

# Rapid Construction of Enantioenriched Benzofurochromanes by SaBOX/Copper(II) Catalyzed Enantioselective [3 + 2] Annulation of $\gamma$ -Chromenes with Quinones

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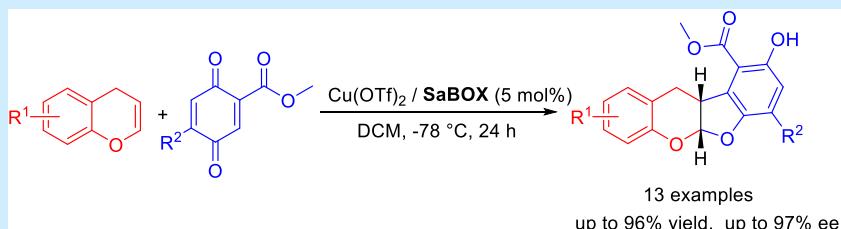

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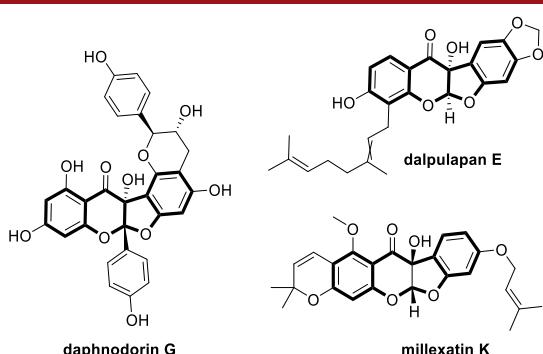
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**ABSTRACT:** A rapid construction of enantioenriched benzofurochromanes was developed by SaBOX/copper(II) catalyzed enantioselective [3 + 2] annulation of  $\gamma$ -chromenes with quinones. This process takes advantage of the simple starting materials and a highly efficient chiral SaBOX/copper(II) catalyst system, leading to a variety of benzofurochromanes in up to 96% yield with up to 97% ee.

**C**hiral benzofurochromane skeletons, a unique tetracyclic acetal containing isoflavane structure with an oxygen-bridge to connect the pyran ring and the phenyl ring, exist widely in many biologically active natural products (Figure 1).<sup>1</sup>



**Figure 1.** Bioactive natural products containing a benzofurochromane skeleton.

These molecules exhibit high potential in enzymology inhibition, anti-inflammatory action, and antibacterial action.<sup>2</sup> Developing an effective method for the gain of isoflavone derivatives has always been an attractive field for chemists.<sup>3</sup> However, the asymmetric synthesis of such an interesting structure has barely been achieved,<sup>4</sup> probably due to the lack of a concise strategy and efficient catalyst system.

Quinones and their derivatives are cheap and readily available starting materials in organic synthesis, which are favored by chemists as useful arylation reagents in many useful

transformations.<sup>5</sup> Owing to their electrophilic reactivity as highly efficient Michael acceptors as well as the robust driving force to aromatization, quinones easily accept a variety of nucleophiles in the conjugated addition reactions and could end up with a phenyl group at appropriate positions. Meanwhile, the carbonyl groups on quinones provide chelating sites to chiral catalysts, which is conducive to the enantioselective control of the reaction. In recent years, a variety of asymmetric catalytic reactions involving quinones as substrates have been developed, including asymmetric  $\alpha$ -arylations of carbonyl compounds,<sup>6</sup> asymmetric arylations of 2-naphthols,<sup>7</sup> asymmetric Diels–Alder reactions,<sup>8</sup> asymmetric [2 + 2] cycloaddition reactions,<sup>9</sup> and asymmetric [3 + 2] cycloaddition reactions, and so on.<sup>10</sup> Among those studies, enantioselective reactions of quinones with electron-rich olefins have been met with less success. Only a few examples have been reported. In 2005, Corey and co-workers developed a chiral oxazaborolidinium triflimidate catalyzed enantioselective [3 + 2] cycloaddition reaction of 2,3-dihydrofuran with 1,4-benzoquinones, providing facile access to a variety of chiral phenolic tricycles (Scheme 1a).<sup>11</sup> In 2018, Zhou and co-workers reported an enantioselective [3 + 2] formal cyclo-

