Supporting Information

Access to Spiro-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexanes via $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$ -Catalyzed Formal $[2\pi + 2\sigma]$ Cycloaddition of Bicyclo[1.1.0]butanes with Benzofuran-derived

Oxa(aza)dienes

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1. General information

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 MHz or 600 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm with the internal TMS signal at 0.0 ppm as a standard. The spectra are interpreted as: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m =multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, dd = triplet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, ddd = doubletof doublet of doublets, ddt = doublet of doublet of triplets, dtd = doublet of triplet of doublets, brs = broad signals, coupling constant (s) J are reported in Hz and relative integrations are reported. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 MHz or 600 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm with the internal chloroform signal at 77.16 ppm as a standard. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃ and referenced relative to CFCl₃. Melting points were obtained in open capillary tubes using SGW X-4 micro melting point apparatus which were uncorrected. Highresolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a JEOC AccuTOF LC-plus 4G mass spectrometer using ESI (electrospray ionization). Anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ was distilled from calcium hydride. Anhydrous toluene was distilled from sodium/benzophenone. Other anhydrous solvents (<30 ppm water, Karl-Fischer titration) were purchased from J&K and stored over molecular sieves under an argon atmosphere. Lewis acids were purchased from Laajoo, Adamas and Bide chemical company. Bicyclo[1.1.0]butanes (BCBs),^[1] benzofuranderived oxadienes,^[2] (benzo)furan-derived azadienes^[3,4] and other α,β -unsaturated compounds^[5] were synthesized according to the literature and spectral data of them were in accordance with those reported in the literature.

2. Synthesis and Spectral Characterization of BCBs

BCBs 1 were synthesized according to the literature and spectral data of them was in accordance with those reported in the literatures.^[1]

These BCBs are stable at -20 $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ and can be stored for several months without decomposition.



Synthesis and Spectral Characterization of Benzofuran-derived Oxadienes 3.

Benzofuran-derived Oxadienes 2 were synthesized according to the literature and spectral data of them was in accordance with those reported in the literatures.^[2]



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4. Synthesis and Spectral Characterization of (Benzo)furan-derived Azadienes

(Benzo)furan-derived Azadienes **5** were synthesized according to the literature and spectral data of them was in accordance with those reported in the literatures.^[3,4]





5. Optimization studies

| $Ph \longrightarrow CO_2Me + \bigvee_{O} Ph \xrightarrow{Ph} BF_3 \cdot Et_2O (10 \text{ mol}\%) + Ph \xrightarrow{CO_2Me} + Ph \xrightarrow{CO_2Me} CO_2Me$ | | | | | | | |
|--|----|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| 1a | | 5 | 6 | 4a | | | |
| Entry ^[a] | R | Yield of 6 (%) ^[b] | Yield of 4a (%) ^[b] | Recovery of 5 (%) ^[b] | | | |
| 1 | Ts | 33 | 40 | - | | | |
| 2 | Ns | 27 | 42 | 8 | | | |
| 3 | Ms | 99 | 42 | - | | | |
| 4 ^[c] | Ms | 98 | 30 | - | | | |
| 5 ^[d] | Ms | 89 | 23 | 7 | | | |
| 6 ^[e] | Ms | 99 | 25 | - | | | |
| 7 ^[f] | Ms | 85 | 26 | 10 | | | |

Table S1. Screening of benzofuran-derived azadienes of $[2\pi + 2\sigma]$ cycloadditions

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **5** (0.10 mmol), $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$ (0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), toluene (2.0 mL), N_2 atmosphere, 25 °C, 10 mins. [b] Isolated yield. [c] with **1a** (0.17 mmol). [d] with **1a** (0.15 mmol). [e] toluene (1.5 mL) and the solution of **1a** (0.30 M in toluene, 0.15 mmol) was added dropwise within 5 mins. [f] toluene (1.5 mL) and the solution of **1a** (0.24 M in toluene, 0.12 mmol) was added dropwise within 5 mins.

6. General procedure for the formal $[2\pi + 2\sigma]$ cycloaddition



General procedure A:

Under a nitrogen atmosphere, BCBs 1 (0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and benzofuran-derived oxadienes 2 (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added sequentially into a flame-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar. The tube was evacuated and back-filled with nitrogen for five times. Then the anhydrous toluene (4.0 mL) was added via syringe sequentially. Then, $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$ (2.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) was added and the mixture was stirred at 25 °C until 2 was consumed (monitored by TLC) (10 mins were enough in all examples). Then, the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The resulted filtrate was separated. The combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to give the corresponding products 3.



methyl 3-oxo-1',3'-diphenyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'carboxylate (3a): Following the general procedure A, compound 3a was obtained as a white solid in 83% yield (68.1 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 161-163 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 7.00 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.91 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.3, 172.1, 171.6, 138.0, 137.0, 136.2, 128.4(2C), 128.1(2C), 127.7(2C), 127.4, 126.9, 126.4(2C), 123.9, 121.7(2), 121.6(5), 112.8, 95.9, 58.5, 58.4, 52.1, 49.9, 44.5, 43.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₂₂O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 433.1411, found: 433.1407.

