# **Supporting Information**

# Regiospecific construction of diverse and polyfunctionalized γ-pyrone cores by indium (III)-catalyzed annulation of diazodicarbonyls with active methylenes, 4hydroxycoumarins, or 4-hydroxyquinolinone

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#### **General information**

All experiments were carried out under N2 gas protected reactions. The starting materials, 2diazocyclohexane-1,3-diones (1a-1h) and aliphatic substituted diazo compounds 1i-1m were all synthesized in the laboratory. Active methylene compounds (2a-2e, 4a-4g, 6a-6c, 12, and 14) were purchased from TCI (Tokyo Chemical Industry), while 4-hydroxy-2H-chromen-2-one (8a-8e) derivatives, 4-hydroxy-1-methylquinolin-2(1H)-one (8f), ethanol (21a), and benzyl alcohol (21b) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. All purchased chemicals were used as received. The catalyst, Indium (III) bromide was purchased from Sigma- Aldrich and was used as received. Merck pre-coated silica gel plates (Art. 5554) with a fluorescent indicator were used for analytical TLC. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel 9385 (Merck). Melting points were determined with micro-cover glasses on a Fisher-Johns apparatus and are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian-VNS (600 MHz) or DPX (300 MHz) spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with 7.24 ppm as the internal standard chemical shift of the solvent. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian-VNS (150 MHz) or DPX (75 MHz) spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with 77.0 ppm as the internal standard solvent chemical shift. All chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are expressed in units of ppm and J values are given in Hz. Multiplicities are abbreviated as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet or overlap of nonequivalent resonances, and dd = doublet of doublets. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a PerkinElmer Spectrum Two<sup>TM</sup> IR spectrometer with frequencies expressed in cm<sup>-1</sup>. With the use of JEOL JMS-700 spectrometer, high resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) were obtained at the Korea Basic Science Institute.

#### General procedure for the synthesis of substituted $\gamma$ -pyrones 3

To a magnetically stirred solution of a cyclic diazo compound **1a-1h** (1.2 mmol) or acyclic diazo compound **1i-1j** (1.2 mmol) in toluene (5mL),  $\beta$ -ketoester **2a-2e** (1.0 mmol) was added. It was followed by the addition of InBr<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%) in the solution and was thoroughly stirred. The reaction mixture was kept in refluxing toluene condition for 4 hours under N<sub>2</sub> gas protection. It was monitored by TLC (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:1) until completion of the reaction. Then, the reaction mixture was dried using a rotary evaporator and was subjected for flash column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (20:3) as the solvent system.

#### Characterization data of compounds 3

Methyl 2,6,6-trimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-3-carboxylate (3a). The product 3a was obtained as a yellow sticky liquid. Yield: 83% (196 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.85 (3H, s), 2.61 (2H, s), 2.49 (2H, s), 2.32 (3H, s), 1.16 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.1, 166.2, 165.8, 165.6, 124.3, 121.5, 52.5, 46.1, 40.7, 36.2, 29.7, 28.0, 18.5; IR (ATR) 2960, 2874, 1729, 1643, 1543, 1456, 1366, 1244, 1208, 1171, 1128, 1049, 978, 805, 558 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>: 259.0947, Found: 259.0941.

Ethyl 2,6,6-trimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-3-carboxylate (3b). The product 3b was obtained as a yellow sticky liquid. Yield: 75% (186 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.32 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.60 (2H, s), 2.48 (2H, s), 2.30 (3H, s), 1.32 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.15 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.1, 166.2, 165.3, 165.0, 124.2, 121.8, 61.6, 46.1, 40.7, 36.2, 29.8, 29.6, 18.3, 14.1; IR (ATR) 2959, 2872, 1730, 1656, 1444, 1255, 1173, 1124, 1047, 803 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>: 273.1103, Found: 273.1097. Ethyl 6,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-2-phenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]pyran-3-carboxylate (3c). The product 3c was obtained as a pale-yellow solid, mp 100-101 °C. Yield: 73% (228 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60 (2H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.48 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.43 (2H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 4.22 (2H, q, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 2.72 (2H, s), 2.59 (2H, s), 1.21 (6H,s), 1.12 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.5, 167.2, 165.2, 162.8, 131.5, 131.2, 128.7, 127.8, 124.4, 122.0, 61.8, 46.3, 40.8, 36.3, 29.7, 13.8; IR (ATR) 2954, 1726, 1648, 1627, 1423, 1063, 778 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 312.1362, Found: 312.1360.

Allyl 2-methyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]pyran-3-carboxylate (3d). The product 3d was obtained as a light-yellow sticky liquid. Yield: 66% (154 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.99-5.93 (1H, m), 5.42 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.8, 1.2 Hz), 5.25 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.4, 1.2 Hz), 4.78 (1H, d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 2.82 (2H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 2.71 (2H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.33 (3H, s), 2.06-2.01 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.9, 167.9, 165.4, 1622, 1428, 1228, 1120, 1040, 965, 935, 791 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m*/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>: 257.0790, Found: 257.0784.

**Methyl 2,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta**[*b*]**pyran-3-carboxylate (3e).** The product **3e** was obtained as a yellow sticky liquid. Yield: 68% (151 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.85 (3H, s), 2.97 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.4, 9.0 Hz), 2.87 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.0, 8.4 Hz), 2.55-2.50 (1H, m), 2.41 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.4, 5.4 Hz), 2.32 (3H, s), 2.27 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 5.4 Hz), 1.11 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.0, 166.9, 165.8, 165.5, 124.5, 121.4, 52.5, 39.4, 34.0, 28.8, 21.6, 18.5; IR (ATR) 2957, 2872, 1732, 1652, 1444, 1255, 1219, 1122, 1044, 981, 789 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>: 245.0790, Found: 245.0784.

Allyl 2,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]pyran-3-carboxylate (3f). The product 3f was obtained as a light-yellow sticky liquid. Yield: 67% (166 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.00-5.93 (1H, m), 5.42 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.4, 1.8 Hz), 5.26 (1H, d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 4.79 (2H, d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 2.99 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.8, 7.2 Hz), 2.89 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.8 Hz), 2.57-2.51 (1H, m), 2.44 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.0, 5.4 Hz), 2.41 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.0, 1.2 Hz), 2.29 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 4.2 Hz), 1.13 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.0, 167.0, 165.4, 165.1, 131.6, 124.6, 121.5, 119.0, 66.2, 39.5, 34.0, 28.9, 21.7, 18.5; IR (ATR) 2959, 2925, 2872, 1730, 1654, 1449, 1253, 1219, 1123, 1042, 981, 933, 794 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>: 271.0947, Found: 271.0941.

**Isopropyl** 6-isopropyl-2-methyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]pyran-3-carboxylate (3g). The product 3g was obtained as a yellow sticky liquid. Yield: 70% (195 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.23-5.17 (1H, m), 2.83-2.77 (2H, m), 2.55 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.0, 8.4 Hz), 2.33 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.8 Hz), 2.29 (3H, s), 2.19-2.12 (1H, m), 1.63-1.55 (1H, m), 2.60 (6H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 0.88 (6H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.9, 167.1, 164.7, 164.4, 162.2, 124.8, 122.0, 69.4, 41.8, 35.6, 30.1, 21.7, 20.4, 20.1, 18.2; IR (ATR) 2960, 2874, 2141, 1727, 1659, 1637, 1430, 1386, 1261, 1219, 1102, 1049, 965, 836, 796 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>: 301.1416, Found: 301.1410.

