# Synthesis and characterization of piperazine-substituted dihydrofuran derivatives viaMn(OAc)3 mediated radical cyclizations 

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#### Abstract

The aim of this study is to synthesize novel piperazine-containing dihydrofuran compounds (3a-n)from radical additions and cyclizations of diacyl and alkyl-acyl piperazine derivatives (1a-h) with 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds ( $2 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{c}$ ) mediated by $\mathrm{Mn}\left(\mathrm{OAc}\right.$ ) ${ }_{3}$ for the first time. From the reactions of $1 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{c}$ with dimedone (2a); $1 \mathrm{a}, 1 \mathrm{c}$, and 1 d with acetylacetone ( 2 b ); and 1a with ethylacetoacetate $(2 \mathrm{c}$ ), the dihydrofuran-piperazine compounds $3 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{c}$, $3 \mathrm{~d}-\mathrm{f}$, and 3 g were obtained in medium to high yields ( $31 \%-81 \%$ ), respectively. In addition, dihydrofuran-piperazine compounds $3 \mathrm{~h}-\mathrm{j}$ and $3 \mathrm{k}-\mathrm{n}$ were prepared at low to medium yields ( $20 \%-40 \%$ ) from the reactions of $\mathbf{1 e - g}$ with 2a and $\mathbf{1 e - h}$ with $\mathbf{2 c}$, respectively.


Keywords: Piperazine, dihydrofuran, $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{OAc})_{3}$, radical cyclization

## 1. Introduction

Heterocycles are important compounds and have gathered much attention due to their biological properties, and many synthetic drugs contain heterocyclic scaffolds [1,2]. Piperazine is considered a privileged scaffold in medicinal chemistry [3], and there are many biological activity studies in the literature for piperazine-bearing compounds such as antibacterial [4], anticonvulsant [5], antituberculosis [6], antiviral [7], anticancer [8], and acetylcholinesterase inhibition [9,10]. Piperazinecan be found in active drug ingredients such as imatinib [11], sildenafil [12], indinavir [13], and gatifloxacin[14]. In addition, there have been anticonvulsant activity [15], monacylglyserine lipase inhibition [16], antimicrobial [17], and antiinflammatory activity studies [18]for cinnamylpiperazines and antimycobacterial [19], antiischemic [20], and antiparasitic activity studies [21] for acrylamide piperazine derivatives.

Dihydrofurans have gathered much attention due to their biological activities and have great potential as building blocks for pharmaceutical agents. Sarcophytoxide [22], clerodin [23], fercoprolone [24], and austocystin [25] are natural bioactive compounds that carry dihydrofuran moieties. Dihydrofurans can be obtained via transition metal salts which are capable of transferring single electrons ( $\mathrm{Mn}^{3+}, \mathrm{Ce}^{4+}, \mathrm{Co}^{3+}$, etc.) to active methylene compounds to form $\alpha$-carbon radicals. The addition of these radicals to unsaturated systems is used to generate new C-C bonds [26-28]. Manganese (III) acetate [29-33] and cerium(IV) ammonium nitrate (CAN) [34-38] are widely used in these reactions. Our research group has reported radical addition and cyclization reactions with CAN [39-42] and radical cyclization reactions of 1,3-dicarbonyl derivatives with various unsaturated systems, such as conjugated amide derivatives [43-47] and heteroaromatic conjugated alkenes [48-51].

In this work we report new dihydrofuran-containing piperazine compounds (3a-n) viaMn(OAc) mediated radical cyclization in medium to high yields. All new compounds were characterized by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{HNMR},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR, HRMS, and FTIR spectroscopy.

## 2. Results and discussion

In our previous work [52] diacyl and alkyl-acylpiperazine derivatives were obtained; in this work these compounds (1a-h) were used as starting reagents to synthesize piperazine-containing dihydrofuran molecules.

Novel piperazine-dihydrofuran compounds (3a-n) were synthesized via $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{OAc})_{3}$ mediated oxidative radical cyclization reactions of unsaturated diacyl ( $1 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{d}$ ) and alkyl-acyl ( $1 \mathrm{e}-\mathrm{h}$ ) piperazine derivatives , as well as 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds such as dimedone (2a), acetylacetone (2b), and ethylacetoacetate (2c). All radical cyclizations were carried out at 1.2:1:2 molar ratios [piperazine derivative:1,3-dicarbonyl:Mn(OAc) ${ }_{3}$ ].