In the reaction for preparation of **3a**, **methyl 3-phenylcyclobut-2-ene-1-carboxylate (4a)** was obtained as a colorless oil in 62% yield (35.0 mg); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.80$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.28 (d, J =

1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.69 – 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H).^[6]



methyl 3-oxo-3'-phenyl-1'-(*o*-tolyl)-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3b): Following the general procedure **A**, compound 3b was obtained as a white solid in 83% yield (70.5 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.35 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 158-159 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 6.90 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.35 – 2.27 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.5, 172.1, 171.4, 137.9, 136.7, 136.2, 135.1, 131.0, 128.4(2C), 128.2(2C), 127.7, 127.4, 126.9, 125.5, 124.0, 121.8, 121.5, 112.5, 97.2, 59.1, 58.1, 52.1, 50.2, 46.0, 44.4, 20.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 447.1567, found: 447.1561.



methyl 1'-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxo-3'-phenyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3c): Following the general procedure **A**, compound 3c was obtained as a white solid in 86% yield (75.8 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 164-166 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.93 (m, 3H), 6.92 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.73 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 6.66 – 6.63 (m, 1H), 6.63 – 6.58 (m, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.2, 172.1, 171.6, 159.2, 138.5, 138.0, 136.2, 129.1, 128.4(2C), 127.7(2C), 126.9, 124.0, 121.8, 121.7, 118.9, 113.2, 112.7, 111.9, 95.8, 58.5, 58.3, 55.2, 52.1, 49.7, 44.6, 43.2; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for $C_{28}H_{24}O_5Na$ [M+Na]⁺: 463.1516, found: 463.1508.



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3-oxo-3'-phenyl-1'-(m-tolyl)-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-

bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3d): Following the general procedure **A**, compound 3d was obtained as a white solid in 85% yield (72.2 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 159-160 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.93 (m, 3H), 6.93 – 6.82 (m, 4H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.3, 172.1, 171.6, 137.9, 137.6, 136.9, 136.3, 128.4(2C), 128.1, 127.9, 127.7(2C), 127.2, 126.9, 123.9, 123.5, 121.7(1), 121.6(9), 112.7, 95.9, 58.5, 58.4, 52.1, 49.9, 44.5, 43.2, 21.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 447.1567, found: 447.1563.



methyl 1'-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-3'-phenyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3e): Following the general procedure A, compound 3e was obtained as a white solid in 69% yield (61.4 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 167-169 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 6.92 (m, 5H), 6.95 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.75 – 6.68 (m, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.9, 171.8, 171.5, 139.0, 138.2, 135.9, 134.0, 129.4, 128.4(2C), 127.7(2C), 127.6, 127.0, 126.8, 124.6, 124.0, 121.9, 121.5, 112.8, 95.6, 58.4, 57.8, 52.2, 49.9, 44.4, 43.2; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for $C_{27}H_{21}ClO_4Na$ [M+Na]⁺: 467.1021, found: 467.1020.



methyl 3-oxo-3'-phenyl-1'-(*p*-tolyl)-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3f): Following the general procedure A, compound 3f was obtained as a white solid in 85% yield (72.2 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 156-157 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.02 – 6.93 (m, 4H), 6.93 – 6.84 (m, 3H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.4, 172.1, 171.6, 137.9, 136.9, 136.3, 134.0, 128.8(2C), 128.4(2C), 127.7(2C), 126.9, 126.3(2C), 123.9, 121.7, 121.6, 112.7, 95.9, 58.7, 58.2, 52.1, 49.9, 44.7, 43.2, 21.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 447.1567, found: 447.1562.



methyl1'-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxo-3'-phenyl-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3g): Following the general procedure A, compound 3gwas obtained as a white solid in 69% yield (59.1 mg); purified by silica gel columnchromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate= 10/1); m.p. = 162-164 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 - 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.42 - 7.33(m, 1H), 7.25 - 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.12 - 7.01 (m, 2H), 7.01 - 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.94 - 6.86 (m, 1H),6.83 - 6.72 (m, 2H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.37 (dd,J = 9.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (d, J =

7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.2, 171.9, 171.5, 162.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 245.9$ Hz), 138.2, 136.1, 132.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.2$ Hz), 128.4(2C), 128.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.1$ Hz)(2C), 127.7(2C), 127.0, 124.0, 121.9, 121.6, 115.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.3$ Hz)(2C), 112.7, 95.8, 58.4, 57.7, 52.2, 49.8, 44.5, 43.1; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.83; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₂₁FO₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 451.1317, found: 451.1319.



methyl (2*S*,3'*S*)-1'-methyl-3-oxo-3'-phenyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3h): Following the general procedure A, compound 3h was obtained as colorless oil in 16% yield (11.1 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.77 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.70 – 2.65 (m, 1H), 2.53 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.7, 153.1, 138.2, 136.5, 135.6, 128.6(2C), 128.4(2C), 127.8, 124.7, 123.5, 122.2, 118.6, 111.3, 79.2, 52.1, 49.3, 45.4, 42.0, 36.9, 27.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₂H₂₀O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 371.1254, found: 371.1256.



ethyl **3-oxo-1',3'-diphenyl-3***H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'carboxylate (3i): Following the general procedure **A**, compound **3i** was obtained as a white solid in 84% yield (71.3 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 164-166 °C; ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.02 (m, 5H), 7.02 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.91 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.18 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C** NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.4, 171.6, 171.6, 138.0, 137.0, 136.2, 128.3(2C), 128.1(2C), 127.9(2C), 127.3, 126.9, 126.5(2C), 123.9, 121.7(0), 121.6(8), 112.8, 96.0, 60.9, 58.6, 58.3, 50.1, 44.5, 43.1, 14.2; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for $C_{28}H_{24}O_4Na \ [M+Na]^+$: 447.1567, found: 447.1564.



methyl 3-oxo-1'-phenyl-3'-(*o*-tolyl)-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3j): Following the general procedure **A**, compound **3**j was obtained as a white solid in 78% yield (66.1 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.45 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 157-159 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 6.96 (m, 6H), 6.86 – 6.76 (m, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.6, 172.2, 171.7, 137.8, 137.6, 136.6, 134.9, 130.6, 128.0(2C), 127.4, 126.9, 126.3(2C), 126.1, 125.9, 123.8, 121.7, 121.4, 112.7, 95.9, 58.7, 54.9, 52.1, 50.3, 43.9, 43.4, 19.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 447.1567, found: 447.1565.



methyl 3'-(2-bromophenyl)-3-oxo-1'-phenyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3k): Following the general procedure **A**, compound 3k was obtained as a white solid in 77% yield (75.4 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 170-171 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.00 (m, 5H), 6.85 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.0, 172.0, 171.5, 137.3, 136.5(3), 136.4(6), 133.1, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0(2C), 127.4(1), 127.3(6), 126.4(2C), 126.2, 123.8, 122.2, 121.7, 112.4, 95.1, 58.6, 57.1, 52.3, 50.3, 43.5, 43.1; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for $C_{27}H_{21}Br^{79}O_4Na$ [M+Na]⁺: 511.0516, found: 511.0515; calcd for $C_{27}H_{21}Br^{81}O_4Na$ [M+Na]⁺: 513.0495, found: 513.0498.



