Supporting Information

Relay Catalysis: Combined Metal Catalyzed Oxidation and Asymmetric Iminium Catalysis for the Synthesis of Bi- and Tricyclic Chromenes

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General Information

Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers. Organic solvents were routinely dried and/or distilled prior to use and stored over molecular sieves under argon. Solvents for chromatography were technical grade and distilled prior to use. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on Merck aluminium support plates Silicagel 60 F₂₅₄. Visualization was achieved under a UV mineral light. Column chromatography was performed using silicagel Merck 60 (particle size 0.2-0.063 mm). Proton NMR (¹H NMR) spectra were recorded at 400 MHz on an Inova 400 spectrometer or at 300 MHz on a Mercury 300 spectrometer. Carbon NMR (¹³C) spectra were similarly recorded at 125 or 75 MHz, using a broadband decoupled mode with the multiplicities obtained using a JMOD or DEPT sequence. Proton and carbon NMR chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to residual proton signals in CDCl₃ (δ = 7.26, 77.16) or in CD₂Cl₂ $(\delta = 5.32, 54.00)$. Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz) and refer to apparent multiplicities. The following abbreviations are used for the multiplicities: s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quartet, qu: quintet, m: multiplet, br: broad. Mass spectra (MS-EI, 70 eV) were conducted on GC-MS Shimadzu QP2010 (column: Equity®-5, length × I.D. 30 m × 0.25 mm, df 0.25 µm, lot # 28089-U, Supelco). IR spectra were recorded on a Jasco FT/IR-420 spectrometer and are reported in terms of frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin Elmer 241 polarimeter using 10 cm cells and the sodium D line (589 nm), in the solvent, at concentration and temperature indicated. The enantiomeric excesses were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary phase column, (column, Daicel Co. Chiralpak AS-H, AD-H, OJ-H or Chiralcel IC, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol). The chiral HPLC methods were calibrated with the corresponding racemic mixtures. Chemical yields refer to pure isolated substances. Melting points (m.p.) were recorded using Büchi B-540 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

General procedures

Procedures for starting materials:

TPAP was prepared following a literature procedure.¹ The starting propargyl alcohols **2** were prepared either by Sonogashira coupling using the corresponding aryl iodide and propargyl alcohol or by hydroxymethylenation of the corresponding terminal alkynes via lithiation and subsequent reaction with paraformaldehyde.² The nitrostyrene derivatives **1** were prepared following a reported procedure.³

General procedure I for the oxidative iminium-enamine cascade: To a solution of propargyl alcohol 2 (0.60 mmol, 1.50 equiv) and NMO (0.64 mmol, 1.60 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (3.0 mL) were added TPAP (38 µmol, 7 mol%), nitrostyrene derivative 1 (0.40 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and diphenylprolinol TMS-ether organocatalyst 4 (80 µmol, 20 mol%). The resulting solution was stirred for 18h at room temperature under an argon atmosphere. The crude reaction mixture was directly charged on silica gel and purified by flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cyclohexane) to afford the pure desired products 3.

Racemic products were synthesized according to the general procedure **I** by using pyrrolidine as catalyst.

General procedure II for the preparation of the tricyclic compounds: To a solution of (*R*)-4-(nitromethyl)-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromene-3-carbaldehyde **3a** (0.15 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL) were added the corresponding cinnamaldehyde **5** (0.23 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and diphenylprolinol TMS-ether **4** (30 μ mol, 20 mol%). The resulting solution was stirred for 48h at room temperature under argon atmosphere. NEt₃ (0.30 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was then added and the resulting mixture was stirred for further 18h. The crude reaction mixture was directly purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (EtOAc/cyclohexane or toluene) to afford the desired tricyclic products.

¹ V. Farmer, T. Welton, *Green Chemistry* 2002, **4**, 97-102.

² F. Kleinbeck, F. D. Toste, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, **131**, 9178-9179.