[^0]The results of the reactions of $1 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{d}$ with 2 a -care given in Table 1 . The treatment of $1 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{c}$ with dimedone ( 2 a ) gave dihydrofurans3a (81\%), 3b (50\%), and 3c (64\%), respectively, in moderate-to-good yields. Although compounds 1a and 1 b are similar, there is a significant difference in product yields obtained from them (3aand 3b, respectively). The steric hindrance originated through methyl substitution on alkene moiety of 1 b caused the relatively low yield of 3 b . Compounds $3 \mathrm{~d}(73 \%)$, $3 \mathrm{e}(52 \%)$, and $3 \mathrm{f}(31 \%)$ were obtained as a result of reactions between $1 \mathrm{a}, 1 \mathrm{c}$, and 1 d with 2 b in moderate-togood yields, respectively. Through the reaction of 1 a with 2 c , compound 3 g was isolated at a $60 \%$ yield. All cyclizations occurred at the aromatic-ring-carrying sides of the piperazines. This is because radical intermediates formed adjacent to aromatic rings have greater stability than those formed adjacent to methacryloyl alpha carbons on carbon atoms (Figure, Intermediate C and F ).

The results of the reactions of 1 e -hwith 2 a are given in Table 2 . From the reactions of ally piperazine derivatives ( $1 \mathrm{e}-\mathrm{g}$ ) with 2 a , dihydrofurans $3 \mathrm{~h}(30 \%)$, $3 \mathrm{i}(32 \%)$, and $3 \mathrm{j}(20 \%)$ were obtained in low yields. By comparing the yields of 3 a ( $81 \%$ ) with $3 \mathrm{i}(32 \%)$ and yields of $3 \mathrm{c}(64 \%)$ with $3 \mathrm{j}(20 \%)$ it can be deduced that yields of methacryloyl-piperazine-substituted dihydrofurans are higher than yields of allyl-piperazine-substituted dihydrofurans. Additionally, reactions of $1 \mathrm{e}-\mathrm{g}$ with 2 c formed $3 \mathrm{k}(25 \%)$, 3 l ( $40 \%$ ), and $3 \mathrm{~m}(20 \%)$ in low yields, respectively. Reactions of ally-methacryloyl piperazine (1h) with 2c formed 3n (20\%) in low yields.

Radical cyclizations of unsaturated diacyl and allyl-acyl piperazine compounds (except 1 h ) occurred regioselectively through 3-arylpropenoyl moiety. However, no cyclization product that formed over ally or methacryloyl moiety was isolated (except $3 n$ ). This is due to the fact that radical intermediates formed adjacent to the aromatic rings are much more stable than those formed on allyl or methacryloyl moieties. Similarly, since the radical intermediates formed on methacrylic moiety are much more stable than those formed on the ally group, radical cyclization of 1 h and 2 c occurred through methacryloyl group to form dihydrofuran-piperazine (3n). The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of obtained compounds $3 \mathrm{a}, 3 \mathrm{c}-\mathrm{e}$, and $3 g-\mathrm{m}$ show that vicinal dihydrofuran couplings are $J_{\text {trans }}=5.2-7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$ (in the literature $J_{\text {trans }}=2.5-7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$ and $J_{\text {cis }}=8-11$ $\mathrm{Hz})[45,46,48,49,53-56]$, thus it was determined that these molecules are trans compounds.

