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### Cu(II)-catalyzed domino construction of spironaphthalenones by

### dearomatization of $\beta$ -naphthols and using N, N-

### dimethylaminoethanol as a C1 synthon

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#### **General information**

Unless otherwise noted, all the reactions were carried out under air. Glassware was properly dried in an oven before use. Bulk solvents and chemicals were purchased from commercial sources and were used directly without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer (<sup>1</sup>H: 400 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C: 100 MHz), using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvent with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard at room temperature. All <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield of TMS and were measured relative to the signals at 0 ppm (TMS). All <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were reported in ppm relative to residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> (77.0 ppm) and were obtained with <sup>1</sup>H-decoupling. Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR are described as following: chemical shift ( $\delta$  in ppm), multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; quin, quintet; sep, septet; m, multiplet; br, broad signal), coupling constant (Hz), integration. Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR are described in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$  in ppm). Flash column chromatography was performed on commercially available silica gel (200-300 mesh); High resolution mass spectra were recorded on an ESI-Q-TOF mass spectrometer. Melting points were measured on X4 melting point apparatus and uncorrected.

#### Cu(OAc)2 (15 mol%) .5 (18 mol%) e (50 mol%), 120 °C Entry Base Temp. (°C) Yield (%) 1 NaOAc 120 18 2 Na HPO 120 60 KH\_PO 3 120 55 4 NH<sub>3</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O 120 66 Et<sub>2</sub>N 5 120 62 KHCO 6 120 42 $7^c$ NaHCO 120 53 $8^d$ NaHCO 120 64

#### Table S1 Optimization of base.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Unless otherwise stated, the reaction was carried out with **1a** (1.0 mmol),  $Cu(OAc)_2$  (0.15 mmol, 15 mol%), L5 (0.18 mmol, 18 mol%), and base (0.5 mmol.) in DMEA (5 mL) under Air for 3-5 h. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield the reaction. <sup>*c*</sup>NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.3 mmol). <sup>*d*</sup>NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1 mmol).

#### General procedure for the synthesis of spiro-cyclohexadienones 2.

To an oven-dried 25-mL Schlenk tube were added 2-Naphthols (1.0 mmol),  $Cu(OAc)_2$  (0.15 mmol), 4,7-Diphenyl-1,10-phenanthroline (0.18 mmol), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.50 mmol) and DMEA (3mL) under air atmosphere. The resulting mixtures were then stirred at 120 °C for 3-5 h. When the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (25 mL) and washed with  $H_2O$  (10 mL × 3). The organic layer was then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and concentration under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE : EA = 10:1) to afford the corresponding spiro-products **2**.

### Synthesis and characterization of spiro-cyclohexadienones 2 and 3



#### 1'*H*, 2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan]-2-one (2a)<sup>1</sup>

The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (112 mg, 75%). Mp 168.1-170.4 °C.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.29 (m, 5H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 198.0, 157.8, 145.4, 143.4, 130.8, 130.7, 129.9, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 126.9, 125.6, 123.7, 123.3, 122.5, 115.2, 111.9, 89.4, 42.9; **ESI-MS:** *m/z* 299 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



#### 6,7'-dimethyl-1'*H*,2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan]-2-one (2b)

The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (104 mg, 64%). Mp 88.6-90.7 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.3, 157.1, 145.5, 140.6, 138.6, 132.6, 131.3, 130.1, 129.9, 129.1, 129.0, 129.0, 128.6, 127.8, 125.6, 123.7, 122.3, 115.2, 111.8, 89.1, 42.9, 21.5, 21.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 327.1380; found: 327.1375.



6,7'-diethyl-1'*H*,2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan]-2-one (2c)

The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (149 mg, 84%). Mp 115.8-117.0 °C.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.73 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 198.3, 157.2, 145.6, 144.9, 140.7, 139.0, 130.2, 129.9, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 126.5, 125.7, 123.6, 122.4, 115.3, 111.8, 89.1, 42.9, 28.9, 28.3, 15.7, 15.4; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd. for  $C_{25}H_{23}O_2^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 355.1693; found: 355.1697.



