

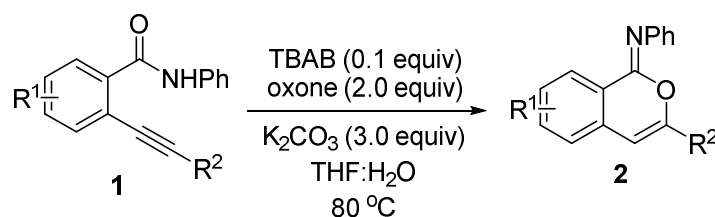
Supporting Information

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General experimental methods:

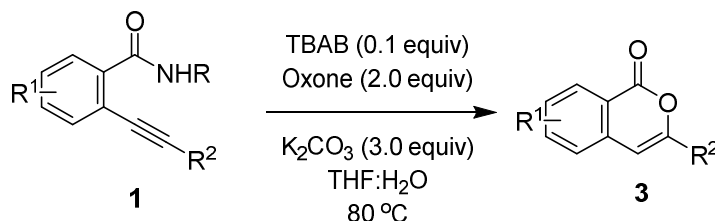
Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents and solvents were used without additional purification. All solvents were dried and distilled according to standard procedures. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60-Å poresize, 32-63 μm , standard grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230-400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultra violet light. Organic solutions were concentrated on rotary evaporators at ~ 20 Torr (house vacuum) at 25-35 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale.

General procedure for the synthesis of compound 2:



N-phenyl-2-alkynylbenzamide **1** (0.2 mmol), TBAB (0.1 equiv), oxone (2.0 equiv), K_2CO_3 (3.0 equiv) were added to a test tube, and then solvent THF:H₂O (v/v = 1:1, 2.0 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at 80 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ overnight. After the disappearance of substrate as indicated by TLC, the last mixture was filtrated and the resulting filtrate was extracted by EA (3*2mL). The organic layers were combined and dried by Na_2SO_4 . Then filtration again, evaporation of the solvent and purification by flash column chromatograph provided the desired products **2**.

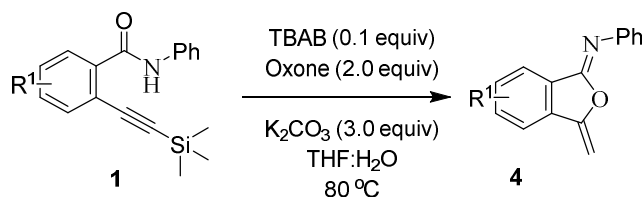
General procedure for the synthesis of compound 3:



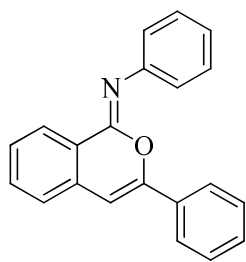
2-alkynylbenzamide **1** (0.2 mmol), TBAB (0.1 equiv), oxone (2.0 equiv), K_2CO_3 (3.0 equiv) were added to a test tube, and then solvent THF:H₂O (v/v = 1:1, 2.0 mL)

was added. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C overnight. After the disappearance of substrate as indicated by TLC, the last mixture was filtrated and the resulting filtrate was extracted by EA (3*2 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried by Na₂SO₄. Then filtration again, evaporation of the solvent and purification by flash column chromatograph provided the desired products **3**.

General procedure for the synthesis of compound 4:

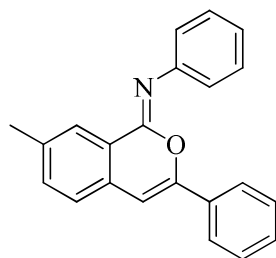


N-phenyl-2-alkynylbenzamide **1** (0.2 mmol), TBAB (0.1equiv), oxone (2.0 equiv), K₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv) were added to a test tube, and then solvent THF:H₂O (v/v = 1:1, 2.0 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at 80 oC overnight. After the disappearance of substrate as indicated by TLC, the last mixture was filtrated and the resulting filtrate was extracted by EA (3*2 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried by Na₂SO₄. Then filtration again, evaporation of the solvent and purification by flash column chromatograph provided the desired products **4**.