Ethyl 2-methyl-4-oxo-6-phenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-3-carboxylate (3h). The product 3h was obtained as a yellow sticky liquid. Yield: 61% (182 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29-7.25 (4H, m), 7.18 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.32 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.73-3.68 (1H, m), 3.32 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 9.0 Hz), 3.15 (1H, dd, J = 16.2, 7.8 Hz), 3.03 (1H, dd, J = 18.0, 7.8 Hz), 2.70 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 7.2 Hz), 2.38 (3H, s), 1.13 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.1, 169.9, 167.8, 166.4, 145.7, 129.8, 127.8, 125.0, 122.8, 62.9, 41.12, 41.06, 40.4, 35.4, 14.4; IR (ATR) 2979,

2937, 1728, 1657, 1631, 1431, 1255, 1218, 1055, 1027, 965, 798, 760, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>: 321.1103, Found: 321.1097.

**Ethyl** 4-oxo-2,6-diphenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]pyran-3-carboxylate (3i). The product 3i was obtained as a pale-yellow viscous liquid. Yield: 62% (223 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.63 (2H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.50 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.44 (2H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.32 (2H, t, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.26-7.23 (3H,m), 4.24 (2H, q, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 3.75-3.70 (1H, m), 3.36 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.4, 9.6 Hz), 3.30 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.2, 9.0 Hz), 3.07 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.0, 7.8 Hz), 2.90 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.2, 7.2 Hz), 1.15 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.0, 166.9, 165.1, 162.8, 144.3, 131.5, 131.2, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 126.8, 126.7, 124.5, 122.2, 61.9, 39.9, 39.6, 34.4, 13.8; IR (ATR) 2929, 1730, 1650, 1629, 1444, 1425, 1067, 767, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m*/*z* (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 360.1362, Found: 360.1360.

Methyl 6-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]pyran-3carboxylate (3j). The product 3j was obtained as a brown sticky solid, mp 94-96 °C. Yield: 68% (223 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.72 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz ), 6.69 (1H, s), 6.65 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz ), 3.88 (3H, s), 3.60-3.55 (1H, m), 3.23 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.4, 9.0 Hz), 3.17 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.2, 9.0 Hz), 2.90 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.0, 7.8 Hz), 2.74 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.2 Hz), 2.36 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

173.6, 166.1, 165.8, 165.7, 148.0, 146.3, 138.2, 124.4, 121.7, 119.7, 108.3, 107.0, 101.0, 52.6, 39.9, 39.4, 34.4, 18.6; IR (ATR) 2958, 2891, 1735, 1656, 1619, 1487, 1437, 1387, 1248, 1214, 1118, 1027, 928, 790, 635 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>: 351.0845, Found: 351.0839.

Methyl 6-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-3-carboxylate (3k).

The product **3k** was obtained as a yellow sticky solid, mp 53-55 °C. Yield: 63% (200 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.27 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.14 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 3.89 (3H, s), 3.66-3.61 (1H, m), 3.27 (1H, dd, J = 18.0, 9.6 Hz), 3.21 (1H, dd, J = 16.8, 9.6 Hz), 2.92 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 7.2 Hz), 2.92 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 7.2 Hz), 2.92 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 7.2 Hz), 2.92 (1H, dd, J = 16.8, 7.2 Hz), 2.37 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.6, 165.9, 165.6, 142.8, 132.5, 128.9, 128.0, 124.3, 121.7, 52.7, 39.7, 38.9, 34.2, 18.6; IR (ATR) 2949, 2851, 2134, 1720, 1657, 1635, 1431, 1261, 1218, 1120, 1060, 1013, 827, 799, 531 cm<sup>-1</sup> HRMS m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNaO<sub>4</sub>: 341.0557, Found: 341.0551.

Methyl 6-(furan-2-yl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-3-carboxylate (31). The product 31 was obtained as a dark brown sticky liquid. Yield: 77% (211 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31 (1H, s), 6.27 (1H, s), 6.07 (1H, s), 3.88 (3H, s), 3.73-3.68 (1H, m), 3.19 (1H, dd, J= 17.6, 9.0 Hz), 3.12 (1H, dd, J= 16.2, 9.0 Hz), 3.05 (1H, dd, J= 17.4, 5.4 Hz), 2.88 (1H, dd, J= 15.6, 5.4 Hz), 2.35 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.6. 165.9, 165.8, 165.6, 156.4, 141.7, 124.1, 121.6, 110.2, 104.8, 52.6, 37.1, 33.0, 31.6, 18.6; IR (ATR) 3118, 2953, 2925, 2854, 1730, 1656, 1631, 1437, 1340, 1259, 1220, 1122, 1038, 969, 795, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>: 297.0739, Found: 297.0733.

**Isopropyl 6-(4-(furan-2-yl)phenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-3carboxylate (3m). The product <b>3m** was obtained as a dark brown sticky liquid. Yield: 84% (275 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28 (1H, s), 6.25 (1H, t, J = 3.0 Hz ), 6.04 (1H, d, J = 3.0 Hz ), 5.24-5.18 (1H, m), 3.70-3.65 (1H, m), 3.16 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 9.6 Hz), 3.09 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 8.4 Hz), 3.01 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 7.2 Hz), 2.85 (1H, dd, J = 16.2, 6.6 Hz), 2.31 (3H, s), 1.31 (6H, d, J = 6.6 Hz ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.6. 165.9, 164.7, 164.5, 156.4, 141.6, 123.9, 122.1, 110.1, 104.7, 69.4, 36.9, 33.0, 32.9, 31.5, 29.6, 21.6, 18.2; IR (ATR) 3118, 1981, 2931, 2141, 1725, 1659, 1632, 1434, 1260, 1221, 1130, 1101, 1036, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>: 325.1052, Found: 325.1046. Methyl 5,6-diethyl-2-methyl-4-oxo-4*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate (3n). The product 3n was obtained as a yellow sticky liquid. Yield: 80% (179 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.84 (3H, s), 2.54 (2H, q, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 2.36 (2H, q, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 2.29 (3H, s), 1.19 (3H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 1.01 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  175.3, 165.8, 165.1, 165.1, 126.0, 119.8, 52.4, 24.2, 18.6, 17.5, 13.3, 11.9; IR (ATR) 2972, 1732, 1656, 1620, 1434, 1412, 1137, 1075, 1034, 941, 785 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:

1656, 1620, 1434, 1412, 1137, 1075, 1034, 941, 785 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 224.1049, Found: 224.1051.

Ethyl 5,6-diethyl-4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate (30). The product 30 was obtained as a pale-yellow solid, mp 85-87 °C. Yield: 85% (255 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

 $\delta^{7.59} (2H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.47 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.43 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 4.23 (2H, q, J = 14.4 Hz), 2.67 (2H, q, J = 15.6 Hz), 2.47 (2H, q, J = 13.8 Hz), 1.28 (3H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 1.16 (3H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.09 (3H, t, J = 7.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) <math>\delta^{175.9}$ , 165.6, 165.3, 161.2, 131.7, 131.1, 128.6, 127.6, 126.1, 120.3, 61.7, 24.5, 17.6, 13.8, 13.3, 11.9; IR (ATR) 2971, 1728, 1649, 1613, 1408, 1250, 1102, 776, 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 300.1362, Found: 300.1365.

