Supplementary materials

Synthesis and Pharmacological Evaluation of Multi-Functional Homoisoflavonoid Derivatives as Potent Inhibitors of Monoamine Oxidase B and Cholinesterase for the Treatment of Alzheimer's disease

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1. Experimental section

Chemistry

Reagents and solvents were purchased from common commercial suppliers and were used without further purification. Reaction progress was monitored using analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) on precoated silica gel GF254 (Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Plant, Qingdao, China) plates and the spots were detected under UV light (254 nm or 365 nm). IR (KBr-disc) spectra were recorded by Bruker Tensor 27 spectrometer. Melting points (uncorrected) were determined with an XT-4 micromelting point instrument. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ or DMSO- d_6 solutions using a Bruker ACF-500 spectrometer at 25 °C. Mass spectra were obtained on a Mariner ESI-TOF spectrometer (HRESIMS). The purity of target compounds was determined by HPLC (Agilent 1100 infinity HPLC system). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (90-150 μm ; Qingdao Marine Chemical Inc.).

General procedures for the preparation of 5-7.

A mixture of chroman-4-one (1.0mmol), substituted benzaldehyde (1.0mmol), and piperidine (1ml) in ethanol (20ml) was stirred at room temperature.¹ The reaction mixture was regularly monitored for reaction progress by TLC using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (3:1) as the solvent system. The reaction was generally complete in 12 h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed over silica gel column using mixtures of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (10:1) as eluent to give 5-7 (32-54% yield).

(*E*)-3-(4-hydroxybenzylidene)chroman-4-one (5). Yield: 45%, yellow solid. ¹H
NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.15 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H),
7.61 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz,
1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H).

(*E*)-3-(2-hydroxybenzylidene)chroman-4-one (6). Yield: 32%, yellow solid. ¹H
NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.19 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H),
7.61 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (s, 2H).

(*E*)-3-(3-hydroxybenzylidene)chroman-4-one (7). Yield: 54%, yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.74 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 5.43 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H).

General procedure for the preparation of (8-15).

A mixture of an appropriate amount of **5-7** (1 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (2 mmol), different available α,ω -dibromoalkanes (5mmol) in acetonitrile (10 ml) were heated at 65°C for 8 h.² After cooling to room temperature, the mixtures were filtered and the filtrates were evaporated under vacuum. The crude solid was purified by silica gel chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (60:1).

(*E*)-3-(4-(2-bromoethoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (8). Yield: 47%, yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H).

(*E*)-3-(4-(3-bromopropoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (9). Yield: 40%, yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33-2.28 (m, 2H).

(*E*)-3-(4-(4-bromobutoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (10). Yield: 43%, yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59(m, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.13(m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.03 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.86(m, 2H).

(*E*)-3-(4-((6-bromohexyl)oxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (11). Yield: 41%, yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59(m, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 4.07 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.45 (m, 4H).

(*E*)-3-(2-(2-bromoethoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (12). Yield: 40%, yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.45 – 4.43 (m, 2H), 3.8 – 3.84 (m, 2H).

(*E*)-3-(2-(3-bromopropoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (13). Yield: 42%, yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.32 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.33 – 2.28(m, 2H). S4

(*E*)-3-(3-(2-bromoethoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (14). Yield: 45%, yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.42 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H).

(*E*)-3-(3-(3-bromopropoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (15). Yield: 40%, yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.52 - 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.38 - 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.09 - 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.00 - 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (p, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H).

General procedure for the preparation of compounds 16-45.

A mixture of **8-15** (1 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (4 mmol), different available secondary amines (4 mmol) in acetonitrile (6 ml).³ The reaction mixture was heated at 65°C for 12 h, cooled to room temperature. The mixture was filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The obtained crude solid was purified by silica gel chromatography with CH₂Cl₂/MeOH/Et₃N (50:1:0.05-100:1:0.1) or petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1) to give the desired product **16-45**.

(*E*)-3-(4-(2-(dimethylamino)ethoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (16). Yield 49%, bright yellow solid; mp 91–93 °C; IR (KBr) v 3435, 2945, 1662, 1605, 1513, 1480, 1327, 1309, 1254, 1182, 1156, 1021, 959, 827, 779, 755 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.55(m, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.52, 160.97, 160.14, 136.94, 136.54, 132.99, 129.07, 127.69, 126.87, 122.40, 122.06, 118.34, 115.36, 67.99, 65.97, 57.74, S5

