 79.0, 55.2, 14.2; HRMS- ESI+ calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈O₄ (M+Na): 333.1103; found: 333.1166.

Spectral data for ethyl (*E*)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-3-phenylbut-2-enoate (3a')



colorless oil, (24.6 mg, 0.079 mmol, 40%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 3H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 4.08(q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.1, 165.4, 164.0, 152.7, 134.4, 132.5, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 122.3, 113.9, 113.9, 60.7, 55.5, 13.8; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈O₄ (M+Na): 333.1102; found: 333.1103

Spectral data for 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-ethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)furan-3(2H)-one (3b)



colorless oil, (45.7 mg, 0.132 mmol, 76%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.46 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.5, 183.4, 159.8, 136.5, 134.4, 129.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 113.8, 93.5, 78.9, 68.1, 55.3, 14.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇ClO₄ (M+Na): 367.0713; found: 367.0727



colorless oil, (49.6 mg, 0.139 mmol, 83%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.16 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.32 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.3, 183.4, 160.1, 147.7, 144.8, 129.3, 128.3, 127.0, 123.4, 114.0, 93.0, 78.9, 68.5, 55.3, 14.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇O₆ (M+Na): 355.1056; found: 355.1057.

Spectral data for 2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-ethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)furan-3(2H)-one (3d)



colorless oil, (47 mg, 0.120 mmol, 80%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 ~ 7.32 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.45 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.4, 183.3, 159.8, 137.0, 131.4, 129.7, 128.2, 128.0, 122.6, 113.8, 93.5, 78.9, 68.1, 55.2, 14.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇O₄Br: 388.0310; found: 388.0309

Spectral data for 5-ethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(*p*-tolyl)furan-3(2*H*)-one (3e)



colorless oil, (51.8 mg, 0.159 mmol, 85%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.45 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.1 183.3, 159.6, 138.2, 135.1, 130.2, 129.0, 128.2, 126.4, 113.7, 93.3, 78.9, 67.8, 55.2, 21.0, 14.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀O₄: 324.1362; found: 324.1367



colorless oil, (45.8 mg, 0.117 mmol, 78%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.62 ~ 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.32 ~ 4.29 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.2 183.3, 159.8, 140.2, 131.4, 129.8, 129.6, 129.1, 128.2, 125.2, 122.4, 113.9, 93.1, 78.9, 68.2, 55.3, 14.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇BrO₄: 388.0310; found: 388.0313

Spectral data for 2-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-ethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)furan-3(2H)-one (3g)



colorless oil, (45.1 mg, 0.130 mmol, 75%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.46 ~ 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.28 ~ 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.32 ~ 4.29 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.2 183.3, 159.8, 139.9, 134.3, 129.6, 129.5, 128.5, 128.2, 126.3, 124.7, 113.9, 93.2, 78.9, 68.2, 55.3, 14.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇ClO₄: 344.0815; found: 344.0813

Spectral data for 5-ethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(*m*-tolyl)furan-3(2H)-one (3h)



colorless oil, (48.7 mg, 0.150 mmol, 80%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.45 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.0 183.3, 159.6, 138.0, 137.9, 130.2, 129.1, 128.2, 128.1, 127.0, 123.5, 113.7, 94.3, 79.0, 67.9, 55.2, 21.4, 14.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀O₄: 324.1362; found: 324.1364.



colorless oil, (50.2 mg, 0.128 mmol, 65%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 ~ 7.16 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.35 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.1 183.5, 159.4, 135.5, 135.4, 130.9, 130.4, 128.9, 126.9, 126.8, 124.3, 113.7, 94.8, 79.3, 68.0, 55.2, 14.3; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇BrO₄: 388.0310; found: 388.0308.

Spectral data for 5-ethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)furan-3(2H)-one (3j)



colorless oil, (37 mg, 0.102 mmol, 62%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.82 ~ 7.78 (m, 3H), 7.51 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 ~ 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.32 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.8 183.4, 159.7, 135.2, 133.0, 132.7, 130.0, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 126.5, 126.2, 125.4, 124.4, 113.8, 94.4, 79.1, 68.0, 55.2, 14.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₂₃H₂₀O₄: 360.1362; found: 360.1364.