**Methyl 2-methyl-4-oxo-5,6-diphenyl-4***H***-pyran-3-carboxylate (3p).** The product **9e** was obtained as a white solid, mp 139-141 °C. Yield: 85% (272 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.24 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.20-7.14 (7H, m), 7.09-7.07 (2H, m), 3.83 (3H, s), 2.41 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.8, 165.6, 165.4, 160.7, 131.9, 131.4, 130.8, 130.1, 129.1, 128.1, 127.8, 126.3, 120.9, 52.5, 18.8; IR (ATR) 2926, 2161, 2025, 1976, 1705, 1641, 1399, 1277, 1087, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 320.1049, Found: 320.1046.

Ethyl 4-oxo-2,5,6-triphenyl-4*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate (3q). The product 3q was obtained as a white solid, mp 157-159 °C. Yield: 87% (345 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 (2H, d, J = 4.2 Hz), 7.46 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.42 (2H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.25 (3H, d, J = 5.4 Hz), 7.23-7.20 (3H, m), 7.19-7.18 (2H, m), 7.16-7.14 (2H, m), 4.24 (2H, q, J = 13.8 Hz), 1.16 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  175.5, 165.0, 161.5, 161.2, 132.2, 131.5, 131.4, 131.3, 130.8, 130.2, 129.3, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 126.2, 121.4, 62.0, 13.9; IR (ATR) 2926, 2161, 2025, 1976, 1731, 1622, 1397,

1113, 1038, 749, 694 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 396.1362, Found: 396.1360.

#### General procedure for the synthesis of substituted $\gamma$ -pyrones 5

In a magnetically stirred solution of 2-diazo-5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (1a) (1.2 mmol) or acyclic diazo compounds 1i-1j (1.2 mmol) in toluene (5mL), acetoacetanilide 4a-4g (1.0 mmol) was added. It was followed by the addition of InBr<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%) in the solution and was thoroughly stirred. The reaction mixture was kept in refluxing toluene condition for 4 hours under N<sub>2</sub> gas protection. It was observed by TLC (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:1) until completion of the reaction. Then, the reaction mixture was dried using a rotary evaporator and was subjected for flash column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (20:3) as the solvent system.

#### Characterization data of compounds 5

2,6,6-Trimethyl-4-oxo-*N*-phenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]pyran-3-carboxamide (5a).



The product **5a** was obtained as a white solid, mp 143-145 °C. Yield: 62% (184 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.01 (1H, s), 7.65 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.30 (2H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.07 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.85 (3H, s), 2.70 (2H, s), 2.57 (2H, s), 1.21 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  177.8, 174.6, 166.6, 162.3, 138.4,

128.8, 124.8, 124.0, 120.6, 117.0, 46.0, 40.7, 36.6, 29.7, 21.7; IR (ATR) 3023, 2934, 2868, 1764, 1686, 1582, 1546, 1440, 1305, 1242, 1173, 1119, 800, 752, 689, 596, 512 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z  $[M+Na]^+$  calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>: 320.1263, Found: 320.1257.

#### N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,6,6-trimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-3-



carboxamide (5b). The product 5b was obtained as a dark brown solid, mp 135-137 °C. Yield: 63% (206 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.86 (1H, s), 7.55 (2H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 6.84 (2H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 3.76 (3H, s), 2.84 (3H, s), 2.70 (2H, s), 2.56 (2H, s), 1.21 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 177.8, 174.3, 166.5, 162.0, 156.1, 131.7, 124.7, 122.1, 117.0, 114.0, 55.4, 46.0, 40.7, 36.6, 29.7,

21.6; IR (ATR) 2954, 2925, 1676, 1581, 1542, 1507, 1231, 1172, 1039, 805, 523 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z*  $[M+Na]^+$  calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>: 350.1369, Found: 350.1363.

#### N-(4-Ethoxyphenyl)-2,6,6-trimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-3-



carboxamide (5c). The product 5c was obtained as a white solid, mp 170-172 °C. Yield: 70% (239 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.85 (1H, s), 7.54 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 6.84 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 4.00 (1H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.85 (3H, s), 2.71 (2H, s), 2.57 (2H, s), 1.38 (3H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 1.21 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ177.8, 174.4, 166.5, 162.0, 155.5, 131.6, 124.8, 122.1, 114.7, 63.6, 46.1, 40.8,

36.6, 29.8, 21.7, 14.8; IR (ATR) 2958, 2921, 2868, 1678, 1512, 1446, 1374, 1301, 1227, 1171, 1118, 1047, 842, 805, 525 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>: 364.1525, Found: 364.1519.

#### N-(2,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-2,6,6-trimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-3-



carboxamide (5d). The product 5d was obtained as a white solid, mp 151-153 °C. Yield: 68% (243 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 11.93 (1Ĥ, s), 8.32 (1H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 6.47 (1H, s), 6.43 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.0, 1.8 Hz), 3.89 (3H, s), 3.76 (3H, s), 2.82 (3H, s), 2.67 (2H, s), 2.60 (2H, s), 1.18 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 177.6, 173.9, 166.2, 161.8, 156.3, 150.5, 124.7, 121.8, 121.4, 117.5, 103.3, 98.5, 55.9, 55.4, 45.9, 40.8, 36.5, 29.7, 21.6; IR (ATR) 2956, 2932, 2868, 1674, 1589. 1541, 1445, 1209, 1158, 1040, 830, 799, 705, 568, 504 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub>: 380.1474, Found: 380.1468.

#### N-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,6,6-trimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-3-

carboxamide (5e). The product 5e was obtained as a white solid, mp 178-180 °C. Yield: 72% (238 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 12.12 (1H, s), 7.57 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.22 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 2.81 (3H, s), 2.67 (2H, s), 2.53 (2H, s), 1.18 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ177.7, 174.8, 166.7, 162.3, 137.0, 128.8, 128.7, 124.8, 121.6, 116.6, 46.0, 40.6, 36.6, 29.7, 21.8; IR (ATR) 2954, 2952, 2863, 1684, 1576, 1535, 1489, 1447, 1398, 1305, 1240, 1172, 1091, 829, 804, 511, 441 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNNaO<sub>3</sub>: 354.0873, Found: 354.0867.

#### N-(4-Chloro-2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,6,6-trimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-



tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-3-carboxamide (5f). The product 5f was obtained as a white solid, mp 220-222 °C. Yield: 70% (274 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.24 (1H, s), 8.36 (1H, s), 6.88 (1H, s), 6.88 (1H, s), 3.89 (6H, s), 2.83 (3H, s), 2.70 (2H, s), 2.58 (2H, s), 1.19 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) *δ* 177.6, 174.4, 166.4, 162.3, 148.8, 143.4, 127.9, 124.9, 117.3, 115.6,

112.4, 106.0, 56.80, 56.76, 46.0, 40.8, 36.6, 29.7, 21.7; IR (ATR) 2954, 2859, 1674, 1579, 1515, 1453, 1396, 1211, 1170, 1033, 851, 810, 729 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClNNaO<sub>5</sub>: 414.1085, Found: 414.1079.

#### 6,6-Dimethyl-4-oxo-*N*,2-diphenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]pyran-3-carboxamide (5g).



The product **5g** was obtained as a white solid, mp 181-183 °C. Yield: 75% (269 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.84 (1H, s), 7.49 (4H, t, J = 9.6 Hz), 7.41-7.39 (1H, m), 7.35 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 7.17 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.97 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 2.67 (2H, s), 2.54 (2H, s), 1.16 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  177.25, 170.2, 167.2, 161.1, 138.2, 133.4, 130.7, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 124.8, 124.0, 120.3,

118.8, 46.1, 40.7, 36.5, 29.7; IR (ATR) 3250, 3188, 3036, 2956, 1759, 1596, 1546, 1491, 1441, 1314, 1249, 1170, 1065, 756, 692 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>: 382.1419, Found: 382.1414.