45.63. HRMS (ESI) m/z 324.1590 $[M + H]^+$ (calcd for 324.1594, C₂₀H₂₂NO₃). HPLC purity of 99.59%.

(E)-3-(4-(3-(dimethylamino)propoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (17). Yield 40%, canary yellow solid; mp 163–165 °C; IR (KBr) *v* 3442, 2920, 1663, 1604, 1510, 1466, 1307, 1249, 1178, 1033, 831, 764,728 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.14(m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 6H), 1.93 (p, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.53, 160.95, 160.37, 136.98, 136.54, 133.00, 128.98, 127.67, 126.71, 122.40, 122.04, 118.32, 115.27, 67.97, 66.34, 55.83, 45.25, 26.82. HRMS (ESI) m/z 338.1749 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 338.1751, C₂₁H₂₄NO₃). HPLC purity of 98.85%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(4-(dimethylamino)butoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (18). Yield 82%, brown yellow solid; mp 184–185 °C; IR (KBr) v 3431, 2917, 2686, 1669, 1607, 1516, 1479, 1313, 1266, 1212, 1186, 1040, 1002, 954, 830, 792, 764 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.11 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 2.77 (s, 6H), 1.82 – 1.77 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.54, 160.96, 160.26, 136.95, 136.57, 132.99, 129.05, 127.69, 126.82, 122.43, 122.05, 118.33, 115.33, 67.98, 67.54, 57.07, 43.01, 26.12, 21.51. HRMS (ESI) m/z 352.1903 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 352.1907, C₂₂H₂₆NO₃). HPLC purity of 97.27%.

(*E*)-3-(4-((6-(dimethylamino)hexyl)oxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (19). Yield 79%, bright yellow solid; mp 181–183 °C; IR (KBr) *v* 3423, 2940, 2696,1661, 1604, S6

1513, 1475, 1326, 1266, 1215, 1190, 1042, 1036, 999, 950, 827, 783, 761 cm⁻¹,¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.88 – 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.62 (s, 6H), 1.80 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.34 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.54, 160.95, 160.45, 137.00, 136.53, 133.00, 128.95, 127.68, 126.66, 122.40, 122.05, 118.32, 115.28, 68.09, 67.98, 57.96, 43.73, 28.88, 26.41, 25.64, 25.31. HRMS (ESI) m/z 380.2222 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 380.2220, C₂₄H₃₀NO₃). HPLC purity of 98.78%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(2-(diethylamino)ethoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (20). Yield 74%, bright yellow solid; mp 49–51 °C; IR (KBr) *v* 3442, 2964, 1662, 1605, 1513, 1476, 1304, 1261, 1181, 1019, 1042, 959, 844, 752 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 3H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.50, 160.95, 160.33, 136.97, 136.51, 132.99, 128.94, 127.67, 126.68, 122.37, 122.04, 118.32, 115.31, 67.98, 67.05, 51.71, 47.42, 12.33. HRMS (ESI) m/z 352.1908 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 352.1907, C₂₂H₂₆NO₃). HPLC purity of 98.19%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(3-(diethylamino)propoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (21). Yield 67%, bright yellow solid; mp 139–140 °C; IR (KBr) v 3443, 296, 1667, 1604,1510, 1467, 1305, 1253, 1177, 1112, 1034, 958, 831, 757, 752 cm⁻¹; 1H NMR (500MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 3H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.9 Hz,

2H), 4.10 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.87 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.51, 160.97, 160.51, 136.99, 136.51, 133.02, 128.93, 127.68, 126.64, 122.39, 122.07, 118.33, 115.27, 68.00, 66.52, 49.07, 46.91, 27.02, 12.31. HRMS (ESI) m/z 366.2072 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 366.2064, C₂₃H₂₈NO₃). HPLC purity of 97.70%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(4-(diethylamino)butoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (22). Yield 47%, brown yellow oil; IR (KBr) v 3426, 2926, 1666, 1604, 1511, 1466, 1308, 1259, 1214, 1179, 1156, 1041, 828, 751 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.9Hz, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 3H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 4.13 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.16 – 3.13 (m, 6H), 1.84 – 1.80 (m, 4H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.51, 160.95, 160.46, 137.00, 136.52, 133.01, 128.91, 127.67, 126.62, 122.39, 122.05, 118.32, 115.27, 68.12, 67.98, 52.25, 46.70, 31.17, 26.98, 12.08. HRMS (ESI) m/z 380.2224 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 380.2220, C₂₄H₃₀NO₃). HPLC purity of 95.91%.

(*E*)-3-(4-((6-(diethylamino)hexyl)oxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (23). Yield 71%, bright yellow solid; mp 178–179 °C; IR (KBr) *v* 3442, 2924, 2674,1660, 1604, 1512, 1477, 1305, 1259, 1176, 1021, 823 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.61 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 7.11 (m, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.44 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 2.39 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 1.74 (q, *J* = 7.5, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.42 – 1.37 (m, 4H), 1.35 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.52, 160.97, 160.49, 137.01, 136.52, 133.00, 128.93, 127.68, 126.64, 122.39, 118.33, 115.28, 68.16, 68.00, 52.58,