Spectral data for 2-butyl-5-ethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)furan-3(2H)-one (3k)



colorless oil, (28.1 mg, 0.089 mmol, 45%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.03 (q, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.30 ~ 1.23 (m, 4H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.8 183.3, 159.3, 129.6, 125.9, 113.7, 94.4, 79.0, 67.7, 55.2, 37.8, 25.3, 22.6, 14.2, 13.8; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₇H₂₂O₄: 290.1518; found: 290.1516.



colorless oil, (40.5 mg, 0.163 mmol, 62%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.45 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.2, 183.1, 159.5, 129.9, 126.1, 113.8, 91.8, 77.9, 67.7, 55.2, 24.1, 14.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd for C₁₄H₁₆O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 271.0946, found: 271.0948.

Spectral data for 5-ethoxy-2,2-diphenylfuran-3(2H)-one (3m)



colorless oil, (47.3 mg, 0.168 mmol, 75%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.34 ~ 7.29 (m, 6H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.6, 183.4, 137.9, 128.4, 128.3, 126.5, 94.1, 79.0, 68.0, 14.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆O₃ (M+Na): 280.1099; found: 280.1103.

Spectral data for 5-ethoxy-2-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)furan-3(2H)-one (3n)



colorless oil, (51.7 mg, 0.175 mmol, 83%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 ~ 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32 ~ 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.46 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.8 183.4, 138.3, 137.9, 135.0, 129.0, 128.3, 126.6, 126.5, 94.2, 78.9, 67.9, 21.0, 14.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈O₃: 294.1256; found: 294.1252



colorless oil, (50.9 mg, 0.170 mmol, 82%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.48 ~ 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.34 ~ 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.4 183.4, 163.4, 162.0, 137.7, 133.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 126.4, 115.3, 115.2, 93.5, 78.9, 68.1, 14.2; ¹⁹F NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): -112.093; HRMS-EI+ calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅FO₃: 298.1005; found: 298.1003.

Spectral data for 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-ethoxy-2-phenylfuran-3(2H)-one (3p)



colorless oil, (53.4 mg, 0.169 mmol, 87%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 ~ 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.34 ~ 7.29 (m, 5H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.1, 183.4, 137.5, 136.4, 134.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 126.5, 93.3, 78.9, 68.2, 14.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅ClO₃: 314.0709; found: 314.0714.

Spectral data for 5-ethoxy-2-phenyl-2-(m-tolyl)furan-3(2H)-one (3q)



colorless oil, (49.2 mg, 0.167 mmol, 79%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 ~ 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.7 183.4, 138.0, 137.9, 137.8, 129.2, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.1, 126.5, 123.7, 94.2, 79.0, 68.0, 21.5, 14.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈O₃ (M+Na): 317.1153; found: 317.1145



colorless oil, (44.7 mg, 0.124 mmol, 75%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 ~ 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.34 ~ 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.8 183.4, 140.0, 137.4, 131.5, 129.9, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 126.5, 125.3, 122.5, 93.0, 78.9, 68.3, 14.2; ; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅O₃Br (M+Na): 381.0102; found: 381.0102.

Spectral data for 5-ethoxy-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylfuran-3(2H)-one (3s)



colorless oil, (46.1 mg, 0.148 mmol, 75%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 ~ 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 1.45 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.8 183.1, 158.9, 137.4, 131.0, 130.8, 128.0, 127.9, 126.1, 125.7, 120.3, 112.3, 93.2, 78.2, 67.6, 55.7, 14.2; ; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈O₄: 310.1205; found: 310.1207.

Spectral data for 2-butyl-5-ethoxy-2-phenylfuran-3(2H)-one (3t)



colorless oil, (9.7 mg, 0.037 mmol, 15%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.31 ~ 4.26 (m, 2H), 2.11 ~ 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.31 ~ 1.28 (m, 4H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.4, 183.4, 137.4, 128.3, 127.9, 124.5, 94.4, 78.7, 67.8 38.0, 25.3, 22.5, 14.2, 13.8; ; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₆H₂₀O₃: 260.1412; found: 260.1411.



colorless oil, (6.7 mg, 0.028 mmol, 10%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.30 ~ 4.27 (m, 2H), 2.12 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.3, 183.5, 137.2, 128.3, 127.9, 124.5, 94.7, 78.9, 67.8 31.3, 14.2, 7.73; ; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₄H₁₆O₃: 232.1099; found: 232.1095.