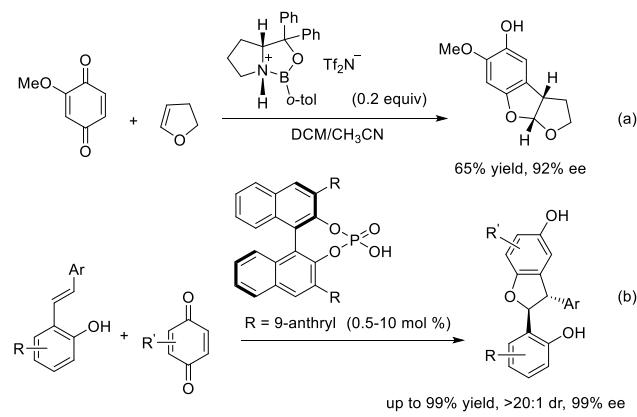
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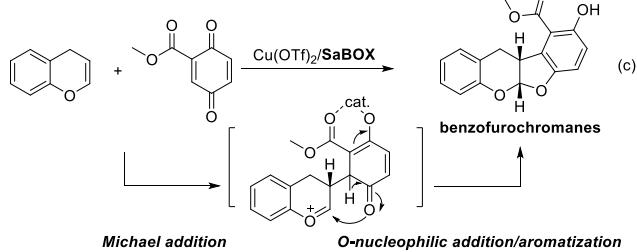


**Scheme 1. Asymmetric Tandem [3 + 2] Annulation of Olefins with Quinones**

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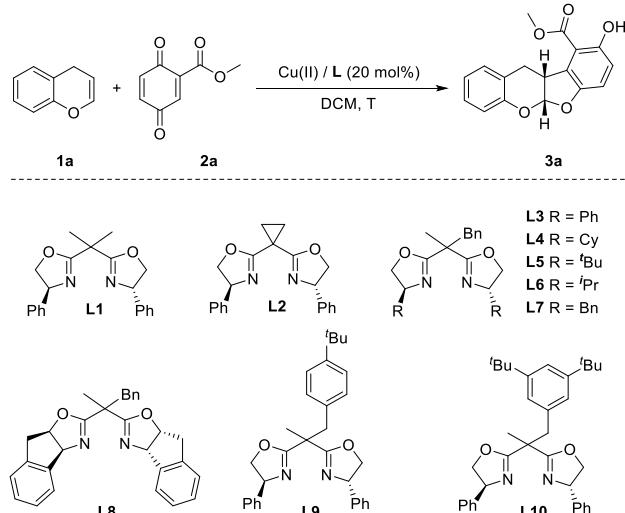


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addition of 1-styrylnaphthols with quinones catalyzed by a chiral phosphoric acid, leading to various *trans*-2,3-diaryllbenzofurans in up to 99% yield, with up to 99% ee and >20:1 dr (Scheme 1b).<sup>12</sup> Inspired by our recent work on the asymmetric [3 + 2] annulation of indoles with quinones to structurally diverse benzofuroindolines by a SaBOX/copper(II) catalyst,<sup>13</sup> we envisaged that  $\gamma$ -chromenes bearing an electron-rich enol group could enantioselectively attack quinones to generate intermediates via a chiral SaBOX/copper(II) catalyzed Michael addition strategy. Subsequent intramolecular O-nucleophilic addition cyclization/aromatization would then generate chiral benzofurochromane (Scheme 1c). Herein, we report the first chiral SaBOX/copper(II) catalyzed [3 + 2] annulation of methyl quinone carboxylates with  $\gamma$ -chromenes, which has resulted in the formation of enantioenriched chiral tetracyclic isoflavane derivatives.

Initially, the reaction was carried out between equivalent amounts of **1a** and **2a** in dichloromethane (DCM) at 0 °C in the presence of a copper complex catalyst, in situ generated from Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> and a variety of chiral bisoxazoline (BOX) ligands (**L1–L10**). To our delight, with **L1**, the desired product **3a** was isolated in 65% yield with 47% ee (entry 1, Table 1). To adjust the bite angle of the copper complex, ligand **L2** was then employed, which led to an obvious influence on both the yield and enantioselectivity (entry 2). The side arm modified BOX (SaBOX) ligands,<sup>14,15</sup> bearing different chiral backbones, including phenyl groups, cyclohexyl groups, *tert*-butyl groups, isopropyl groups, benzyl groups, and indanyl groups were next investigated (entries 3–8). Among these chiral ligands, the ligand **L3** prepared from L-phenylglycine derivatives provided the best ee value (69% ee, entry 3). Further modification of the side arm group was studied by introducing steric hindered groups to the pendant side arm, for example, the *tert*-butyl groups. Compared with **L3**, both **L9**

