Supporting Information

Selective synthesis of 3-formylbenzofurans and 3-acylbenzofurans using a chalcone rearrangement strategy

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Experimental Section

All chemicals were obtained from Sigma Aldrich, TCI, Nakalai Chemical or Fujifilm Wako chemical as reagent grade and were used as received. TLC were performed on Merck Silica gel F254 plates (0.25 mm). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on the JEOL JMN-400 or Bruker AVANCE III 600 spectrometers in CDCl₃, DMSO- d_6 or MeOD. Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm (δ) and coupling constants (*J*) are in hertz (Hz). Standard abbreviations were used for defining signal multiplicities. High-resolution mass spectra were measured by SHIMAZU IRAffinity-1 instrument (FABMS) or Exactive Plus mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.) (ESIMS).

General procedure for synthesis of chalcone

To the solution of aldehyde (1 equiv.) and acetophenone (1-2 equiv.) in MeOH (0.2-0.5 M) was added NaOH (3 equiv.) and then stirred at room temperature. The organic layer was extracted with AcOEt, washed with brine, dried over with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by SiO_2 column chromatography (eluent: Hexane/AcOEt) to give the desired chalcone.



(*E*)-3-(2-(Methoxymethoxy)phenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (1a)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of aldehyde (720 mg, 4.3 mmol) and 4'-methoxyacetophenone (646 mg, 4.3 mmol) with NaOH (516 mg, 12.9

mmol) in MeOH (7.2 mL) gave 1a (1.22 g, 95%) as yellow solid. Reaction time: 22 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 4/1.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 8.18 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.8, 163.3, 156.3, 138.8, 131.4, 131.2, 130.7, 128.2, 124.7, 122.3, 121.8, 114.8, 113.7, 94.4, 56.1, 55.2; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈O₄ [M]⁺ : 298.1205, found 298.1212.



(E)-3-(2-(Methoxymethoxy)phenyl)-1-(p-tolyl)prop-2-en-1-one (1b)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of aldehyde (400 mg, 2.4 mmol) and 4'-metylacetophenone (720 mg, 4.3 mmol) with NaOH (288 mg, 7.2 mmol) in MeOH (4.5 mL) gave **1b** (580 mg, 93%) as yellow oil. Reaction time: 1 h. Eluent of SiO₂

column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 4/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.18 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.6, 156.6, 143.7, 139.7, 136.0, 131.8, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 124.9, 122.9, 122.1, 115.0, 94.7, 21.7; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈O₃ [M]⁺ : 282.1256, found 282.1255.



(*E*)-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (1c)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of aldehyde (331 mg, 2.0 mmol) and 4'-chloroacetophenone (338 mg, 2.2 mmol) with NaOH (394 mg, 6.0 mmol) in MeOH (4.0 mL) gave **1c** (425 mg, 72%) as yellow oil. Reaction time: 23 h. Eluent of SiO₂

column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 4/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.5, 156.6, 140.5, 139.0, 136.8, 132.0, 130.0, 128.9, 128.5, 124.4, 122.1, 122.0, 114.9, 94.6, 56.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₅O₃Cl [M+H]⁺ : 302.0710, found 302.0735.



According to the general procedure, the reaction of aldehyde (778 mg, 4.7 mmol) and 2'methoxyacetophenone (773 mg, 5.2 mmol) with NaOH (561 mg, 14 mmol) in MeOH (16 mL) gave **1d** (1.18 g, 85%) as yellow oil. Reaction time: 2 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column

chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 8/1.

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¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.33 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99-7.06 (s, 3H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (2H, s), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.2, 158.1, 156.3, 138.2, 132.8, 131.5, 130.3, 129.5, 128.3, 127.6, 124.8, 121.9, 120.7, 114.9, 111.6, 94.5, 56.12, 56.11, 55.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈O₄ [M+Na]⁺ 321.1097, found 321.1085.



(*E*)-3-(2-(Methoxymethoxy)phenyl)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (1e)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of aldehyde (1.50 g, 9.0 mmol) and 1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethan-1-one (1.14 g, 9.0 mmol) with NaOH (1.10 g, 27 mmol) in MeOH (18 mL) gave 1e (2.20 g, 91%) as yellow oil. Reaction time: 1 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column

chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 4/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (2H, s), 3.52 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.2, 156.3, 145.6, 138.9, 133.6, 131.7, 131.7, 128.4, 128.2, 124.2, 122.1, 121.8, 114.7, 94.3, 56.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₄O₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ : 297.0556 , found 297.0545.



(E)-1-Cyclohexyl-3-(2-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (1f)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of aldehyde (405 mg, 2.4 mmol) and 1cyclohexylethan-1-one (280 mg, 2.2 mmol) with NaOH (292 mg, 7.3 mmol) in MeOH (4.9 mL) gave **1f** (455 mg, 68%) as yellow oil. Reaction time: 15 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column

chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 9/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.70-2.63 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.69 (m, 5H), 1.49-1.23 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.6, 156.3, 137.3, 131.6, 128.1, 125.3, 124.6, 122.0, 114.9, 94.7, 56.2, 49.3, 28.7, 25.9, 25.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₂₂O₃ [M+Na]⁺ 297.1461, found

297.1459.



