

Supporting Information

A facile route to flavone and neoflavone backbones via a regioselective palladium catalyzed oxidative Heck reaction

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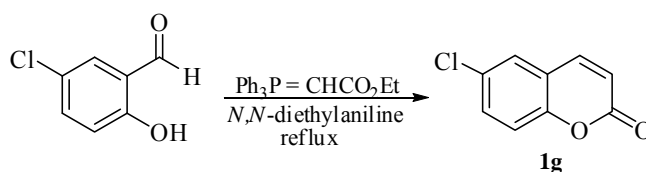
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1 General remarks

All commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Solvents were dried and distilled by standard procedures. Coumarines, Palladium (II) and other reagents were purchased from Acros Organics. 6-Chlorocoumarin and chromenone derivatives were synthesized according to the reported methods.^{1,2} Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel. TLC was conducted on silica gel 250 micron, F₂₅₄ plates. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500 MHz NMR instrument. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with TMS as an internal standard (TMS: δ 0.0 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, br = broad, m = multiplet), integration and coupling constants (Hz). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 125 MHz NMR spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with the solvent as internal standard (CDCl₃: δ = 77.0 ppm; DMSO-d₆: δ = 39.5 ppm).

2 General experimental details

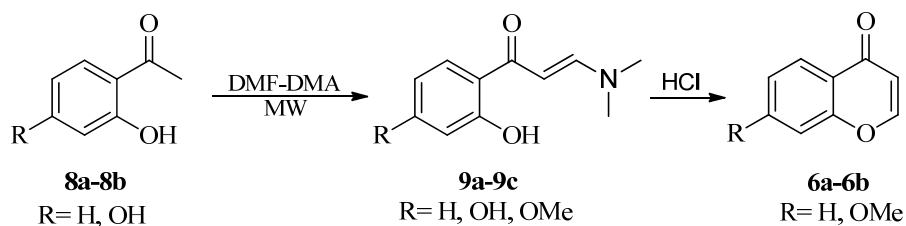
2-1 Synthesis of coumarin **1g**



6-chloro-2*H*-chromen-2-one **1g** was synthesized by the Wittig reaction of 6-chloro-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde with the Wittig reagent, ethyl(triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetate in *N,N'*-diethylaniline under reflux. 6-chloro-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (1 mmol) and ethyl(triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetate (1.2 mmol) were dissolved in *N,N'*-diethylaniline (15 ml) and the resulting mixture was stirred at reflux for 4 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting brown oil was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes)¹.

¹ D. Maes, M. Eugenia Riveiro, C. Shayo, C. Davio, S. Debenedetti, N. De Kimpe, Tetrahedron 64 (2008) 4438-4443.

2-2 Synthesis of chromenones



A mixture of 2-hydroxyacetophenone (5 mmol, 0.6 mL) and *N,N*-dimethylformamide-dimethylacetal (1 equiv, 0.66 mL) was irradiated under microwave for 15 s (300 W max, T=115 °C). The resulting mixture was cooled at room temperature and crystallized in hexane to give the enamine intermediate **9** (red crystals). When the reaction was performed in the presence of 2,4-dihydroxyacetophenone, an additional O-methylation of hydroxyl group was happened².

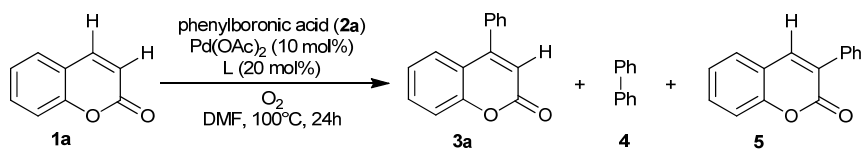
To the solution of the enamine **9** (1 g, 5.24 mmol) in methylene chloride (40 mL) was added concentrated HCl (4 mL). The resulting mixture was refluxed for 1 h. After cooling, the mixture was extracted with methylene chloride (3×40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution, then with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to afford corresponding chromenone **6**.²

² M. Spadafora, V. Y. Postupalenko, V. V. Shvadchak, A. S. Klymchenko, Y. Me'ly, A. Burger, R. Benhida, *Tetrahedron* 65 (2009) 7809–7816

3 Oxidative Heck Reaction

3-1 Screening of reaction conditions

Table S1. Effect of Ligands on the Cross-Coupling Reaction of Phenylboronic acid with Coumarin **1a**