³ a) J. McNulty, J. A. Steere, S.Wolf, *Tetrahedron Lett.* 1998, **39**, 8013-8016; b) J.-T. Liu, C.-F. Yao, *Tetrahedron Lett.* 2001, **42**, 6147-6150.

Description of the compounds

The absolute configuration of the tricyclic 4*H*-chromene compounds was unambiguously determined by X-ray crystallographic analysis of **6e** (Figure 1).⁴ All three newly formed chiral centers possess the *R* configuration. It is worth pointing out that the nitro group lies *anti* to the aryl group, occupying the less sterically hindered position. This supports the proposed epimerization of the center α to the nitro group towards the thermodynamically more stable product.



Figure. Molecular structure of compound 6e.

(R)-4-(Nitromethyl)-2-phenyl-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 3a



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure I and isolated as a pale yellow solid in 81% yield.

m.p. 118-122 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.50 (s, 1H), 7.59-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.29-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.04 (m, 2H), 4.72-4.38 (m, 3H). ¹³C

NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.4, 170.0, 150.8, 131.9, 130.8, 130.5, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 126.1, 119.9, 117.3, 111.7, 79.8, 32.4. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2919, 2862, 1724, 1635, 1580, 1548, 1489, 1364, 1290, 1259, 1218, 1181, 1112, 804, 761, 703. **MS** *m*/*z* (CI+) 296 ([M+H]⁺). **HPLC** (Chiralpak AS-H, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 27.63 min; t_{minor} = 38.2 min, *ee* = 95%. [α]²⁵_D = +18.0 (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃).

⁴ J. Dufor, M. S. Maji, M. Bolte Acta Crystallographica, Section E: Structure Reports Online 2011, E67(11), o2844.

(R)-Methyl 4-(3-formyl-4-(nitromethyl)-4H-chromen-2-yl)benzoate 3b



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure I and isolated as a pale yellow solid in 86% yield. **m.p.** 147-148 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.17 (m, 4H), 4.80-4.64 (m, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, 2H), 7.50 MHz, 120 MHz, 12

CDCl₃) δ 189.9, 168.6, 166.2, 150.7, 134.9, 133.1, 130.5, 129.9, 129.6, 128.6, 126.3, 119.6, 117.3, 112.5, 79.7, 52.7, 32.4. **MS** m/z (CI+) 354 ([M+H]⁺); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 1723, 1650, 1629, 1608, 1578, 1549, 1489, 1365, 1281, 1258, 1216, 1188, 1109, 871, 761, 712. **HPLC** (Chiralpak AD-H, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.5 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 22.98 min; t_{minor} = 25.01 min, ee = 96%. $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{\rm D} = -7.0$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃).

(R)-4-(Nitromethyl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 3c



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure I and isolated as a pale yellow solid in 77% yield.

m.p. 51-54 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.19 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (dd, J = 13.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H),

4.74-4.65 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.2, 167.0, 150.6, 149.8, 136.8, 131.5, 129.8, 128.7, 126.6, 124.0, 119.2, 117.3, 113.3, 79.7, 32.4. MS *m/z* (CI+) 341 ([M+H]⁺). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 3108, 2860, 1736, 1657, 1545, 1521, 1489, 1348, 1291, 1259, 1217, 1179, 1108, 853, 759, 704. HPLC (Chiralcel IC, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 50/50, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 81.31 min; t_{minor} = 94.78 min, *ee* = 95%. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = -15.2 (*c* 0.7, CHCl₃).

(R)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-(nitromethyl)-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 3d



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure **I** and isolated as a pale yellow solid in 80% yield.

m.p. 95-98 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (ddd, J = 8.2, 7.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.2, 1.2

Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd, J = 9.5, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, J = 4.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (dd, J = 9.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.8, 168.7, 150.7, 132.2, 131.9, 129.7, 129.6, 128.6, 126.7, 126.3, 119.7, 117.3, 112.0, 79.8, 32.4. **MS** *m*/*z* (CI+)

376, 374 ($[M+H]^+$). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 3022, 2860, 1785, 1725, 1669, 1550, 1422, 1384, 1314, 1274, 1216, 1124, 1097, 1048, 990, 907, 757. **HPLC** (Chiralpak AS-H, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 31.47 min; t_{minor} = 52.36 min, *ee* = 97%. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -7.4$ (*c* 1.2, CHCl₃).