46.78, 29.08, 27.15, 25.89, 12.10. HRMS (ESI) m/z 408.2530 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 408.2533, C₂₆H₃₄NO₃). HPLC purity of 95.19%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(2-(benzyl(methyl)amino)ethoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (24). Yield 69%, bright yellow oil; IR (KBr) v 3442, 2924, 2674,1660, 1604, 1512, 1477, 1305, 1259, 1176, 1021, 823 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 4H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 2.79 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.12, 160.53, 159.84, 138.96, 136.57, 136.12, 132.56, 128.77, 128.56, 128.18, 127.25, 126.93, 126.31, 121.98, 121.62, 117.91, 114.92, 67.55, 66.14, 61.69, 55.13, 42.41. HRMS (ESI) m/z 400.1903 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 400.1907, C₂₆H₂₆NO₃). HPLC purity of 99.48%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(3-(benzyl(methyl)amino)propoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (25). Yield 54%, canary yellow solid; mp 78–79 °C; IR (KBr) v 3424, 2952, 1664, 1591, 1509, 1467, 1398, 1307, 1247, 1176, 1141, 1112, 1018, 863, 761, 731cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 4H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 2.50 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.94 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.52, 160.94, 160.45, 139.54, 137.01, 136.51, 132.98, 129.08, 128.91, 128.55, 127.67, 127.63, 122.38, 122.04, 118.32, 115.25, 67.98, 66.41, 62.05, 53.59, 42.32, 27.01. HRMS (ESI) m/z 414.2065 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 414.2064, C₂₇H₂₈NO₃). HPLC purity of 99.38%. (*E*)-3-(4-(4-(benzyl(methyl)amino)butoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (26). Yield 72%, bright yellow oil; IR (KBr) v 3424, 2952, 1664, 1591, 1509, 1467, 1398, 1307, 1247, 1176, 1141, 1112, 1018, 863, 761, 731cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO d_6) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 2.40 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.81 – 1,75 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.61 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.53, 160.96, 160.45, 139.68, 137.02, 136.51, 132.98, 129.15, 128.92, 128.57, 127.68, 127.25, 126.63, 122.39, 122.06, 118.32, 115.29, 68.04, 67.99, 62.03, 56.68, 42.20, 26.84, 23.66. HRMS (ESI) m/z 428.2223 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 427.2147, C₂₈H₂₉NO₃). HPLC purity of 99.63%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(6-(benzyl(methyl)amino)hexyl)oxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (27). Yield 72%, canary yellow solid; mp 60–62 °C; IR (KBr) v 3444, 2921, 2850, 1667, 1604, 1511, 1465, 1309, 1257, 1211, 1182, 1155, 1041, 1017, 828, 778 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.33 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.79 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.34 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.50, 160.94, 160.47, 137.00, 136.51, 133.00, 129.14, 128.91, 128.58, 127.67, 127.26, 126.61, 122.38, 122.05, 118.32, 115.25, 68.13, 67.98, 62.02, 57.00, 42.23, 31.18, 29.03, 26.95, 25.82. HRMS (ESI) m/z 456.2541 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 456.2541, C₃₀H₃₄NO₃). HPLC purity of 98.78%.

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(*E*)-3-(4-(2-(benzyl(ethyl)amino)ethoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (28). Yield 21%, yellow oil; IR (KBr) *v* 3444, 2921, 2850, 1667, 1604, 1511, 1465, 1309, 1257, 1211, 1182, 1155, 1041, 1017, 828, 778 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.52, 160.97, 160.28, 140.15, 136.98, 136.50, 132.95, 129.03, 128.98, 128.56, 127.68, 127.19, 126.71, 122.38, 122.06, 118.32, 115.32, 67.98, 66.84, 58.28, 51.78, 47.92, 12.28. HRMS (ESI) m/z 414.2067 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 414.2064, C₂₇H₂₈NO₃). HPLC purity of 97.66%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(3-(benzyl(ethyl)amino)propoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (29). Yield 20%, bright yellow oil; IR (KBr) v 3395, 2922, 1670, 1603, 1510, 1466, 1306, 1258, 1217, 1177, 1155, 1022, 959, 829, 757 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 2.57 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.92 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.00 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.50, 160.95, 160.45, 140.28, 137.01, 136.51, 132.99, 128.93, 128.90, 128.53, 127.67, 127.09, 126.60, 122.38, 122.05, 118.32, 115.23, 67.99, 66.39, 57.94, 49.38, 47.27, 26.83, 12.13. HRMS (ESI) m/z 428.2225 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 428.2220, C₂₈H₃₀NO₃). HPLC purity of 98.72%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(4-(benzyl(ethyl)amino)butoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (30). Yield 33%, bright yellow oil; IR (KBr) v 3443, 2951, 1664, 1593, 1509, 1475, 1385, 1309,

1252, 1178, 1111, 1014, 955, 833, 757 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 2.48 – 2.45 (m, 4H), 1.78 – 1.72(m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.54, 160.95, 160.46, 140.38, 137.03, 136.51, 132.97, 128.99, 128.91, 128.53, 127.68, 127.08, 126.61, 122.38, 122.05, 118.31, 115.27, 68.03, 67.98, 57.85, 52.50, 47.11, 26.88, 23.41, 12.07. HRMS (ESI) m/z 442.2373 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 442.2377, C₂₉H₃₂NO₃). HPLC purity of 98.52%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(6-(benzyl(ethyl)amino)hexyl)oxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (31). Yield 40%, canary yellow solid; mp 159–160 °C; IR (KBr) *v* 3442, 2922, 1661, 1604, 1585, 1512, 1466, 1423, 1307, 1260, 1218, 1183, 1031, 955, 825, 752, 736 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.61 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.44 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 2.37 – 2.45 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.49 (s, 2H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (q, *J* = 8.4, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.24 – 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.04 – 1.00 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.51, 160.96, 160.47, 140.21, 137.00, 136.53, 133.00, 128.95, 128.73, 128.53, 127.69, 127.23, 126.65, 122.40, 122.07, 118.32, 115.25, 68.11, 68.00, 57.85, 52.50, 47.20, 29.06, 28.97, 27.04, 25.72, 12.08. HRMS (ESI) m/z 470.2693 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 470.2690, C₃₁H₃₆NO₃). HPLC purity of 96.44%.