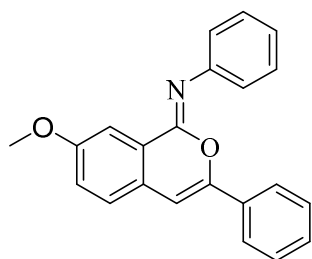
(*Z*)-*N*,3-diphenyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2a**) (yellow solid, 41.6 mg, 70%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 - 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.46 - 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.37 - 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.30 - 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 149.8, 146.7, 133.9, 132.5, 132.3, 129.4, 128.7, 128.7, 128.2, 127.5, 125.6, 124.6, 123.6, 122.4, 100.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₆NO⁺: 298.1226 (M⁺+H), found: 298.1225



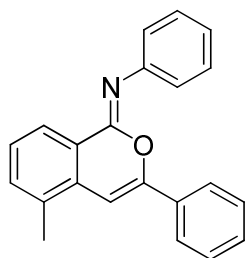
(*Z*)-7-methyl-*N*, 3-diphenyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2b**) (yellow solid, 45.4 mg, 73%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.58 - 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.45 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.34 - 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.27 - 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.16 - 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.8, 138.5, 133.7, 132.4, 131.4, 129.8, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4, 125.7, 124.5, 123.6, 123.3, 122.5, 100.9, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$: 312.1383 (M^++H), found: 312.1397



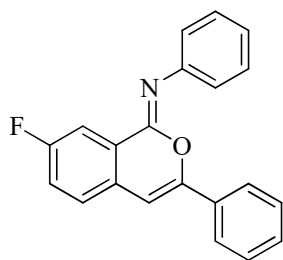
(*Z*)-7-methoxy-*N*,3-diphenyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2c**) (yellow solid, 43.9 mg, 67 %)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dd, $J = 17.0, 6.4$ Hz, 6H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.9, 150.1, 147.2, 132.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 127.7, 127.5, 124.5, 123.9, 122.7, 122.1, 109.1, 100.9, 56.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2^+$: 328.1332 (M^++H), found: 328.1330



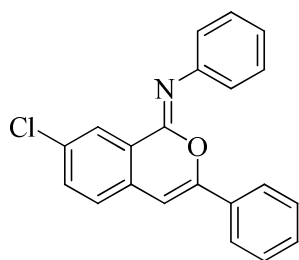
(*Z*)-5-methyl-*N*, 3-diphenyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2d**) (red solid, 33.0 mg, 53%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.29 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 - 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 7.34 - 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.26 - 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.3, 146.7, 142.7, 133.7, 132.9, 132.6, 129.4, 128.7, 128.7, 127.7, 125.4, 124.7, 123.6, 122.4, 97.6, 18.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$: 312.1383 (M^+H), found: 312.1361



(*Z*)-7-fluoro-*N*, 3-diphenyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2e**) (blue solid, 37.8 mg, 60%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 - 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 3H), 7.16 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.2 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 247$ Hz), 151.2, 132.1, 130.3, 129.5, 128.7 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 8$ Hz), 127.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 8$ Hz), 125.2, 124.5, 124.0, 123.7, 122.5, 120.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 24$ Hz), 113.6 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 24$ Hz), 100.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{FNO}^+$: 316.1132 (M^+H), found: 316.1133

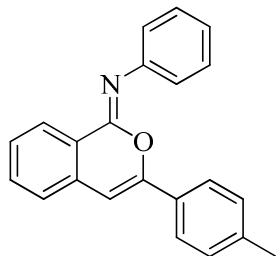


(*Z*)-7-chloro-*N*, 3-diphenyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2f**) (blue solid, 41.1 mg, 62%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.58 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.50 - 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 - 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.28 - 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.16 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.0, 133.8, 132.7, 132.4, 132.0,