(R)-2-(4-tert-Butylphenyl)-4-(nitromethyl)-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 3e



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure **I** and isolated as a pale yellow solid in 80% yield.

m.p. 54-58 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.64 (s, 1H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.75-4.62 (m, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.5, 170.1,

155.6, 150.9, 130.3, 129.4, 128.7, 127.9, 126.0, 125.8, 120.1, 117.3, 111.4, 79.8, 35.2, 32.4, 31.3. **IR** (KBr, cm–1) v 2963, 2868, 1655, 1633, 1580, 1550, 1487, 1461, 1396, 1368, 1262, 1221, 1184, 1116, 843, 758. **MS** m/z (CI+) 352 ([M+H]⁺). **HPLC** (Chiralcel IC, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 22.66 min; t_{minor} = 55.73 min, *ee* = 95%. [α]²⁵_D = -20.1 (*c* 1.4, CHCl₃).

(R)-2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(nitromethyl)-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 3f

carbaldehyde 3g



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure I and isolated as a pale yellow solid in 70% yield.

m.p. 103-106 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.61 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.73-4.59 (m, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H). ¹³C **NMR** (75

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.3, 169.9, 162.7, 150.8, 132.3, 129.4, 128.7, 126.0, 122.9, 120.2, 117.2, 114.2, 110.8, 79.8, 55.7, 32.4. **IR** (KBr, cm–1) v 3286, 3070, 2861, 1649, 1605, 1536, 1507, 1456, 1395, 1365, 1308, 1247, 1170, 1112, 1019, 841. **MS** *m*/*z* (CI+) 326 ([M+H]⁺). **HPLC** (Chiralcel IC, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 41.36 min; t_{minor} = 107.26 min, *ee* = 96%. [α]²⁵_D = -20.1 (*c* 2.1, CHCl₃).

(R)-2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(nitromethyl)-4H-chromene-3-



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure I and isolated as a pale yellow solid in 84% yield.

m.p. 117-120 °C. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.59 (s, 1H),

7.42-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.05 (m, 2H), 4.71-4.58 (m, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.3, 169.6, 159.7, 150.7, 131.9, 129.8, 129.4, 128.6, 126.0, 123.0, 119.8, 117.5, 117.3, 115.5, 111.7, 79.8, 55.7, 32.5. **MS** *m*/*z* (CI+) 326 ([M+H]⁺). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 3024, 2914, 2860, 1782, 1725, 1659, 1578, 1550, 1488, 1425, 1365, 1311, 1271, 1230, 1096, 1045, 991, 879, 758. **HPLC** (Chiralcel IC, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 31.47 min; t_{minor} = 72.87 min, *ee* = 96%. [α]²⁵_D = +2.0 (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃).

(R)-2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(nitromethyl)-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 3h



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure **I** and isolated as a pale gummy solid in 49% yield.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.38 (s, 1H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.01 (m, 3H), 4.74-4.61 (m, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.7, 157.9,

151.1, 132.9, 131.8, 129.3, 128.6, 125.8, 120.7, 120.1, 120.0, 117.3, 112.5, 111.6, 79.6, 55.9, 32.3. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2937, 2847, 1639, 1581, 1547, 1489, 1459, 1433, 1365, 1299, 1246, 1217, 1177, 1103, 1021, 755. **MS** m/z (CI+) 326 ([M+H]⁺). **HPLC** (Chiralcel IC, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 18.07 min; t_{minor} = 29.34 min, ee = 91%. [α]²⁵_D = -26.1 (*c* 1.2, CHCl₃).