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3-oxo-1'-phenyl-3'-(m-tolyl)-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-

bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3I): Following the general procedure **A**, compound 3I was obtained as a white solid in 76% yield (64.5 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 157-159 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.02 (m, 6H), 6.99 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.80 – 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.75 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 6.72 – 6.68 (m, 1H), 4.30 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.4, 172.1, 171.6, 137.9(0), 137.8(8), 137.0, 136.1, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0(2C), 127.7, 127.3, 126.4(2C), 124.7, 123.9, 121.7, 121.6, 112.8, 95.9, 58.5, 58.3, 52.1, 49.9, 44.6, 43.1, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 447.1567, found: 447.1567.



methyl3'-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-oxo-1'-phenyl-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3m): Following the general procedure A, compound3m was obtained as a white solid in 72% yield (61.7 mg); purified by silica gel columnchromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate= 10/1); m.p. = 163-165 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 - 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.41 - 7.32(m, 1H), 7.18 - 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.11 - 7.03 (m, 5H), 6.92 - 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.78 - 6.68 (m, 3H),4.31 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.36 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.7 Hz,1H), 2.53 (dd, J = 7.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

202.0, 171.7, 171.5, 162.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 245.6 \text{ Hz}$), 138.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.3 \text{ Hz}$), 138.2, 136.7, 129.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.4 \text{ Hz}$), 128.1(2C), 127.5, 126.4(2C), 124.0, 123.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.9 \text{ Hz}$), 121.9, 121.5, 114.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.0 \text{ Hz}$), 114.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.0 \text{ Hz}$), 112.7, 95.6, 58.4, 58.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 1.8 \text{ Hz}$), 52.2, 50.0, 44.5, 43.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -112.94; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₂₁FO₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 451.1317, found: 451.1316.



methyl 3-oxo-1'-phenyl-3'-(*p*-tolyl)-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3n): Following the general procedure A, compound 3n was obtained as a white solid in 75% yield (63.7 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 153-155 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.01 (m, 5H), 7.05 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.82 (m, 3H), 6.75 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 2.24 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.4, 172.1, 171.6, 137.9, 137.0, 136.5, 133.1, 129.1(2C), 128.0(2C), 127.6(2C), 127.3, 126.4(2C), 123.9, 121.7(2C), 112.8, 95.9, 58.4, 58.2, 52.1, 50.0, 44.5, 43.1, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 447.1567, found: 447.1567.



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3'-(4-iodophenyl)-3-oxo-1'-phenyl-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-

bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (30): Following the general procedure **A**, compound **30** was obtained as a white solid in 76% yield (81.5 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.35$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 178-180 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.01 (m, 5H), 6.92 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.77 – 6.70 (m, 3H), 4.25

(d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.36 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, J = 7.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.0, 171.8, 171.5, 138.2, 137.5(2C), 136.7, 136.0, 129.8(2C), 128.1(2C), 127.5, 126.4(2C), 124.0, 121.9, 121.5, 112.8, 95.6, 92.5, 58.5, 57.9, 52.2, 49.9, 44.5, 43.0; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₂₁IO₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 559.0377, found: 559.0373.



methyl 3-oxo-1'-phenyl-3'-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3p): Following the general procedure **A**, compound **3**p was obtained as a white solid in 72% yield (68.9 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 167-169 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.02 (m, 7H), 6.93 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.69 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.40 – 4.35 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.8, 171.7, 171.4, 140.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 1.4 Hz), 138.3, 136.5, 129.2 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 32.5 Hz), 128.1(2C), 128.1(2C), 127.5, 126.4(2C), 125.4 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz)(2C), 124.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 272.1 Hz), 124.0, 122.0, 121.5, 112.7, 95.6, 58.5, 58.0, 52.3, 49.9, 44.5, 43.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.52; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₁F₃O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 501.1258, found: 501.1260.



methyl 3'-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-3-oxo-1'-phenyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3q): Following the general procedure A, compound 3q was obtained as a white solid in 70% yield (61.4 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.45$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 168-169 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.00 (m, 5H), 6.91 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.81 – 6.77 (m, 1H), 6.75 – 6.68 (m, 1H), 6.56 – 6.51 (m, 2H), 4.26 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.37 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 9.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.5, 172.2, 171.7, 137.8, 137.7(2C), 137.1, 136.0, 128.6, 128.0(2C), 127.3, 126.5(2C), 125.5(2C), 123.9, 121.8, 121.6, 112.8, 96.0, 58.5, 58.3, 52.1, 49.8, 44.6, 43.1, 21.4(2C); HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₉H₂₆O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 461.1724, found: 461.1726.



methyl **3'-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-oxo-1'-phenyl-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3r)**: Following the general procedure **A**, compound **3r** was obtained as a white solid in 68% yield (65.2 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 175-177 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.04 (m, 5H), 6.94 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.35 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 9.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, J = 7.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.7, 171.5, 171.4, 138.3, 136.6, 136.5, 132.5, 131.1, 130.3, 129.8, 128.2(2C), 127.6, 127.5, 126.4(2C), 124.1, 122.1, 121.4, 112.8, 95.4, 58.4, 57.5, 52.3, 50.1, 44.5, 43.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₂₀Cl₂O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 501.0631, found: 501.0626.