(*E*)-**3**-(**4**-(**3**-(**4**-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (32). Yield 32%, brown yellow solid; mp 90–93 °C; IR (KBr) *v* 3441, 2963, 1662, 1602, 1512, 1462, 1309, 1259, 1216, 1185, 1149, 1094, 1031, 994, 801, 748 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J =7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.46 – 2.39 (m, 10H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.93 – 1.88 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.51, 160.95, 160.42, 136.98, 136.52, 133.00, 128.95, 127.67, 126.67, 122.39, 122.04, 118.32, 115.28, 67.98, 66.54, 55.15, 54.74, 53.09, 46.10, 26.57. HRMS (ESI) m/z 393.2169 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 393.2173, C₂₄H₂₉NO₃). HPLC purity of 99.31%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)butoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (33). Yield 32%, brown yellow solid; mp 107–109 °C; IR (KBr) v 3441, 2932, 1659, 1603, 1511, 1464, 1310, 1259, 1218, 1180, 1161, 1099, 1019, 995, 825, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 3H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.38 – 2.33 (m, 10H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.79 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.56 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.51, 160.95, 160.43, 137.00, 136.53, 133.00, 128.93, 127.67, 122.39, 122.05, 118.32, 115.29, 68.00, 67.98, 57.54, 54.88, 52.66, 45.79, 26.89, 23.04. HRMS (ESI) m/z 407.2337 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 407.2329, C₂₅H₃₁N₂O₃). HPLC purity of 96.80%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(6-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)hexyl)oxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (34). Yield 56%, canary yellow solid; mp 92–94 °C; IR (KBr) ν 3441, 2932, 1659, 1603, 1511, 1464, 1310, 1259, 1218, 1180, 1161, 1099, 1019, 995, 825, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 8H), 2.27 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.78 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.41 (m, 4H), 1.36 – 1.31 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.51, 160.96, 160.49, 137.00, 136.52, 133.00, 128.93, 127.68, 126.64, 122.39, 122.07, 118.33, 115.29, 68.16, 68.00, 58.21, 55.11, 53.06, 46.09, 29.03, 27.13, 26.69, 25.89. HRMS (ESI) m/z 435.2643 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 435.2642, C₂₇H₃₅N₂O₃). HPLC purity of 97.18%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(2-(4-benzylpiperazin-1-yl)ethoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (35). Yield 35%, brown yellow oil; IR (KBr) v 3443, 2941, 1667, 1606, 1588, 1516, 1468, 1307, 1264, 1221, 1188, 1160, 1029, 1012, 961, 838, 740 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 2.75 – 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.52 – 2.28 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.52, 160.97, 160.27, 136.97, 136.53, 132.98, 129.31, 129.02, 128.64, 127.69, 127.40, 126.79, 122.40, 122.06, 118.33, 115.38, 68.00, 66.15, 62.52, 56.94, 53.54, 53.05. HRMS (ESI) m/z 455.2335 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 455.2329, C₂₉H₃₁N₂O₃). HPLC purity of 99.93%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(3-(4-benzylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (36). Yield 15%, canary yellow solid; mp 99–102 °C; IR (KBr) *v* 3432, 2935, 1664, 1605, 1510, 1463, 1308, 1255, 1151, 836, 744 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.8, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.8, 2H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 2.70 – 2.50 (m, 10H), 1.93 – 1.87 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.51, 160.95, 160.41, 138.70, 136.98, 136.52, 133.00, 129.28, 128.95, 128.61, 127.67,

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127.35, 126.67, 122.38, 122.04, 118.32, 115.28, 67.98, 66.53, 62.52, 54.76, 53.26, 53.08 (2C), 31.18. HRMS (ESI) m/z 469.2487 $[M + H]^+$ (calcd for 469.2486, $C_{30}H_{33}N_2O_3$). HPLC purity of 99.60%.

(*E*)-3-(4-(6-(4-benzylpiperazin-1-yl)hexyl)oxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (37). Yield 40%, canary yellow solid; mp 74–77 °C; IR (KBr) v 3447, 2938, 1665, 1604, 1511, 1465, 1308, 1262, 1180, 1010, 826 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.50 – 2.26 (m, 8H), 2.26 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.77 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.41 (m, 4H), 1.36 – 1.31 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.50, 160.94, 160.48, 138.73, 137.00, 136.51, 132.99, 129.25, 128.90, 128.59, 127.67, 127.31, 126.61, 122.38, 122.05, 118.32, 115.26, 68.12, 67.98, 62.58, 58.29, 53.29, 53.13, 29.01, 27.12, 26.73, 25.88. HRMS (ESI) m/z 511.2954 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 511.2955, C₃₃H₃₉N₂O₃). HPLC purity of 96.34%.