(R)-4-(Nitromethyl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 3i



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure I and isolated as a pale yellow solid in 92% yield.

m.p. 138-140 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.81 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 3.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.08 (m, 5H), 4.67-4.61 (m, 1H), 4.57-4.51 (m, 2H). ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

189.3, 163.1, 150.5, 133.8, 132.3, 131.8, 129.5, 128.6, 127.9, 126.1, 120.1, 117.3, 111.7, 79.6, 32.5. **MS** m/z (CI+) 302 ([M+H]⁺). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2858, 1727, 1646, 1602, 1538, 1486, 1423, 1369, 1296, 1227, 1182, 1105, 879, 853, 794, 764, 719. **HPLC** (Chiralcel IC, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 41.00 min; t_{minor} = 92.48 min, ee = 96%. **[\alpha]²⁵**_D = -11.1 (*c* 0.7, CHCl₃).

(R)-2-Cyclohexenyl-4-(nitromethyl)-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 3j



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure **I** and isolated as a white solid in 90% yield.

m.p. 127-130 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.65 (s, 1H), 7.23 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.1, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.27-6.08 (m, 1H),

4.57-4.45 (m, 3H), 2.58-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.16 (m, 2H), 2.11-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.53 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.5, 173.3, 150.6, 139.8, 129.9, 129.3, 128.6, 125.7, 119.9, 117.0, 111.4, 79.7, 32.3, 25.9, 25.8, 22.0, 21.7. MS *m*/*z* (CI+) 300 ([M+H]⁺). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2934, 2863, 1725, 1642, 1576, 1544, 1488, 1364, 1289, 1237, 1175, 1116, 922, 844, 793, 759, 710. HPLC (Chiralpak AS-H, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 18.18 min; t_{minor} = 25.88 min, *ee* = 99%. [α]²⁵_D = -86.2 (*c* 0.7, CHCl₃).

(R)-2-Cyclohexyl-4-(nitromethyl)-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 3k



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure **I** and isolated as a pale yellow oil in 95% yield.

¹**H** NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.09 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (m, 3H), 3.33 – 3.21 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.74 (m, 6H), 1.52-1.25 (m, 4H).¹³**C** NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.5, 176.1, 150.5, 129.2, 128.4, 125.7, 119.8, 116.8, 109.7, 79.7, 38.7, 31.9, 30.3, 29.9, 26.0, 25.8, 25.6. **MS** m/z (CI+) 302 ([M+H]⁺). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2930, 2854, 1715, 1653, 1631, 1579, 1542, 1452, 1364, 1232, 1172, 1008, 822, 759. **HPLC** (Chiralpak AS-H, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 23.90 min; t_{minor} = 18.44 min, ee = 97%. **[\alpha]²⁵_D = -17.6 (***c* **0.5, CHCl₃).**

(R)-2-tert-Butyl-4-(nitromethyl)-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 31



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure I and isolated as a pale yellow solid in 96% yield.

m.p. 94-98 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.4 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.07 (m, 4H), 4.69 (dd, J = 6.3 Hz, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.50-4.40 (m, 2H), 1.50 (s,

9H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.7, 178.7, 150.7, 129.1, 128.2, 125.8, 120.2, 116.6, 110.5, 80.0, 39.0, 32.6, 31.2. IR (KBr, cm–1) v 3046, 2970, 2894, 1642, 1573, 1538, 1481,

1458, 1396, 1360, 1223, 1182, 1142, 943, 863, 758. **MS** m/z (CI+) 276 ([M+H]⁺). **HPLC** (Chiralpak AS-H, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 14.69 min; t_{minor} = 17.18 min, ee = 98%. $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D} = -55.5$ (*c* 1.1, CHCl₃).