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3'-(furan-2-yl)-3-oxo-1'-phenyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-

bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3s): Following the general procedure A, compound **3s** was obtained as a white solid in 64% yield (51.3 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate

= 10/1); m.p. = 149-151 °C; ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 6.92 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.8, 171.7, 171.4, 150.7, 142.1, 138.0, 136.7, 128.1(2C), 127.4, 126.5(2C), 124.0, 121.8, 121.3, 112.7, 110.1, 107.7, 95.2, 58.7, 52.6, 52.2, 49.8, 43.9, 43.4; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₅H₂₀O₅Na [M+Na]⁺: 423.1203, found: 423.1203.



methyl 3'-(naphthalen-1-yl)-3-oxo-1'-phenyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3t): Following the general procedure **A**, compound 3t was obtained as a white solid in 60% yield (55.3 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 162-164°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 6.97 (m, 7H), 6.76 – 6.68 (m, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.3, 172.4, 171.9, 137.6, 136.7, 133.7, 132.9, 132.5, 128.6, 128.0(2C), 127.7, 127.4, 126.4(2C), 125.6, 125.5, 125.3, 123.6(3), 123.6(0), 123.2, 121.8, 121.4, 112.3, 96.0, 58.6, 54.7, 52.2, 50.1, 44.1, 43.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₃₁H₂₄O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 483.1567, found: 483.1565.



methyl (2S,3'S)-3-oxo-1'-phenyl-3'-((E)-styryl)-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3u): Following the general procedure A, compound 3u was obtained as colorless oil in 41% yield (35.8 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 7.17 – 7.04 (m, 5H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.89 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.44 – 6.30 (m, 2H), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.2, 171.5(2), 171.5(1), 138.0, 137.0, 136.9, 134.5, 128.6(2C), 128.1(2C), 127.7, 127.4, 126.6(2C), 126.5(2C), 123.9, 123.8, 121.8, 121.6, 112.9, 96.2, 58.6, 57.8, 52.0, 51.2, 43.2, 42.6; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₉H₂₄O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 459.1567, found: 459.1569.



methyl5-bromo-3-oxo-1',3'-diphenyl-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3v): Following the general procedure A, compound 3vwas obtained as a white solid in 86% yield (84.2 mg); purified by silica gel columnchromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate= 10/1); m.p. = 169-171 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (dd, J = 2.2, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42(dd, J = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 5H), 7.00 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.60(dd, J = 8.8, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.34 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H),3.11 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³CNMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.9, 171.9, 170.2, 140.5, 136.6, 135.9, 128.5(2C), 128.2(2C),127.7(2C), 127.6, 127.1, 126.5, 126.4(2C), 123.3, 114.5, 114.3, 96.9, 58.8, 58.5, 52.2, 49.9,44.6, 43.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₂₁Br⁷⁹O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 511.0516, found:511.0513; calcd for C₂₇H₂₁Br⁸¹O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 513.0495, found: 513.0498.



methyl 6-methyl-3-oxo-1',3'-diphenyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3w): Following the general procedure A, compound 3w was obtained as a white solid in 44% yield (37.4 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 159-161 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.14 – 7.02 (m, 5H), 6.97 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.39 (dd, J = 9.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.6, 172.2, 172.1, 150.0, 137.1, 136.4, 128.4(2C), 128.0(2C), 127.8(2C), 127.3, 126.8, 126.5(2C), 123.5, 123.4, 119.3, 112.7, 96.0, 58.4, 58.3, 52.1, 49.9, 44.6, 43.1, 22.6; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 447.1567, found: 447.1560.



methyl 6-fluoro-3-oxo-1',3'-diphenyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3x): Following the general procedure A, compound 3x was obtained as a white solid in 85% yield (72.8 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 161-163 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 - 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.14 - 7.04 (m, 5H), 7.00 - 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.64 - 6.55 (m, 1H), 6.37 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.2, 172.9 (d, *J* _{C-F} = 15.2 Hz), 171.9, 169.3 (d, *J* _{C-F} = 258.1 Hz), 136.7, 136.0, 128.5(2C), 128.2(2C), 127.6(2C), 127.5, 127.1, 126.4(2C), 125.9 (d, *J* _{C-F} = 12.2 Hz), 118.3 (d, *J* _{C-F} = 1.5 Hz), 110.7 (d, *J* _{C-F} = 24.5 Hz), 100.1 (d, *J* _{C-F} = 26.0 Hz), 97.3, 58.4(4), 58.4(2), 52.2, 49.9, 44.5, 43.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -96.76; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₂₁FO₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 451.1317, found: 451.1319.



methyl7-methoxy-3-oxo-1',3'-diphenyl-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3y): Following the general procedure A, compound 3ywas obtained as a white solid in 65% yield (57.3 mg); purified by silica gel columnchromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.35 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate= 10/1); m.p. = 165-167°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 – 7.04 (m, 9H), 7.03 – 6.96 (m,2H), 6.91 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.78 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.50

(s, 3H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.3, 172.0, 161.9, 145.8, 136.9, 136.2, 128.4(2C), 128.1(2C), 127.8(2C), 127.4, 126.9, 126.4(2C), 123.3, 122.2, 121.9, 115.9, 96.3, 58.9, 58.3, 57.3, 52.1, 50.0, 44.7, 43.2; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄O₅Na [M+Na]⁺: 463.1516, found: 463.1516.



methyl 7-bromo-3-oxo-1',3'-diphenyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (3z): Following the general procedure **A**, compound 3z was obtained as a white solid in 87% yield (85.1 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 168-170 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 7.12 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.79 – 6.70 (m, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.6, 171.7, 167.9, 140.2, 136.6, 135.6, 128.4(2C), 128.2(2C), 128.0(2C), 127.5, 127.2, 126.3(2C), 123.1, 122.8(4), 122.7(5), 106.1, 97.1, 58.9, 58.3, 52.1, 50.4, 44.5, 43.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₂₁Br⁷⁹O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 511.0516, found: 511.0514; calcd for C₂₇H₂₁Br⁸¹O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 513.0495, found: 513.0500.