**5,6-Diethyl-2-methyl-4-oxo-***N***-phenyl-4***H***-pyran-3-carboxamide (5h).** The product **5h** was obtained as a brown solid, mp 74-76 °C. Yield: 60% (171 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.14 (1H, s), 7.67 (2H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.30 (2H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.06 (1H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 2.83 (3H, s), 2.63 (2H, q, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 2.47 (2H, q, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 1.26 (3H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 1.09 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  178.9, 173.3, 165.2, 162.4, 138.4, 128.8, 126.2, 123.9, 120.6, 115.6, 24.3, 21.6, 17.7, 13.4, 11.8; IR (ATR) 2975, 2932, 1674, 1651, 1600, 1548, 1410, 1375, 761, 694 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 285.1365, Found: 285.1363.

**2-Methyl-4-oxo-***N***,5,6-triphenyl-4***H***-<b>pyran-3-carboxamide (5i).** The product **5i** was obtained as a white solid, mp 226-227 °C. Yield: 43% (164 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.0 (1H, s), 7.67 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.35 (4H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.31-7.30 (4H, m), 7.26 (2H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.19 (2H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.08 (1H, t, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 3.01 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  178.8, 174.1, 162.0, 160.5, 138.3, 131.6, 131.4, 130.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 126.6, 124.1, 120.7, 116.8, 21.9; IR (ATR) 2960, 1730, 1622, 1445, 1397, 1115, 820, 747, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 381.1365, Found: 381.1362.

**4-Oxo-***N***,2,5,6-tetraphenyl-4***H***-<b>pyran-3-carboxamide (5j).** The product **5j** was obtained as a white solid, mp 231-232 °C. Yield: 52% (230 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 11.12 (1H, s), 7.70 (2H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.62 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.54 (1H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.49 (2H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 7.39-7.35 (3H, m), 7.33 (3H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.28-7.23 (6H, m), 7.06 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  178.9, 170.0, 161.0, 160.8, 138.2, 133.3, 131.6, 131.5, 131.2, 130.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 126.7, 124.1, 120.5, 117.8; IR (ATR) 3055, 2924, 2853, 1731, 1622, 1444, 1395, 749, 692 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 443.1521, Found: 443.1517.

#### General procedure for the synthesis of substituted γ-pyrones 7

In a magnetically stirred solution of substituted cyclic diazo compounds **1a**, **1d-1h** (1.2 mmol) or acyclic diazo compounds **1i-1j** (1.2 mmol) in toluene (5mL), diketones **6a-6c** (1.0 mmol) was added. It was followed by the addition of InBr<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%) in the solution and was thoroughly stirred. The reaction mixture was kept in refluxing toluene condition for 4 hours under  $N_2$  gas protection. It was observed by TLC (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:1) until completion of the reaction. Then, the reaction mixture was dried using a rotary evaporator and was subjected for flash column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (20:3) as the solvent system.

#### Characterization data of compounds 7

**3-Acetyl-2,6,6-trimethyl-6,7-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-4(5H)-one (7a).** The product **7a** was obtained as a yellow sticky liquid. Yield: 53% (117 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.63 (2H, s), 2.54 (3H, s), 2.52 (2H, s), 2.32 (3H, s), 1.19 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 201.3, 175.8, 166.7, 166.1, 127.3, 124.8, 46.1, 40.7, 36.3, 32.0, 29.8,

29.7, 18.7; IR (ATR) 2955, 2928, 2864, 1692, 1655, 1624, 1428, 1310, 1239, 1355, 1106, 946, 638 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m*/*z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>: 243.0997, Found: 243.0992.

#### 6-Isopropyl-3-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-4(5H)-one



(7b). The product 7b was obtained as a light yellow sticky liquid. Yield: 68% (284 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz ), 7.45 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz ), 6.83 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz ), 6.77 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz ), 3.80 (3H, s), 3.74 (3H, s), 2.97 (1H, dd, J = 16.8, 9.0 Hz), 2.90 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 8.4 Hz), 2.73 (1H, dd, J = 16.8, 7.8 Hz), 2.73 (1H, dd, J = 16.8, 7.8 Hz), 2.30-2.23 (1H, m), 1.71-1.65 (1H, m), 0.96 (6H, d, J = 6.6 Hz);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 192.7, 175.9, 167.7, 164.0, 161.5, 161.4, 131.8, 130.2, 129.8, 125.3, 124.7, 123.8, 114.1, 113.9, 55.4, 55.3, 42.1, 36.0, 33.1 30.4, 20.6, 20.2; IR (ATR) 2957, 2842, 1652, 1597, 1506, 1425, 1304, 1252, 1165, 1025, 892, 836, 728 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>: 441.1678, Found: 441.1672.

**3-Acetyl-2-methyl-6-phenyl-6,7-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-4(5***H***)-one (7c). The product 7c was obtained as a yellow brown solid, mp 63-65 °C. Yield: 75% (201 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ7.33-7.29 (2H, m), 7.24-7.21 (3H, m), 3.72-3.62 (1H, m), 3.32-3.18 (2H, m), 2.98 (1H, dd,** *J* **= 17.4, 7.5 Hz), 2.82 (1H, dd,** *J* **= 15.9, 6.9 Hz), 2.56 (3H, s), 2.35 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ201.1, 175.3, 166.8, 166.1, 144.2, 128.7, 127.3, 126.7, 126.6, 124.9, 39.6, 39.5, 34.2, 32.0, 18.6; IR (ATR) 3059, 2926, 2859, 1661, 1623, 1431, 1355, 1212, 1113, 932, 762, 704, 641, 534 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS** *m/z* **[M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>: 291.0997, Found: 291.0992.** 

**3-Benzoyl-2,6-diphenyl-6,7-dihydrocyclopenta**[b]pyran-4(5H)-one (7d). The product 7d was



obtained as a yellow sticky liquid. Yield: 73% (286 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.45 (2H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.41 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.30 (2H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.27 (3H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.21 (4H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.20-7.16 (1H, m), 3.72-3.66 (1H, m), 3.34 (1H, dd, J = 18.0 9.6 Hz), 3.23 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 9.0 Hz), 3.06 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 7.8 Hz), 2.84 (1H, dd, J = 16.2, 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.7, 175.5, 167.2, 162.0, 144.1, 136.7,

133.7, 131.1, 131.0, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 126.8, 126.7, 126.3, 124.5, 39.9, 39.7, 34.3; IR (ATR) 3060, 2927, 2856, 2245, 1648, 1620, 1442, 1426, 1344, 1224, 1172, 886, 763, 728, 691, 644 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>: 415.1310, Found: 415.1305.

#### 3-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-phenyl-6,7-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-4(5H)-one

(7e). The product 7e was obtained as a brown sticky liquid. Yield: 79% (357 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.42 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.25 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 7.20 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.16 (1H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 6.76 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.70 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.63 (3H, s), 3.32 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 9.6 Hz), 3.21 (1H, dd, J = 16.2, 9.6 Hz), 3.03 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 7.2 Hz), 2.81 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 6.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 192.6. 175.8, 167.0, 164.1, 161.7, 161.6, 144.4, 131.8, 130.1, 129.8,

128.8, 126.84, 126.81, 125.4, 124.2, 123.6, 114.2, 114.0, 55.5, 55.3, 40.0, 39.7, 34.5; IR (ATR) 2934, 2841, 2244, 1650, 1597, 1505, 1426, 1252, 1165, 1025, 892, 836, 728, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>: 475.1522, Found: 475.1516.