(R)-2-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)-4-(nitromethyl)-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 3m



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure **I** and isolated as a pale yellow oil in 53% yield.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.18 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, J = 13.9 Hz,

1H), 4.68-4.53 (m, 3H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.7, 169.0, 150.3, 129.4, 128.6, 126,0, 119.8, 117.1, 112.2, 79.4, 60.5, 31.9, 25.9, 18.4, -5.1. **MS** m/z (CI+) 364 ([M+H]⁺). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2928, 2858, 1739, 1644, 1522, 1461, 1378, 1232, 1174, 1098, 1072, 966, 833, 759, 702. **HPLC** (Chiralpak OJ-H, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 96/4, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 29.43 min; t_{minor} = 33.60 min, *ee* = 92%. **[a]**²⁵_D = +4.0 (*c* 0.3, CHCl₃).

(R)-6-Methoxy-4-(nitromethyl)-2-phenyl-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 3n



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure I and isolated as a white solid in 74% yield.

m.p. 123-130 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.59 (s, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.84 (m, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.78-4.59 (m, 3H), 3.81 (s, J =

1.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.4, 170.1, 157.4, 144.9, 131.8, 130.9, 130.4, 128.8, 120.7, 118.2, 115.3, 112.6, 110.8, 79.6, 55.9, 32.8. MS *m*/*z* (CI+) 326 ([M+H]⁺). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 3020, 2918, 2850, 1651, 1630, 1586, 1550, 1498, 1430, 1362, 1257, 1213, 1032, 756. HPLC (Chiralcel IC, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 30.49 min; t_{minor} = 38.22 min, *ee* = 94%. [α]²⁵_D = +46.3 (*c* 0.3, CHCl₃).

(R)-7-Methoxy-4-(nitromethyl)-2-phenyl-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 30



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure I and isolated as a pale yellow solid in 74% yield. **m.p.** 120-127 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.60 (s, 1H), 7.65-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 8.5; 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.74-4.60 (m, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.5, 169.8, 160.4, 151.5, 131.9, 130.8, 130.4, 129.2, 128.8, 112.8, 112.1, 111.6, 102.3, 79.9, 55.7, 32.0. **MS** *m*/*z* (CI+) 326 ([M+H]⁺). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2924, 2859, 1725, 1639, 1577, 1542, 1505, 1441, 1361, 1331, 1167, 1106, 1025, 938, 829, 746, 695. **HPLC** (Chiralcel IC, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 33.21 min; t_{minor} = 67.23 min, *ee* = 97%. [α]²⁵_D = +60.0 (*c* 0.6, CHCl₃).

(R)-6-Bromo-4-(nitromethyl)-2-phenyl-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 3p



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure **I** and isolated as a yellow solid in 76% yield.

m.p. 188-190 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.58 (s, 1H), 7.62-7.41 (m, 7H), 7.12-7.03 (m, 1H), 4.81-4.73 (m, 1H), 4.67-4.61 (m, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.2, 169.6, 150.0, 132.5,

132.1, 131.3, 130.4, 128.9, 122.1, 119.0, 118.4, 111.2, 79.5, 32.2. **MS** m/z (CI+) 374, 376 ([M+H]⁺). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2879, 1738, 1649, 1628, 1573, 1537, 1480, 1424, 1358, 1255, 1217, 1178, 1126, 891, 807, 726, 695. **HPLC** (Chiralpak AS-H, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 31.12 min; t_{minor} = 57.55 min, *ee* = 95%. **[\alpha]²⁵**_D = +87.8 (*c* 0.7, CHCl₃).

(R)-6-Methyl-4-(nitromethyl)-2-phenyl-4H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 3q



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure **I** and isolated as a white solid in 84% yield.

m.p. 153-155 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 7.66-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.03 (m, 3H), 4.78-4.59 (m, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.5, 170.1, 148.8, 135.9, 131.8, 130.9,

130.5, 130.1, 128.8, 119.6, 117.0, 111.6, 79.8, 32.4, 21.0. **MS** m/z (CI+) 310 ([M+H]⁺). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2863, 2070, 1732, 1643, 1621, 1583, 1547, 1494, 1423, 1358, 1259, 1196, 1124, 815, 759, 701. **HPLC** (Chiralcel IC, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 29.57 min; t_{minor} = 47.34 min, ee = 96%. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +43.0$ (*c* 0.6, CHCl₃).