(E)-1-(2-(Methoxymethoxy)phenyl)dodec-1-en-3-one (1g)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of aldehyde (997 mg, 6.0 mmol) and 2undecanone (1.23 g, 7.20 mmol) with NaOH (720 mg, 18 mmol) in MeOH (30 mL) gave **1g** (1.20 g, 63%) as colorless oil. Reaction time: 3.5 h at 70 °C. Eluent of SiO₂ column

chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 10/1.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.70-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.27 (m, 12H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.8, 147.7, 147.4, 137.2, 131.7, 125.4, 120.2, 117.3, 116.1, 110.3, 40.3, 32.0, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 26.2, 24.7, 22.8, 14.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₃₀O₃Na [M+Na]⁺ : 341.2087, found : 341.2077.

Genral procedure for oxidative rearrangement of chalcones: To the solution of 1 in MeOH (0.1 M) was added PhI(OH)OTs (2 equiv.) and then stirred at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated aq. NaHCO₃ and the mixture was extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (eluent: Hexane/AcOEt) to give the desired **2**.

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3,3-Dimethoxy-2-(2-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (2a)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of chalcone **1a** (1.48 g, 5.0 mmol) with PhI(OH)OTs (3.90 g, 10.0 mmol) in MeOH (50 mL) gave **2a** (1.15 g, 64%) as yellow oil. Reaction time: 1 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 4/1.

¹H NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.0, 163.8, 154.7, 131.2, 130.1, 129.1, 128.7, 124.6, 122.2, 114.7, 113.7, 107.0, 95.0, 56.24, 56.18, 55.5, 54.0, 47.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₄O₆ [M+Na]⁺ 383.1465, found 383.1450.

3,3-Dimethoxy-2-(2-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)-1-(*p*-tolyl)propan-1-one (2b)



According to the general procedure, the reaction of chalcone **1b** (80.2 mg, 0.28 mmol) with PhI(OH)OTs (220 mg, 0.56 mmol) in MeOH (2.8 mL) gave **2b** (67.7 mg, 70%) as yellow oil. Reaction time: 2 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 10/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.10 (m, 4H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 5.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.1, 154.8, 144.0, 134.6, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 124.4, 122.2, 114.7, 107.0, 94.9, 56.24, 56.20, 54.0, 48.1, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₄O₅ [M+H]⁺ 367.1516, found 367.1514.



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1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3-dimethoxy-2-(2-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)propan-1-one (2c) According to the general procedure, the reaction of chalcone 1c (50.0 mg, 0.17 mmol) with PhI(OH)OTs (130 mg, 0.33 mmol) in MeOH (1.7 mL) gave 2c (35.5 mg, 65%) as yellow oil. Reaction time: 2 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 10/1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.19 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H),

5.28 (s, 2H), 5.16 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.3, 154.7, 139.7, 135.4, 130.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 123.9, 122.3, 114.8, 106.8, 94.9, 56.3, 54.0, 48.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁O₅Cl [M+Na]⁺ 387.0970, found 387.0967.

3,3-Dimethoxy-2-(2-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (2d)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of chalcone **1d** (1.04 g, 3.5 mmol) with PhI(OH)OTs (2.74 g, 7.0 mmol) in MeOH (35 mL) gave **2d** (970 mg, 78%) as yellow oil. Reaction time: 1 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 4/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ :7.53 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (td, J = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.83 (m, 3H), 5.49 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.5, 158.2, 155.6, 133.0, 130.5, 129.8, 129.1, 128.5, 124.7, 121.9, 120.4, 114.6, 111.6, 106.6, 94.9, 55.92, 55.88, 55.5, 54.3, 53.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₄O₆Na [M+Na]⁺ 383.1465, found 383.1450.



3,3-Dimethoxy-2-(2-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)propan-1-one (2e)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of chalcone **1e** (81.4 mg, 0.30 mmol) with PhI(OH)OTs (233 mg, 0.60 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 mL) gave **2e** (25.2 mg, 23%) as yellow oil. Reaction time: 2.5 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 4/1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47

(dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (td, J = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 4.0 Hz), 6.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 5.17 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.1, 154.8, 144.8, 134.4, 132.9, 129.1, 128.9, 128.1, 124.3, 122.3, 114.7, 106.4, 94.9, 56.32, 56.28, 53.8, 49.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₂₀O₅SNa [M+Na]⁺ 359.0924, found 359.0910.



