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## **Supporting Information**

# Rh-catalyzed domino synthesis of 4-hydroxy-3-methylcoumarins *via* branch-selective hydroacylation

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#### **1.** General Information

The coupling reactions were performed in dry Schlenk tubes under nitrogen atmosphere conditions. Standard procedures were followed to dry various solvents used in coupling reactions. All the NMR (<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C) spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECS-400/ECX-500 spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with TMS as the internal standard. Data have shown as chemical shift in ppm, multiplicity and coupling constant (Hz). Infrared spectra (IR) were obtained using a PerkinElmer FT/IR spectrometer and absorptions are reported in reciprocal centimeters. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using Waters GCT Premier-CAB155 and Waters-Q-Tof Premier-HAB213 instruments with Electron ionisation and Electrospray ionisation techniques. Melting points were determined using a Yamato melting point apparatus. Column chromatography was performed with silica-gel (100-200 mesh). All the acrylates and N,N-dimethylacrylamide were purchased commercially and used without further purifications. salicylaldehyde, 3-methoxysalicylaldehyde, The 5bromosalicylaldehyde, 3-

bromo-5-chloro and 2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde were purchased from commercial suppliers. The other substituted salicylaldehydes which includes 5-methyl,<sup>a</sup> 5-fluoro,<sup>a</sup> 5-chloro,<sup>b</sup> 5-acetyl,<sup>c</sup> 5-cyano,<sup>d</sup> 5-methoxycarbonyl,<sup>d</sup> 5-formyl,<sup>d</sup> 5-nitro,<sup>d</sup> 3,5-dichloro,<sup>d</sup> 4-hydroxy,<sup>e</sup> 4-methoxy<sup>f</sup> and 3,4,5-trimethoxysalicylaldehyde<sup>g</sup> were prepared from the literature known procedures.

2. Synthesis of starting materials

Preparation of deuterium-labeled salicylaldehyde (d-1a):<sup>h</sup>



**2-(2'-Hydroxyphenyl)-1,3-dithiane:** In an oven-dried 150 mL R.B flask kept under nitrogen atmosphere,  $BF_3.Et_2O$  (9.9 mmol, 1.22 mL) was added to the solution of salicylaldehyde (9 mmol, 1.1 g), 1,3-propane dithiol (9.9 mmol, 1 mL) and acetic acid (9 mL) in toluene (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h and quenched with water, extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic contents was washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, brine and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated and purified by column chromatography to obtain dithiane (1.82 g, 95%) as colourless solid.

**Deuterated 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3-dithiane:** In an oven-dried 100 mL R.B flask kept under nitrogen atmosphere, dithiane (4.7 mmol, 1 g) was taken in THF (40 mL) and cooled to -78  $^{\circ}$ C. To this, n-BuLi in hexane (11.78 mmol, 7.5 mL) was added dropwise and stirred for 2 h. Reaction mixture was quenched with D<sub>2</sub>O (47.1 mmol, 0.9 mL) at -78  $^{\circ}$ C, brought to room temperature and quenched with dil.HCl. THF was removed and the residue was extracted with DCM, washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, brine and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated and the product was purified by column chromatography to obtain dithiane-*d* (0.98 g, 97%) as colourless solid.

**Deuterium-labeled salicylaldehyde** (*d*-1a):<sup>i</sup> In an oven-dried 100 mL R.B flask,  $Hg(OAc)_2$  (2.84 mmol, 0.9 g) was taken in trifuoroacetic acid (4 mL). It was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. To this dithiane-*d* (1.88 mmol, 0.4 g) in chloroform was added and stirred for 5 h. The mixture was filtered through celite and the organic contents was washed with water, brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Solvent was evaporated and the

crude was purified by column chromatography to obtain deuterated salicylaldehyde (*d*-1a) (0.12 g, 52%) as colourless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.04 (s, 1H, OH), 7.58-7.51 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.04-6.98 (m, 2H, Ar-H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.41 (t,  $J_{C-D} = 27.1$  Hz), 161.83, 137.17, 133.84, 120.70, 119.99,

117.77 ppm.



In an oven-dried 100 mL R.B flask, salicylaldehyde (16.38 mmol, 2 g) was taken in DCM (50 mL). It was cooled to 0 °C and then added triethylamine (24.57 mmol, 3.45 mL), acryloyl chloride (24.57 mmol, 2 mL) sequentially. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and quenched with water, extracted with DCM. The organic content was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated and product was subjected to column chromatography to obtain 2-formylphenyl acrylate (**3**) (2.45 g, 85%) as colourless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.15 (s, 1H, CHO), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.39 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.11 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  188.57, 164.35, 151.94, 135.47, 133.92, 130.49, 128.21, 127.23, 126.65, 123.51 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3080, 2859, 2758, 1746, 1701, 1604, 1403, 1245, 1208, 1144, 759.