(*R*)-8-Methyl-4-(nitromethyl)-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromene-3-carbaldehyde 3r

The title compound was prepared following the general procedure I and isolated as a pale yellow solid in 71% yield. **m.p.** 117-120 °C. ¹H NMR

(300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.63 (s, 1H), 7.68-7.46 (m, 5H), 7.22-7.08 (m, 3H), 4.75-4.60 (m, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.4, 169.9, 149.2, 132.0, 131.0, 130.9, 130.6, 129.0, 126.7, 126.2, 125.6, 119.7, 111.7, 80.0, 32.6, 16.0. **MS** *m*/*z* (CI+) 310 ([M+H]⁺). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2920, 2854, 1735, 1653, 1588, 1549, 1468, 1445, 1371, 1271, 1188, 1078, 910, 780, 734, 701. **HPLC** (Chiralpak AS-H, 0.46 x 25 cm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 70/30, flow rate = 0.6 mL.min⁻¹) t_{major} = 21.69 min; t_{minor} = 27.15 min, *ee* = 77%. [α]²⁵_D = +75.0 (*c* 0.6, CHCl₃).

(9R,10R,10aR)-10-Nitro-6,9-diphenyl-10,10a-dihydro-9*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene-8-carbaldehyde 6a



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure **II** and isolated as a pale yellow solid in 77% yield. **m.p.** 132-136 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 9.44 (s, 1H), 7.71-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.61-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.20 (m, 6H), 7.20-7.02 (m, 3H), 5.46 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (brs, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 191.5, 157.1, 151.4, 145.5, 139.8, 133.2, 133.0, 131.1, 130.1, 129.8, 129.5, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 126.2, 125.2,

118.7, 117.8, 105.2, 86.1, 43.3, 32.6. **MS** m/z (EI+) 410 ([M+H]⁺). **HRMS** m/z (ES+) calcd for C₂₆H₂₀NO₄ ([M+H]⁺) 410.13868, found 410.13870. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2919, 2851, 1734, 1676, 1548, 1454, 1376, 1238, 1163, 1115, 1075, 950, 765, 704. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -90.3$ (*c* 1.4, CHCl₃).

(9R,10R,10aR)-9-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-10-nitro-6-phenyl-10,10a-dihydro-9Hbenzo[c]chromene-8-carbaldehyde **6b**



The title compound was prepared following general procedure II and isolated as a yellow solid in 83% yield. **m.p.** 119-123 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 9.43 (s, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.03 (m, 6H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (brs, 1H), 4.34 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, J = 2.3 Hz, 3H).¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 191.5, 160.0, 156.9, 151.4, 145.2, 133.5, 133.0, 131.7, 131.1, 130.1, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 126.2, 125.2, 118.8, 117.8, 115.1, 105.2, 86.3, 55.9, 42.6, 32.5. MS *m/z*

(EI+) 440 ([M+H]⁺). **HRMS** m/z (EI+) calcd for C₂₇H₂₂NO₅ ([M+H]⁺) 440.14925, found 440.14932. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2194, 2121, 1732, 1673, 1607, 1545, 1506, 1452, 1364, 1303, 1245, 1161, 1118, 1074, 1028, 949, 825, 759, 697. $[\alpha]^{25}_{p} = -125.2$ (*c* 1.6, CHCl₃).