General procedure B:

Under a nitrogen atmosphere, benzofuran-derived azadienes 5 (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added into a flame-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar. The tube was evacuated and back-filled with nitrogen for five times. Then the anhydrous toluene (3.0 mL) were added via syringe sequentially. Then, $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$ (2.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) was added and the mixture was stirred at 25 °C. Then, BCB **1a** (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in toluene (1.0 mL) was added dropwise during 5 minutes. Until **5** was consumed (monitored by TLC) (10 minutes were enough in all examples). Then, the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The resulted filtrate was separated. The combined organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to give the corresponding products **6**.



methyl (*Z*)-3-((methylsulfonyl)imino)-1',3'-diphenyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (6a): Following the general procedure **B**, compound 6a was obtained as a white solid in 99% yield (96.5 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1); m.p. = 171-173 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 – 8.18 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 7.01 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.64 – 6.57 (m, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.42 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.4, 171.9, 169.9, 138.9, 136.4, 135.9, 130.2, 128.5(2C), 128.1(2C), 127.7, 127.5(2C), 127.1, 126.4(2C), 122.1, 118.1, 112.0, 98.1, 61.4, 60.4, 52.2, 49.6, 44.8, 43.7, 43.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₅NO₅SNa [M+Na]⁺: 510.1346, found: 510.1350.



methyl(Z)-3'-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-((methylsulfonyl)imino)-1'-phenyl-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate(6b):Following the generalprocedure B, compound 6b was obtained as a white solid in 90% yield (94.0 mg); purified bysilica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.45 (petroleumether/ethyl acetate = 4/1); m.p. = 179-181 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 8.17 - 8.10 (m, 1H),7.38 - 7.13 (m, 5H), 7.09 - 6.99 (m, 5H), 6.88 - 6.77 (m, 1H), 6.66 - 6.59 (m, 1H), 4.60 (d, J= 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.53 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.18 (dd, J = 9.7, 7.7Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 182.7, 171.8, 169.9, 138.2, 135.9, 135.6, 134.7, 130.3, 129.8, 128.3, 128.0(2C), 127.7, 127.6, 126.7, 126.3(2C), 121.9, 118.4, 111.6, 97.2, 60.6, 57.7, 52.3, 49.6, 43.8, 43.5, 43.4; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄CINO₅SNa [M+Na]⁺: 544.0956, found: 544.0955.



methyl (*Z*)-3'-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-((methylsulfonyl)imino)-1'-phenyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (6c): Following the general procedure **B**, compound 6c was obtained as a white solid in 85% yield (88.0 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.30$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1); m.p. = 176-178 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 – 8.19 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.02 (m, 6H), 6.92 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.75 – 6.68 (m, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.59 – 6.52 (m, 1H), 6.54 – 6.48 (m, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.46 – 3.37 (m, 4H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.3, 171.8, 169.9, 159.5, 138.8, 137.3, 136.3, 130.2, 129.4, 128.0(2C), 127.6, 126.3(2C), 121.9, 119.8, 118.1, 112.8, 112.7, 111.9, 98.0, 61.4, 60.2, 55.0, 52.1, 49.4, 44.8, 43.6, 43.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₉H₂₇NO₆SNa [M+Na]⁺: 540.1452, found: 540.1452.



methyl (*Z*)-3'-(3-bromophenyl)-3-((methylsulfonyl)imino)-1'-phenyl-3*H*spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (6d): Following the general procedure **B**, compound 6d was obtained as a white solid in 96% yield (108.8 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.35$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1); m.p. = 188-189 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.01 (m, 6H), 6.93 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.44 – 3.35 (m, 4H), 3.19 (dd, J = 9.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, J = 7.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.0, 171.5, 169.7, 139.0, 138.2, 136.0, 130.4(2C), 130.3, 130.0, 128.1(2C), 127.8, 126.8, 126.4(2C), 122.5, 122.2, 118.0, 112.0, 97.8, 60.6, 60.4, 52.3, 49.6, 44.7, 43.6, 43.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄Br⁷⁹NO₅SNa [M+Na]⁺: 588.0451, found: 588.0454; calcd for C₂₈H₂₄Br⁸¹NO₅SNa [M+Na]⁺: 590.0431, found: 590.0436.



methyl (*Z*)-3'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-((methylsulfonyl)imino)-1'-phenyl-3*H*spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (6e): Following the general procedure **B**, compound 6e was obtained as a white solid in 83% yield (85.9 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1); m.p. = 179-180 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 6.97 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.76 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.44 – 3.36 (m, 4H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.6, 172.0, 169.9, 158.6, 138.8, 136.5, 130.2, 128.8(2C), 128.1(2C), 127.9, 127.7, 126.4(2C), 122.1, 118.1, 113.8(2C), 112.1, 98.2, 61.1, 60.4, 55.3, 52.2, 49.9, 44.9, 43.7, 43.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₉H₂₇NO₆SNa [M+Na]⁺: 540.1452, found: 540.1452.



methyl (Z)-3'-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-((methylsulfonyl)imino)-1'-phenyl-3Hspiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (6f): Following the general procedure **B**, compound 6f was obtained as a white solid in 94% yield (95.0 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1); m.p. = 176-178 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 – 8.17 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.02 (m, 5H), 7.03 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.94 – 6.83 (m, 3H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.45 – 3.35 (m, 4H), 3.19 (dd, J = 9.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.2, 171.7, 169.8, 161.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 245.8$ Hz), 139.0, 136.2, 131.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.3$ Hz), 130.3, 129.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.0$ Hz)(2C), 128.1(2C), 127.8, 126.4(2C), 122.2, 118.0, 115.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.4$ Hz)(2C), 112.0, 97.9, 60.8, 60.4, 52.2, 49.8, 44.8, 43.6, 43.4; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.17; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄FNO₅SNa [M+Na]⁺: 528.1252, found: 528.1255.