#### **3.** General procedure for coupling reactions

#### Conditions-A:

The coupling reaction was performed by charging a dry Schlenk tube with salicylaldehyde (61 mg, 0.5 mmol), N,N-dimethylacrylamide (99.1 mg, 1 mmol), Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>(acac) (6.4 mg, 0.025 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>(163 mg, 0.5 mmol) and DMF (2 mL) solvent. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C in an oil bath for 12 h. It was brought to rt, quenched with dil. HCl and extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL). The organic content was washed with water (15 mL), brine (15 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane as eluent. The product **2a** was obtained as colourless solid (67 mg, 78%) along with linear hydroacylation product **2a**! as yellow solid (3 mg, 2%).



#### Conditions-B:

The coupling reaction was performed by charging a dry Schlenk tube with salicylaldehyde (61 mg, 0.5 mmol), ethyl acrylate (100.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>(acac) (6.4 mg, 0.025 mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (106 mg, 1 mmol) and DMF (2 mL) solvent. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in an oil bath for 12 h. It was brought to rt, quenched with dil. HCl and extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL). The organic content was washed with water (15 mL), brine (15 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane as eluent. The product 2a was obtained as colourless solid (79 mg, 89%).



#### 4. Characterization data for the products

4-Hydroxy-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (2a):<sup>k</sup> Colourless solid (79 mg, 89%); mp 214-216 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.28 (s, 1H, OH), 7.90-7.88 (m, 1H, År-H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H, År-OH H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 1.99 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Me  $\delta$  163.14, 159.77, 151.65, 131.38, 123.78, 122.95, 116.31, 116.02, 100.26, 9.74 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3177, 2926, 2854, 1668, 1615, 1570, 1236, 1209, 1185, 1089, 750.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $C_{10}H_9O_3 [M+H]^+$  177.0552; found 177.0547.

4-Hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-2H-chromen-2-one (2b):<sup>k</sup> Colourless solid (59 mg, 62%); mp 222-224 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR



MeO

<sup>></sup>O

(400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.23 (d, J= 8.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 2.37 (s, 3H, Me), 1.98 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) & 163.28, 159.76, 149.80, 132.98, 132.21, 122.60, 115.98, 115.82, 100.15, 20.47, 9.77 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3156, 1666, 1617, 1579, 1502, 1239, 1199, 1097, 812. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 191.0708; found 191.0707.

4-Hydroxy-7-methoxy-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (2c):<sup>1</sup> Colourless solid (71 mg, 69%); mp 206-208 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.14 (s, 1H, OH), 7.79 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), OH 6.93-6.90 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.83 (s, 3H, OMe), 1.95 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 Me MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 163.53, 161.92, 160.30, 153.39, 124.08, 111.67, 109.49, 100.25, 97.45, 55.79, 9.55 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3087, 3017, 1671, 1631, 1609, 1573, 1519, C 1311, 1235, 1160, 1088, 1029, 851, 754. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 207.0657; found 207.0643.

6-Fluoro-4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (2d): Colourless solid (65 mg, 67%); mp 204-206 °C. <sup>1</sup>H



NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) & 7.64-7.61 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 1.99 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  162.96, 158.99 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 2.8 Hz), 157.93 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 238.5$  Hz), 147.95 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 1.9$  Hz), 118.64 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 24.4$ Hz), 118.11 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.6$  Hz), 117.51 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.9$  Hz), 108.53 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 25.4$  Hz), 101.20, 9.83 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3157, 1676, 1620, 1579, 1498, 1229, 1186, 1082, 830, 737. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $C_{10}H_8FO_3 [M+H]^+$  195.0457; found 195.0451.

6-Chloro-4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (2e):<sup>m</sup> Colourless solid (78 mg, 74%); mp 222-224 °C. <sup>1</sup>H



NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.85 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.59 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.5Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 1.98 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 162.74, 158.65, 150.24, 131.04, 127.89, 122.20, 118.14, 117.81, 101.33, 9.87 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3170, 1678, 1611, 1569, 1489, 1237, 1206, 1177, 818. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $C_{10}H_8ClO_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 211.0162; found

211.0162.