1-Cyclohexyl-3,3-dimethoxy-2-(2-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)propan-1-one (2f)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of chalcone **1f** (116 mg, 0.42 mmol) with PhI(OH)OTs (332 mg, 0.85 mmol) in MeOH (4.0 mL) gave **2f** (89.2 mg, 63%) as yellow oil. Reaction time: 2 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 4/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 2.39-2.33 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.61 (m, 4H), 1.32-1.13 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.3, 155.1, 129.4, 128.6, 123.8, 122.1, 114.4, 106.2, 94.8, 56.3, 56.2, 53.2, 51.2, 51.1, 28.4, 27.8, 25.9, 25.8, 25.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₈O₅Na [M+Na]⁺ 359.1829, found 359.1826.

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1,1-Dimethoxy-2-(2-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)dodecan-3-one (2g)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of chalcone 1g (50.2 mg, 0.16 mmol) with PhI(OH)OTs (124 mg, 0.32 mmol) in MeOH (1.6 mL) gave 2g (35.1 mg, 58%) as yellow oil. Reaction time: 1.5 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 8/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (td, *J* = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 2.45-2.39 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.18 (m, 12H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.5, 155.0, 129.4, 128.6, 123.9, 122.2, 114.4, 105.4, 94.8, 56.3, 53.3, 53.0, 43.5, 32.0, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.1, 23.4, 22.8, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₃₆O₅Na [M+Na]⁺ : 403.2455, found : 403.2438.

Genral procedure for the synthesis of dihydrobenzofuran: To the solution of 2 in MeCN (0.1 M) was added p-TsOH•H₂O (0.1-0.2 equiv.) and then stirred at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated aq. NaHCO₃ and the mixture was extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (eluent: Hexane/AcOEt) to give the desired **3**.



(2-Methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (3a)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of acetal 2a (43.6 mg, 0.13 mmol) with *p*-TsOH•H₂O (2.2 mg, 0.013 mmol) in MeCN (1.3 mL) gave 3a (30.7 mg, 83%) as white solid. Reaction time: 1 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography:

Hexane/AcOEt = 4/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.01 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.0, 164.4, 158.5, 131.7, 129.6, 128.9, 125.2, 124.3, 121.1, 114.3, 110.6, 109.4, 56.6, 56.5, 55.7; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O₄ [M]⁺ calcd for 284.1049, found 284.1042.



(2-Methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (3b)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of acetal **2b** (67.7 mg, 0.20 mmol) with p-TsOH•H₂O (3.4 mg, 0.020 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL) gave **3b** (31.2 mg, 58%) as white solid. Reaction time: 1 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 10/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.1, 158.5, 145.1, 133.4, 129.9, 129.6, 129.5, 125.3, 124.1, 121.1, 110.6, 109.3, 56.8, 56.5, 21.8; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O₃ [M]⁺ 268.1099, found 268.1094.



(4-Chlorophenyl)(2-methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl)methanone (3c)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of acetal 2c (45.4 mg, 0.12 mmol) with *p*-TsOH•H₂O (2.0 mg, 0.012 mmol) in MeCN (1.2 mL) gave 3c (24.3 mg, 70%) as white solid. Reaction time: 1 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 10/1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.00 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.3, 158.5, 140.7, 134.3, 130.7, 129.8, 129.5, 125.3, 123.5, 121.3, 110.8, 109.0, 57.0, 56.5; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₆H₁₃O₃Cl [M]⁺ 288.0553, found 288.0567.



(2-Methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl)(2-methoxyphenyl)methanone (3d)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of acetal **2d** (516 mg, 1.4 mmol) with *p*-TsOH•H₂O (54.4 mg, 0.28 mmol) in MeCN (14 mL) gave **3d** (307 mg, 75%) as white solid. Reaction time: 1 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 9/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (td, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.77 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.8, 158.6, 158.4, 134.4, 131.4, 129.3, 126.8, 125.2, 124.6, 121.2, 121.1, 111.7, 110.5, 108.9, 61.0, 56.2, 55.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O₄Na [M+Na]⁺ 307.0941, found 307.0939.

(2-Methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl)(thiophen-2-yl)methanone (3e)



According to the general procedure, the reaction of acetal 2e (23.2 mg, 0.069 mmol) with *p*-TsOH•H₂O (1.3 mg, 0.007 mmol) in MeCN (0.7 mL) gave 3e (9.2 mg, 51%) as white solid. Reaction time: 1 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 4/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.5, 158.6, 143.4, 135.5, 133.6, 129.9, 128.7, 125.2, 121.3, 110.7, 109.2, 58.3, 56.5; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₄H₁₂O₃S [M]⁺ 260.0507, found 260.0481.

Cyclohexyl(2-methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl)methanone (3f)



According to the general procedure, the reaction of acetal **2f** (89.2 mg, 0.27 mmol) with *p*-TsOH•H₂O (5.0 mg, 0.027 mmol) in MeCN (3.0 mL) gave **3f** (43.1 mg, 63%) as white solid. Reaction time: 1 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 10/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.94-6.88 (m, 2H), 5.82 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 2.74-2.66 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.68 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.23 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.5, 158.5, 129.7, 124.7, 123.7, 121.4, 110.8, 108.5, 59.9, 56.3, 49.1, 29.0, 27.9, 25.9, 25.8, 25.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₂₀O₃ [M+Na]⁺ 283.1305, found 283.1302.