(9R,10R,10aR)-10-Nitro-9-(4-nitrophenyl)-6-phenyl-10,10a-dihydro-9H-benzo[c]chromene-8-carbaldehyde 6c



The title compound was prepared following general procedure **II** and isolated as a yellow solid in 81% yield. **m.p.** 175-178 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 9.45 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.70-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.13- 7.07 (m, 1H), 5.44 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (brs, 1H), 4.29 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 191.2, 157.9, 151.3, 148.2, 146.9, 146.2, 132.8, 132.1, 131.3, 130.7, 130.1, 129.9, 129.7, 129.3, 126.2,

125.4, 124.9, 118.0, 104.4, 85.4, 43.0, 32.8. **MS** m/z (EI+) 454 (M). **HRMS** m/z (EI+) calcd for C₂₆H₁₈NO₄ ([M–NO₂]⁺) 408.12303, found 408.12392. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2920, 2851, 1672, 1627, 1604, 1577, 1548, 1518, 1346, 1261, 1230, 1163, 1113, 1076, 907, 858, 828, 762, 728. **[\alpha]²⁵**_D = -191.3 (*c* 1.5, CHCl₃).

(9R,10R,10aR)-9-(4-Bromophenyl)-10-nitro-6-phenyl-10,10a-dihydro-9H-benzo[c]chromene-8-carbaldehyde 6d



The title compound was prepared following general procedure **II** and isolated as a pale yellow solid in 78% yield. **m.p.** 110-113 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 9.40 (s, 1H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.61-7.47 (m, 5H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.06 (m, 3H), 5.40 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (brs, 1H), 4.29 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H).¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 191.3, 157.35, 151.4, 145.7, 139.0, 132.9, 132.7, 131.2, 130.5, 130.4, 130.1, 129.6, 129.3, 126.2, 125.3, 122.6, 118.4, 117.9, 104.9, 85.8, 42.7, 32.6 **MS**

m/z (EI+) 487; 489 (M). **HRMS** m/z (EI+) calcd for C₂₆H₁₈NO₄⁷⁹Br ([M) 487.04137, found 487.04178. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2919, 2851, 1907, 1733, 1676, 1628, 1545, 1457, 1373, 1236, 1161, 1165, 1117, 1074, 1012, 951, 821, 762, 706. **[\alpha]²⁵**_D = -284.0 (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃).

(9R,10R,10aR)-9-(2-Bromophenyl)-10-nitro-6-phenyl-10,10a-dihydro-9H-benzo[c]chromene-8-carbaldehyde 6e



The title compound was prepared following general procedure **II** and isolated as a pale yellow solid in 85% yield. **m.p.** 196-199 °C. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.45 (s, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.16 (m, 5H), 7.11 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (dd, J = 3.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (brs, 1H), 4.24 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H)...¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.8, 157.0,

150.9, 145.8, 137.9, 134.2, 132.8, 132.4, 130.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.7, 129.2, 128.8, 128.0, 126.2, 125.0, 124.8, 117.5, 117.3, 104.3, 83.5, 42.3, 32.7. **MS** m/z (EI+) 487; 489 (M). **HRMS** m/z (EI+) calcd for C₂₆H₁₈NO₄⁷⁹Br ([M]) 487.04137, found 487.04142. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) v 2327, 2070, 1733, 1675, 1609, 1574, 1544, 1489, 1455, 1366, 1258, 1230, 1165, 1117, 1072, 1020, 947, 830, 761, 696. $[\alpha]^{25}_{ D} = +58.0$ (*c* 2.9, CHCl₃).

Compound 3a



Compound 3a





Data file: JD-114_ASH_7030_flow06_848961261.DATA Method: HPLC1_ASH_7030_flow06_acq_50 Date: 05.07.2010 21:31:59



Compound **3b**



Compound 3b



Data file: JD-148_ADH_7030_flow05_545451.DATA Method: HPLC1_ADH_7030_flow05_acq_90 Date: 27.07.2010 11:48:47



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Compound 3c



Compound 3c

Data file: JD-174rac_IC_5050_flow07_49844.DATA Method: HPLC1_IC_5050_flow0.7_acq_130 Date: 12.08.2010 17:22:48



Data file: JD-177_IC_5050_flow07_4524.DATA Method: HPLC1_IC_5050_flow0.7_acq_130 Date: 13.08.2010 10:08:06