**Table 1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>**

entry	Cu(II)	L	T (°C)	t (h)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L1</b>	0	2	65	47
2	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L2</b>	0	2	72	61
3	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L3</b>	0	2	49	69
4	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L4</b>	0	2	50	68
5	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L5</b>	0	2	48	67
6	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L6</b>	0	2	53	43
7	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L7</b>	0	2	47	55
8	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L8</b>	0	2	43	48
9	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L9</b>	0	2	63	75
10	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L10</b>	0	2	80	76
11	Cu(BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L10</b>	0	2	54	50
12	Cu(SbF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L10</b>	0	2	78	61
13 <sup>d</sup>	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L10</b>	-60	18	84	89
14 <sup>d,e</sup>	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L10</b>	-60	18	81	92
15 <sup>e,f</sup>	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L10</b>	-78	24	90	95

<sup>a</sup>Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out with **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (0.20 mmol), Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (0.040 mmol), **L** (0.048 mmol) in DCM (1 mL) at 0 °C. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup>Determined by chiral HPLC. <sup>d</sup>0.30 mmol of **2a** was used. <sup>e</sup>5 mol % of catalyst was used. <sup>f</sup>0.24 mmol of **1a** and 3 mL of DCM were used.

and **L10** with *tert*-butyl substituted side arm groups could dramatically increase the reactivity and enantioselectivity, of which the bulkier **L10** gave the best yield and ee value (80% yield, 76% ee, entry 10). Other copper(II) salts were also investigated, for example, Cu(BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and Cu(SbF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. However, compared with Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub>, both the reactivity and the enantioselectivity were decreased, leading to the product in 54% yield with 50% ee and 78% yield with 61% ee, respectively (entries 11–12). Lowering the reaction temperature and altering the substrate ratio of **1a**:**2a** from 1:1 to 1:1.5 caused an obvious improvement, affording the desired product **3a** in 84% yield with 89% ee (entry 13). When the catalyst loading was lowered to 5 mol %, the enantioselectivity was further improved to 92% ee (entry 14). Finally, the optimized reaction condition was obtained by lowering the reaction temperature to -78 °C, furnishing the desired product **3a** in 90% yield with 95% ee after 24 h (entry 15).

With the optimized reaction condition in hand, we next studied the substrate scope of the reaction in Table 2. To our delight, when  $\gamma$ -chromene substrates bearing substituents such as fluoro-, chloro-, and bromo-groups on the 6-position were

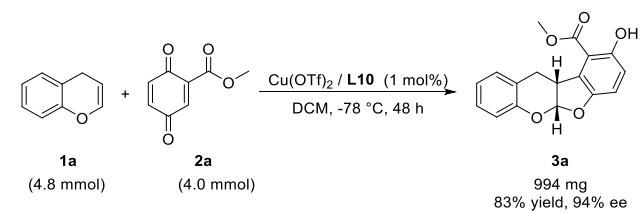
**Table 2. Substrate Scope<sup>a</sup>**

entry <sup>a</sup>	product	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>	3			
						Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub> / L10 (5 mol%)	DCM, -78 °C, 24 h	1	2
1	3a	H	H	90	95				
2	3b	6-F	H	90	95				
3	3c	6-Cl	H	91	97				
4	3d	6-Br	H	96	97				
5	3e	6-Me	H	88	95				
6	3f	6-OMe	H	91	84				
7	3g	7-Cl	H	82	93				
8	3h	7-Me	H	87	95				
9	3i	8-Me	H	83	95				
10	3j	8- <i>t</i> Bu	H	84	93				
11	3k	8-Ph	H	90	94				
12	3l	5,8-Me	H	77	85				
13	3m	H	OMe	80	97				