1-(2-Methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl)decan-1-one (3g)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of acetal **2g** (41.3 mg, 0.11 mmol) with *p*-TsOH•H₂O (4.1 mg, 0.022 mmol) in MeCN (1.0 mL) gave **3g** (19.7 mg, 59%) as colorless oil. Reaction time: 1 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 6/1.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 2.64-2.53 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.25 (12H, m), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.5, 158.3, 129.7, 124.9, 123.5, 121.4,

110.8, 108.3, 61.8, 56.3 41.0, 32.0, 29.52, 29.49, 29.37, 29.2, 23.5, 22.8, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{19}H_{28}O_3Na$ [M+Na]⁺ : 327.1931, found : 327.1927.

Genral procedure for the synthesis of 3-acylbenzofuran: To the solution of 3 in THF (0.1 M) was added K_2CO_3 (2 equiv.) and then stirred at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated aq. NH₄Cl and the mixture was extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (eluent: Hexane/AcOEt) to give the desired **4**.



Benzofuran-3-yl(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (4a)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of **3a** (30.0 mg, 0.11 mmol) with K_2CO_3 (30.4 mg, 0.22 mmol) in THF (1.1 mL) gave **4a** (25.7 mg, 97%) as white solid. Reaction time: 4 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 10/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19-8.17 (m, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.0, 163.6, 155.8, 151.3, 132.1, 131.4, 125.9, 125.7, 124.6, 123.0, 121.5, 114.1, 111.7, 55.6; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₆H₁₂O₃ [M]⁺ 252.0786, found 252.0815.



Benzofuran-3-yl(*p*-tolyl)methanone (4b)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of **3b** (24.1 mg, 0.09 mmol) with K_2CO_3 (24.9 mg, 0.18 mmol) in THF (0.9 mL) gave **4b** (20.0 mg, 94%) as white solid. Reaction time: 6 h.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24-8.22 (m, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.2, 155.8, 152.0, 143.5, 136.8, 129.5, 129.2, 125.9, 125.6, 124.6, 123.1, 121.5, 111.6, 21.7; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₆H₁₂O₂ [M]⁺ : 236.0837, found : 236.0834.



Benzofuran-3-yl(4-chlorophenyl)methanone (4c)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of 3c (10.1 mg, 0.035 mmol) with K₂CO₃ (9.7 mg, 0.070 mmol) in THF (0.35 mL) gave 4c (8.8 mg, 98%) as ocher solid. Reaction time: 2.5 h.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22-8.20 (m, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.1, 155.9, 152.2, 139.2, 137.7, 130.4, 129.2, 126.2, 125.2, 124.9, 123.0, 121.3, 111.8; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₅H₉O₂Cl [M]⁺ 256.0291, found 256.0276.



Benzofuran-3-yl(2-methoxyphenyl)methanone (4d)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of **3d** (62.5 mg, 0.22 mmol) with K_2CO_3 (60.8 mg, 0.44 mmol) in THF (2.2 mL) gave **4d** (55.2 mg, 99%) as white solid. Reaction time: 23 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 4/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26-8.23 (m, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.55-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.37

(m, 2H), 7.07-7.02 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.4, 157.2, 156.0, 153.9, 132.2, 130.0, 129.3, 125.8, 124.9, 124.7, 123.1, 120.6, 120.6, 111.9, 111.6, 55.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₂O₃Na [M+Na]⁺ 275.0679, found 275.0667.



Benzofuran-3-yl(thiophen-2-yl)methanone (4e)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of 3e (9.1 mg, 0.035 mmol) with K₂CO₃ (9.7 mg, 0.070 mmol) in THF (0.4 mL) gave 4e (7.7 mg, 96%) as white solid. Reaction time: 1 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 10/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.22-8.20 (m, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.1, 155.7, 150.4, 144.5, 133.5, 132.5, 128.2, 126.1, 125.3, 124.6, 122.9, 121.5, 111.7; HRMS (FAB): calcd for C₁₃H₈ O₂S [M]⁺ : 228.0245, found : 228.0244.



Benzofuran-3-yl(cyclohexyl)methanone (4f)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of **3f** (50.0 mg, 0.19 mmol) with K₂CO₃ (52.5 mg, 0.38 mmol) in THF (1.9 mL) gave **4f** (38.9 mg, 90%) as white solid. Reaction time: 1 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 10/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.73-8.24 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 2H), 3.00-2.94 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.86 (m, 4H), 1.76-1.55 (m, 4H), 1.43-1.26 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.9, 156.0, 150.7, 125.7, 124.9, 124.7, 123.2, 121.4, 111.6, 48.9, 29.6, 25.90, 25.88; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₅H₁₆O₂ [M]⁺ : 228.1150, found 228.1166.