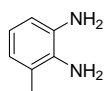
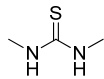
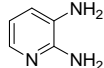
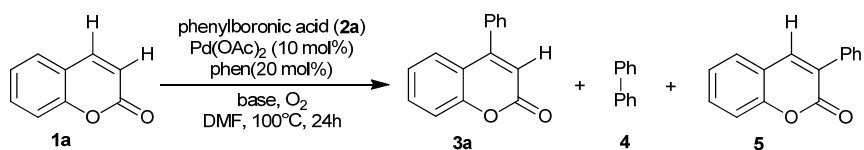
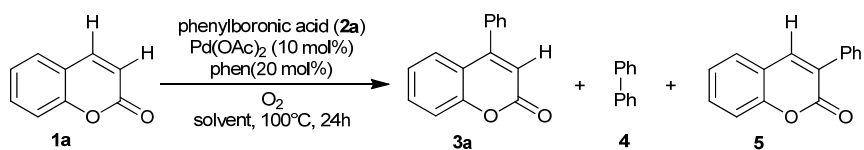
Entry	Ligand 20 mol%	Yield		
		3a	5	4
1	phen.	85	0	10
2	dmphen	15	0	70
3	dmap	40	0	20
4	bpy	62	0	30
5	PPh ₃	10	0	25
6		0	0	73
7		0	0	8
8		0	0	64

Table S2. Effect of Bases on the Cross-Coupling Reaction of Phenylboronic acid with Coumarin **1a**



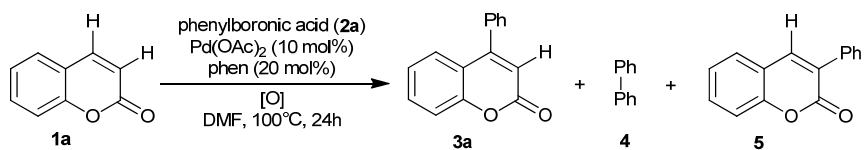
Entry	Base (2.0 equiv)	Yield		
		3a	5	4
1	—	85	0	10
2	K ₂ CO ₃	5	0	85
3	KOAc	5	0	90
4	Na ₂ CO ₃	0	0	80
5	KF	0	0	92
6	K ₂ HPO ₄	5	0	90
7	DABCO	5	0	80

Table S3. Effect of Solvents on the Cross-Coupling Reaction of Phenylboronic acid with Coumarin **1a**



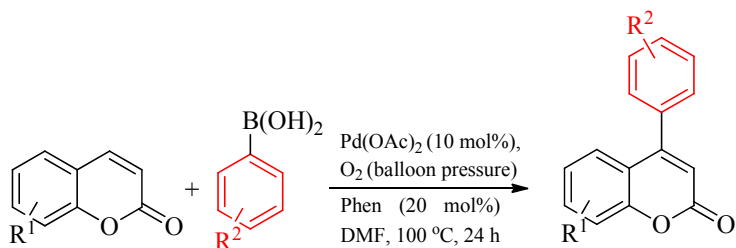
Entry	Solvent	Yield		
		3a	5	4
1	DMF	85	0	10
2	Dioxone	68	0	15
3	toluene	No Reaction		
4	TFA	No Reaction		
5	ACN	14	0	0
6	DMF/TFA 2.5/0.5	No Reaction		
7	AcOH	No Reaction		
4	TFA	No Reaction		
8	DMF/TFA 2.5/0.5	0	0	73

Table S4. Effect of Oxidant on the Cross-Coupling Reaction of Phenylboronic acid with Coumarin **1a**



Entry	Oxidant	Yield		
		3a	5	4
1	O ₂	85	0	10
2	Na ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (3 eq)	0	0	90
3	BQ (3 eq)	0	0	20
4	Cu(OAc) ₂ (3 eq)	15	0	10

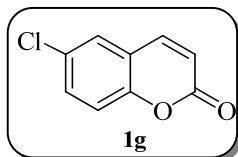
3-2 General procedure for direct arylation of coumarins and chromenones



Coumarin (0.20 mmol), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (10 mol%) and 1,10-phenanthroline (6 mg, 0.02 mmol) were combined in dried DMF (0.15 mL) under O_2 and stirred for 5 min (*Note: DMF was dried over calcium hydride for 24 hours and then distilled under vacuum*). The reaction mixture was heated to $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and the aryl boronic acid (0.1 mmol) in DMF (0.10 mL) was added slowly over 2 h (every 30 minutes) to reduce the homo-coupling product of aryl boronic acid. The reaction was stirred and monitored by TLC using EtOAc: petroleum ether (2:8) as the mobile phase. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (8 mL). After stirring this mixture for 5 min the precipitate was filtered over Celite using EtOAc as the eluent. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexanes).