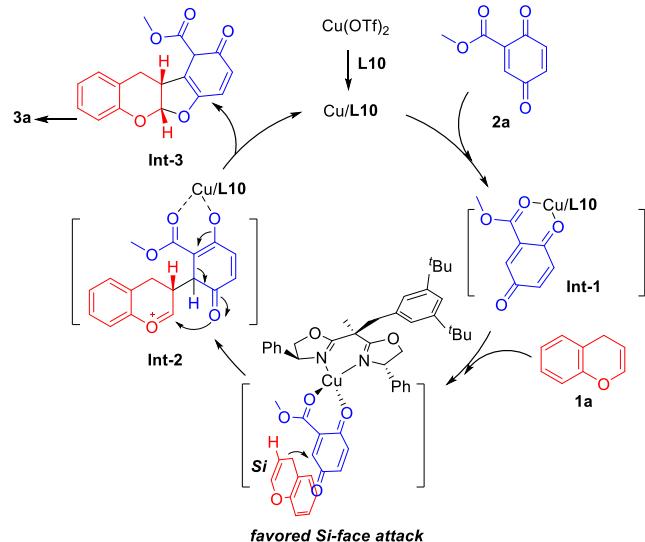
<sup>a</sup>Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out with 1 (0.24 mmol), 2a (0.20 mmol), Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (0.010 mmol), L (0.012 mmol) in DCM (3 mL) at 0 °C. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup>Determined by chiral HPLC.

employed with the standard reaction condition, both the reactivity and the enantioselectivity were almost unaffected, affording the corresponding products 3b–3d in 90–96% yields with 95–97% ee (entries 2–4, Table 1). Electron-enriched  $\gamma$ -chromenes such as 6-methyl- and 6-methoxy-substituted substrates also worked well under the current reaction condition, delivering the product 3e in 88% yield with 95% ee, as well as the 3f in 91% yield with 84% ee (entries 5–6). When a chloro group and methyl group was introduced to the 7-position of  $\gamma$ -chromenes, there was no significant influence on the results, and 3g and 3h were obtained in 82% and 87% yields with 93% and 95% ee, respectively, regardless of the electronic nature of the substituents (entries 7–8). The steric effect of bulky substituents at the 8-position was investigated. Compared with the methyl group, the more bulky group such as *tert*-butyl group and phenyl group at the 8-position of  $\gamma$ -chromenes could result in a similar level of yields but a slight decline in enantioselectivity (95% ee versus 93% ee and 94% ee, entry 9 versus entries 10 and 11). Remarkably, disubstituted  $\gamma$ -chromene 11 could also tolerated in the reaction, providing the corresponding product 3l in 77% yield with 85% ee (entry 12). It should be noted that 3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran also underwent this [3 + 2] annulation, giving the desired benzofuropyan in 83% yield with 57% ee (for details, see Supporting Information). When introducing a methoxy group to the quinone substrate, the reaction worked well and gave the desired product 3m in 80% yield with 97% ee (entry 13). The absolute configuration of 3d was determined as 5aS,10bR by single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis.<sup>16</sup>

Remarkably, the current reaction is potentially useful. The asymmetric tandem [3 + 2] annulation of  $\gamma$ -chromene with methyl quinone carboxylate could be expanded to gram-scale preparation, providing the rapid construction of chiral benzofurochromanes in a practical way. As shown in Scheme 2, the desired product 3a was accomplished in 83% yield with 94% ee using only 1 mol % of Cu(II)/L10 complex as catalyst (Scheme 2).

**Scheme 2. Scale-up Experiment**

A proposed reaction mechanism was shown in Scheme 3. Initially, the chiral ligand L10 coordinated with the copper salt

**Scheme 3. Proposed Reaction Mechanism**

to generate the chiral complex catalyst Cu/L10. The substrate 2a was activated by the catalyst to form Int-1. On the basis of a crystal structure of the SaBOX/CuBr<sub>2</sub> complex we previously reported,<sup>17</sup> the L10/Cu<sup>2+</sup>/dicarbonyl complex (Int-1) might adopt a highly twisted square-planar geometry,<sup>18</sup> which was nucleophile attacked by 1a on the enantioselective favorable *Si*-face to generate Int-2. Then the subsequent intramolecular O-nucleophilic addition cyclization occurred to form Int-3 and release the catalyst. Int-3 underwent aromatization to give the final product 3a, of which the absolute configuration is coincident with the experimental results.

In summary, we have developed an efficient method for the copper catalyzed enantioselective tandem [3 + 2] annulation of  $\gamma$ -chromenes with methyl quinone carboxylate, which provides a facile access to the rapid construction of chiral benzofurochromanes in up to 96% yield with up to 97% ee. The remarkable features of this method, such as the mild reaction condition, the wide substrate scope, as well as the low catalyst loading in gram-scale synthesis, allow this asymmetric reaction to be efficient and potentially useful. Efforts to expand this method in the application of the synthesis of natural products are underway.

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