The proposed mechanism for the formation of dihydrofuransis is explained in Figure. According to this mechanism, the enol form of dimedone (A) reacts with $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{OAc})_{3}$, and an alpha carbon radical B is formed, while $\mathrm{Mn}^{3+}$ reduces to $\mathrm{Mn}^{2+}$. There are two possible pathways for this alpha carbon radical to attach to 1 a . Radical intermediate C can be formed by following pathway- $i$, and radical intermediate F can be formed by following pathway- $i i$. On pathway- $i$, oxidation of C to carbocation D with $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{OAc})_{3}$ and intramolecular cyclization of D forms the product E. Similarly, by following pathway- $i i$, product H is formed. However, on the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$-NMR spectra of the obtained products, the chemical shifts of two terminal alkene peaks of methacryl group were observed in the range of $5.25-5.00 \mathrm{ppm}$. Additionally, two vicinal proton peaks of dihydrofurans around 6.00 and $4.51 \mathrm{ppm}\left(J_{\text {trans }}=5.2-6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$ were observed. According to this information, it was determined that the radical cyclization of $1 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{d}$ with $2 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{c}$ followed the pathway- $i$, and products $3 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{g}$ formed; however, the other possible products $(\mathrm{H})$ were not isolated.

Summarily, reactions of methacryloyl- and 3-arylacryloyl-substituted piperazines (1a-d) with 1,3-dicarbonyls (2a-c) occurs on 3-arylacryloyl sides, regioselectively. However, in reactions of allyl- and acryloyl-substituted (methacryloyl or 3-arylacryloyl) piperazines ( $1 \mathrm{e}-\mathrm{h}$ )with 2 a or 2 c , cyclization occurs at acryloyl moiety, regioselectively, and thus, relevant dihydrofurans (3h-n) were formed. No cyclization occurred on allyl moiety at any reaction.

## 3. Experimental design

### 3.1. Chemicals and equipment

Melting points were determined on a Gallenkamp capillary melting point apparatus (Gallenkamp \& Co., London, UK) and IR spectra (ATR, PerkinElmer, Inc. Waltham, MA, USA) were obtained with a Bruker Tensor27 spectrophotometer (Bruker Optics GmbH, Ettlingen, Germany) in the $400-4000 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ range with $2 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ resolutions. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury-400 high-performance digital FT-NMR and Varian Oxford NMR300 spectrometers (Varian Medical Systems, Inc., Palo Alto, CA, USA). High resolution mass time-of-flight spectra (TOF) were measured on an Agilent 1200/6210 LC/MS spectrophotometer (AgilentTechnologies, Inc., SantaClara, CA, USA). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck aluminum-packed silica gel plates (Merck\&Co., Inc., Kenilworth, NJ, USA). Purification of products was by column chromatography on silica gel (Merck silica gel 60, 40-60 mm), and preparative TLC was on silica gel from Merck $\left(\mathrm{PF}_{254-366 \mathrm{~nm}}\right)$ (Kenilworth, NJ, USA). All reagents, 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds, and solvents were commercially purchased. Radical oxidant $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{OAc})_{3}$ was synthesized by electrochemical method [57]. Please note that ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR, and HRMS spectra for all novel compounds can be found as supplementary information.

Table 1. Radical cyclizations of 1a-d with 2a-c.
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a) Isolated yield based on 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds.

A


C


D

E

Figure. Proposed mechanism of $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{OAc})_{3}$ mediated radical cyclization.

### 3.2. General synthesis procedure and spectroscopic data of diacyl (3a-g) piperazine-dihydrofuran compounds

 A solution of $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{OAc})_{3}(2 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.53 \mathrm{~g})$ in 15 mL of glacial acetic acid was heated to $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ until dissolved. Then, the solution temperature was set to $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. A solution of the corresponding 1,3 -dicarbonyl compound ( $2 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{c}$ ) ( 1 mmol ) and suitable unsaturated piperazine compound ( $1 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{d}$ ) $(1.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 2 mL of acetic acid was added to $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{OAc})_{3}$ solution. The mixture was stirred, and the disappearance of the dark brown color indicated that the reaction was finished (15-60 $\mathrm{min})$. Water was added, and the crude product was extracted with chloroform $(20 \times 3 \mathrm{~mL})$. Combined organic phases were neutralized with saturated $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution, dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and evaporated. The residue was purified with column chromatography (silica gel $60,40-60 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) using chloroform-acetone (85:15) as eluent. All compounds were further purified by preparative TLC $\left(\mathrm{PF}_{254-366 \mathrm{~mm}}\right)$ before spectroscopic analyses.Table 2. Radical cyclizations of $\mathbf{1 e - h}$ with 2a and 2c.
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a) Isolated yield based on 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds.