4 Experimental characterization data

4-1 Starting materials



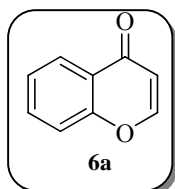
6-chloro-2H-chromen-2-one (1g). mp 153–155 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.48 (d, 1H, $J=9.5$ Hz, H₃), 7.29 (d, 1H, $J=7.0$ Hz, H₈), 7.48–7.50 (m, 2H, H_{5,7}), 7.65 (d, 1H, $J=9.5$ Hz, H₄). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 117.3, 117.8, 119.3, 126.6, 129.2, 131.3, 141.7, 151.9, 159.5.

(E)-3-(dimethylamino)-1-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-prop-2-en-1-one (9)

mp 130–131 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 2.95 (s, 3H, N-Me), 3.17 (s, 3H, N-Me), 5.76 (d, 1H, $J=12.1$ Hz), 6.81 (dt, 1H, $J=1.0$ and 7.1 Hz), 6.92 (dd, 1H, $J=0.9$ and 8.4 Hz), 7.30 (dt, 1H, $J=1.5$ and 8.4 Hz), 7.69 (dd, 1H, $J=1.4$ and 8.0 Hz), 7.87 (d, 1H, $J=12.0$ Hz), 13.99 (s, 1H, OH). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 7.5, 45.5, 90.1, 118.1, 118.3, 120.4, 128.3, 134.0, 154.9, 163.0, 191.6.

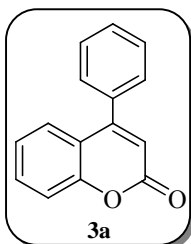
(E)-3-dimethylamino-1-(2-hydroxy-4-methoxy)-phenylpropenone (10)

mp 130–133 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (d, 1H, $J=12.0$ Hz, CH=CH), 7.61 (d, 1H, $J=9.2$ Hz, Ph), 6.41 (d, 1H, $J=2.4$ Hz, Ph), 6.38 (dd, 1H, $J=2.4$ and 9.2 Hz, Ph), 5.68 (d, 1H, $J=12.0$ Hz, CH=CH), 3.82 (s, 3H, O-CH₃), 3.18 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 2.96 (s, 3H, N-CH₃). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 37.4, 45.4, 55.4, 89.8, 101.0, 106.4, 113.8, 129.7, 154.0, 164.3, 165.5, 190.6.

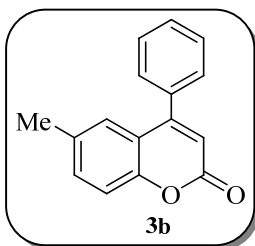


4H-chromen-4-one (6a). Yield 90%; mp 52–54 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 6.31 (d, 1H, $J=6.0$ Hz), 7.33–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.63 (ddd, 1H, $J=1.8$, 7.1 and 8.4 Hz), 7.83 (d, 1H, $J=6.0$ Hz), 8.18 (dd, 1H, $J=1.5$ and 7.9 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 113.1, 118.3, 125.0, 125.3, 125.9, 133.8, 155.4, 156.6, 177.7.

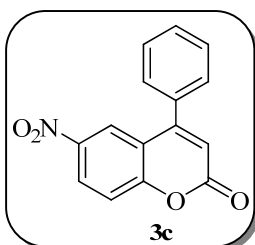
4-2 Coumarins 3a-3n



4-phenyl-2H-chromen-2-one (3a). Yield 75%; Oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.39 (s, 1H, H_3 coumarin), 7.24 (t, 1H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, H_6 coumarin), 7.40-7.57 (m, 8H, H Ph and H coumarin); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 115.1, 117.3, 124.2, 126.9, 128.4, 128.9, 129.7, 130.9, 131.9, 135.2, 154.2, 155.7, 160.8; IR (KBr): 1730 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} . Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$: C, 81.07; H, 4.54. Found: C, 81.31; H, 4.20.

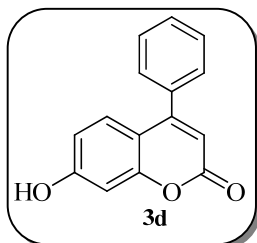


6-methyl-4-phenyl-2H-chromen-2-one (3b). Yield 88%; Oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.35 (s, 3H, CH_3), 6.37 (s, 1H, H_3 coumarin), 7.27 (d, 1H, $J = 1.8$ Hz, H_5 coumarin), 7.31 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz, H_8 coumarin), 7.36 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.8$, $J = 8.4$ Hz, H_7 coumarin), 7.48-7.43 (m, 2H, H Ph), 7.56-7.53 (m, 3H, H Ph); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 20.9, 115.1, 117.0, 118.6, 126.7, 128.4, 128.8, 129.6, 132.9, 133.9, 135.3, 152.3, 155.6, 160.9; IR (KBr): 1732 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} . Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$: C, 81.34; H, 5.12. Found: C, 81.19; H, 5.38.