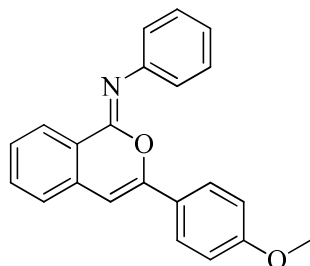
129.7, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 127.2, 127.0, 125.0, 124.6, 124.0, 123.7, 122.4, 100.0;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{21}H_{15}ClNO^+$: 332.0837 ($M^+ + H$), found: 332.08344



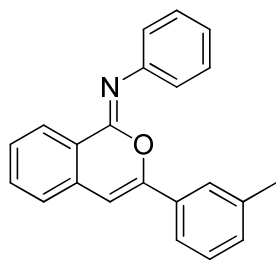
(*Z*)-*N*-phenyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2g**) (yellow solid, 46.1 mg, 74%)

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.39 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 3H), 7.34 - 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 3H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 151.8, 150.0, 146.8, 139.7, 134.2, 132.5, 129.5, 129.4, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5, 125.5, 124.6, 123.6, 123.4, 122.5, 100.1, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{18}NO^+$: 312.1383 ($M^+ + H$), found: 312.1382



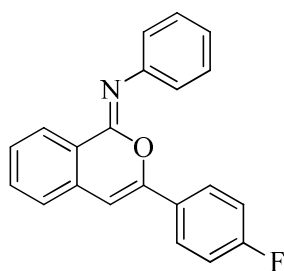
(*Z*)-*N*-phenyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2h**) (yellow solid, 42.5mg, 65%)

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.38 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 - 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.30 - 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 160.6, 151.6, 134.3, 132.5, 128.8, 127.7, 127.4, 126.1, 125.4, 124.9, 123.6, 123.1, 122.5, 114.1, 99.2, 55.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{18}NO_2^+$: 328.1332 ($M^+ + H$), found: 328.1331



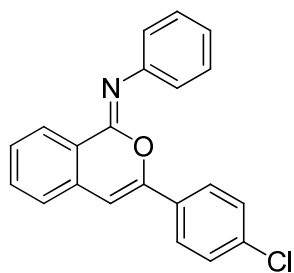
(Z)-N-phenyl-3-(*m*-tolyl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2i**) (red solid, 45.4 mg, 73%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.40 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 - 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.31 (t, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.24 - 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.7, 150.0, 146.9, 138.3, 134.0, 132.4, 132.2, 130.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.4, 125.6, 125.4, 123.6, 122.6, 121.7, 100.6, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$: 312.1383 ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$), found: 312.1392



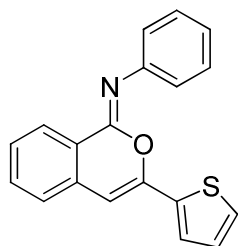
(Z)-N-phenyl-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2j**) (blue solid, 38.4 mg, 61%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.43 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 - 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.47 - 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.67 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.4 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 249$ Hz), 150.8, 133.9, 132.7, 128.82, 128.3, 127.6, 126.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 9$ Hz), 125.6, 123.8, 122.3, 115.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 22$ Hz), 100.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{FNO}^+$: 316.1132 ($\text{M}^+\text{+H}$), found: 316.1136



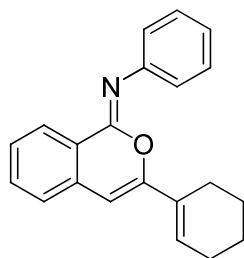
(*Z*)-*N*-phenyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2k**) (yellow solid, 42.4 mg, 64%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 3H), 7.24 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.6, 149.5, 146.6, 135.3, 133.6, 132.5, 130.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 127.5, 125.8, 125.7, 123.7, 123.6, 122.3, 101.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}^+$: 332.0837 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$), found: 332.08376



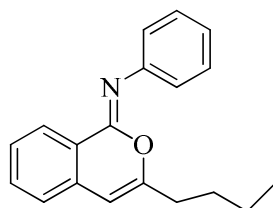
(*Z*)-*N*-phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2l**) (yellow solid, 41.2 mg, 68%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 - 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.43 - 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.33 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26 - 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.6, 134.5, 134.0, 132.5, 128.7, 128.0, 127.5, 126.7, 125.5, 123.9, 123.7, 123.3, 123.0, 122.4, 100.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{NOS}^+$: 304.0791 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$), found: 304.0790