6-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3-benzoyl-2-phenyl-6,7-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-4(5H)-one (7f). The



product **7f** was obtained as a light yellow sticky liquid. Yield: 78% (340 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz ), 7.52-7.48 (3H, m), 7.37 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz ), 7.34 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz ), 7.29 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz ), 6.77-6.72 (3H, m), 3.71-3.66 (1H, m), 3.37 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 9.6 Hz), 3.27 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 8.4 Hz), 3.07 (1H, dd, J = 18.0, 7.8 Hz), 2.85 (1H, dd, J = 16.2, 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.7, 175.4, 167.1, 162.0, 148.0, 146.3, 138.1, 136.7, 133.7, 131.2, 131.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.1, 126.4, 124.4, 119.8, 108.3, 107.1, 101.0, 40.1, 39.6, 34.6; IR (ATR) 3060, 2895, 2371, 1671, 1647, 1619, 1491, 1440, 1344, 1234, 1173, 1035, 764, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>: 459.1209, Found: 459.1203.

6-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-



4(5H)-one (7g). The product 7g was obtained as a yellow sticky solid, mp 89-91 °C. Yield: 77% (374 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.85 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.48 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.29 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.20 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.84 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 6.78 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.73 (3H, s), 3.71-3.68 (1H, m), 3.40 (1H, dd, J = 18.0, 9.6 Hz), 3.27 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 8.4 Hz), 3.05 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 7.8 Hz), 2.84 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 6.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.4, 175.6, 166.5, 164.0,

161.7, 161.6, 142.8, 132.4, 131.8, 130.0, 129.7, 128.8, 128.1, 1253, 123.9, 123.5, 114.1, 113.9, 55.4, 55.3, 33.9, 39.0, 34.4; IR (ATR) 2936, 2841, 2244, 1649, 1597, 1504, 1426, 1252, 1165, 1023, 832, 727 cm<sup>-1</sup> HRMS *m*/*z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClNaO<sub>5</sub>: 509.1132, Found: 509.1126.

**3-Benzoyl-6-(4-(furan-2-yl)phenyl)-2-phenyl-6,7-dihydrocyclopenta**[b]pyran-4(5H)-one (7h). The product **7h** was obtained as a dark brown sticky liquid. Yield: 76% (290 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz ), 7.50-7.47 (3H, m), 7.36 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz ), 7.33 (2H, d, J = 7.2 Hz ), 7.28 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz ), 6.31 (1H, t, J = 1.8 Hz ), 6.13 (1H, d, J = 3.0 Hz ), 3.83-3.78 (1H, m), 3.34 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 8.4 Hz), 3.21 (2H, dd, J = 15.0, 7.8 Hz), 2.99 (1H, dd, J = 16.2, 6.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 193.6, 175.5, 166.8, 162.0, 156.4, 141.8, 136.7, 133.7, 131.1, 131.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.1, 126.3, 124.1, 110.2, 104.9, 37.3, 33.0, 31.7; IR (ATR) 3062, 2921, 2246, 2139, 1744, 1649, 1620, 1442, 1344, 1228, 1172, 885, 765, 728, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>: 405.1103, Found: 405.1097.

3-Benzoyl-2,5,6-triphenyl-4H-pyran-4-one (7i). The product 7i was obtained as a white solid, mp 280-281 °C. Yield: 68% (291 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.0 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.67-7.63 (3H, m), 7.52 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.48-7.40 (5H, m), 7.40 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.35 (2H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.31-7.29 (3H, m), 7.21 (2H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ193.2, 176.2, 161.5, 160.7, 136.3, 134.1, 132.1, 131.8, 131.3, 131.0, 130.8, 130.3, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 128.0, 128.0, 127.7, 125.5, 125.0; IR (ATR) 3061, 1731, 1672, 1620, 1385, 774, 742, 691, 631, 516 cm<sup>-</sup>

<sup>1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 428.1412, Found: 428.1408.

3-Benzoyl-5,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-4H-pyran-4-one (7j). The product 7j was obtained as a pale yellow solid, mp 153-155 °C. Yield: 75% (226 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.51-7.47 (3H, m), 7.38-7.33 (3H, m), 7.28 (2H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.41 $(3H, s), 1.99 (3H, s); {}^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) \delta 193.9, 177.5, 161.6, 160.8, 136.9,$ 133.6, 131.4, 130.9, 129.3, 128.6, 128.0, 124.2, 121.3, 17.9, 9.7; IR (ATR) 3069, 2924, 1672, 1650, 1603, 1412, 1374, 885, 760, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 304.1099, Found: 304.1102.

General procedure for the synthesis of tetrasubstituted  $\gamma$ -pyrones 9

To a solution of 2-diazo-5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione **1a-1e** (1.2 mmol), 4-hydroxy-2H-chromen-2one 8a-8e (1 mmol) or 4-hydroxy-1-methylquinolin-2(1H)-one (8f) (1 mmol) was added. It was followed by the addition of InBr<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%) in the solution and was thoroughly stirred. The reaction mixture was kept in refluxing toluene condition for 4 hours under N<sub>2</sub> gas protection until completion of the reaction as presented by the TLC. The solvents were evaporated and then the residue was purified by filtration using ethanol (Merck,  $\geq$ 99.9%) to obtain the product.

#### **Characterization data of compounds 9**

9,9-Dimethyl-9,10-dihydro-6H-cyclopenta[5,6]pyrano[3,2-c]chromene-6,7(8H)-dione (9a). The product 9a was obtained as a white solid, mp 230-232 °C. Yield: 93% (262 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(300 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.92 (1\text{H}, \text{d}, J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}), 7.60 (1\text{H}, \text{t}, J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}), 7.30 (1\text{H}, \text{t}, J = 7.8 \text{ Hz})$ Hz), 7.24 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 2.79 (2H, s), 2.55 (2H, s), 1.18 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) *δ*172.7, 165.2, 164.6, 156.4, 153.1, 134.7, 126.4, 124.6, 123.4, 116.9, 113.0, 107.8, 45.9, 40.8, 36.2, 29.6; IR (ATR) 2933, 2864, 1750, 1657, 1546, 1421, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 282.0892, Found: 282.0891.

9,10-Dihydro-6H-cyclopenta[5,6]pyrano[3,2-c]chromene-6,7(8H)-dione (9b). The product 9b was obtained as a light brown solid, mp 243-245 °C. Yield: 90% (228 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.65 (1H, t, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.38–7.30 (2H, m), 3.03 (2H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 2.81 (2H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.19–2.09 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.9, 166.7, 165.3, 156.7, 153.3, 134.9, 127.6, 124.8, 123.6, 117.1, 113.1, 107.8, 31.5, 26.1, 19.2; IR (ATR) 3066, 1743, 1606, 1418, 1200, 773 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 254.0579, Found: : 254.0580.