(*E*)-3-(2-(2-(dimethylamino)ethoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (38). Yield 73%, brown yellow oil; IR (KBr) v 3439, 2922, 1673, 1606, 1474, 1309, 1253, 1160, 1045, 1110, 1032, 995, 959, 827 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.91 (d, J =7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.32 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.88, 161.20, 157.59, 136.67, 133.17, 132.12, 131.05, 130.91, 127.72, 123.00, 122.43, 122.02, 120.91, 118.38, 112.83, 68.15, 66.79, 57.85, 45.83. HRMS

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(ESI) m/z 324.1591 $[M + H]^+$ (calcd for 324.1594, C₂₀H₂₂NO₃). HPLC purity of 97.24%.

(*E*)-3-(2-(3-(dimethylamino)propoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (39). Yield 66%, saffron yellow oil; IR (KBr) v 3437, 2921, 1672, 1606, 1466, 1383, 1309, 1253, 1160, 1109, 1033, 960, 838, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s, 6H), 1.91 – 1.86 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.81, 161.18, 157.83, 136.68, 133.00, 132.15, 130.98, 130.83, 127.73, 123.01, 122.45, 122.03, 120.78, 118.40, 112.91, 68.11, 66.82, 49.06, 45.56, 27.10. HRMS (ESI) m/z 338.1759 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 338.1751, C₂₁H₂₄NO₃). HPLC purity of 95.64%.

(*E*)-3-(2-(diethylamino)ethoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (40). Yield 40%, yellow oil; IR (KBr) v 3444, 2968, 1673, 1606, 1475, 1382, 1309, 1253, 1145, 1110, 1019, 959, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.7Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (p, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.77, 161.21, 157.69, 136.62, 133.22, 132.05, 130.97, 130.94, 127.72, 123.04, 122.41, 122.06, 120.78, 118.38, 112.72, 68.18, 67.36, 51.52, 47.63, 12.25. HRMS (ESI) m/z 352.1991 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 352.1907, C₂₂H₂₆NO₃). HPLC purity of 98.25%.

(*E*)-3-(2-(3-(diethylamino)propoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (41). Yield 46%, saffron yellow oil; IR (KBr) *v* 3437, 2919, 1605, 1469, 1309, 1251, 1108, 1016, S16

959, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.11 (s, 2H), 1.87 (s, 2H), 1.27 – 1.25 (m, 4H), 0.95 – 0.93 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.83, 161.20, 157.33, 136.75, 132.87, 132.13, 131.16, 131.02, 127.71, 123.01, 122.50, 122.03, 121.16, 118.43, 112.83, 68.07, 65.61, 48.04, 47.12, 23.70, 9.27. HRMS (ESI) m/z 322.2067 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 366.2064, C₂₃H₂₈NO₃). HPLC purity of 99.78%.

(*E*)-3-(3-(2-(dimethylamino)ethoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (42). Yield 23%, saffron yellow oil; IR (KBr) v 3397, 2921, 1673, 1606, 1466, 1308, 1262, 1232, 1144, 1035, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.89 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 7.03(m, 2H), 5.30 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.83, 161.20, 157.66, 136.68, 133.11, 132.13, 131.05, 130.90, 127.72, 122.97, 122.44, 122.02, 120.84, 118.40, 112.84, 68.16, 67.01, 49.06, 46.02. HRMS (ESI) m/z 324.1590[M + H]⁺ (calcd for 324.1594, C₂₀H₂₂NO₃). HPLC purity of 98.60%.

(*E*)-3-(3-(dimethylamino)propoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (43). Yield 49%, brown yellow solid; mp 119–121 °C; IR (KBr) *v* 3445, 2945, 1673, 1605, 1466, 1308, 1262, 1231, 1162, 1035, 995, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 1.95 – 1.89 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 181.65, 161.14, 159.17, 137.05, 136.77,

135.59, 131.43, 130.37, 127.75, 122.88, 122.49, 121.93, 118.42, 116.58, 116.43, 67.87, 66.29, 55.92, 45.27, 26.93. HRMS (ESI) m/z 338.1747 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 338.1751, C₂₁H₂₄NO₃). HPLC purity of 99.49%.

(*E*)-3-(3-(2-(diethylamino)ethoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (44). Yield 32%, yellow oil; IR (KBr) ν 3444, 2968, 1674, 1605, 1476, 1383, 1308, 1262, 1232, 1144, 1035, 995, 757 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 5.32 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.57 – 2.52 (m, 4H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.75, 161.19, 157.73, 136.63, 133.21, 132.06, 130.97, 130.91, 127.71, 122.99, 122.42, 122.05, 120.73, 118.38, 112.71, 68.17, 67.51, 51.53, 47.55, 12.39. HRMS (ESI) m/z 352.1909 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 352.1907, C₂₂H₂₆NO₃). HPLC purity of 97.74%.