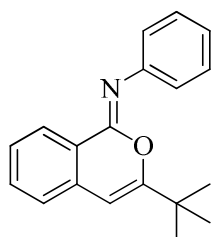
(*Z*)-*N*-phenyl-3-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2m**) (yellow oil, 36.2 mg, 60%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 - 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.27 - 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.09 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 2.23 - 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.13 - 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.73 - 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.60 - 1.54 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.5, 134.6, 134.3, 132.3, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 127.4, 125.5, 123.5, 122.4, 99.5, 25.6, 23.9, 22.2, 21.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}^+$: 302.1539 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$), found: 302.1537



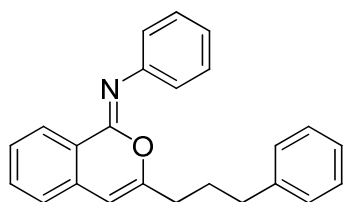
(*Z*)-*N*-phenyl-3-butyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2n**) (yellow solid, 38.8 mg, 70%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.36 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 - 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.19 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.10 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 2.34 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.57 - 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.36 - 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.3, 134.1, 132.3, 128.6, 127.5, 127.4, 124.6, 123.4, 123.1, 122.8, 101.8, 32.7, 28.8, 21.9, 13.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}^+$: 278.1539 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$), found: 278.1553



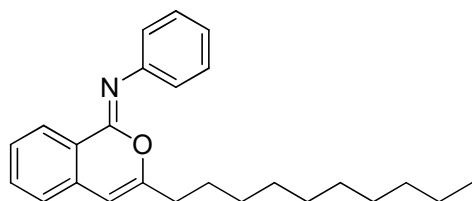
(Z)-N-phenyl-3-(*tert*-butyl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2o**) (yellow solid, 47.1 mg, 85%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 - 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.41 - 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18 - 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 1.13 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.2, 150.7, 147.0, 134.2, 132.3, 128.5, 127.5, 127.2, 125.1, 123.3, 123.0, 122.5, 98.4, 35.6, 27.8; C₁₉H₂₀NO⁺: 278.1539 (M⁺+H), found: 278.1525



(Z)-N-phenyl-3-(3-phenylpropyl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2p**) (yellow solid, 46.8 mg, 69%)

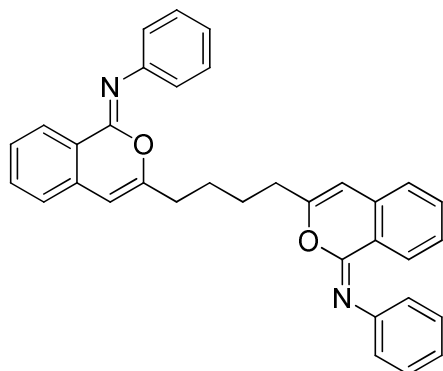
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 - 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 7.15 - 7.06 (m, 3H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 2.62 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.93 - 1.84 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 146.6, 141.5, 134.0, 132.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.6, 127.4, 125.9, 124.6, 123.4, 123.2, 122.7, 102.2, 34.8, 32.4, 28.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂NO⁺: 340.1696 (M⁺+H), found: 340.1690



(Z)-N-phenyl-3-decyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-imine (**2q**) (yellow oil, 51.3 mg, 71%)

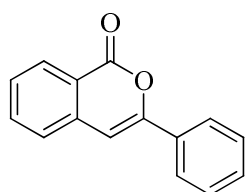
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 - 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.21 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 2.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.59 - 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 14H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.3, 134.1, 132.3, 128.5, 127.4, 127.4, 124.6, 123.4, 122.8,

101.8, 33.0, 31.9, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 29.3, 28.8, 26.6, 22.7, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{25}H_{32}NO^+$: 362.2478 ($M^+ + H$), found: 362.2478