9-Methyl-9,10-dihydro-6H-cyclopenta[5,6]pyrano[3,2-c]chromene-6,7(8H)-dione (9c). The product 9c



268.0734.

was obtained as an ivory solid, m.p. 241-243 °C. Yield: 78% (206 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.64 (1H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.36–7.28 (2H, m), 3.17 (1H, dd, J = 18.9, 9.9 Hz), 2.97 (1H, dd, J = 15.9, 8.1 Hz), 2.65–2.57 (2H, m), 2.37 (1H, dd, J = 15.9, 4.8 Hz), 1.17 (3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.8, 165.4, 165.2, 156.5, 153.2, 134.8, 126.9, 124.7, 123.5, 117.0, 113.1, 107.9, 39.4, 34.2, 28.8, 21.6; IR (ATR) 2957, 1740, 1607, 1408, 1201, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 268.0736, Found:

9-Isopropyl-9,10-dihydro-6H-cyclopenta[5,6]pyrano[3,2-c]chromene-6,7(8H)-dione (9d). The product **9d** was obtained as a light yellow solid, m.p. 207-209 °C. Yield: 88% (255 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.07 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.79 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.46 (1H, t, J= 8.4 Hz), 7.38 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 3.12 (1H, dd, J = 18.0, 9.6 Hz), 2.90–2.86 (1H, m),

2.82 (1H, dd, J = 15.0, 7.8 Hz), 2.41–2.30 (2H, m), 1.76–1.70 (1H, m), 0.98 (6H, d, J = 6.0 Hz);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (150 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  172.6, 166.4, 166.0, 156.3, 154.4, 135.6, 127.4, 125.4, 124.5, 117.5, 114.4, 108.8, 42.7, 36.1, 33.8, 31.1, 20.8, 20.4; IR (ATR) 3063, 2951, 1741, 1432, 1201, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* (M<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 296.1049, Found: 296.1046.

9-Phenyl-9,10-dihydro-6H-cyclopenta[5,6]pyrano[3,2-c]chromene-6,7(8H)-dione (9e). The product 9e

was obtained as a red brown solid, m.p. 213-215 °C. Yield: 76% (246 mg;); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(300 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.99 (1\text{H}, \text{dd}, J = 8.1, 1.2 \text{ Hz}), 7.66 (1\text{H}, t, J = 8.1 \text{ Hz}), 7.38-7.21$ (7H, m), 3.81-3.70 (1H, m), 3.47 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 9.9 Hz), 3.29 (1H, dd, J = 16.5, 10.2 Hz), 3.16 (1H, dd, J = 17.7, 7.5 Hz), 2.89 (1H, dd, J = 15.9, 6.9 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ172.4, 165.4, 164.7, 156.4, 153.3, 143.7, 134.9, 128.8, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 124.7, 123.6, 117.2, 113.1, 108.1, 39.6, 39.5, 34.4; IR (ATR) 3044, 1745, 1644, 1410, 1199, 754, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z

(M<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 330.0892, Found: 330.0892.

2,9,9-Trimethyl-9,10-dihydro-6*H*-cyclopenta[5,6]pyrano[3,2-*c*]chromene-6,7(8*H*)-dione (9f). The product 9f was obtained as an ivory solid, m.p. over 300 °C. Yield: 87% (256 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 (1H, s), 7.41 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.18 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 2.78 (2H, s), 2.58 (2H, s), 2.39 (3H, s), 1.19 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ173.0, 165.4, 164.5, 156.8, 151.5, 135.9, 134.6, 126.6, 123.0, 116.9, 112.9, 108.0, 46.1, 41.0, 36.3, 29.8,

20.9; IR (ATR) 2944, 1750, 1646, 1424, 1215, 804 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 296.1049, Found: 296.1050.

2-Methyl-9,10-dihydro-6H-cyclopenta[5,6]pyrano[3,2-c]chromene-6,7(8H)-dione (9g). The product 9g was obtained as a red solid, m.p. over 300 °C. Yield: 79% (211 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (1H, s), 7.44 (1H,  $\bar{d}$ , J = 7.2 Hz), 7.20 (1H, d,  $\bar{J}$  = 8.4 Hz), 3.02 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 2.81 (2H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.43 (3H, s), 2.16–2.11 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.9, 166.4, 165.3, 156.8, 151.6, 135.9, 134.6, 127.5, 123.0, 116.9, 112.8, 107.9, 31.5, 26.1, 20.9, 19.3; IR (ATR) 3066, 1739, 1610, 1419, 1214, 799 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 268.0736, Found: 268.0733.

2,9-Dimethyl-9,10-dihydro-6H-cyclopenta[5,6]pyrano[3,2-c]chromene-6,7(8H)-dione (9h). The



product **9h** was obtained as a white solid, m.p. 275-277 °C. Yield: 85% (236 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(600 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.73 (1\text{H}, \text{s}), 7.44 (1\text{H}, \text{dd}, J = 7.8, 1.8 \text{ Hz}), 7.20 (1\text{H}, \text{d}, J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}),$ 3.20–3.15 (1H, m), 2.97 (1H, dd, J = 16.2, 9.0 Hz), 2.67-2.60 (2H, m), 2.43 (3H, s), 2.39 (1H, dd, J = 19.2, 4.8 Hz), 1.19 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.9, 165.3, 156.8, 151.5, 135.9, 134.6, 126.9, 123.0, 116.9, 112.8, 107.9, 39.5, 34.3, 28.8, 21.7,

20.9; IR (ATR) 3056, 2973, 1742, 1414, 1214, 1016, 801 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 282.0892, Found: 282.0896.

3-Hydroxy-9,9-dimethyl-9,10-dihydro-6H-cyclopenta[5,6]pyrano[3,2-c]chromene-6,7(8H)-dione (9i).



The product 9i was obtained as a light yellow solid, m.p. 289-291°C. Yield: 88% (261 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  11.04 (1H, s), 7.74 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 6.82 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz), 6.65 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz,), 2.79 (2H, s), 2.40 (2H, s), 1.18 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 172.2, 165.4, 164.1, 163.9, 156.1, 154.9, 125.2, 124.5,

113.9, 104.6, 104.5, 102.0, 45.1, 40.6, 35.8, 29.3; IR (ATR) 3076, 2979, 1742, 1646, 1407, 1209, 937 cm<sup>-</sup> <sup>1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 298.0841, Found: 298.0839.

3-Hydroxy-9,10-dihydro-6H-cyclopenta[5,6]pyrano[3,2-c]chromene-6,7(8H)-dione (9j). The product 9j was obtained as a light browm solid, m.p. over 300 °C. Yield: 83% (221 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(600 \text{ MHz}, \text{DMSO-d}_6) \delta 11.05 (1\text{H}, \text{s}), 7.86 (1\text{H}, \text{d}, J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}), 6.88 (1\text{H}, \text{dd}, J = 9.0,$ 1.8 Hz), 6.73 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz,), 2.99 (2H, t, J = 8.4 Hz), 2.62 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 2.07-2.02 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ172.2, 166.1, 165.5, 163.9, 156.2, 154.0, 125.5, 125.4, 113.9, 104.7, 104.6, 102.1, 30.9, 25.8, 18.8; IR (ATR) 3182, 1742, 1558, 1159, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 270.0528, Found: 270.0530.

3-Hydroxy-9-phenyl-9,10-dihydro-6H-cyclopenta[5,6]pyrano[3,2-c]chromene-6,7(8H)-dione (9k).



The product 9k was obtained as a light brown solid, m.p. 296-298°C. Yield: 81% (280 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  11.10 (1H, s), 7.86 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.37–7.32 (4H, m), 7.24 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz,), 6.89 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 6.74 (1H, s), 3.78–3.73 (1H, m), 3.45 (1H, dd, J = 17.4, 8.4 Hz), 3.16–3.11 (2H, m), 2.63 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ 172.0, 165.6, 164.5, 164.0,

156.2, 155.0, 144.4, 128.6, 126.9, 126.5, 125.4, 124.7, 125.4, 124.7, 114.0, 104.8, 104.6, 102.1, 38.9, 38.8, 34.4; IR (ATR) 3159, 1747, 1557, 1157, 759 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* (M<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 346.0841, Found: 346.0844.