methyl (*Z*)-3-((methylsulfonyl)imino)-1'-phenyl-3'-(thiophen-2-yl)-3*H*spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (6g): Following the general procedure **B**, compound 6g was obtained as a white solid in 67% yield (66.1 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1); m.p. = 165-167 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.04 (m, 5H), 6.94 – 6.79 (m, 4H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.44 – 3.35 (m, 4H), 3.27 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.0, 171.1, 169.8, 138.9, 137.6, 136.1, 130.3, 128.1(2C), 127.8, 127.1, 126.5(2C), 126.2, 125.5, 122.3, 118.0, 112.1, 97.2, 60.7, 57.7, 52.1, 51.9, 44.0, 43.6, 43.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₂₃NO₅S₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 516.0910, found: 516.0919.



methyl (Z)-3-((methylsulfonyl)imino)-3'-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1'-phenyl-3Hspiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (6h): Following the general procedure **B**, compound 6h was obtained as a white solid in 90% yield (96.8 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.35$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1); m.p. = 175-177 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 – 8.18 (m, 1H), 7.79 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.55 – 6.50 (m, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.4, 172.0, 169.9, 138.9, 136.3, 133.7, 133.4, 132.5, 130.2, 128.0(9)(2C), 128.0(6)(2C), 127.7(3), 127.6(5), 126.5, 126.4(2C), 126.2, 125.9, 125.5, 122.1, 118.0, 112.0, 98.1, 61.3, 60.7, 52.2, 49.7, 44.8, 43.7, 43.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₃₂H₂₇NO₅SNa [M+Na]⁺: 560.1503, found: 560.1501.



methyl (*Z*)-5-methyl-3-((methylsulfonyl)imino)-1',3'-diphenyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (6i): Following the general procedure **B**, compound 6i was obtained as a white solid in 84% yield (84.3 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1); m.p. = 167-169 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.03 (m, 6H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.43 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.5, 172.0, 168.6, 140.6, 136.5, 135.9, 131.6, 129.3, 128.4(2C), 128.1(2C), 127.7, 127.5(2C), 127.0, 126.4(2C), 118.0, 111.6, 98.2, 61.6, 60.3, 52.2, 49.5, 44.9, 43.7, 43.4, 21.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₉H₂₇NO₅SNa [M+Na]⁺: 524.1503, found: 524.1489.



methyl (Z)-5-chloro-3-((methylsulfonyl)imino)-1',3'-diphenyl-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane]-4'-carboxylate (6j): Following the general procedure B, compound 6j was obtained as a white solid in 99% yield (103.4 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1); m.p. = 176-178 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (d, J = 2.3

Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.07 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.44 – 3.34 (m, 4H), 3.19 (dd, J = 9.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, J = 7.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C** NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.2, 171.8, 168.2, 138.9, 136.1, 135.6, 129.3, 128.6(2C), 128.2(2C), 127.9, 127.5(2C), 127.2(7), 127.2(5), 126.3(2C), 119.0, 113.2, 99.1, 61.8, 60.6, 52.2, 49.6, 44.9, 43.7, 43.4; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄CINO₅SNa [M+Na]⁺: 544.0956, found: 544.0963.



General procedure C:

Under a nitrogen atmosphere, BCB **1a** (0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and furan-derived azadiene **5k** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added sequentially into a flame-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar. The tube was evacuated and back-filled with nitrogen for five times. Then the anhydrous toluene (4.0 mL) was added via syringe sequentially. Then, $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$ (2.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) was added and the mixture was stirred at 25 °C until **5k** was consumed (monitored by TLC). Then, the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The resulted filtrate was separated. The combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to give the corresponding product **6k**.



methyl (*E*)-1,3,5'-triphenyl-2'-(tosylimino)-2'*H*-spiro[bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane-2,3'furan]-4-carboxylate (6k): Following the general procedure C, compound 6k was obtained as a white solid in 84% yield (99.1 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); \mathbf{R}_f = 0.35 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1); m.p. = 164-165 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 6.99 (m, 5H), 6.93 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.19 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.6, 172.0, 153.3, 144.0, 138.3, 137.9, 137.2, 130.0, 129.6(2C), 128.9(2C), 128.6(2C), 128.1(2C), 127.8(2C), 127.6, 127.3(2C), 127.2, 127.0, 126.1(2C), 125.2(2C), 104.3, 68.0, 61.0, 60.4, 52.2, 50.3, 45.1, 43.0, 21.8; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₃₆H₃₁NO₅SNa [M+Na]⁺: 612.1816, found: 612.1819.



Under a nitrogen atmosphere, Ph₃PAuCl (9.9 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and AgOTf (5.1 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) were added sequentially into a flame-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar. The tube was evacuated and back-filled with nitrogen for five times. Then the anhydrous toluene (4.0 mL) was added via syringe sequentially. In case of turbidity (AgCl precipitation) in the solution of tube, the allylenamide (80.3 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added and stirred for 30 seconds. Then, BCB **1a** (37.6 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and BF₃·Et₂O (2.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) was added and the mixture was stirred at 25 °C. After 10 mins, **1a** was consumed (monitored by TLC). Then, the solvent was evaporated, and analyzed by ¹H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. Only trace amount (<5% yield) of the desired product **6k** was detected. However, the furan-derived azadiene **5k** could generate in high yield (82% yield) and most of the BCB **1a** transformed into the cyclobutene **4a** (87% yield).