1-(Benzofuran-3-yl)decan-1-one (4g)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of 3g (13.6 mg, 0.045 mmol) with K₂CO₃ (12.3 mg, 0.089 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) gave 4g (11.3 mg, 92%) as white solid. Reaction time: 2.5 h. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 10/1.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26-8.24 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.59 (m, 1H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.79-1.76 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.24 (12H, m), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.3, 155.8, 150.8, 125.7, 124.6, 124.5, 123.1, 122.5, 111.6, 40.8, 32.0, 29.63, 29.60, 29.5, 29.4, 24.7, 22.8, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₂₅O₂ [M+H]⁺ : 273.1849, found : 273.1836.

Genral procedure for the synthesis of 3-formylbenzofuran: To the solution of 3 in $(CF_3)_2$ CHOH (0.1 M) was added *p*-TsOH•H₂O (2 equiv.) and then stirred at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated aq. NaHCO₃ and the mixture was extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (eluent: Hexane/AcOEt) to give the desired **5**.



2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)benzofuran-3-carbaldehyde (5a)¹⁾

According to the general procedure, the reaction of **3a** (19.9 mg, 0.07 mmol) and *p*-TsOH•H₂O (26.6 mg, 0.14 mmol) in (CF₃)₂CHOH (0.7 mL) gave **5a** (17.3 mg, 98%) as white solid. Reaction time: 20 min. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography:

Hexane/AcOEt = 2/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.33 (s, 1H), 8.27-8.25 (m, 1H), 7.83 (d *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.8, 165.8, 162.2, 153.9, 130.9, 125.8, 125.8, 124.9, 122.6, 121.2, 116.7, 114.8, 111.1, 55.7.



2-(p-Tolyl)benzofuran-3-carbaldehyde (5b)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of **3b** (20.0 mg, 0.075 mmol) and *p*-TsOH•H₂O (28.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) in (CF₃)₂CHOH (0.8 mL) gave **5b** (17.3 mg, 98%) as yellow solid. Reaction time: 20 min. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography:

Hexane/AcOEt = 2/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.34 (s, 1H), 8.29-8.26 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 4H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.0, 154.2, 142.0, 130.1, 129.3, 126.1, 126.0, 125.7, 125.0, 122.8, 111.3, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₂O₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 259.0730, found 259.0727.



2-(4-Chlorophenyl)benzofuran-3-carbaldehyde (5c)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of 3c (20.2 mg, 0.07 mmol) and *p*-TsOH•H₂O (26.3 mg, 0.14 mmol) in (CF₃)₂CHOH (0.7 mL) gave 5c (17.5 mg, 97%) as white solid. Reaction time: 25 min. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography:

Hexane/AcOEt = 2/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.35 (s, 1H), 8.28-8.26 (m, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.3, 154.3, 137.8, 130.4, 129.7, 127.3, 126.5, 125.6, 125.2, 122.9, 117.9, 111.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₀O₂Cl [M+H]⁺ 257.0364, found 257.0360.



2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)benzofuran-3-carbaldehyde (5d)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of **3d** (60.0 mg, 0.21 mmol) and *p*-TsOH•H₂O (81.2 mg, 0.42 mmol) in (CF₃)₂CHOH (2.1 mL) gave **5d** (48.6 mg, 91%) as white solid. Reaction time: 25 min. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt

= 2/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.11 (s, 1H), 8.28-8.26 (m, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.0, 162.9, 157.6, 154.8, 132.8, 132.0, 125.8, 125.4, 124.8, 122.8, 121.1, 118.4, 117.9, 111.9, 111.3, 55.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₃O₃ [M+H]⁺ 253.0859, found 253.0852.



2-(Thiophen-2-yl)benzofuran-3-carbaldehyde (5e)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of 3e (28.8 mg, 0.11 mmol) and *p*-TsOH•H₂O (41.8 mg, 0.22 mmol) in (CF₃)₂CHOH (1.1 mL) gave 5e (22.5 mg, 90%) as yellow solid. Reaction time: 40 min. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt

= 4/1.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.56 (s, 1H), 8.23-8.21 (m, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.6, 154.0, 130.7, 130.5, 130.5, 128.6, 126.3, 125.8, 125.1, 122.5, 116.5, 111.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₉O₂S [M+H]⁺ 229.0318, found : 229.0315.



2-Cyclohexylbenzofuran-3-carbaldehyde (5f)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of **x** the reaction of **3f** (20.1 mg, 0.077 mmol) and *p*-TsOH•H₂O (28.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) in (CF₃)₂CHOH (0.8 mL) gave **5f** (17.1 mg, 98%) as white solid. Reaction time: 25 min. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography:

Hexane/AcOEt = 3/1.