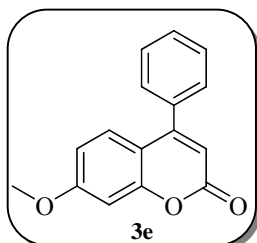
6-nitro-4-phenyl-2H-chromen-2-one (3c). Yield 72%, mp 208-210 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.53 (s, 1H, H_3 coumarin), 7.47-7.49 (m, 3H, H Ph), 7.47-7.49 (m, 5H, H Ph), 7.60 (dd, 1H, $J = 2.2$, $J = 6.0$ Hz, H_8 coumarin), 8.42-8.44 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_{5,7}$ coumarin); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 158.0, 157.7, 154.6, 143.9, 133.7, 130.5, 129.4, 128.2, 126.7, 123.0, 118.5, 116.7; IR (KBr): 1731 (C=O), 1333 and 1516 (NO₂); MS, m/z (%) 267 (M⁺, 100), 239 (66), 193 (40), 165 (98); Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₉NO₄: C, 67.42; H, 3.39; N, 5.24. Found: C, 67.13; H, 3.54; N, 5.06.

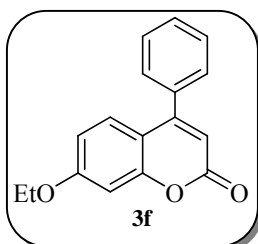


7-hydroxy-4-phenyl-2H-chromen-2-one (3d)

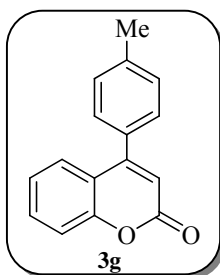
Yield 68%, mp 210-212 °C; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 500 MHz) δ 6.15 (s, 1H, H₃ coumarin), 6.79 (m, 2H, H₆ and H₈ coumarin), 7.27 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz, H₅ coumarin), 7.51-7.56 (m, 5H, H Ph), 10.64 (s, 1H, OH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 102.6, 110.3, 110.6, 113.2, 128.0, 128.3, 128.7, 129.5, 135.1, 155.3, 155.5, 160.0, 161.3; IR (KBr): 3445 (OH), 1694 (C=O) cm⁻¹. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₀O₃: C, 75.62; H, 4.23. Found: C, 75.37; H, 4.59.



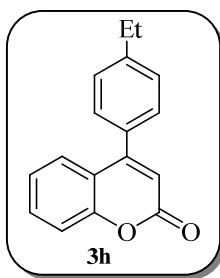
7-methoxy-4-phenyl-2H-chromen-2-one (3e). Yield 70%, mp 114-116 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.89 (s, 3H, O-CH₃), 6.22 (s, 1H, H₃ coumarin), 6.79 (dd, 1H, J = 2.6, 8.8 Hz, H₆ coumarin), 6.90 (d, 1H, J = 2.6 Hz, H₈ coumarin), 7.38 (d, 1H, J = 8.8 Hz, H₅ coumarin), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H, H Ph), 7.53-7.50 (m, 3H, H Ph); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.8, 101.1, 111.8, 112.3, 127.9, 128.3, 128.8, 129.6, 130.9, 132.3, 135.6, 155.8, 161.2, 162.8; IR (KBr): 1731 (C=O) cm⁻¹. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂O₃: C, 76.18; H, 4.79. Found: 76.32; H, 4.56.



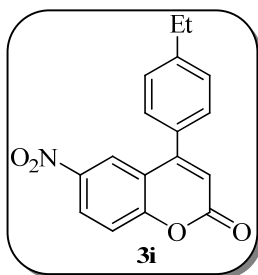
7-ethoxy-4-phenyl-2H-chromen-2-one (3f). Yield 74%, mp 146-148 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.47 (t, 3H, $J = 4.5$ Hz, CH_3), 4.11 (q, 2H, $J = 4.5$ Hz, O- CH_2), 6.23 (s, 1H, H_3 coumarin), 6.79 (dd, 1H, $J = 2.5, 8.9$ Hz, H_6 coumarin), 6.88 (d, 1H, $J = 2.5$ Hz, H_8 coumarin), 7.39 (d, 1H, $J = 8.9$ Hz, H_5 coumarin), 7.46-7.44 (m, 2H, H Ph), 7.53-7.52 (m, 3H, H Ph); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.6, 64.2, 101.5, 111.7, 112.3, 112.7, 127.9, 128.4, 128.8, 129.5, 135.6, 155.9, 156.0, 161.3, 162.2; IR (KBr): 1730 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; MS, m/z (%) 266 (M^+ , 98), 238 (40), 210 (100), 181 (32); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ (266.29): C, 76.68; H, 5.30. Found: C, 76.44; H, 5.19.