Spectral data for 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenoxy-2-phenylfuran-3(2H)-one (4b)



colorless oil, (63.2 mg, 0.176 mmol, 89%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 ~ 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.33 ~ 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.7, 183.6, 159.8, 152.3, 137.8, 130.1, 129.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.2, 126.3, 120.3, 113.8, 95.2, 80.9, 55.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₂₃H₁₈O₄ (M+Na): 381.1102; found: 381.1103

Spectral data for 5-(allyloxy)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylfuran-3(2H)-one (4c)



colorless oil, (44.7 mg, 0.138 mmol, 70%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 ~ 7.30 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.02 ~ 5.94 (m, 1H), 5.41 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.0, 183.2, 159.7, 137.8, 130.0, 129.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.1, 126.4, 120.6, 113.7, 94.6, 79.5, 55.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₂₀H₁₈O₄ (M+Na): 345.1102; found: 345.1104



colorless oil, (47.6 mg, 0.146 mmol, 74%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 ~ 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.18 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.87 ~ 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.02 (t, 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.9, 183.5, 159.6, 137.9, 130.1, 128.3, 128.3, 128.3, 126.4, 113.7, 94.2, 79.0, 73.4, 55.2, 22.0, 10.1; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀O₄ (M+Na): 347.1259; found: 347.1260

Spectral data for 5-butoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylfuran-3(2H)-one (4e)



colorless oil, (49 mg, 0.144 mmol, 73%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 ~ 7.28 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.81 ~ 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.49 ~ 1.44 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.9, 183.5, 159.6, 138.0, 130.1, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 126.4, 113.7, 94.2, 79.0, 71.8, 55.2, 30.5, 18.7, 13.5; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂O₄ (M+Na): 361.1415; found: 361.1415

Spectral data for 5-(cyclohexyloxy)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylfuran-3(2H)-one (4f)



colorless oil, (58.5 mg, 0.160 mmol, 81%);); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 ~ 7.28 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.51 ~ 4.46 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.99 ~ 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.80 ~ 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.68 ~ 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.56 ~ 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.41 ~ 1.30 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.9, 182.7, 159.6, 138.1, 130.2, 128.3, 128.2, 126.4, 113.7, 93.8, 81.3, 79.3, 55.2, 31.3, 31.3, 24.9, 23.1; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₂₃H₂₄O₄ (M+Na): 387.1572; found: 387.1578



colorless oil, (45.1 mg, 0.121 mmol, 61%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43 ~ 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41 ~ 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.34 ~ 7.30 (m, 5H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.9, 183.1, 159.7, 137.8, 133.4, 130.0, 129.2, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 128.1, 126.4, 113.7, 94.7, 79.9, 73.2, 55.3; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₂₄H₂₀O₄ (M+Na): 395.1259; found: 395.1261

Spectral data for 5-isopropoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)furan-3(2H)-one (4h)



White Solid, (54.7 mg, 0.148 mmol, 88%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.75 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 3H), 1.44 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.3, 182.7, 160.0, 147.6, 145.0, 129.4, 128.3, 127.0, 123.4, 114.0, 92.6, 79.2, 76.8, 55.3, 21.8, 21.8; ; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁O₆ (M+Na): 369.1212; found: 369.1218.

Spectral data for 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-diphenylfuran-3(2H)-one (4i)



colorless oil, (30.3 mg, 0.088 mmol, 55%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.95 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.44 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 6.87 (dd, J_1 = 6.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 202.4, 184.0, 159.6, 138.4, 132.9, 130.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.2, 126.5, 113.8, 99.7, 93.0, 55.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd for C₂₃H₁₈O₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 365.1153, found: 365.1151.

Spectral data for 2,2-diphenyltetrahydrofuran-3-ol (5)



White solid, (11.3 mg, 0.047 mmol, 49%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.32 ~ 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.21 ~ 7.19 (m, 2H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.07 ~ 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.52 (bs, 1H) ; ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.9, 141.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.5, 125.5, 90.9, 76.3, 65.1, 33.3; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆O₂ (M+Na): 263.1048; found: 263.1053

Spectral data for 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenylfuran-3(2H)-one (6)



colorless oil, (12.2 mg, 0.042 mmol, 45%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38 ~ 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.31 ~ 7.23 (m, 5H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 202.1, 189.0, 137.8, 136.7, 134.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 127.9, 126.4, 103.3, 92.3, 17.0; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₇H₁₃O₂Cl: 284.0604; found: 284.0607

Spectral data for (2*R*,3*S*)-2-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)tetrahydrofuran-3-ol (7a)