2-Fluoro-9,9-dimethyl-9,10-dihydro-6*H*-cyclopenta[5,6]pyrano[3,2-*c*]chromene-6,7(8*H*)-dione (9).



The product **9** was obtained as a white solid, m.p. 133-135 °C. Yield: 65% (192 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 3.0 Hz), 7.38 (1H, td, J = 9.6, 3.0 Hz), 7.33 (1H, dd, J = 9.6, 4.2 Hz), 2.82 (2H, s), 2.62 (2H, s), 1.23 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  172.5, 164.6 (d, J = 24.2 Hz), 164.5, 159.6, 158.0, 156.1. 149.5, 127.1, 122.5 (d, J = 24.2 Hz), 119.1 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 114.1 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 109.2 (d, J = 25.2 Hz), 108.5, 46.1, 40.9, 36.4, 29.7; IR (ATR) 3031, 2967, 1754, 1650, 1416, 1256, 1160, 981, 822 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z

(M<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FO<sub>4</sub>: 300.0798, Found: 300.0795.

**2-Fluoro-9-dimethyl-9,10-dihydro-6***H***-cyclopenta[5,6]pyrano[3,2-***c***]chromene-6,7(8***H***)-dione (9m). The product 9m was obtained as a light yellow solid, m.p. 240-242 °C. Yield: 62% (177 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 7.62 (1H, dd, J = 7.2, 2.4 Hz), 7.37 (1H, td, J = 9.6, 3.0 Hz), 7.31 (1H, dd, J = 9.0, 4.2 Hz), 3.20–3.15 (1H, m), 2.99 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 2.4 Hz), 2.67-2.60 (2H, m), 2.39 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 4.2 Hz), 1.18 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 159.6, 157.9, 156.1, 149.5, 127.3, 122.4 (d, MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 159.6, 157.9, 156.1, 149.5, 127.3, 122.4 (d, MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 159.6, 157.9, 156.1, 149.5, 127.3, 122.4 (d, MLz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 159.6, 157.9, 156.1, 149.5, 127.3, 122.4 (d, MLz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 159.6, 157.9, 156.1, 149.5, 127.3, 122.4 (d, MLz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 159.6, 157.9, 156.1, 149.5, 127.3, 122.4 (d, MLz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 159.6, 157.9, 156.1, 149.5, 127.3, 122.4 (d, MLz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 159.6, 157.9, 156.1, 149.5, 127.3, 122.4 (d, MLz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 159.6, 157.9, 156.1, 149.5, 127.3, 122.4 (d, MLz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 159.6, 157.9, 156.1, 149.5, 127.3, 122.4 (d, MLz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 159.6, 157.9, 156.1, 149.5, 127.3, 122.4 (d, MLz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 159.6, 157.9, 156.1, 149.5, 127.3, 122.4 (d, MLz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 159.6, 157.9, 156.1, 149.5, 127.3, 122.4 (d, MLz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 159.6, 157.9, 156.1, 149.5, 127.3, 122.4 (d, MLz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 172.4, 164.9 (d, J = 152.9 Hz), 150.8** 

J = 24.2 Hz), 119.1 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 114.0 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 109.2 (d, J = 26.4 Hz), 108.4, 39.4, 34.2, 28.8, 21.6; IR (ATR) 3072, 2960, 1745, 1414, 1162, 974, 799 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FO<sub>4</sub>: 286.0641, Found: 286.0643.

2-Bromo-9-methyl-9,10-dihydro-6H-cyclopenta[5,6]pyrano[3,2-c]chromene-6,7(8H)-dione (9n). The



product **9n** was obtained as a light brown solid, m.p. 254-256 °C. Yield: 55% (188 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.10 (1H, d, J = 1.2 Hz), 7.75 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.25 (1H, s), 3.22–3.18 (1H, m), 3.02 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 9.0 Hz), 2.68-2.62 (2H, m), 2.42 (1H, dd, J = 16.2, 4.2 Hz), 1.20 (3H, d, J = 5.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.4, 165.5, 164.0, 155.9, 152.2, 137.6, 127.4, 126.0, 119.0, 117.5, 114.8, 108.5, 39.5, 34.3, 28.9, 21.7; IR

(ATR) 3076, 2979, 1742, 1646, 1407, 1209, 937 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrO<sub>4</sub>: 345.9841, Found: 345.9843.

**5,9,9-Trimethyl-9,10-dihydrocyclopenta**[**5,6**]**pyrano**[**3,2**-*c*]**quinoline-6,7(5***H***,8***H***)-dione (90). The product <b>90** was obtained as light brown crystals, mp 249-251 °C. Yield: 93% (275 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ8.05 (1H , d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.78 (1H, t, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.55 (1H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.37 (1H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 3.56 (3H, s), 2.85 (2H, s), 2.44 (2H, s), 1.20 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ173.8, 164.9, 162.2, 158.4, 139.6, 134.1, 124.4, 123.4, 122.6, 115.3, 112.4, 110.7, 45.3, 40.8, 40.4, 35.9, 29.3, 29.2; IR (ATR) 2953, 2929, 2852, 1667, 1609, 1552, 1423, 1309, 994, 763, 614 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 295.1208, Found: 295.1212.

**5-Methyl-9-phenyl-9,10-dihydrocyclopenta**[5,6]pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinoline-6,7(5*H*,8*H*)-dione (9p). The product 9p was obtained as a dirty white solid, mp 88-89 °C. Yield: 76% (261 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.02 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.75 (1H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.50 (1H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.39 (2H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.36-7.32 (3H, m), 7.24 (1H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 3.79-3.73 (1H, m), 3.53 (3H, s), 3.43 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.8, 9.0 Hz), 3.16-3.11 (2H, m), 2.64 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.0, 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  172.7, 164.4, 162.0, 157.7, 144.4, 139.7, 133.9, 128.6, 126.9, 126.5, 124.6, 123.3, 122.3, 115.0, 112.3, 111.0, 39.9, 38.8, 34.5, 29.0; IR (ATR) 2922, 2852, 1666, 1551, 1425, 1304, 992, 757, 703, 503 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 343.1208, Found: 343.1205.

#### General procedure for the synthesis of tetrasubstituted $\gamma$ -pyrone 11

In a magnetically stirred solution of 2-diazocycloheptane-1,3-dione (1m) (1.2 mmol) in toluene (5mL), methyl 3-oxobutanoate (2a) (1.0 mmol) was added. It was followed by the addition of  $InBr_3$  (10 mol%) in the solution and was thoroughly stirred. The reaction mixture was kept in refluxing toluene condition for 4 hours under N<sub>2</sub> gas protection. It was observed by TLC (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:1) until completion of the reaction. Then, the reaction mixture was dried using a rotary evaporator and was subjected for flash column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (20:3) as the solvent system.

### Characterization data of compound 11

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Methyl 2-methyl-4-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4H-chromene-3-carboxylate (11). The product 11
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was obtained as a yellow solid, mp 55-57 °C. Yield: 81% (180 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.86 (3H, s), 2.49 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.41 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.32 (3H, s), 1.79-1.75 (2H, m), 1.68-1.64 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  175.2, 165.7, 165.2, 162.8, 122.5, 119.8, 52.4, 27.2, 21.7, 21.3, 20.6, 18.7; IR (ATR) 2937,

2864, 1711, 1658, 1619, 1415, 1288, 1270, 1160, 1139, 1068, 1001 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 222.0892, Found: 222.0895.