Following the general procedure **A**, The BCB containing the trifluoromethyl group gave only trace amount of the desired products with the cyclobutene as byproduct. *N*,*N*-dimethyl-3phenylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide, monosubstituted BCB sulfone and monosubstituted BCB ketone have been evaluated and the reactions didn't occur. Moreover, disubstituted BCB ketone and BCB containing an acyl pyrazole group gave complex reaction mixtures.

other BCBs

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BF₃•Et₂O (10 mol%) toluene, 25 °C, 24 h

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not detected conversion of BCB: 85%

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not detected conversion of BCB: 5%

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not detected conversion of BCB: 4%

Ph Рń bh

complex mixture conversion of BCB: 97%

complex mixture conversion of BCB: 23%

90% yield

CO₂Me

76% yield





Benzofuran-derived oxadiene with aliphatic group (cyclohexyl) gave a complex reaction mixture. The 6-OMe substituted benzofuran-derived oxadiene failed to give the desire product and gave cyclobutene **4a** as byproduct.

other benzofuran-derived oxadienes



In addition, acyclic oxadiene afforded ideal product in 9% yield. Encouragely, monocyclic oxadiene without dearomatization driving force was investigated, but no target product was observed.



methyl 3-benzoyl-2,4-diphenylbicyclo[2.1.1]hexane-1-carboxylate (7): Following the general procedure A, compound 7 was obtained as a white solid in 9% yield (7.1 mg); purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1); $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.40$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1); m.p. = 121-123 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.19 – 7.01 (m, 7H), 4.37 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.08 (dd, J = 9.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.4, 172.7, 141.2, 140.3, 137.9, 132.8, 128.8(2C), 128.4(2C), 128.3(2C), 128.2(2C), 127.6(2C), 126.9, 125.9(2C), 59.1, 55.5, 52.5, 52.0, 51.8, 45.2, 43.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₂₄O₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 419.1618, found: 419.1620.

To further expand the substrate scope of BF₃·Et₂O-Catalyzed formal $[2\pi + 2\sigma]$ cycloaddition reaction, several other α,β -unsaturated compounds were tested following the general procedure **A**.





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+ Ph trace conversion of BCB: 96%

CO₂Me

CO₂Me

CO₂Me

Ph trace conversion of BCB: 94%





85% yield

-CO₂Me

82% yield



65% yield



complex mixture conversion of BCB: 94%

Ph

complex mixture conversion of BCB: 95%

> -CN Ph

NC

Bn

complex mixture conversion of BCB: 94%



not detected conversion of BCB: 94%



72% yield

Ph-CO₂Me

67% yield

-CO₂Me Ph

90% yield

CN

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7. Scale-up experiment



Under a nitrogen atmosphere, BCB **1a** (1.13 g, 6.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and benzofuranderived oxadiene **2a** (0.44 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added sequentially into a flame-dried Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar. The flask was evacuated and back-filled with nitrogen for five times. Then the anhydrous toluene (40.0 mL) was added via syringe sequentially. Then, BF₃·Et₂O (28.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 10 mol%) was added and the mixture was stirred at 25 °C. After completion (10 mins), the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The resulted filtrate was separated. The combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to give the corresponding product **3a** in 81% yield (665 mg).

8. Synthetic transformations of products



A flame-dried Schlenk tube was charged compound **3a** (82.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Then purged with nitrogen. Anhydrous THF (2.0 mL) was added via syringe to the reaction tube. Then MeMgBr (0.2 mL, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv., 3.0 M in Et₂O) was added dropwise. The resultant solution was stirred at 25 °C for 30 minutes. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution and extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to give the corresponding product $\mathbf{8}$ as a white solid in 83% yield (70.8 mg, dr > 20:1). m.p. = 152-154 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (brs, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 6.94 (m, 4H), 6.85 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 – 6.56 (m, 1H), 3.92 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 1H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) & 157.4, 141.3, 138.7, 133.6, 132.1(2C), 129.5, 128.4(2C), 128.1(2C), 127.3(2C), 127.3, 126.7, 122.3, 120.6, 109.6, 101.3, 83.0, 71.4, 56.9, 56.0, 53.9, 42.7, 42.6, 28.7, 26.6(1), 26.5(5); **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₉H₃₀O₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 449.2088, found: 449.2089.



A flame-dried Schlenk tube was charged **3a** (82.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and purged with nitrogen. Anhydrous DCM (2.0 mL) was added via syringe to the reaction tube. The mixture was cooled to -78° C. Then DIBAL-H (0.6 mL, 0.9 mmol, 1.5 M in toluene) was added dropwise. The resultant solution was stirred at -78° C for 30 minutes. After the lreaction was completed, the mixture was warmed to room temperature and saturated aqueous Roche salt (5.0 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction, and the resulting mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was extracted with DCM for three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude

mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 1:1) to give the corresponding product **9** as a white solid in 90% yield (69.2 mg). m.p. = 135-137 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.07 (m, 9H), 7.03 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.78 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78 – 3.65 (m, 2H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.09 – 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.29 – 2.23 (m, 2H), 1.90 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (s, 1H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8, 141.3, 137.0, 130.5, 129.6(2C), 129.1, 128.3(2C), 127.8(2C), 127.3(2C), 126.7, 126.6, 125.1, 120.7, 110.0, 98.4, 81.0, 62.8, 62.2, 54.7, 51.2, 43.9, 43.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₂₄O₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 407.1618, found: 407.1615.



3a (82.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in MeOH (2.0 mL), then 1 M KOH solution (0.8 mL, 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 hours. After the reaction was completed, then ethyl acetate (3 mL) was added to extract the reaction solution and the organic phase was removed. Acidified the aqueous phase with 2 M HCl to pH = 1, then the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution and extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH = 20:1) to give the corresponding product **10** as a white solid in 93% yield (73.7 mg). m.p. = 141-143 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.77 (brs, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 6.95 (m, 10H), 6.91 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (s, 1H), 3.47 – 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.20 – 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.49 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.3, 177.6, 171.6, 138.0, 136.8, 136.0, 128.4(2C), 128.1(2C), 127.8(2C), 127.4, 127.0, 126.4(2C), 124.0, 121.7, 121.6, 112.7, 95.9, 58.4, 58.3, 49.9, 44.8, 42.9; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₂₀O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 419.1254, found: 419.1256.