Trans-3-(4-Methacryloylpiperazine-1-carbonyl)-6,6-dimethyl-2-(5-methylfuran-2-yl)-3,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-4(2H)-one (3a)

It was obtained as a yellow oil; yield: $81 \%(0.345 \mathrm{~g})$; IR (ATR) $v_{\max } 3000,2957,2926,1720(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 1618$ (C=O), 1606 (C=C), 1197, 1022, 748 (arom. CH) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 6.30(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH), 6.00 $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-2), 5.96\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, arom. CH), $5.21\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.04\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef. }}\right), 4.51(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\mathrm{H}-3), 4.07-3.27(8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.43(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=17.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.33(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=17.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.33(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16.4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.28\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.19$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16.4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.95\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.13\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.11\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right){ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 193.9$ (C=O), 177.3 (C=C, C-7a), 171.3 (C=O), 169.9 (C=O), 154.0, 148.6, 140.0 (C=C), 115.9 (C=C), 112.3, 111.1,106.7(C=C, C-3a), 83.6 (C-2), 51.1, 46.6, $45.0(\mathrm{C}-3), 42.2,37.9,34.4,28.9\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 28.2\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 20.4\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 13.6\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ; H R M S ~(E S I)$ $(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5} 427.22275$ found $427.22472(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$.

3-(4-Methacryloylpiperazine-1-carbonyl)-2,6,6-trimethyl-2-(5-methylfuran-2-yl)-3,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-4(2H)-one (3b)

It was obtained as a yellow oil; yield: $50 \%(0.220 \mathrm{~g})$; IR (ATR) $v_{\max } 3093,2956,2925,1721$ (C=O), 1635 (C=O), 1610 (C=C), 1194, 1020, 728 (arom. CH) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 6.24(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH), 5.94 $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 5.22\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.03\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 4.58(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}-3), 3.79-3.52(8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.40(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=17.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.35$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=17.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.32(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.20(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.30\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.94\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.68(3 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.20\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.11\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 194.1(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 175.4(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C}-7 \mathrm{a})$, 171.3 (C=O), $167.8(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 153.2,152.8,139.8(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}), 116.1$ (C=C), 112.9, 112.5, 106.5 (C=C, C-3a), 88.1 (C-2), 50.7, $49.0(\mathrm{C}-3), 45.9,42.5,37.8,34.6,28.6\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 28.5\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 21.1\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 20.4\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 13.6\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ; \mathrm{HRMS}(\mathrm{ESI})(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ Calcd forC $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{32} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5} 441.23840$ found $441.23896(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$.

Trans-3-(4-Methacryloylpiperazine-1-carbonyl)-6,6-dimethyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-3,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran$4(2 \mathrm{H})$-one (3c)

It was obtained as a yellow oil; yield: $64 \%(0.274 \mathrm{~g})$; IR (ATR) $v_{\max } 3085,2956,2930,1732(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 1639$ (C=O), 1615 (C=C), 1197, 1026, 726 (arom. CH) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.34(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH), 7.06 $\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, arom. CH), $7.00\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=5.2,3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, arom. CH), $6.32(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-2), 5.21\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right)$, $5.04\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 4.36(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-3), 4.03-3.28(8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.47(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=17.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.35(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=17.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.32$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16.4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.20(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16.4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.94\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.14\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.12\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right){ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $(100 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 193.9(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 177.0(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C}-7 \mathrm{a}), 171.2(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 169.8(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 141.9,140.0(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}), 115.9(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}), 127.1$, 126.6, 126.3, 111.9 (C=C, C-3a), $86.1(\mathrm{C}-2), 51.1,50.0(\mathrm{C}-3), 46.5,42.2,37.9,34.4,28.9\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 28.1\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 20.4\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$; HRMS (ESI) ( $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ) Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S} 429.18425$ found $429.18588(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$.