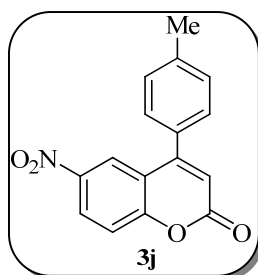
4-*p*-tolyl-2H-chromen-2-one (3g). Yield 73%, mp 79-81 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.46 (s, 3H, CH_3), 6.38 (s, 1H, H_3 coumarin), 7.24 (t, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, H_6 coumarin), 7.33-7.37 (m, 4H, H Ph), 7.42 (d, 1H, $J = 8.1$ Hz, H_8 coumarin), 7.53-7.57 (m, 2H, H_5 and H_7 coumarin); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.3, 114.8, 117.3, 119.0, 124.1, 127.0, 128.4, 129.5, 131.8, 132.3, 139.9, 154.2, 155.7, 160.8; IR (KBr): 1733 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} . Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$ (236.27): C, 81.34; H, 5.12. Found: C, 81.63; H, 5.32.



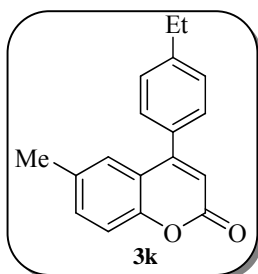
4-(4-ethylphenyl)-2H-chromen-2-one (3h). Yield 76%; Oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.30 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH_3), 2.77 (q, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH_2), 6.38 (s, 1H, H_3 coumarin), 7.24 (dt, 1H, $J = 1.2, J = 8.4$ Hz, H_6 coumarin), 7.35-7.41 (m, 4H, H Ph), 7.42 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.2, J = 8.4$ Hz, H_8 coumarin), 7.54-7.57 (m, 2H, H_5 and H_7 coumarin); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.4, 28.7, 114.9, 117.3, 119.0, 124.0, 127.0, 128.3, 128.5, 131.8, 132.5, 146.2, 154.2, 155.7, 160.9; IR (KBr): 1733 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} . Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$: C, 81.58; H, 5.64. Found: C, 81.37; H, 5.38.



4-(4-ethylphenyl)-6-nitro-2H-chromen-2-one (3i). Yield 68%; Oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.33 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH_3), 2.80 (q, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH_2), 6.51 (s, 1H, H_3 coumarin), 7.39-7.44 (m, 4H, H Ph), 7.54 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz, H_8 coumarin), 8.42 (dd, 1H, $J = 2.6, 9.0$ Hz, H_7 coumarin), 8.49 (d, 1H, $J = 2.6$ Hz, H_5 coumarin); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.3, 28.7, 116.3, 118.4, 119.4, 123.1, 126.5, 128.3, 128.9, 131.0, 143.9, 147.1, 154.7, 157.7, 159.0; IR (KBr): 1730 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 1337 and 1505 (NO_2) cm^{-1} ; MS, m/z (%) 295 (M^+ , 91), 266 (95), 252 (38), 149 (100), 43 (71); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_4$ (295.29): C, 69.15; H, 4.44; N, 4.74. Found: C, 69.44; H, 4.27; N, 4.59.

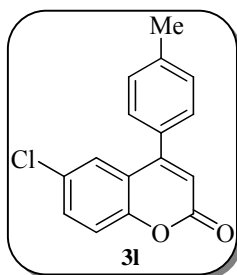


6-nitro-4-p-tolyl-2H-chromen-2-one (3j). Yield 77%, mp 214-217 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.50 (s, 3H, CH_3), 6.51 (s, 1H, H_3 coumarin), 7.37 (d, 2H, $J = 8.2$ Hz, H Ph), 7.41 (d, 2H, $J = 8.2$ Hz, H Ph), 7.54 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz, H_8 coumarin), 8.42 (dd, 1H, $J = 2.6, 9.0$ Hz, H_7 coumarin), 8.47 (d, 1H, $J = 2.6$ Hz, H_5 coumarin); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.4, 116.3, 118.4, 119.4, 123.1, 126.6, 128.2, 130.1, 130.8, 140.9, 143.9, 154.7, 157.7, 159.0; IR (KBr): 1731 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 1338 and 1516 (NO_2) cm^{-1} . Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_4$: C, 68.32; H, 3.94; N, 4.98. Found: C, 68.20; H, 3.75; N, 5.11.