(*E*)-3-(3-(3-(diethylamino)propoxy)benzylidene)chroman-4-one (45). Yield 59%, yellow solid; mp 145–147 °C; IR (KBr) v 3439, 2967, 1674, 1606, 1467, 1382, 1308, 1263, 1231, 1164, 1144, 1035, 995, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 5.44 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.56 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.47 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.84 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 181.65, 161.13, 158.77, 136.91, 136.83, 135.65, 131.55, 130.46, 127.77, 123.22, 122.54, 121.92, 118.42, 116.69, 116.44, 67.85, 65.32, 48.60, 46.99, 23.74, 9.12. HRMS (ESI) m/z 366.2066 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for 366.2064, C₂₃H₂₈NO₃). HPLC purity of 99.88%.

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Biological activity

In vitro inhibition studies on *ee*AChE, *eq*BuChE and *h*AChE, *h*BuChE

Acetylcholinesterase (AChE, E.C. 3.1.1.7, from the electric eel and hAChE, E.C. 3.1.1.7, from human erythrocytes), butyrylcholinesterase (BuChE, E.C. 3.1.1.8, from equine serum and hBuChE, E.C. 3.1.1.8, from human serum), 5,5'-dithiobis- (2nitrobenzoic acid) (Ellman's reagent, DTNB), acetylthiocholine chloride (ATC), and butylthiocholine chloride (BTC) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. The ChE inhibition activities of the tested compounds were assessed by Ellman's method.⁴ Firstly, the tested compounds were dissolved in a minimum volume of DMSO (1%) and were diluted using the buffer solution (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH = 8.0, 0.1 M NaCl, 0.02 M MgCl₂⁻⁶H₂O) to the final concentration. Subsequently, 160 μ L of 1.5 mM DTNB and 50 μ L of AChE (0.22 U/mL prepared in 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH = 8.0, 0.1% w/v bovine serum albumin (BSA)) or 50 μ L of BuChE (0.12 U/mL prepared in 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH = 8.0, 0.1% w/v BSA) were incubated with 10 μ L of various concentrations of the compounds (0.001-100 μ M) at 37°C for 5 min in 96-well plates, followed by adding 30 μ L acetylthiocholine iodide (15 mM) or S-butyrylthiocholine iodide (15 mM). Finally, the absorbance was measured at different time intervals (0, 1, 2 and 3 min) at a wavelength of 405 nm. The concentration of the compound producing 50% of enzyme activity inhibition (IC₅₀) was calculated by nonlinear regression analysis of the response-concentration (log) curve, using Graph-Pad Prism program package (Graph Pad Software; San Diego, CA). Calculations were performed according to the method of Ellman et al. Results are expressed as the mean \pm SD of at least three different experiments performed in triplicate.

Kinetic analysis of eeAChE inhibition

To get the mechanism of action **16**, different concentrations of substrate thiocholine iodide (0.05 - 0.25 mM) were incubated with *ee*AChE in absence and presence of three concentrations of **16** (0.5, 1.0, 2.0 μ M), and the activities were measured at different time intervals (0, 1, 2, 3 min). Lineweaver–Burk reciprocal plots were constructed by Ellman's method⁴ at different concentrations of substrate ACh. Data analysis was performed with Graph Pad Prism 4.03 software (San Diego, CA, USA). Slopes of these reciprocal plots were then plotted against the concentration of **16** in a weighted analysis and K_i was determined as the intercept on the negative *x*-axis.

Inhibition studies of monoamine oxidase

To assess the inhibitory of the synthesized compounds toward *h*MAO-A and *h*MAO-B, we followed the means of the Amplex Red MAO assay.⁵ HMAO-A and *h*MAO-B were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Similarly, the tested compounds were dissolved in a certain volume DMSO and diluted to various final concentrations using sodium phosphate buffer (8g, NaCl; 0.2g, KCl; 1.44g, Na₂HPO₄; 0.2g, KH₂PO₄). 80 μ l *h*MAO-A or *h*MAO-B that adjusted to obtain in our experimental conditions the same reaction velocity, i.e., to oxidize (in the control group) the same concentration of substrate, and 20 μ l test compounds were incubated for 15 min at 37°C in a flat-black-bottom 96-well microtest plate placed in a dark fluorimeter chamber. And then, adding 200 μ M (final concentrations) Amplex Red reagent (1 U/mL horseradish peroxidase, and 1 mM *p*-tyramine) as quickly as possible. The production of H₂O₂ and resorufin were quantified at 37°C using a SpectraMax Paradigm (Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, CA) multi-mode detection platform reader based on the fluorescence generated (excitation, 545 nm; emission, 590 nm). The specific fluorescence emission was calculated after deduction of the background activity. The

background activity was determined from wells containing all of the components except for the MAO isoforms, which were replaced by a sodium phosphate buffer solution (0.05 M, pH 7.4). The percent inhibition was calculated by the following expression: (1 - IF_i/IF_c)×100 in which IF_i and IF_c are the fluorescence intensities obtained for MAO in the presence and absence of inhibitors after subtracting the respective background.