Trans-1-(4-(4-Acetyl-5,5'-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-[2,2'-bifuran]-3-carbonyl)piperazin-1-yl)-2-methylprop-2-en-1one (3d)

It was obtained as a yellow oil; yield: $73 \%(0.282 \mathrm{~g})$; IR (ATR) $v_{\max } 3009,2956,2930,1732(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 1652$ (C=O), 1612 (C=C), 1193, 1020, 746 (arom. CH) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 6.29(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH), 5.95 $\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, arom. CH), $5.52(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-2), 5.20\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.02\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 4.69(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\mathrm{H}-3), 3.80-3.66(8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.31\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.30\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.29\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.93\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}(100$ $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 192.8(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 171.3$ (C=C, C-7a), 171.2 (C=O), 167.6 (C=O), 155.5, 153.8, 140.0 (C=C), 116.7 (C=C), 115.9, 110.9, 106.7 (C=C, C-3a), 79.9 (C-2), $49.1(\mathrm{C}-3), 46.2,42.7,28.8\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 20.4\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 15.6\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 13.6$ $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$;HRMS (ESI) $(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5} 387.19145$ found $387.19223(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$.

Trans-1-(4-(4-Acetyl-5-methyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrofuran-3-carbonyl)piperazin-1-yl)-2-methylprop-2-en-1-one (3e)

It was obtained as a yellow oil; yield: $52 \%(0.202 \mathrm{~g})$; IR (ATR) $\mathrm{v}_{\max } 3085,2998,2917,1714$ (C=O), 1639 (C=O), 1610 (C=C), 1194, 1020, 724 (arom. CH) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.33(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH), 7.05 $\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, arom. CH), $7.00(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=5.2,3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH$), 5.86(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-2), 5.20\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right)$, $5.02\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 4.54(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-3), 3.81-3.39(8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.34\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.33\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.93(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\left.-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 192.8(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 171.3(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C}-7 \mathrm{a}), 171.1(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 167.6(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 144.6,140.0$ (C=C), 127.1, 126.4, 126.1, 116.6 (C=C), 115.9 (C=C, C-3a), 82.6 (C-2), $53.5(\mathrm{C}-3), 46.5,42.4,28.9\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 20.4\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, $15.6\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$ 192.9HRMS (ESI)(m/z) Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S} 389.15295$ found $389.15460(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$.

1-(4-(4-Acetyl-2,5-dimethyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrofuran-3-carbonyl)piperazin-1-yl)-2-methylprop-2-en-1-one (3f)

It was obtained as a yellow oil; yield: $31 \%$ ( 0.125 g ); IR (ATR) $v_{\max } 3117,2953,2918,1734$ (C=O), 1648 (C=O), 1615 (C=C), 1191, 1022, 724 (arom. CH) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.27(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH), 6.97$6.95\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}\right.$, arom. CH), $5.22\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right)$, $5.04\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 4.54(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}-3), 3.68-3.32(8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.35\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.30$ $\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.94\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.74\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right){ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 192.9(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 171.3(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C}-7 \mathrm{a})$,
168.9 (C=O), 166.5 (C=C, C-3a), 149.6, 139.9 (C=C), 126.9, 125.0, 123.0, 116.3 (C=C), 116.0 (C=C, C-3a), 86.4 (C-2), 56.6 $(\mathrm{C}-3), 46.3,42.6,28.7\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 24.0\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 20.4\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 15.4\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ; H R M S ~(E S I)(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S} 403.16860$ found $403.16968(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$.

Trans-Ethyl 3-(4-methacryloylpiperazine-1-carbonyl)-5,5'-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-[2,2'-bifuran]-4-carboxylate (3g)

It was obtained as a yellow oil; yield: $60 \%(0.250 \mathrm{~g})$; IR (ATR) $v_{\max } 3080,2980,2922,1701(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 1641$ ( $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ), 1619 (C=C), 1194, 1020, 730 (arom. CH) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 6.30(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH$), 5.95$ $\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, arom. CH), $5.55(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-2), 5.21\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.02\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 4.67(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\mathrm{H}-3), 4.16\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 3.57-3.40(8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.30\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.25\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.93\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.27$ $\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 171.3(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 171.2(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C}-7 \mathrm{a}), 168.8(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 165.0$ (C=O), 153.7, 148.6, 139.9 ( $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ ), 116.0 (C=C), 110.8, 106.7, 103.8 (C=C, C-3a), 80.2 (C-2), 59.9, 48.7 (C-3), 46.4, 42.6, $20.4\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 14.5\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 14.4\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 13.6\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ; H R M S ~(E S I)(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6} 417.20201$ found 417.20397 $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$.
3.3. General synthesis procedure and spectroscopic data of alkyl-acyl (3h-n) piperazines-dihydrofuran compounds