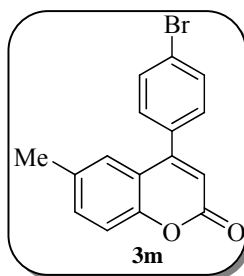


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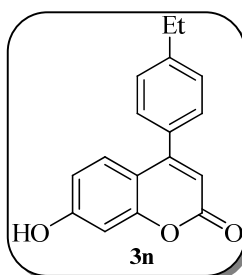
Ph and H_{5,7,8} coumarin). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 15.3, 20.9, 28.4, 114.8, 117.0, 118.7, 126.7, 127.3, 128.5, 128.6, 132.7, 133.6, 146.0, 152.3, 155.7, 161.1; IR (KBr): 1737 (C=O) cm⁻¹. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆O₂: C, 81.79; H, 6.10. Found: C, 81.47; H, 6.28.



6-chloro-4-p-tolyl-2H-chromen-2-one (3l). Yield 82%, 156-159 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.48 (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.40 (s, 1H, H₃ coumarin), 7.34-7.38 (m, 5H, 4H Ph and H₈ coumarin), 7.49-7.52 (m, 2H, H₅ and H₇ coumarin); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.3, 115.7, 118.7, 120.2, 126.3, 128.2, 129.5, 129.7, 131.6, 131.7, 140.2, 152.5, 154.7, 160.2; IR (KBr): 1734 (C=O) cm⁻¹; MS, *m/z* (%) 272 (M⁺⁺+2, 38), 270 (M⁺, 100), 255 (60), 242 (89), 178 (53); Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁ClO₂: C, 70.99; H, 4.10. Found: C, 70.75; H, 4.33.

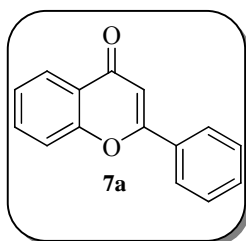


4-(4-bromophenyl)-6-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (3m). Yield 80%, mp 104-106 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.35 (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.34 (s, 1H, H₃ coumarin), 7.19 (s, 1H, H₅ coumarin), 7.31-7.39 (m, 4H, 2H Ph and H₇ and H₈ coumarin), 7.68 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz, H Ph); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.4, 114.8, 116.7, 117.8, 123.5, 125.8, 129.5, 13.6, 132.6, 133.5, 133.7, 151.8, 153.9, 160.2; IR (KBr): 1725 (C=O) cm⁻¹; MS, *m/z* (%) 313 (M⁺⁺+2, 100), 311 (M⁺, 98), 288 (83), 284 (80), 235 (19), 178 (59); Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁BrO₂: C, 60.98; H, 3.52. Found: C, 60.71; H, 3.39.

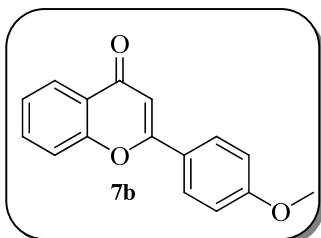


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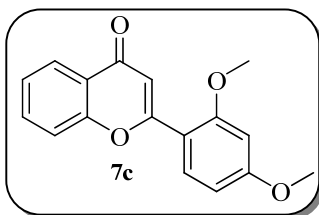
4-(4-ethylphenyl)-7-hydroxy-2H-chromen-2-one (3n). Yield 68%, mp 174-177 °C; ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz) δ 1.24 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH_3), 2.70 (q, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH_2), 6.13 (s, 1H, H_3 coumarin), 6.77-6.80 (m, 2H, H_6 and H_8 coumarin), 7.32 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz, H_5 coumarin), 7.39-7.44 (m, 4H, H Ph), 11.34 (s, 1H, OH). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 15.4, 27.9, 102.6, 110.0, 110.6, 113.1, 128.2, 128.4, 132.5, 145.4, 155.4, 155.5, 160.1, 161.3; IR (KBr): 3443 (OH), 1695 (C=O) cm^{-1} ; MS, m/z (%) 238 (M^+ , 94), 210 (100), 181 (37); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$: C, 76.68; H, 5.30. Found: C, 76.81; H, 5.19.



