## **Supporting Information**

# Copper-Catalyzed [2 + 3] Cyclization of α-Hydroxyl Ketones and Arylacetonitriles: Access to Multisubstituted Butenolides and Oxazoles

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### A. NMR Spectra of all products





3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3ab)



3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3ac)



3-(4-Bromophenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3ad)



3-(4-Iodophenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3ae)



5,5-Dimethyl-4-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)furan-2(5H)-one (3af)



#### 3-(4-(*Tert*-butyl)phenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3ag)



210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 fl (ppm)



5,5-Dimethyl-4-phenyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)furan-2(5H)-one (3ai)

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3-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-ono (3ak)



3-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3al)



3-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3am)



#### 3-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3an)



#### 5,5-Dimethyl-4-phenyl-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)furan-2(5H)-one (3ao)



#### 3-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3ap)



5,5-Dimethyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3aq)



5,5-Dimethyl-4-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)furan-2(5H)-one (3ar)



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#### 3-(Benzofuran-2-yl)-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3au)



#### 4-(4-(2-Hydroxyethoxy)phenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-3-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3ba)



3,4-Diphenyl-1-oxaspiro[4.4]non-3-en-2-one (3ca)



#### 3,4-Diphenyl-1-oxaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (3da)



5,5-Dimethyl-3-phenyl-4-(pyridin-2-yl)furan-2(5H)-one (3ea)



4,5,5-Trimethyl-3-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3fa)



#### 5-Ethyl-4,5-dimethyl-3-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3ga)



#### 5-Isobutyl-4,5-dimethyl-3-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3ha)



#### 5-Hexyl-4,5-dimethyl-3-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (3ia)







#### 2-Benzyl-4,5-diphenyloxazole (4ma)



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#### 2-(4-Bromobenzyl)-4,5-diphenyloxazole (4md)

2-(4-Iodobenzyl)-4,5-diphenyloxazole (4me)





## 2-(4-Methylbenzyl)-4,5-diphenyloxazole (4mf)

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4,5-Diphenyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)oxazole (4mo)

#### 4,5-Diphenyl-2-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)oxazole (4ms)







#### 2-Benzhydryl-4,5-diphenyloxazole (4mw)



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#### 2-(4-Bromophenyl)-4,5-diphenyloxazole (4mx)







#### 2-Benzyl-4,5-di-p-tolyloxazole (4na)



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#### 2-Benzyl-4,5-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazole (40a)



9,10-Dimethoxy-3,3-dimethylphenanthro[9,10-c]furan-1(3H)-one (5)



3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one (6)

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## B. X-ray crystal structure of compound 3ad

Figure S1. X-ray crystal structures of compound 3ad. Ellipses are drawn at the 30% probability level.

#### C. Crystal structure determination

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data for **3ad** was collected on an X-ray diffractometer operated at 90 kV and 50 mA using MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073 Å) at room temperature. All empirical absorption corrections were performed using the CrystalClear program. The structure was solved by a direct method and refined on  $F^2$  by the full-matrix least squares technique using the SHELXTL-97 program package. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Hydrogen atoms attached to carbon were placed in geometrically idealized positions and refined using a riding model. Crystallographic data for compound **3ad** is given in Table S1.

Table 51. Orystal data and structure reminiments for bad					
Compound	3ad				
Empirical formula	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>15</sub> BrO <sub>2</sub>				
Formula weight	343.21				
Temperature (K)	293(2)				
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073				
Crystal system	triclinic				
Space group	P-1				
	$a = 9.2983(19)$ Å $\alpha = 107.87(3)^{\circ}$				
	$b = 9.5365(19)$ Å $\beta = 104.21(3)^{\circ}$				
	$c = 10.425(2)$ Å $\gamma = 109.44(3)^{\circ}$				
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	764.9(3)				
Z	2				
Density (calcd g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.490				
Absorption coeff. (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.688				
<i>F</i> (000)	348.0				
Crystal size (mm)	0.1  imes 0.1  imes 0.1				
Crystal color and shape	Colorless block				
$\theta$ range for data collection	6.82 to 54.94				
Limiting indices	$-12 \le h \le 10, -12 \le k \le 11, -13 \le l \le 13$				
Reflections collected	7123				
Unique	3437 [ $R_{\rm int} = 0.0347$ ]				
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$				
Data/restraints/parameters	3437/0/191				
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.005				
Final <i>R</i> indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0558, wR_2 = 0.1499$				
R indexes (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0880, wR_2 = 0.1873$				

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinements for 3ad

## D. Mass Spectra of 3aa and 3aa'



The EI-MS spectrum of 3aa

The EI-MS spectrum of 3aa'



#### The HRMS spectrum of 3aa'



m/z	Abundant	Relative Abundant	Ion Formula
287.1043	981281.8	14.81	$C_{18}H_{16}O_2Na$
289.1088	6623767.0	100.00	$C_{18}H_{16}O^{18}ONa$

The relative abundant of m/z 289.1088 and m/z 287.1043 are 100.00 and 14.81, respectively. Thus, the percentage of <sup>18</sup>O incorporated product = R.A. (m/z 289.1088)/(R.A (m/z 289.1088) + R.A. (m/z 287.1043))\*100% = 14.81/(14.81+100) \*100% = 87%

R.A. = relative abundant