A solution of $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{OAc})_{3}(2 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.53 \mathrm{~g})$ in 15 mL of glacial acetic acid was heated to $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ until dissolved. Then, the solution temperature was set to $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. A solution of the corresponding 1,3-dicarbonyl compound ( 2 a or 2 c ) ( 1 mmol ) and the suitable unsaturated piperazine compound ( $1 \mathrm{e}-\mathrm{h}$ ) ( 1.2 mmol ) in 2 mL of acetic acid was added to $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{OAc})_{3}$ solution. The mixture was stirred, and the disappearance of the dark brown color indicated that the reaction was finished (15-60 $\mathrm{min})$. Water was added, and the crude product was extracted with chloroform $(20 \times 3 \mathrm{~mL})$. Combined organic phases were neutralized with saturated $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution, dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and evaporated. The residue was purified with column chromatography (silica gel 60, 40-60 mm ) using chloroform-acetone (85:15) as eluent. All compounds were further purified by preparative TLC $\left(\mathrm{PF}_{254-366 \mathrm{~mm}}\right)$ before spectroscopic analyses.

Trans-3-(4-Allylpiperazine-1-carbonyl)-6,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-3,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-4(2H)-one (3h)
It was obtained as a yellow oil; yield: $30 \%(0.118 \mathrm{~g})$; IR (ATR) $\mathrm{v}_{\max } 3067,2961,2868,1730(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 1632$ (C=O), 1612 $(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}), 1197,1020,754,701$ (arom. CH) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.39-7.31$ ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, arom. CH), 7.24$7.22\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}\right.$, arom. CH), $6.04(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-2), 5.83\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ddt}, J=16.8,10,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.18(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=16.8,1.2$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.14\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=10.0,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 4.23(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-3), 3.96-3.84(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 3.50-3.39(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 3.00$ $(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.56-2.44(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.31(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.18(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.27\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.16(3 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right){ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 193.7(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 177.4(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C}-7 \mathrm{a}), 169.9(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 139.9,134.3$ (C=C), 129.0, $128.8,125.5,118.5$ (C=C), 112.2 (C=C, C-3a), 90.5 (C-2), 61.4.53.1, 52.6, 51.1, 49.7, 46.2, 42.4 (C-3), 34.3, $28.9\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ ), 28.2 ( $-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ );HRMS (ESI) ( $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ) Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} 395.23292$ found $395.23361(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$.

Trans-3-(4-Allylpiperazine-1-carbonyl)-6,6-dimethyl-2-(5-methylfuran-2-yl)-3,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-4(2H)-one (3i)

It was obtained as a yellow oil; yield: $32 \%(0.127 \mathrm{~g})$; IR (ATR) $\mathrm{v}_{\max } 30171,2961,2930,1732(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 1641(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 1617$ (C=C), 1197, 1002, 734 (arom. CH) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) d (ppm):6.28 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \delta, J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH), 5.94 $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-2), 5.93\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, arom. CH), $5.83\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ddt}, J=16.8,10,6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.18(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=16.8$, $\left.1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.14\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=10.0,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 4.49(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-3), 3.99-3.89(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 3.49-3.37(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.99$ $(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.59-2.49(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.40(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=17.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.30(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=17.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.29(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.26$ $\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.17(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.12\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.08\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right){ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 193.8$ (C=O), 176.8 (C=C, C-7a), 169.5 (C=O), 153.8, 148.9, 134.3 (C=C), 118.5 (C=C), 112.5, 110.8, 106.6 (C=C, C-3a), 83.5 (C-2), 61.4, 53.0, 52.5, 51.1, 46.2, 45.5, $42.3(\mathrm{C}-3), 37.8,34.4,28.9\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 28.1\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 13.6\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$;HRMS (ESI)(m/z) Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4} 399.22783$ found $399.22924(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$.