6,7'-dimethoxy-1'*H*,2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan]-2-one (2d)

The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (122 mg, 68%). Mp 169.5-171.7 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.79 (m, 2H), 6.25 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.2, 159.8, 156.0, 155.7, 145.2, 135.2, 130.6, 129.9, 128.3, 127.2, 126.2, 124.3, 124.0, 119.6, 115.8, 115.7, 114.8, 112.2, 107.0, 88.6, 55.5, 55.3, 42.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/z calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 359.1278; found: 359.1271.



6,7'-dibromo-1'*H*,2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan]-2-one (2e)<sup>1</sup>

The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (28 mg, 12%). Mp 205-209 °C.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, **CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, **CDCl**<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.8, 158.0, 143.9, 141.7, 133.4, 132.1, 130.9, 130.8, 130.6, 130.3, 129.21, 129.17, 127.3, 124.8, 124.1, 122.7, 117.0, 115.3, 112.9, 89.0, 42.5; **ESI-MS:** m/z 457 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



2-oxo-1'*H*,2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan]-6,7'-dicarbonitrile (2f)

The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (79 mg, 44%). Mp 170.9-172.4 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.69-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  195.4, 160.1, 146.9, 143.1, 135.1, 133.9, 132.6, 132.1, 131.3, 129.9, 128.7, 127.8, 126.5, 125.4, 123.6, 119.3, 117.5,

115.4, 113.7, 113.4, 106.9, 89.4, 42.3; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd. For  $C_{23}H_{13}N_2O_2^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 349.0972; found: 349.0968.



#### 7,8'-dimethyl-1'*H*,2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan]-2-one (2g)

The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (152 mg, 93%). Mp 179.6-181.5 °C.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.80-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.17 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  198.1, 157.9, 145.4, 143.6, 141.4, 136.7, 131.0, 129.5, 129.3, 128.6, 127.9, 126.2, 126.1, 125.5, 122.6, 121.6, 114.5, 110.9, 89.3, 43.0, 21.9, 21.6; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 327.1380; found: 327.1384.



#### 7,8'-dimethoxy-1'*H*,2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan]-2-one (2h)

The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (120 mg, 68%). Mp 182.9-184.1 °C.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.76-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.47 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  198.1, 161.8, 158.53, 158.47, 145.9, 145.3, 132.1, 131.2, 130.4, 129.6, 125.1, 121.8, 120.9, 115.8, 114.1, 113.4, 111.8, 109.2, 100.9, 89.6, 55.5, 55.2, 43.2; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 359.1278; found: 359.1283.



#### 7,8'-diethoxy-1'H,2H-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-naphtho[2,1-b]furan]-2-one (2i)

The title compound was obtained as a white solid (157 mg, 81%). Mp 152.1-154.7 °C.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11-4.01 (m, 2H), 4.01-3.90 (m, 3H), 3.45 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.1, 161.2, 158.4, 157.8, 145.9, 145.4, 132.1, 131.2, 130.3, 129.5, 125.0, 121.6, 120.8, 116.1, 114.0, 113.6, 112.4, 109.1, 101.7, 89.5, 63.7, 63.4, 43.3, 14.7, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 387.1591; found: 387.1594.



*N*, *N*'-(2-oxo-1'*H*,2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan]-7,8'-diyl)diacetamide (2j) The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (133.9 mg, 65%). Mp 182.3-184.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.58 (s, 1H), 8.75 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 3H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO)  $\delta$  197.0, 169.7, 168.5, 158.5, 147.2, 138.1, 136.1, 132.1, 131.5, 131.2, 130.8, 130.5, 129.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.0, 127.4, 123.3, 123.2, 115.2, 112.9, 87.3, 43.0, 23.6, 22.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 413.1496; found: 413.1493.



#### 7,8'-dibromo-1'*H*,2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan]-2-one (2k)<sup>2</sup>

The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (91 mg, 40%). Mp 200.3-202.5 °C.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 196.5, 158.4, 144.7, 144.3, 132.0, 131.8, 130.8, 130.5, 130.1, 128.7, 128.1, 127.6, 126.7, 125.4, 124.7, 123.8, 121.4, 114.1, 112.2, 89.0, 42.5; **ESI-MS:** *m/z* 457 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



3,4'-dimethyl-1'H,2H-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-naphtho[2,1-b]furan]-2-one (21)

The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (133 mg, 82%). Mp 150.4-151.8 °C.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.22 (m, 7H), 3.96 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  198.5, 157.5, 142.8, 141.3, 131.5, 130.0, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 125.8, 125.3, 123.1, 122.29, 122.25, 114.4, 89.0, 43.4, 16.2, 15.8; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* calcd. forC<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 327.1380; found: 327.1385.



