A Clean Synthesis of Novel 3-Alkoxy-2-(benzofuran-3-yl)benzofurans *via* a One-pot Pseudo Three-component Reaction using H₃PW₁₂O₄₀·xH₂O as a Catalyst

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 $H_3PW_{12}O_{40} \cdot xH_2O$ efficiently catalyzes the one-pot pseudo three-component reaction of benzo-furan-3(2*H*)-ones and various alcohols to afford the corresponding bibenzofuran derivatives with various alkoxy groups in 3-position.

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