Trans-3-(4-Allylpiperazine-1-carbonyl)-6,6-dimethyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-3,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-4(2H)one (3j)

It was obtained as a yellow oil; yield: $20 \%(0.080 \mathrm{~g})$; IR (ATR) $v_{\max } 3076,2955,2924,1731(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 1628$ (C=O), 1617 (C=C), 1137, 1000, 750 (arom. CH) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.32(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH), 7.06 $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH), $6.99(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=5.2,3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH), $6.28(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-2), 5.85(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ddt}, J=16.8$, $\left.10.0,6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.20\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=16.8,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.18\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=10.0,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 4.37(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-3)$, $4.00-3.96(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 3.54-3.42(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 3.04(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.58(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 2.46(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=17.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.33(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=17.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 2.32(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.20(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.14\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.11\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 193.8(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 176.7(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C}-7 \mathrm{a}), 169.3(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 143.7,133.9$ (C=C), 128.4, 127.0, 126.4, 116.6 (C=C), 112.1 (C=C, C-3a), 86.1 (C-2), 61.3, 53.0, 52.5, 51.1, 49.8, 46.1, $42.2(\mathrm{C}-3), 37.9,34.4,28.9\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 28.1\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$;HRMS (ESI)(m/z) Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S} 400.23319$ found $401.1894(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$.

Trans-Ethyl 4-(4-allylpiperazine-1-carbonyl)-2-methyl-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (3k)
It was obtained as a yellow oil; yield: $25 \%(0.096 \mathrm{~g})$; IR (ATR) $v_{\text {max }} 3080,2978,2930,1701$ (C=O), 1659 (C=O), 1619 (C=C), 1203, 969, 730, 692 (arom. CH) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.40-7.27(5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, arom. CH), 5.81 $\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ddt}, J=17.2,10.4,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.61(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-2), 5.17\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=16.8,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.15(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=$ $\left.10.4,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 4.33(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-3), 4.13\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 3.84-3.79(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 3.64-3.58(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m})$, $3.48-3.34(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.97(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.53-2.36(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.35\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.24\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ $\operatorname{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 171.2(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 169.6(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C}-7 \mathrm{a}), 164.9(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 140.3,134.4$ (C=C), 128.9, 128.6, 125.4 , 118.4 (C=C), 103.6 (C=C, C-3a), 87.3 (C-2), 61.4, 59.7, 53.1, 52.9, 52.8, $42.4(\mathrm{C}-3), 14.4\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 14.3\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ; H R M S ~(E S I)$ $(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4} 385.21218$ found $385.21370(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$.

Trans-Ethyl 3-(4-allylpiperazine-1-carbonyl)-5,5'-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-[2,2'-bifuran]-4-carboxylate (31)
It was obtained as a yellow oil; yield: $40 \%(0.155 \mathrm{~g})$; IR (ATR) $v_{\text {max }} 3067,2982,2907,1708(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 1663$ (C=O), 1626 (C=C), 1199, 1100, 732 (arom. CH) cm ${ }^{-1}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 6.26(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH), 5.92 $\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, arom. CH), $5.80\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ddt}, J=16.8,10.0,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.48(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-2), 5.14(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=$ $\left.16.8,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.13\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=10.0,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 4.62(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-3), 4.12\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, $3.76-3.71(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 3.58-3.49(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 3.45-3.40(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.94(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.49-2.13(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.27\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, $2.23\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.22\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right){ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 170.7(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 168.7(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$, C-7a), 164.9 (C=O), 153.5, 148.9, 134.4 (C=C), 118.4 (C=C), 110.5, 106.5, 103.8 (C=C, C-3a), 80.2 (C-2), 61.4, 59.7, 53.0, $52.6,48.6,46.0,42.3(\mathrm{C}-3), 14.4\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 14.3\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 13.6\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ; H R M S ~(\mathrm{ESI})(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5} 389.20710$ found $389.20877(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$.