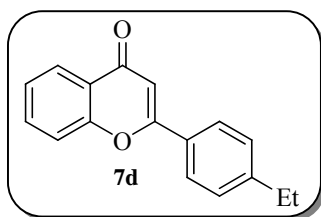
2-phenyl-4H-chromen-4-one (7a). Yield 86%, mp 96-98 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.86 (s, 1H, H_3 chromenone), 7.44 (dt, 1H, $J = 7.4, 1.1$ Hz, H_6 chromenone), 7.56-7.54 (m, 3H, H Ph), 7.58 (d, 1H, $J = 7.7$ Hz, H_8 chromenone), 7.70 (dt, 1H, $J = 1.7, 7.1$ Hz, H_7 chromenone), 7.94-7.96 (m, 2H, H Ph), 8.25 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.5, 7.9$ Hz, H_5 chromenone); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ , 107.5, 118.0, 125.2, 125.7, 126.3, 129.0, 131.6, 133.3, 133.8, 154.6, 156.2, 163.5, 178.4; IR (KBr): 1642 (C=O) cm^{-1} . Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$ (222.24): C, 81.07; H, 4.54. Found: C, 81.30; H, 4.33.



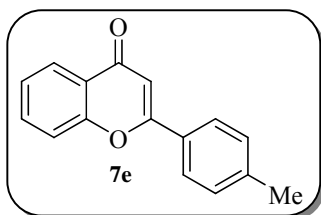
2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (7b). Yield 80%, mp 124-126 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.90 (s, 3H, O- CH_3), 6.81 (s, 1H, H_3 chromenone), 7.03 (d, 2H, $J = 8.6$ Hz, H Ph), 7.43 (t, 1H, $J = 8.8$ Hz, H_6 chromenone), 7.56 (d, 1H, $J = 8.3$ Hz, H_8 chromenone), 7.70 (t, 1H, $J = 7.4$, H_7 chromenone), 7.90 (d, 2H, $J = 8.6$ Hz, H Ph), 8.23 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, H_5 chromenone); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.6, 105.9, 114.5, 117.9, 123.7, 123.9, 125.2, 125.6, 128.1, 133.7, 156.2, 162.5, 163.7, 178.4; IR (KBr): 1649 (C=O) cm^{-1} . Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3$: C, 76.18; H, 4.79. Found: C, 76.02; H, 4.66.



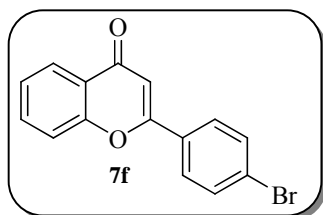
2-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (7c). Yield 88%, mp 127-129 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.89 (s, 3H, O-CH₃), 3.93 (s, 3H, O-CH₃), 6.56 (d, 1H, $J = 2.4$ Hz, H₃ Ph), 6.65 (dd, 1H, $J = 2.4$, $J = 8.8$ Hz, H₅ Ph), 7.15 (s, 1H, H₃ chromenone), 7.39 (dt, 1H, $J = 1.6$, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, H₆ chromenone), 7.51 (d, 1H, $J = 8.3$ Hz, H₈ chromenone), 7.66 (dt, 1H, $J = 1.6$, $J = 7.4$ Hz, H₇ chromenone), 7.91 (d, 1H, $J = 8.7$ Hz, H₆ Ph), 8.23 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.4$, $J = 7.6$ Hz, H₅ chromenone). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.5, 55.6, 98.9, 105.3, 111.3, 113.0, 117.9, 124.7, 125.2, 125.6, 130.4, 133.3, 156.4, 159.6, 160.8, 163.2, 178.9; IR (KBr): 1650 (C=O) cm^{-1} . Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4$: C, 72.33; H, 5.00. Found: C, 72.57; H, 5.22.



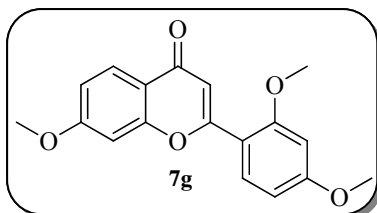
2-(4-ethylphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (7d). Yield 92%, mp 47-49 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.29 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH₃), 2.73 (q, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH₂), 7.27 (s, 1H, H₃ chromenone), 7.36 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz, H Ph), 7.42 (dt, 1H, $J = 1.0$, $J = 7.6$ Hz, H₆ chromenone), 7.57 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.0$, $J = 7.8$ Hz, H₈ chromenone), 7.70 (td, 1H, $J = 1.6$, $J = 7.8$ Hz, H₇ chromenone), 7.86 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz, H Ph), 8.24 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.6$, 7.6 Hz, H₅ chromenone); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.2, 28.8, 106.9, 118.0, 123.9, 125.1, 125.6, 126.3, 128.6, 129.1, 133.7, 148.5, 156.2, 163.6, 178.5; IR (KBr): 1644 (C=O) cm^{-1} . Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$ (250.29): C, 81.58; H, 5.64. Found: C, 81.26; H, 5.89.