Reversibility and kinetic studies of *h***MAO-B inhibition**

To study the nature of the enzymatic inhibition reacted to **16**, we determined the activity of the enzyme in the presence and in the absence of the inhibitor by the method that to examined different times (0, 15, 30, 45, 60 min) of the *h*MAO-B with compound. The concentration of **16** was equal to two-fold the measured IC₅₀ value for the inhibition of *h*MAO-B and the final concentration of **16** is equal to the IC₅₀. All measurements were carried out in triplicate and expressed as mean \pm SD.

To explore the mechanism of action of compound **16**, reciprocal plots of 1/V versus 1/S were constructed at different concentrations of the substrate p-tyramine (0.05 - 0.25 μ M) by using Amplex Red MAO assay. Four various concentrations of **16** (0, 0.015, 0.030, 0.060 μ M) were selected for the kinetic analysis of *h*MAO-B inhibition. The plots were assessed by a weighted least-squares analysis. The inhibition constant K_i was determined as the replot intercept on the negative *x*-axis and acquired by replotting the slope versus different concentrations of **16**. Data analysis was performed with GraphPad Prism 4.03 software (Graph Pad Software Inc.).

In vitro blood-brain barrier permeation assay

The blood-brain barrier (BBB) permeation of the compound was estimated by a parallel artificial membrane permeation assay (PAMPA).⁶ Commercial drugs, PBS S21

(pH = 7.4), DMSO and dodecane were purchased from Sigma and Aladdin, and the porcine brain lipid (PBL) from Avanti Polar Lipids. The donor microplate with Polyvinylidene Fluoride (PVDF) membrane (pore size is 0.45 μ m) and the acceptor mocroplate were both from Millipore. The 96-well UV plate (COSTA®) was acquired from Corning Inc. The compound first was dissolved in DMSO at a concentration of 5mg/mL and diluted 50-fold in a PBS/EtOH mixture (70:30) to final concentration of 0.1 mg/mL. The filter membrane was coated with 5 μ L of PBL in dodecane (20 mg/mL). Then the acceptor 96-well microplate was filled with 300 μ L of PBS/EtOH mixture (70:30) and 200 μ L compounds were added to the donor wells. The acceptor filter plate was carefully placed on the donor plate to make the filter membrane can touched with buffer solution. The donor plate was carefully removed after leaving this sandwich undisturbedly incubation for 16 h at 25°C. The concentrations of test compound in the acceptor, donor and reference wells were measured with a UV plate reader (SpectraMax Plus 384, Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, CA, USA). Each sample was analyzed at five wavelengths in four wells and in least three independent runs, and the results were given as the means \pm SD. P_e was calculated using the following expression: $P_e = -\ln(1 - \frac{drug_{acceptor}}{drug_{equilibrium}})/[At(V_d+V_a)/V_dV_a], V_d$ is the volume of donor well, V_a is the volume in the acceptor well, A is the filter area, t is the permeation time, drug_{acceptor} is the absorbance obtained in the acceptor well, and drug_{equilibrium} is the theoretical equilibrium absorbance. A plot of the experimental data versus literature values gave a good liner correlation, P_e (exp.) = 0.6022 P_e (Bibl.) +0.8073 ($R^2 = 0.9749$) (Supporting Information, Figure S1).

Molecular modeling studies

Molecular modeling calculations and docking studies were performed using Molecular Operating Environment (MOE) software version 2014.09 (Chemical Computing Group, Montreal, Canada). The X-ray crystallographic structure of hAChE in complex with donepezil (PDB: 4EY7), and hMAO-B in complex with flavin adenine dinucleotide (FAD) (PDB: 2V60) were obtained from the Protein Data Bank. All water molecules in PDB files were removed and hydrogen atoms were subsequently added using protonate 3D application of MOE to the protein. The compound **16** was constructed using the builder interface of the MOE program and energy minimized using MMFF94x force field.⁷ Then the compound **16** was docked into the active site of the protein via the 'Triangle Matcher' method, the poses were produced and then scored by ASE scoring function. The best poses of molecules were retained and both visually inspected, the interactions with binding pocket residues were analyzed.

Acute toxicity studies

The totals of 20 Kunming mice were purchased from Laboratory Animal Research Center, Nanjing University (Nanjing, China), male, and 18-22g. Mice were maintained with a 12 h light/dark cycle (light from 08:00 to 20:00) at 26-28°C and 50-60% relative humidity. Distilled water and sterilized food for mice according animal house guidelines. The mice were adapted to this environment for 4 days and fasted 12 h before experiment.⁸ Compound **16** was suspended in 0.5% carboxymethyl cellulose sodium (CMC-Na) salt and confected into different concentrations suspension (677, 1333, 2000 mg/kg). The mice were divided into 4 groups before oral administration of compound, 0 mg/kg group was given 0.5% CMC-Na. Administered volume of compound was 0.4 ml each mouse. To observe continuously for the first 4 h for any

abnormal behavior and fatality changes, intermittently for the next 24 h. All animals were sacrificed after sequentially 14 days observation. And visually examined whether the liver, heart and kidneys were damaged or not.

In vivo assay of cognitive and memory improvement

Materials and animals.