## Trans-Ethyl 4-(4-allylpiperazine-1-carbonyl)-2-methyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (3m)

It was obtained as a yellow oil; yield: $20 \%(0.078 \mathrm{~g})$; IR (ATR) $\mathrm{v}_{\max } 3075,2978,2923,1701(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 1652(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 1628$ (C=C), 1197, 1040, 728 (arom. CH) cm ${ }^{-1}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) d (ppm): $7.32(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH), 7.05 $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH), $6.98(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=5.2,3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, arom. CH), $5.84(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-2), 5.81(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ddt}, J=16.8$, $\left.10.0,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right)$, $5.18\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=16.8,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.15\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=10.0,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 4.48(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}-3)$, $4.15\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}, ~ J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 3.83-3.45(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.98(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.52-2.18(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.29\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.25$ ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$ ) d (ppm):170.6 (C=O), 168.9 (C=C, C-7a), 164.8 (C=O), 142.5, 134.3 (C=C), 126.9, 126.1, 125.8, 118.5 (C=C), 103.7 (C=C, C-3a), 82.9 (C-2), 61.4, 59.8, 53.1, 53.0, 52.7, 46.1, 42.4 (C-3), $14.5\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, $14.4\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ; \mathrm{HRMS}(\mathrm{ESI})(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S} 391.16860$ found $391.16985(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$.

Ethyl 5-(4-allylpiperazine-1-carbonyl)-2,5-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate(3n)
It was obtained as a yellow oil; yield: $20 \%(0.065 \mathrm{~g})$; IR (ATR) $v_{\text {max }} 3076,2983,2930,1701$ (C=O), 1657 (C=O), 1630 (C=C), 1190, $1040 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 5.84\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ddt}, J=16.8,10,6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.20(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=$ $\left.16.8,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 5.17\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=10.0,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {olef }}\right), 4.15\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 3.81-3.62(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 3.58(1 \mathrm{H}$, d, $J=15.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ha}-3), 3.00(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.70(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=15.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Hb}-3), 2.44(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 2.18\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.55(3 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{s},-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.26\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 170.1(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 165.7(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C}-7 \mathrm{a}), 164.8$ $(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 134.3(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}), 118.5(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}), 102.1(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C}-3 \mathrm{a}), 88.4(\mathrm{C}-2), 61.5,59.6,53.1,52.8,46.2,43.2,41.1(\mathrm{C}-3), 26.0\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, $14.3\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 14.1\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ; \mathrm{HRMS}(\mathrm{ESI})(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4} 323.19653$ found $323.19805(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$.

## 4. Conclusion

Summarily, novel piperazines containing dihydrofuran compounds (3a-n) were synthesized by the $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{OAc})_{3}$ mediated radical cyclization from unsaturated diacyl (1a-d) and alkyl-acyl (1e-h) piperazine compounds with 1,3-dicarbonyls (2ac) in low to high yields for the first time. All compounds were characterized by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{HNMR},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR, HRMS, and FTIR spectroscopy.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra

## 3a. ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathrm{H}$ NMR



3a. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


3b. ${ }^{1} H$ NMR


3b. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


3c. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR


3c. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


## 3d. ${ }^{1} H$ NMR



3d. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


3e. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR


3e. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


## 3f. ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR



3f. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


3g. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR


3g. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


3h. ${ }^{1}$ H NMR


3h. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


## 3i. ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathrm{H}$ NMR



3i. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR


## 3j. ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathrm{H}$ NMR



3j. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


## 3k. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR



3k. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


## 3I. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR


31. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


3m. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR


3m. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


3n. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR


3n. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


## HRMS spectra

3a


3b


3c


## 3d



3 e


3f


## 3g



3h

$3 i$



3k


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## 3m



3n


## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra

3a. ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathrm{H}$ NMR


3a. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR


3b. ${ }^{\mathbf{1}}{ }^{\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{N M R}$


3b. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR


3c. ${ }^{1}{ }^{1}$ NMR


3c. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


3d. ${ }^{\mathbf{1}}{ }^{1}$ NMR


3d. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR


3e. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR


3e. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


3f. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR


3f. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR


3g. ${ }^{1} H$ NMR


3g. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR


3h. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR


3h. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR



3i. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR


3j. ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathrm{H}$ NMR


3j. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR


3k. ${ }^{1}$ H NMR


3k. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR


## 31. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR



## 31. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR



3m. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR


3m. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


3n. ${ }^{1}$ H NMR


3n. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR


## HRMS spectra

3a


3b


3c


3d


3 e

$3 f$


## 3g



3h


## $3 i$




3k


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## 3m



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