#### General procedure for the synthesis of tetrasubstituted $\gamma$ -pyrones 13 and 15

In a magnetically stirred solution of 2-diazo-5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (**1a**) (1.2 mmol) in toluene (5mL), asymmetric 1,3-diketones such as 1-phenylbutane-1,3-dione (**12**) or 4,4,4-trifluoro-1-(furan-2-yl)butan-1,3-dione (**14**) (1.0 mmol) was added. It was followed by the addition of InBr<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%) in the solution and was thoroughly stirred. The reaction mixture was kept in refluxing toluene condition for 4 hours under  $N_2$  gas protection. It was observed by TLC (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:1) until completion of the reaction. Then, the reaction mixture was dried using a rotary evaporator and was subjected for flash column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (20:3) as the solvent system.

#### Characterization data of compounds 13 and 15

3-Benzoyl-2,6,6-trimethyl-6,7-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-4(5H)-one (13a)and 3-Acetyl-6,6dimethyl-2-phenyl-6,7-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-4(5H)-one (13b). The products 13a and 13b were obtained as an inseparable mixture of regioisomers. The isomeric ratio was found to be 1:1 by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. Yellow viscous liquid. Yield: 77% (217 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.54 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.50 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.46 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.41 (4H, q, J = 7.8 Hz), 2.71 (2H, s), 2.68 (2H, s), 2.57 (2H, s), 2.53 (2H, s), 2.34 (3H, s), 2.17 (3H, s), 1.21 (6H, s), 1.20 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 201.0, 194.2, 175.6, 175.4, 167.0, 166.8, 163.7, 161.7, 136.6, 133.7, 131.3, 131.0, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 126.6, 124.5, 124.2, 46.3, 46.2, 40.8, 40.7, 36.2, 36.2, 32.1, 29.7, 29.7, 18.1; IR (ATR) 2956, 2867, 1707, 1650, 1620, 1427, 1339, 1311, 1243, 1166, 919 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 282.1256, Found: 282.1252.

#### 3-(Furan-2-carbonyl)-6,6-dimethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-6,7-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-4(5H)-one

(15a). The product 15a was obtained as a yellow solid, mp 164-166 °C. Yield: 58% (189 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.59 (1H, s), 7.23 (1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz), 6.56 (1H, dd, J = 3.6, 1.8 Hz), 2.77 (2H, s), 2.57 (2H, s), 1.23 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.2, 174.0, 167.3, 152.0, 149.0 (d, J = 39.2 Hz), 147.9, 127.3, 126.4, 119.8, 118.5 (d, J = 273.6 Hz), 113.0, 46.0, 40.7, 36.4, 29.7; IR (ATR) 3117, 2963, 1657, 1458, 1371, 1240, 1190, 1144, 1071, 1036, 993 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 326.0766, Found: 326.0768.

#### 2-(Furan-2-yl)-6,6-dimethyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)-6,7-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-4(5H)-one

(15b). The product 15b was obtained as a brown solid, mp 82-84 °C. Yield: 16% (52 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.54 (1H, s), 7.04 (1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz), 6.57 (1H, t, J = 1.8 Hz), 2.74 (2H, s), 2.57 (2H, s), 1.22 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.0 (d, J = 40.2 Hz), 174.4, 166.7, 153.2, 146.5, 144.1, 124.5, 117.8, 115.1 (d, J = 289.7 Hz), 114.9, 112.7, 46.3, 40.7, 36.3, 29.7; IR (ATR) 3103, 2960, 2874, 1763, 1650, 1628, 1427, 1299, 1200, 1145, 1066, 1000 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 326.0766, Found: 326.0763.

#### General procedure for the hydrolysis of compound 3a to 20

In a magnetically stirred solution of methyl 2,6,6-trimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-3-carboxylate (**3a**) (0.2 mmol) in methanol (3 mL), potassium hydroxide (KOH) (3 equiv) was added and thoroughly stirred at room temperature for 6 hours. Until completion, the progress of the reaction was

monitored by TLC (ethyl acetate). Once the reaction completed, it was quenched by the addition of water (15 mL). The aqueous solution was then acidified using 1 N HCl and extracted thrice with ethyl acetate (3 x 15 mL). The organic extracts were dried using anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$  and filtered. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and was subjected for flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate as the solvent system.

#### Characterization data of compound 20

**2,6,6-trimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta**[*b*]**pyran-3-carboxylic acid (20).** The product **20** was obtained as clear crystals, mp 144-146 °C. Yield: 43% (19 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  15.01 (1H, s), 2.87 (3H, s), 2.78 (2H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 2.60 (2H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 1.23 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  179.4, 176.8, 169.0, 165.1, 124.3, 113.5, 46.2, 40.5, 36.9, 29.7, 21.4; IR (ATR) 3592, 2958, 2870, 1730, 1644, 1543, 1460, 1367, 1310, 1127, 1047, 979 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 222.0892, Found: 222.0894.

#### General procedure for the conversion of compound 3a to 3b and 22

In a magnetically stirred solution of methyl 2,6,6-trimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]pyran-3carboxylate (**3a**) (0.2 mmol) in toluene (3 mL), ethanol (**21a**) (3 equiv) or benzyl alcohol (**21b**) (3 equiv) was added. It was followed by the addition of InBr<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%) and was thoroughly stirred. The reaction mixture was kept in refluxing toluene condition for 4 hours. It was observed by TLC (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:3) until completion of the reaction. Then, the reaction mixture was dried using a rotary evaporator and was subjected for flash column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (20:1) as the solvent system.

#### Characterization data of compound 22

**Benzyl 2,6,6-trimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta**[*b*]**pyran-3-carboxylate (22).** The product **22** was obtained as a colourless viscous liquid. Yield: 89% (278 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 (2H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.32 (2H, q, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.29-7.22 (1H, m), 5.31 (2H, s), 2.60 (2H, s), 2.50 (2H, s), 2.26 (3H, s), 1.15 (6H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.0, 166.2, 165.5, 165.1, 135.4, 128.5, 128.2, 128.2, 124.2, 121.4, 67.3, 46.0, 40.6, 36.1, 29.6, 18.4; IR (ATR) 2955, 2867, 1730, 1657, 1629, 1429, 1389, 1338, 1312, 1253, 1214, 1171, 1119, 1045, 976, 909, 738, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* (M<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 312.1362, Found: 312.1365.



# $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of compounds 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 20, and 22



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#### S26

Compound-**3m** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR/CDCl<sub>3</sub>

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Compound-**7i** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR/CDCl<sub>3</sub> 0 M 1.93-7.02-2.21-5.26 D.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 7.5 5.5 5.0 f1 (ppm) 0.5 0.0 8.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 1.5 7.0 6.0 2.0 1.0 8.5 6.5 Compound-7i <sup>13</sup>C-NMR/CDCl<sub>3</sub> -39.638 -39.500 -39.362 39.224 -130.301 -129.305 -129.305 -39.784 129.105 129.013 130.768 -128.914 -136.309 -134.148 -132.117 -131.795 -131.328 -131.044 28.032 -176.215 -161.546 -160.665 39.086 39.922 -127.741 -125.526 -125.013 40.036 -193.167

200 180 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 20 ppm





























Compound-**9I** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR/CDCI<sub>3</sub>



















Compound-**15a** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR/CDCl<sub>3</sub>






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