¹H NMR (400 NMR, CDCl₃) δ 10.28 (s, 1H), 8.15-8.13 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 3.35-3.28 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.91 (m, 4H), 1.87-1.80 (m, 3H), 1.50-1.34 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.0, 174.5, 154.0, 125.2, 124.9, 124.6, 122.1, 116.2, 111.1, 37.1, 31.5, 26.1, 25.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₇O₂ [M+H]⁺ 229.1223, found 229.1222.



2-Nonylbenzofuran-3-carbaldehyde (5g)

According to the general procedure, the reaction of 3g (13.1 mg, 0.043 mmol) and *p*-TsOH•H₂O (16.4 mg, 0.086 mmol) in (CF₃)₂CHOH (0.5 mL) gave 5g (9.1 mg, 78%) as yellow oil. Reaction time: 30 min. Eluent of SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt

= 10/1.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.23 (s, 1H), 8.14-8.13 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 2H), 3.10 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.87-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.26 (m, 12H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.0, 170.9, 154.1, 125.3, 124.8, 124.6, 121.9, 117.7, 111.0, 32.0, 29.5, 29.4, 29.37, 29.35, 28.4, 27.3, 22.8, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₂₅O₂ [M+H]⁺ : 273.1849, found : 273.1849.



2,4-Bis(methoxymethoxy)benzaldehyde (6)²⁾

To the solution of 2,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde (2.00 g, 14.5 mmol) in DCM (30 mL) was added MOMCl (3.3 mL, 43.5 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (10.1 mL, 72.4 mmol) at room

temperature. After stirring at same temperature for 2.5 h, the reaction was quenched with MeOH, and the resulting solution was extracted with CHCl₃. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt = 10/1) to give **6** (3.18 g, 97%) as white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.35 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H).



1-(2-Methoxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)ethan-1-one (7)

To the solution of 2,4-dihydroxyacetophenone (1.27 g, 9.2 mmol) in acetone (9.2 mL) was added K_2CO_3 (3.17 g, 23 mmol) and MOMCl (1.4 mL, 18.4 mmol). After stirring at room temperature for 17 h, the reaction was quenched with MeOH and the resulting solution was

extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt = 6/1) to give 1-(2hydroxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)-ethan-1-one (1.41 g, 80%) as colorless oil. To the solution of 1-(2-hydroxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)-ethan-1-one (1.40 g, 7.1 mmol) in dry DMF (3.6 mL) was added K₂CO₃ (2.78 g, 21.3 mmol) and MeI (0.53 mL, 8.5 mmol) under Ar. After stirring at 80 °C for 0.5 h, the reaction was quenched with H₂O, and the resulting solution was extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt = 4/1) to give 7 (1.34 g, 88%) as yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.57 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.3, 162.0, 160.8, 132.1, 121.5, 107.3, 99.5, 93.8, 55.8, 55.1, 31.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₄O₄Na [M+Na]⁺ : 233.0784, found : 233.0777.



(*E*)-3-(2,4-Bis(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)-1-(2-methoxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (8)

To the solution of 6 (1.27 g, 5.6 mmol) and 7 (1.30 g, 6.2 mmol) in EtOH (10 mL) was added KOH (1.11 g, 16.8 mmol) at room

temperature, then stirred for 22 h. The reaction was quenched with H₂O, and the resulting solution was extracted with CH₃Cl, washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt = 2/1) to give **8** (2.09 g, 89%) as yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.73-6.68 (m, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.2, 161.5, 160.2, 160.1, 157.6, 137.3, 132.5, 129.5, 125.8, 123.5, 119.1, 109.3, 107.7, 103.4, 100.1, 94.6, 94.3, 94.2, 56.3, 56.2, 56.1, 55.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₂H₂₆O₈Na [M+Na]⁺ : 441.1520, found 441.1501.



2-(2,4-Bis(methoxy)phenyl)-3,3-dimethoxy-1-(2-methoxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)propan-1-one (9)

To the solution of **8** (53.9 mg, 0.13 mmol) in MeOH (1.3 mL) was added PhI(OCOCF₃)₂ (83.1 mg, 0.19 mmol) at room temperature, then stirred at same temperature for 3 h. The reaction was extracted with CHCl₃, washed

with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by SiO_2 column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt = 2/1) to give **9** (42.3 mg, 69%) as yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 3.449 (s, 3H), 3.446 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.4, 161.8, 160.6, 157.5, 156.4, 133.0, 130.1, 122.3, 118.6, 109.0,

107.3, 107.1, 103.8, 100.1, 95.1, 94.7, 94.2, 56.3, 56.2, 56.1, 56.0, 55.6, 54.4, 51.9; HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{24}H_{32}O_{10}Na \ [M+Na]^+$: 503.1893, found 503.1866.