Donepezil and Scopolamine were obtained from J&K Scientific. Scopolamine was dissolved in 0.9% saline. Donepezil and test compounds were dissolved in 0.5% CMC-Na, which was also used for the negative control. Kunming mice (18-22g, male) were supplied by Laboratory Animal Research Center, Nanjing University (Nanjing, China). Mice were adapted to the environment (room temperature 26-28°C, relative humidity at 50-60%) for 4 days prior to dosing and maintained under standard conditions with a 12h:12h light-dark cycle. All procedures were approved by the China Pharmaceutical University Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and were in compliance with the National Institute of Health (NIH) guidelines.

Step-through passive avoidance test.

To assess the learning and memory of mice, the modification of step-down passive avoidance test was performed.⁹ The apparatus was composed of a light and a dark compartment with an electrifiable grid floor. The two compartments were separated by a block with a doorway which was served as a shock free zone. A lamp (60 W positioned above the apparatus) was illuminated in the lighted box. The behavioral tests of mice were carried out one day after 7 days of treatment with compounds. The mice underwent two separate trials: a training trail and a test trail 24 h later. For training trail, mice were initially placed on the light compartment and permitted

spontaneously to enter the dark zone. The electrical foot shock (36 V) was administered once the mice crossed into the dark compartment. We used a total of 60 mice in the passive avoidance test with 10 mice were used per treatment. Compound **16** (3, 9, 27 mg/kg) and donepezil (5 mg/kg) as a positive control were orally given 1 h before each training trail. After 30 min, memory impairment was induced by intraperitoneal injection of scopolamine (3 mg/kg). Twenty-four hours after the training trial, mice were placed on the light compartment and the time for the animal to cross through the doorway was measured as latency time for test trial. An upper cut-off time was set at 400 s.

All data are expressed as mean \pm SEM. Differences between groups were examined for statistical significance using one-way ANOVA with Turkey test. A *p* value less than 0.05 denoted the presence of a statistically significant difference.

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- **2.** Tables of results for the PAMPA.
- **Table S1.** Permeability ($P_e \times 10^{-6}$ cm s⁻¹) in the PAMPA-BBB assay for 8 commercial drugs used in the experiment validation.

Commercial drugs	Bibliography ^{<i>a</i>}	Experiment ^b
Verapamil	16	10.11 ± 1.02
Testosterone	17	10.98 ± 1.14
Lomefloxacin	1.1	1.05 ± 0.09
Clonidine	5.3	4.80 ± 0.33
Piroxicam	2.5	1.51 ± 0.17
Corticosterone	5.1	4.92 ± 0.28
Hydrocortisone	1.9	1.05 ± 0.09
β -Estradiol	12	8.00 ± 0.85

^{*a*} Taken from Ref. ⁶

^{*b*} Data are the mean \pm SD of three independent experiments.



Figure S1. Lineal correlation between experimental and reported permeability of commercial drugs using the PAMPA-BBB assay. P_e (exp.)=0.6022 P_e (bibl.) + 0.8073 (R²=0.9749).



3. The ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR HRMS and HPLC spectra of selected compounds

Figure S2-1. ¹H NMR Spectrum of 16 in DMSO



Figure S2-2. ¹³C NMR Spectrum of 16 in DMSO



Figure S2-3. HRMS Spectrum of 16



Figure S2-4. HPLC Spectrum of 16



Figure S3-1. ¹H NMR Spectrum of 20 in DMSO



Figure S3-2. ¹³C NMR Spectrum of 20 in DMSO



Figure S3-3. HRMS Spectrum of 20



Figure S3-4. HPLC Spectrum of 20



Figure S4-1. ¹H NMR Spectrum of 21 in DMSO



Figure S4-2. ¹³C NMR Spectrum of 21 in DMSO



Figure S4-3. HRMS Spectrum of 21



Figure S4-4. HPLC Spectrum of 21



Figure S5-1. ¹H NMR Spectrum of 25 in DMSO



Figure S5-2. ¹³C NMR Spectrum of 25 in DMSO



Figure S5-3. HRMS Spectrum of 25







Figure S6-1. ¹H NMR Spectrum of 29 in DMSO



Figure S6-2. ¹³C NMR Spectrum of 29 in DMSO



Figure S6-3. HRMS Spectrum of 29



Figure S6-4. HPLC Spectrum of 29



Figure S7-1. ¹H NMR Spectrum of 34 in DMSO



Figure S7-2. ¹³C NMR Spectrum of 34 in DMSO



Figure S7-3. HRMS Spectrum of 34



Figure S7-4. HPLC Spectrum of 34



Figure S8-1. ¹H NMR Spectrum of 37 in DMSO



Figure S8-2. ¹³C NMR Spectrum of 37 in DMSO



Figure S8-3. HRMS Spectrum of 37



Figure S8-4. HPLC Spectrum of 37



Figure S9-1. ¹H NMR Spectrum of 45 in DMSO



Figure S9-2. ¹³C NMR Spectrum of 45 in DMSO



Figure S9-3. HRMS Spectrum of 45



Figure S9-4. HRMS Spectrum of 45