Compound 3d



Compound 3d



Data file: JD-134ra_ASH_7030_flow06_230021.DATA Method: HPLC1_ASH_7030_flow08_acq_90 Date: 06.08.2010 20:59:21

Data file: JD-161b_ASH_7030_flow06_989854341.DATA Method: HPLC1_ASH_7030_flow06_acq_90 Date: 06.08.2010 15:31:37



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Compound 3e



Compound 3e



Data file: MM-224_IC_7030_flow06_25199.DATA Method: HPLC1_IC_7030_flow06_acq_120 Date: 30.08.2010 17:30:25



Compound $\mathbf{3f}$



Compound 3f





Data file: MM-177_IC_7030_flow06_12133.DATA Method: HPLC1_IC_7030_flow06_acq_120 Date: 10.08.2010 20:19:57



Compound 3g



Compound 3g



Data file: JD-152_IC_7030_flow06_545451489.DATA Method: HPLC1_IC_7030_flow06_acq_120 Date: 28.07.2010 09:53:59



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Compound $\mathbf{3h}$



Compound 3h



Data file: MM 229_IC_7030_flow06_9898908.DATA Method: HPLC1_IC_7030_flow06_acq_120 Date: 30.08.2010 18:47:16



Compound 3i



Compound 3i

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Data file: JD-191rac_IC_7030_flow06_61919616.DATA Method: HPLC1_IC_7030_flow06_acq_120 Date: 26.08.2010 14:36:27



Data file: JD-194_IC_7030_flow06_595.DATA Method: HPLC1_IC_7030_flow06_acq_120 Date: 31.08.2010 18:04:03



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Total						100,00	80603,6	78104,3	100,000

Compound 3j



Compound 3j

Data file: JD-162rac_ASH_7030_flow06_452424.DATA Method: HPLC1_ASH_7030_flow08_acq_60 Date: 04.08.2010 17:43:57



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Compound 3k



Compound 3k

Data file: JD-133_ASH_7030_flow06_424.DATA Method: HPLC1_ASH_7030_flow06_acq_50 Date: 19.07.2010 09:48:06



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Compound 31



Compound 31



Compound 3m



Compound 3m

Method: HPLC1_OJH_964_flow06_acq90 Date: 18.07.2010 18:29:48



Method: HPLC1_OJH_964_flow06_acq90 Date: 06.08.2010 13:02:51



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Compound **3n**



Compound 3n

Data file: JD-143_IC_7030_flow06_595954148.DATA Method: HPLC1_IC_7030_flow06_acq_120 Date: 23.07.2010 12:38:35



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Compound 30



Compound 30





Data file: JD-171_IC_7030_flow06_69456431.DATA Method: HPLC1_IC_7030_flow06_acq_120 Date: 10.08.2010 13:50:22



Compound **3p**



Compound 3p

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Data file: JD-182rac_ASH_7030_flow06_8191.DATA Method: HPLC1_ASH_7030_flow06_acq_90 Date: 18.08.2010 14:35:43



Data file: JD-183_ASH_7030_flow06_99191261.DATA Method: HPLC1_ASH_7030_flow06_acq_90 Date: 20.08.2010 23:25:59



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1	UNKNOWN	53,247	55,683	60,274	0,000	2,34	544,7	1078,7	2,339
Total						100,00	37458,6	46118,6	100,000

Compound 3q



Compound 3q



Data file: JD-193_IC_7030_flow06_4111561.DATA Method: HPLC1_IC_7030_flow06_acq_120 Date: 26.08.2010 18:41:21



Compound 3r



Compound 3r



Data file: JD-222_ASH_7030_flow06_92629.DATA Method: HPLC1_ASH_7030_flow06_acq_90 Date: 20.09.2010 19:06:22

Data file: JD-227_ASH_7030_flow08_9595.DATA Method: HPLC1_ASH_7030_flow08_acq_50 Date: 21.09.2010 17:07:33



Compound 6a



Compound 6b



Compound 6c



Compound 6d



Compound 6e