(6-Hydroxy-2-methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl)(4-hydroxy-2methoxyphenyl)methanone (10)

To the solution of **9** (49.8 mg, 0.10 mmol) in MeCN (1.0 mL) was added *p*-TsOH•H₂O (3.9 mg, 0.02 mmol) and then stirred at 0 °C. After stirring for 1 h, *p*-TsOH•H₂O (74.8 mg, 0.38 mmol) and EtOH (36 μ L, 0.6 mmol) was added, and

then stirred at 10 °C for 2.5 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aq. NaHCO₃ and the mixture was extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt = 2:1) to give **10** (17.8, 54%) as yellow foam.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 6.01 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ 197.7, 165.7, 162.9, 160.9, 159.9, 134.5, 126.1, 118.9, 117.5, 111.1, 109.4, 108.9, 100.0, 98.7, 61.0, 56.3, 56.0; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O₆Na [M+Na]⁺ 339.0839, found 339.0840.



Puerariafuran³⁾

According to the general procedure, the reaction of **10** (16.2 mg, 0.051 mmol) and *p*-TsOH•H₂O (19.5 mg, 0.10 mmol) in (CF₃)₂CHOH (0.5 mL) gave puerariafuran (11.7 mg, 81%) as a yellow solid. Reaction time: 1 h. Eluent of $r_{2}(4+OEt = 2/1)$

SiO₂ column chromatography: Hexane/AcOEt = 2/1.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.24 (brs, 1H), 9.89 (s, 1H), 9.77 (brs, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 187.1, 162.3, 161.6, 158.6, 156.3, 154.8, 132.7, 121.6, 116.5, 113.5, 108.0, 107.8, 99.7, 97.6, 55.6; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₂O₅Na [M+Na]⁺ 307.0577, found 307.0556.

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¹³C NMR 1a



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¹³C NMR **1c**









¹³C NMR 1e



S18



f1 (ppm) ¹H NMR **1g**



¹H NMR **2a**





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¹H NMR **2b**









110 100 f1 (ppm)


 1 H NMR **2f**





¹H NMR **3a**



¹H NMR **3b**





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¹H NMR **3c**



110 100 f1 (ppm)

 1 H NMR **3d**



¹³C NMR **3d**



¹H NMR **3e**



 1 H NMR **3f**



¹H NMR **3**g







¹³C NMR 4a





¹³C NMR **4b**












¹³C NMR **4e**











110 100 f1 (ppm)


¹³C NMR **5a**



¹H NMR **5b**



¹³C NMR **5b**





¹³C NMR **5**c





¹³C NMR **5d**





¹³C NMR **5e**



¹H NMR **5**f







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110 100 f1 (ppm)



110 100 f1 (ppm)





S53

¹H NMR Puerariafuran



¹³C NMR Puerariafuran



HRMS (FAB) 1a

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Observed m/z Int% Err[ppm / mmu] 298.1212 8.1 +2.3 / +0.7	U.S. Composition 10.0 C 18 H 18 O 4	
237.0928 28.5 +5.2 / +1.2	10.5 C 16 H 13 O 2	

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HRMS (FAB) 1b

[Elemental Composition] Data : K.Sakaida-9-2-001 Date : 02-May-2017 15:42 Sample: -Note : -Ion Mode : FAB+ Inlet : Direct Scan#: (2,4) RT : 0.40 min Elements : C 20/0, H 20/0, O 5/0 Mass Tolerance : 5mmu Unsaturation (U.S.) : -0.5 - 10.0 Err[ppm / mmu] -0.4 / -0.1 Observed m/z Int% U.S. Composition 282.1255 12.1 10.0 C 18 H 18 O 3 +7.9 / +2.2 9.5 C 18 H 19 O 3 283.1357 100.0 9.0 C 18 H 20 O 3 284.1396 20.7 -5.6 / -1.6

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HRMS (ESI) 1d



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HRMS (ESI) 1e



HRMS (ESI) 1f



HRMS (ESI) 1g



HRMS (ESI) 2a



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HRMS (ESI) 2c



HRMS (ESI) 2d



HRMS (ESI) 2e



HRMS (ESI) 2f



HRMS (ESI) 2g



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[Elemental Composition] Date : 02-May-2017 14:39 Data : K.Sakaida-1-2-001 Sample: -Note : -Inlet : Direct Ion Mode : FAB+ RT : 0.50 min Scan#: (3,4) Elements : C 20/0, H 20/0, O 5/0 Mass Tolerance : 5mmu Unsaturation (U.S.) : -0.5 - 10.0 Observed m/z Int% Err[ppm / mmu] U.S. Composition 290.0854 26.8 289.0813 100.0 -12.6 / -3.6 9.5 C 17 H 17 O 4 285.1091 14.6 -2.4 / -0.7 10.0 C 17 H 16 O 4 284.1042 8.3