White solid, (21 mg, 0.077 mol, 40%) ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.95 ~ 4.93 (m, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.97 ~ 3.93 (m, 1H), 2.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 2.08 ~ 2.04 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.6, 141.0, 136.8, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.4, 127.1, 126.5, 126.4, 125.4, 125.4, 90.9, 76.2, 65.1, 33.4, 20.9 ; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈O₂ (M+Na): 277.1204; found: 277.1219

Spectral data for (2*R*,3*R*)-2-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)tetrahydrofuran-3-ol (7b)



colorless oil, (8 mg, 0.029 mmol, 15%); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 2.06 ~ 2.04 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.1, 138.4, 136.9, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.4, 127.0, 126.4, 126.4, 125.4, 125.4, 90.9, 76.2, 65.1, 33.3, 20.9; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈O₂ (M+Na): 277.1204; found: 277.1203.

Spectral data for (*3S*,*4R*)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-triphenylazetidin-2-one (8a)



White solid, (37.8 mg, 0.093 mmol, 47%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (s, 5H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 ~ 6.97 (m, 4H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.3, 158.8, 137.5, 137.4, 134.9, 132.8, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 126.6, 124.0, 117.4, 114.1, 71.7, 67.3, 55.3; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₂₈H₂₃NO₂ (M+Na): 428.1626; found: 428.1626.

Spectral data for (3S,4S)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-triphenylazetidin-2-one (8b)



White solid, (16 mg, 0.039 mmol, 20%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.62 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.27 ~ 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.12 (s, 5H), 7.04 ~ 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.3, 158.2, 141.0, 137.5, 134.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 124.0, 117.4, 113.2, 71.7, 67.1, 55.0; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₂₈H₂₃NO₂ (M+Na): 428.1626; found: 428.1626.

Spectral data for benzyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylacetate (8c)



colorless oil, (47 mg, 0.141 mmol, 72%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.48 ~ 7.36 (m, 10H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.5, 158.7, 138.8, 135.6, 130.6, 129.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 128.1, 128.1, 127.1, 113.9, 66.8, 56.1, 55.2; HRMS-ESI+ calcd. for C₂₂H₂₀O₃ (M+Na): 428.1626; found: 428.1626.

6. NOE of compound 3a'

Irradite	Enhancements
$H^{a}(\delta, 1.11)$	$H^{b}(\delta, 4.08, 1.32\%)$
$H^{b}(\delta, 4.08)$	$H^{a}(\delta, 1.11, 0.89\%)$
$\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{c}}(\delta, 6.16)$	$H^{d}(\delta, 7.90, 0.83\%)$
H ^d (δ, 7.90)	H^{c} (δ, 6.16, 0.51%), H^{e} (δ, 6.89, 2.22%),
$\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}(\delta, 6.89)$	$H^{d}(\delta, 7.90, 2.53\%)$
$\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{f}}(\delta, 7.32)$	H ^g (δ, 7.38, 1.82%)



7. X-ray crystallographic data of compound 4h



Ellipsoid contour % probability level = 50%

Experimental: The sample was dissolved in appropriate amount of dichlomethane followed by the addition of pentane to furnish a saturated solution. Afterwards, the mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature to form the crystals.

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 210951LT_0M.

Identification code	210951lt_0m
Empirical formula	C20 H19 N O6
Formula weight	369.36
Temperature	100(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P-1
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 6.4622(4) \text{ Å} \qquad \qquad \alpha = 86.413(3)^{\circ}.$
	$b = 10.4948(8) \text{ Å} \qquad \beta = 89.241(3)^{\circ}.$
	$c = 14.1200(10) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 73.335(3)^{\circ}.$

Volume Ζ Density (calculated) Absorption coefficient F(000) Crystal size Theta range for data collection Index ranges **Reflections collected** Independent reflections Completeness to theta = 25.242° Absorption correction Max. and min. transmission Refinement method Data / restraints / parameters Goodness-of-fit on F² Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R indices (all data) Extinction coefficient Largest diff. peak and hole

915.58(11) Å³ 2 1.340 Mg/m³ 0.100 mm⁻¹ 388 0.18 x 0.06 x 0.06 mm³ 2.029 to 26.433°. -8<=h<=7, -13<=k<=13, -17<=l<=17 13572 3726 [R(int) = 0.0240]99.2 % Semi-empirical from equivalents 0.7454 and 0.7164 Full-matrix least-squares on F^2 3726 / 0 / 247 1.040 R1 = 0.0358, wR2 = 0.0860R1 = 0.0415, wR2 = 0.0897n/a 0.356 and -0.245 e.Å⁻³

X-ray crystallographic data of compound 5



Ellipsoid contour % probability level = 50%

Experimental: The sample was dissolved in appropriate amount of dichlomethane followed by the addition of pentane to furnish a saturated solution. Afterwards, the mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature to form the crystals.