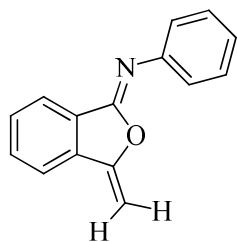
3, 3'-(butane-1,4-diyl)bis((Z)-N-phenyl-1H-isochromen-1-imine) (**2r**) (yellow solid, 61.5 mg, 62%)

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.35 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 2H), 1.52 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 155.5, 151.2, 146.5, 133.9, 132.4, 128.5, 127.6, 127.4, 126.1, 124.6, 123.4, 122.6, 102.1, 32.7, 25.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{34}H_{29}N_2O_2^+$: 497.2224 ($M^+ + H$), found: 497.2222



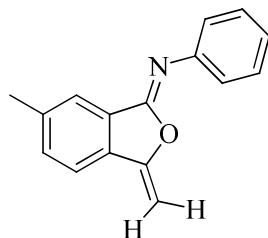
3-phenyl-1H-isochromen-1-one (**3a**) (white solid, 34.6 mg, 78%)^[1-2]

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.30 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 - 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.74 - 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.51 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.45 - 7.41 (m, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 162.3, 153.6, 137.5, 134.9, 131.9, 129.9, 129.6, 128.8, 128.2, 126.0, 125.2, 120.5, 101.8



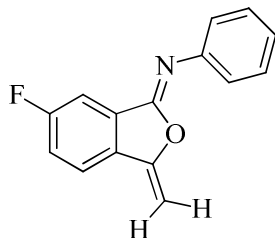
(Z)-N-phenyl-3-methyleneisobenzofuran-1-imine (**4a**) (blue solid, 38.1 mg, 86%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 - 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.79 - 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.67 - 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.59 - 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.44 - 7.34 (m, 3H), 5.24 - 7.21 (m, 1H), 4.82 - 4.78 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 143.1, 136.2, 134.5, 132.3, 129.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.1, 128.0, 123.6, 120.0, 90.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}^+$: 222.0913 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$), found: 222.0913



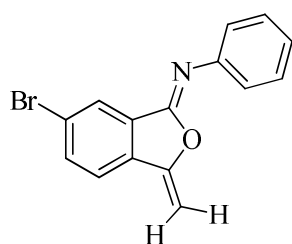
(Z)-N-phenyl-6-methyl-3-methyleneisobenzofuran-1-imine (**4b**) (blue solid, 39.5mg, 84%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 - 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.16 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.75 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 143.1, 140.2, 134.6, 133.7, 133.3, 129.3, 128.1, 127.9, 126.5, 123.7, 119.9, 89.7, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}^+$: 236.1070 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$), found: 236.1076



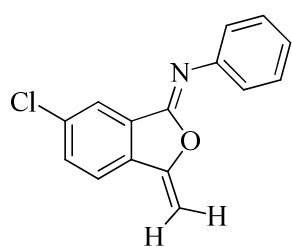
(Z)-N-phenyl-6-fluoro-3-methyleneisobenzofuran-1-imine (**4c**) (blue solid, 38.8 mg, 81%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 - 7.30 (m, 3H), 5.19 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 249$ Hz), 161.4, 142.3, 134.3, 129.4, 129.2, 128.2, 128.0, 126.4, 122.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 8$ Hz), 120.0 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 24$ Hz), 110.3 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 23$ Hz), 90.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{FNO}^+$: 240.0819 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$), found: 240.0813



(*Z*)-*N*-phenyl-6-bromo-3-methyleneisobenzofuran-1-imine (**4d**) (blue solid, 49.7 mg, 83%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.77 - 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.24 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.2, 142.3, 135.3, 134.8, 134.2, 130.6, 129.4, 128.3, 128.0, 126.7, 123.8, 121.7, 91.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrNO}^+$: 300.0019 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$), found: 300.0019



(*Z*)-*N*-phenyl-6-chloro-3-methyleneisobenzofuran-1-imine (**4e**) (blue solid, 41.8 mg, 82%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 - 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.23 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.3, 142.3, 135.9, 134.4, 134.2, 132.5, 130.4, 129.4, 128.3, 128.0, 123.7, 121.4, 91.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClNO}^+$: 256.0524 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$), found: 256.0530

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