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HRMS (FAB) 3b

[Elemental Composition] Data : K.Sakaida-10-2-001 Date : 02-May-2017 15:52 Sample: -Note : -Inlet : Direct Ion Mode : FAB+ RT : 0.40 min Scan#: (2,4) Elements : C 20/0, H 20/0, O 5/0 : 5mmu Mass Tolerance Unsaturation (U.S.) : -0.5 - 10.0 Observed m/z Int% Err[ppm / mmu] U.S. Composition 267.1037 11.9 -2.0 / -0.5 10.0 C 17 H 16 O 3 268.1094 100.0 -8.4 / -2.3 9.5 C 17 H 17 O 3 269.1155 81.3 270.1195 16.7



[Elemental Composition] Data : K.Sakaida-02-001 Date : 28-Apr-2017 14:20 Sample: -Note : -Ion Mode : FAB+ Inlet : Direct RT : 0.09 min Scan#: (1,2) Elements : C 20/0, H 20/0, O 5/0, Cl 1/0(35Cl 1/0, 37Cl 1/0) : Smmu Mass Tolerance Unsaturation (U.S.) : -0.5 - 10.0 Err[ppm / mmu] +6.4 / +1.9 Observed m/z Int% U.S. Composition +1.9 9.5 C 16 H 14 O 3 37Cl 291.0621 25.5 290.0553 10.0 C 16 H 13 O 3 37Cl 40.6 +10.1 / +2.9 94.5 +15.8 / +4.6 5.5 C 13 H 16 O 5 37Cl 289.0703 10.0 C 16 H 13 O 3 35CL 288.0567 100.0 +4.7 / +1.3 -4.1 / -1.2 6.0 C 13 H 15 O 5 37Cl 6.5 C 13 H 14 O 5 37Cl 287.0501 8.3 +0.4 / +0.1

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[Elemental Composition] Date : 28-Apr-2017 15:09 Data : K.Sakaida-04-001 Sample: -Note : -Ion Mode : FAB+ Inlet : Direct RT : 0.09 min Scan#: (1,2) Elements : C 20/0, H 20/0, O 5/0, S 1/0 Mass Tolerance : 5mmu Unsaturation (U.S.) : -0.5 - 10.0 Observed m/z Int% Err[ppm / mmu] U.S. Composition -2.7 10.0 C 14 H 12 O 3 S 260.0481 100.0 -10.2 / C 14 H 13 O 3 S -15.0 / -3.9 9.5 261.0546 91.0

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HRMS (ESI) 3f



HRMS (ESI) 3g



HRMS (FAB) 4a

[Elemental Composition] Page: 1 Date : 25-Jan-2017 11:14 Data : AI-benzofuran-isomer-001 Sample: AI-145-F2-HRMS Note : -Inlet : Direct -OMe Ion Mode : FAB+ RT : 0.17 min Scan#: (1,3) Elements : C 20/0, H 15/0, O 5/0 Mass Tolerance : 1000ppm, 5mmu if m/z > 5 Unsaturation (U.S.) : -0.5 - 20.0 Observed m/z Int% Err[ppm / mmu] U.S. Composition 11.0 C 16 H 12 O 3 +2.9 252.0815 36.6 +11.4 / 100.0 -1.1 / -0.3 10.5 C 16 H 13 O 3 253.0862

HRMS (FAB) 4b

[Elemental Composition] Data : K.Sakaida-11-3-001 Date : 02-May-2017 16:29 Sample: -Note : -Inlet : Direct RT : 0.10 min Ion Mode : FAB+ Scan#: (1,2) Elements : C 20/0, H 15/0, O 5/0 Mass Tolerance : 5mmu Unsaturation (U.S.) : -0.5 - 15.0 Observed m/z Int% Err[ppm / mmu] U.S. Composition 7.3 238.0941 237.0910 38.5 -2.2 / -0.5 10.5 C 16 H 13 O 2 236.0834 13.4 -1.4 / -0.3 11.0 C 16 H 12 O 2

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HRMS (FAB) 4c

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Observed m/z 256.0276	Int% 30.1	Err[ppm / mm -5.9 / -	u] U. 1.5 11	s. c .0 C	ompos: 15 H	ition 902:	35Cl
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259.0333	26.9	+7.1 / +	1.8 14 0.7 10	.5 C .5 C	18 H 15 H	8 35Cl 10 0 2	37Cl



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HRMS (ESI) 4d



HRMS (FAB) 4e

Page: 1 [Elemental Composition] Data : K.Sakaida-3-6-001 Date : 06-May-2017 10:25 Sample: -Note : -Inlet : Direct Ion Mode : FAB+ RT : 0.50 min Scan#: (3,4) Elements : C 15/0, H 10/0, O 5/0, S 5/0 Mass Tolerance : 5mmu Unsaturation (U.S.) : -0.5 - 15.0 Err[ppm / mmu] U.S. Composition Observed m/z Int% 9.2 230.0341 47.8 -2.0 / -0.5 10.5 C 13 H 9 O 2 S 229.0319 11.0 C 13 H 8 O 2 S -0.2 / -0.1 228.0244 20.1



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