A flame-dried Schlenk tube was charged 6a (97.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and purged

with nitrogen. Anhydrous MeOH and THF (3:1 v:v, 2.0 mL) was added via syringe to the reaction tube. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C (ice bath) for 2.0 minutes. Then NaBH₄ (22.7 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added in three portions. The resultant solution was warmed to 40 °C and stirred for 5 hours. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to give the corresponding product **11** as colorless oil in 91% yield (89.1 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.08 (m, 7H), 7.10 – 6.97 (m, 3H), 6.84 – 6.76 (m, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.12 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.74 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.3, 158.3, 139.6, 136.6, 130.7, 128.6(2C), 128.1(2C), 128.0(2C), 127.4(2C), 127.2, 126.8, 126.4, 124.2, 121.2, 110.3, 95.9, 63.7, 63.5, 55.1, 52.0, 49.5, 45.4, 44.9, 42.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₇NO₅SNa [M+Na]⁺: 512.1503, found: 512.1504.

9. Crystallographic data for compounds 3a, 6a and 9

Preparations:

The corresponding compound (20.0 mg) was dissolved in 5.0 mL CH₂Cl₂ or acetone. The solution was filtered by millipore filter and transferred to a vial. Then, drops of hexane were added subsequently. A single crystal was obtained by natural volatilization at room temperature.

Crystals of **3a**, **6a** and **9** were prepared through the above method.

Methods:

The data set was collected by a Bruker APEX-II CCD at 293(2) K equipped with microfocus Cu radiation source (K α = 1.54178 Å). Applied with face-indexed numerical absorption correction, the structure solution was solved and refinement was processed by SHELXTL program package.

Date of 3a: Details of the X-ray experiments and crystal data are summarized below. CCDC 2331074 contains the supplementary crystallographic data, and can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html.



Ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level

Date of 6a: Details of the X-ray experiments and crystal data are summarized below. CCDC 2331076 contains the supplementary crystallographic data, and can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html.



Ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level

Date of 9: Details of the X-ray experiments and crystal data are summarized below. CCDC 2356085 contains the supplementary crystallographic data, and can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html.



Ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level
10. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra

¹H NMR of **3a** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)

7,475 7,475 7,475 7,455 7,455 7,455 7,455 7,455 7,356 7,356 7,356 7,356 7,356 7,356 7,356 7,356 7,356 7,256 7,216 7,105 7,105 7,105 7,105 7,105 7,105 7,105 7,105 7,105 7,105 7,105 7,105 7,105 7,105 6,65 8,55 4,340 7,105 6,65 8,55 7,35 7,105



¹H NMR of **3b** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



¹H NMR of **3c** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



¹H NMR of **3d** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)

7,475 7,476 7,456 7,735 7,745



¹H NMR of **3e** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)

7,500 7,749



¹H NMR of **3f** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)

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¹⁹F NMR of **3g** in CDCl₃ (376 MHz)

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¹H NMR of **3h** in CDCl₃ (600 MHz)



7,477 7,467 7,447 7,447 7,447 7,447 7,447 7,447 7,447 7,447 7,195





¹³C NMR of **3i** in CDCl₃ (100 MHz)



¹H NMR of **3j** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



¹H NMR of **3k** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)





¹H NMR of **3l** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



¹H NMR of **3m** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)







¹H NMR of **30** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



¹H NMR of **3p** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)







0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 f1 (ppm) ¹H NMR of **3q** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



¹H NMR of **3r** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)

7,467 7,444 7,444 7,444 7,449 7,741 7,415 7,739 7,739 7,249 7,249



¹H NMR of **3s** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



¹H NMR of **3t** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



¹H NMR of **3u** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) ²H NMR of **3u** i



¹H NMR of **3v** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)

7.577 7.577 7.577 7.572 7.572 7.572 7.572 7.572 7.572 7.572 7.102 7.111 7.112



¹H NMR of **3w** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)





¹H NMR of **3x** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



¹⁹F NMR of 3x in CDCl₃ (376 MHz)



¹H NMR of **3y** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



¹H NMR of **3z** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)





¹H NMR of **6a** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)

8.227 8.227 8.227 8.227 8.227 7.7.327 7.7.325 7.7.325 7.105 7.105 7.105 7.105 7.105 7.105 7.105 7.105 7.105 7.105 7.105 6.693 6.693 6.693 6.693 6.693 6.693 6.693 6.693 6.693 6.693 6.693 6.693 6.693 6.693 6.693 6.693 6.603 7.205 6.503 7.205



¹H NMR of **6b** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)

8,151 8,145 8,146 8,146 8,146 8,146 8,125 8,125 8,125 8,125 8,125 8,125 8,125 7,2333 7,2333 7,2333 7,2333 7,2333 7,2333 7,2333 7,2333 7,2333 7,2



¹H NMR of **6c** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)

8.8.237 8.8.237 8.8.235 8.8.235 8.8.235 8.8.215 8.8.215 7.7.352 7.7.352 7.7.334 7.109 7.7.333 7.7.109 7.7.112 7.108 7.



¹H NMR of 6d in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)

8 222 8 218 8 128 8 128 8 128 8 128 8 128 8 128 8 128 1 235 1 235 1 235 1 235 1 255



¹H NMR of **6e** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)


¹H NMR of **6f** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)









¹H NMR of **6h** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



¹H NMR of 6i in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)

7,985 7,298 7,298 7,208 7,208 7,208 7,208 7,208 7,108 7,118



¹H NMR of **6j** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



¹H NMR of **6k** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)

7,987 7,978 7,978 7,978 7,978 7,978 7,978 7,128 7,229 7,228 7,229 7,228 7,229 7,228 7,229

















¹H NMR of **10** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



¹H NMR of **11** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



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