6-Bromo-4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (2f): Brown solid (66 mg, 52%); mp 226-228 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR



(400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.00 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.72 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 1.99 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_{\epsilon}$ )  $\delta$  162.70, 158.57, 150.67, 133.87, 125.16, 118.47, 118.26, 115.66, 101.35, 9.86 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3182, 1678, 1611, 1566, 1492, 1233, 1202, 1175, 812. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $C_{10}H_8BrO_3 [M+H]^+$  254.9657; found 254.9657.

8-Bromo-6-chloro-4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (2g): Colourless solid (76 mg, 52%); mp 231-234



CI

<sup>o</sup>C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.85 (d, J = 2.4Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 2.00 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  161.94, 158.43, 147.27, 133.46, 128.18, 121.98, 118.86, 110.03, 101.71, 9.97 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3087, 1705, 1677, 1607, 1559, 1224, 1204, 1173, 1082, 864, 790. HRMS  $(ESI^{+})$ : calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrClO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 288.9267; found 288.9269.

6,8-Dichloro-4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (2h): Colourless solid (88 mg, 72%); mp 240-242 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.85 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.79-7.78 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 1.99 ΟН (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  161.77, 158.41, 146.17, 130.60, Me 127.77, 121.39, 120.90, 118.94, 101.80, 9.96 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3286, 3100, 1706, 1609, 1569, 1474, 1225, 1206, 1182, 1075, 866, 828. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $C_{10}H_7Cl_2O_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 244.9772; found 244.9770. ĆΓ

4-Hydroxy-6,7,8-trimethoxy-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (2i): Colourless solid (101 mg, 76%); mp 214-



216 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*)  $\delta$  11.21 (s, 1H, OH), 7.19 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 3.88 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.84 (s, 6H, OMe), 1.97 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-

 $d_{\epsilon}$   $\delta$  163.05, 159.90, 149.27, 144.57, 140.38, 140.30, 111.66, 99.38, 99.30, 61.40, 60.96, 56.09, 9.74 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2952, 2842, 1663, 1623, 1571, 1500, 1406, 1371, 1250, 1110, 1089, 751, 586. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 267.0869; found 267.0865.

4-Hydroxy-8-methoxy-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (2j): Colourless solid (85 mg, 82%); mp 200-202 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.21 (s, 1H, OH), 7.44 (dd, J = 6.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-OH H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.88 (s, 3H, OMe), 1.99 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Me (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 162.87, 160.00, 146.52, 141.30, 123.58, 116.97, 114.09, 113.42, 100.35, 56.01, 9.75 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3610, 2979, 1680, 1612, 1580, 1492, 1279, 1180, 1098, 1004, 747. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $C_{11}H_{11}O_4$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> ÓMe 207.0657; found 207.0650.

1-Hydroxy-2-methyl-3*H*-benzo[f]chromen-3-one (2k):<sup>n</sup> Brown solid (65 mg, 57%); mp 206-208 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.39 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.11 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.01 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.67 (ddd, J = 8.6, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.59-OН 7.55 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.49 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 2.09 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Me (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 163.70, 162.54, 152.35, 132.99, 130.54, 128.94, 128.86, 127.93, 126.18, 125.36, 116.90, 109.29, 100.68, 10.07 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3061, `∩ 1687, 1662, 1623, 1549, 1200, 1061, 808, 738. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 227.0708; found 227.0717.

6-Acetyl-4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (2l): Colourless solid (88 mg, 80%); mp 246-248 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.43 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.09 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.0OH Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 2.61 (s, 3H, COMe), 1.99 (s, 3H, Me) ppm.  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  196.48, 162.73, 159.63, 154.50, .Me 132.44, 131.07, 123.76, 116.57, 116.26, 100.91, 26.73, 9.84 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):



3106, 1686, 1612, 1361, 1250, 1233, 1189, 1094, 828. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}O_4$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 219.0657; found 219.0658. 4-Hydroxy-3-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-6-carbonitrile (2m): Colourless solid (65 mg, 64%); mp

OH Me NC

232-234°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*)  $\delta$  8.29 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.00 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 2.00 (s, 3H, Me) ppm.  $^{13}C$ 

NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 162.33, 158.60, 154.12, 134.57, 128.10, 118.21, 117.70, 117.45, 106.68, 101.62, 9.87 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3070, 2234, 1659, 1622, 1394, 1369, 1267, 1096, 843. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $C_{11}H_8NO_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 202.0504; found 202.0504.