#### 3,4'-dimethoxy-1'*H*,2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan]-2-one (2m)

The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (154 mg, 86%). Mp 209.9-211.7 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.22 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 4.10 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.57 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.1, 148.8, 148.5, 145.5, 139.0, 130.9, 129.1, 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 125.8, 125.7, 124.5, 123.9, 122.3, 117.0, 115.3, 107.2, 90.3, 55.8, 55.7, 43.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 359.1278; found: 359.1274.



#### 3,4'-dibromo-1'*H*,2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,2'-naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan]-2-one (2n)<sup>2</sup>

The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (114 mg, 50%). Mp 209.1-212.9 °C.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  8.01 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.28 (m, 6H), 4.11 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  190.2, 154.6, 146.8, 141.9, 131.8, 131.2, 130.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.6, 127.9, 127.2, 126.1, 124.4, 122.6, 119.2, 116.5, 104.5, 89.9, 44.2; **ESI-MS:** m/z 457 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



#### 3'H,10H-spiro[phenanthrene-9,2'-phenanthro[9,10-b]furan]-10-one (20)

The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (149.2 mg, 75%). Mp 196.8-198.3 °C

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.70-8.64 (m, 1H), 8.63-8.57 (m, 1H), 8.38-8.30 (m, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.0, 153.6, 139.7, 137.2, 135.0, 131.6, 129.7, 129.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.3, 127.04, 126.95, 126.8, 126.7, 125.4, 124.3, 123.9, 123.3, 123.0, 122.8, 122.5, 121.6, 110.7, 90.5, 43.8; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 399.1380; found: 399.1376.



#### 8,8'-methylenebis(quinolin-7-ol) (3)

The title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (120.8 mg, 80%). Mp 229.3-231.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.79 (s, 2H), 8.86-8.79 (m, 2H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 2H), 4.83 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO)  $\delta$  158.3, 147.9, 147.0, 137.7, 127.3, 123.6, 122.2, 120.5, 117.9, 22.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>[M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 303.1128; found: 303.1124.

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# Crystal data and structure refinement for 2a



CCDC Number	2208411					
Empirical formula	$C_{21}H_{14}O_2$					
Formula weight	298.32					
Temperature/K	296.15					
Crystal system	monoclinic					
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c					
a/Å	13.785(5)					
b/Å	8.252(3)					
c/Å	12.807(5)					
α/°	90					
β/°	96.271(7)					
γ/°	90					
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1448.2(9)					
Ζ	4					
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.368					
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.087					
F(000)	624.0					
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.15 \times 0.15 \times 0.12$					
Radiation	MoKa ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )					
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/ <sup>c</sup>	20 range for data collection/° 2.972 to 58.332					
Index ranges	$-18 \le h \le 18, -11 \le k \le 11, -17 \le l \le 17$					
Reflections collected	14650					
Independent reflections	3883 [ $R_{int} = 0.1020, R_{sigma} = 0.1017$ ]					
Data/restraints/parameters	3883/0/209					
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.947					
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0549, wR_2 = 0.1120$					
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1519, wR_2 = 0.1493$					
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> 0.18/-0.17						



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of spiro-cyclohexadienones 2 and 3

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound **2b** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



110 100 f1 (ppm)

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound **2c** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound **2d** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



- 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 6 -10 E1 (ppm)

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound **2e** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound **2g** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound **2h** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound **2i** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound **2j** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



## <sup>13</sup>C NMR of Compound **2j** (100 MHz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO)

197.000	169.747 168.489	158.475	147, 151 138, 150 138, 140 138, 140 132, 138, 138 131, 515 131, 515 131, 515 131, 515 131, 515 131, 515 130, 549 130, 549 130, 549 130, 549 128, 888 128, 888 128, 888 128, 888 127, 357 127, 35	42.987 40.581 40.581 40.581 40.164 39.537 39.537 39.537 39.537 39.537 23.623 22.579
1	52	i.		



210 200 190 180 170 180 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 30 40 30 20 10 5 -10 ετ (spm)





### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound **2l** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



110 100 f1 (ppm)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound **2m** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound **2n** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





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## <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound **3** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