Table 2 Crystal data and structure refinement for 220747lt_auto.

Identification code	220747lt_auto
Empirical formula	$C_{16}H_{16}O_2$
Formula weight	240.29
Temperature/K	100.01(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$
a/Å	11.41961(18)

b/Å	5.65053(12)
c/Å	19.2947(3)
α/°	90
β/°	101.7637(17)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	1218.88(4)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.309
μ/mm^{-1}	0.675
F(000)	512.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.13 \times 0.12 \times 0.1$
Radiation	Cu Kα (λ = 1.54184)
2Θ range for data collection/°	7.908 to 134.154
Index ranges	$-10 \le h \le 13, -6 \le k \le 5, -22 \le l \le 23$
Reflections collected	8591
Independent reflections	2167 [$R_{int} = 0.0186$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0179$]
Data/restraints/parameters	2167/0/165
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.070
Final R indexes [I>=2 σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0322, wR_2 = 0.0796$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1=0.0345, wR_2=0.0813$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.23/-0.18

X-ray crystallographic data of compound 7a



Ellipsoid contour % probability level = 50%

Experimental: The sample was dissolved in appropriate amount of dichlomethane followed by the addition of pentane to furnish a saturated solution. Afterwards, the mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature to form the crystals.

Table 3 Crystal data and structure refinement for 220784lt_auto.

Identification code	220784lt_auto
Empirical formula	$C_{34}H_{36}O_4$
Formula weight	508.63

Temperature/K	99.99(10)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	5.94355(19)
b/Å	13.5482(4)
c/Å	17.6441(5)
α/°	75.901(3)
β/°	80.614(3)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	79.208(3)
Volume/Å ³	1343.28(8)
Z	2
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.258
μ/mm^{-1}	0.640
F(000)	544.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.16 \times 0.07 \times 0.02$
Radiation	Cu Ka ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	5.204 to 134.152
Index ranges	$-7 \le h \le 5, -16 \le k \le 16, -21 \le 1 \le 21$
Reflections collected	15811
Independent reflections	4759 [$R_{int} = 0.0297$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0310$]
Data/restraints/parameters	4759/0/348
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.043
Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0407, wR_2 = 0.1038$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0505, wR_2 = 0.1088$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.21/-0.24

X-ray crystallographic data of compound 8b



Table 1 Crystal data and structure	refinement for 2210100LT_au	to.
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Identification code	2210100LT_auto
Empirical formula	$C_{28}H_{23}NO_2$
Formula weight	405.47
Temperature/K	100.00(11)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pbca
a/Å	13.66639(16)
b/Å	17.3063(2)
c/Å	18.4966(2)

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1.231
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$0.09 \times 0.03 \times 0.02$
Cu Ka ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
9.532 to 134.156
$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{-16} \leq h \leq 15, \ \textbf{-20} \leq k \\ \leq 20, \ \textbf{-22} \leq l \leq 21 \end{array}$
26604
$\begin{array}{l} 3913 \; [R_{int} = 0.0251, \\ R_{sigma} = 0.0179] \end{array}$
3913/0/282
1.049
$R_1 = 0.0330, wR_2 = 0.0791$
$R_1 = 0.0386, wR_2 = 0.0820$
0.20/-0.15





¹H NMR; 400 MHz

Solvent: CDCl3
























Solvent: CDCl₃

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Solvent: CDCl3

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Sample Name: AMY-3-30-B Data Collected on: Varian-NMR-vnmrs700 Archive directory:























¹H NMR; 700 MHz Solvent: CDCl₃













¹H NMR; 700 MHz

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Solvent: CDCl3











¹H NMR; 700 MHz

Solvent: CDCl3









































¹H NMR; 400 MHz Solvent: CDCl₃












¹H NMR; 700 MHz

Solvent: CDCl3









¹H NMR; 500 MHz

Solvent: CDCl3