Methyl 4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-6-carboxylate (2n): Colourless solid (72 mg, 61%); mp



264-266 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.59 (s, 1H, OH), 8.46 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.09-8.07 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 3.88 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>Me), 2.00 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  165.32, 162.69, 159.65, 154.61, 131.73, 125.05, 124.73, 116.70, 116.67, 100.77, 52.34, 9.84 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3388, 3248, 2352, 1731, 1693, 1681, 1618, 1295, 1232, 1129, 1083, 1096, 763. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}O_5 [M+H]^+$  235.0606; found 235.0608.

4-Hydroxy-3-methyl-6-nitro-2H-chromen-2-one (20): Brown solid (72 mg, 65%); mp 228-230 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR



(400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.66 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.37 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.56 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 2.01 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 162.21, 158.69, 155.31, 143.20, 126.10, 119.01, 117.70, 116.90, 101.86, 9.90 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3092, 2931, 1658, 1630, 1618, 1525, 1486, 1371, 1347, 1279, 1258, 1084, 915, 654. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C10H6NO5 [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 220.0246; found 220.0237.

4-Hydroxy-3-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-6-carbaldehyde (2p): Colourless solid (79 mg, 77%); mp 220-222



<sup>6</sup>C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.04 (s, 1H, CHO), 8.41 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.05 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 2.01 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_{\epsilon}$ )  $\delta$  191.78, 162.58, 159.35, 155.31, 131.99, 131.44, 125.82, 117.21, 116.86, 101.04, 9.85 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3308, 3067, 1728, 1680, 1625, 1605, 1337, 1235, 1207, 1005, 903, 628. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 203.0344; found 203.0348.



**4,7-Dihydroxy-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one** (**2q**):<sup>n</sup> Yellow solid (58 mg, 60%); mp 300-302 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.36 (s, 1H, OH), 7.71 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.76 (dd, J= 8.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.65 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 1.93 (s, 3H, Me) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_{\epsilon}$ )  $\delta$  163.63, 160.69, 160.56, 153.44, 124.25, 112.35, 108.41, 101.71, 96.57, 9.47 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3239, 2926, 2854, 1728, 1617, 1376, 1246, 852, 800. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $C_{10}H_9O_4 [M+H]^+$  193.0501; found 193.0503.

4-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-4-oxobutanamide (2a!):° Yellow solid (5 mg, 4%); mp 74-76 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 12.14 (s, 1H, OH), 7.87-7.84 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.46-



7.41 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.94 (dd, J = 8.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 1H, Ar-H). 3.41-3.37 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.10 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.97 (s, 3H, NMe), 2.78-2.75 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  205.29, 171.70, 162.34, 136.43, 130.15, 119.55, 119.14, 118.50, 37.37, 35.85, 33.46, 27.07 ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2925, 2854, 1719, 1639, 1489, 1450, 1286, 1155, 756. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $C_{12}H_{16}NO_3 [M+H]^+ 222.1130$ ; found 222.1138.

4-Hydroxy-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (d-2a): Colourless solid (23 mg, 52%); mp 198-200 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.29 (s, 1H, OH), 7.90 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), OH 7.60-7.55 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.34 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 1.98-1.97 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>D)  $H_2$ C\_D ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  163.20, 159.87, 151.68, 131.46, 123.84, 123.00, 116.35, 116.07, 100.19, 9.56 (t,  $J_{C-D} = 19.6 \text{ Hz}$ ) ppm. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3158,

2924, 2853, 1716, 1665, 1608, 1563, 1233, 1204, 1174, 1077, 746, 733, 658. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): calcd for  $C_{10}H_8DO_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 178.0614; found 178.0616.

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6. Copies of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of products

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one (**2a**)



 $^{1}$ H and  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra of compound 4-hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one (**2b**)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 4-hydroxy-7-methoxy-3-methyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one (**2c**)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 6-fluoro-4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one (**2d**)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 6-chloro-4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one (**2e**)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 6-bromo-4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one (**2f**)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 8-bromo-6-chloro-4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one (**2g**)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 6,8-dichloro-4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one (**2h**)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 4-hydroxy-6,7,8-trimethoxy-3-methyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one (2i)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 4-hydroxy-8-methoxy-3-methyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one (**2j**)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 1-hydroxy-2-methyl-3*H*-benzo[f]chromen-3-one (**2k**)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 6-acetyl-4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one (**2**I)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-6-carbonitrile (**2m**)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound methyl 4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-6-carboxylate (**2n**)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 4-hydroxy-3-methyl-6-nitro-2*H*-chromen-2-one (**20**)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-6-carbaldehyde (**2p**)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 4,7-dihydroxy-3-methyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one (**2q**)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 4-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-4-oxobutanamide (**2a**!)



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2*H*-chromen-2-one (*d*-2a)

## 7. Copies of HRMS spectra of products





