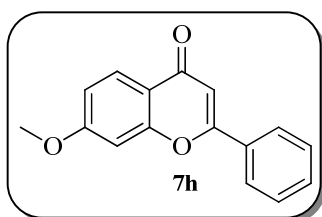
2-p-tolyl-4H-chromen-4-one (7e). Yield 90%, mp 85-87 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.44 (t, 3H, $J = 7.7$ Hz, CH₃), 6.82 (s, 1H, H₃ chromenone), 7.32 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz, H Ph), 7.42 (dt, 1H, $J = 7.1$, $J = 1.0$ Hz, H₆ chromenone), 7.57 (d, 1H, $J = 7.3$, 1 Hz, H₈ chromenone), 7.69 (dt, 1H, $J = 1.6$, 7.7 Hz, H₇ chromenone), 7.82 (d, 2H, $J = 8.3$ Hz, H Ph), 8.23 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.6$, 7.6 Hz, H₅ chromenone); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.5, 106.9, 118.0, 123.9, 125.1, 125.6, 126.2, 128.8, 129.7, 133.6, 142.3, 156.2, 163.6, 178.5; IR (KBr): 1643 (C=O) cm^{-1} . Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$: C, 81.34; H, 5.12. Found: C, 81.58; H, 5.22.



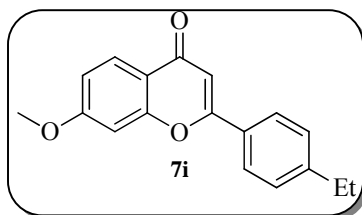
2-(4-bromophenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (7f). Yield 85%, mp 173-176 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.82 (s, 1H, H_3 chromenone), 7.45 (t, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, H_6 chromenone), 7.57 (d, 1H, $J = 8.3$ Hz, H_8 chromenone), 7.81 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz, H Ph), 7.73 (t, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz, H_7 chromenone), 7.86 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz, H Ph), 8.24 (d, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, H_5 chromenone); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 107.7, 118.0, 123.9, 125.4, 125.7, 126.3, 127.7, 130.7, 132.3, 133.9, 156.1, 162.3, 178.3; IR (KBr): 1663 (C=O) cm^{-1} ; MS, m/z (%) 302 (M^{++2} , 98), 300 (M^+ , 100), 274 (30), 272 (30), 221 (63); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{BrO}_2$: C, 59.83; H, 3.01. Found: C, 59.52; H, 3.29.



2-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-7-methoxy-4H-chromen-4-one (7g). Yield 91%, mp 118-120 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.95-3.80 (m, 9H, O- CH_3), 6.56 (s, 1H, H_3 chromenone), 6.62 (d, 1H, $J = 8.8$ Hz, H_5 Ph), 6.92 (s, 1H, H_3 Ph), 6.95 (d, 1H, $J = 8.8$ Hz, H_6 Ph), 7.08 (s, 1H, H_8 chromenone), 7.88 (d, 1H, $J = 8.8$ Hz, H_6 chromenone), 8.12 (d, 1H, $J = 8.8$ Hz, H_5 chromenone); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.1, 55.2, 55.3, 98.3, 99.7, 104.7, 110.7, 113.1, 113.5, 117.1, 126.4, 129.8, 157.6, 159.0, 159.9, 162.6, 163.4, 177.9; IR (KBr): 1627 (C=O) cm^{-1} ; MS, m/z (%) 312 (M^+ , 8), 281 (13), 221 (21), 176 (100), 149 (84); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5$: C, 69.22; H, 5.16. Found: C, 69.41; H, 5.01.



7-methoxy-2-phenyl-4H-chromen-4-one (7h). Yield 81%, mp 83-85 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.94 (s, 3H, O- CH_3), 6.79 (s, 1H, H_3 chromenone), 6.96-7.01 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_{6,8}$ chromenone), 7.51-7.55 (m, 3H, H Ph), 7.93-7.90 (m, 2H, H Ph), 8.13 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz, H_5 chromenone); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.8, 100.3, 107.4, 114.4, 117.8, 126.1, 127.0, 128.9, 131.4, 131.8, 157.9, 163.0, 164.2, 177.8; IR (KBr): 1625 (C=O) cm^{-1} . Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3$: C, 76.18; H, 4.79. Found: C, 76.41; H, 4.60.



2-(4-ethylphenyl)-7-methoxy-4H-chromen-4-one (7i). Yield 77%, mp 160-163 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.30 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH_3), 2.75 (q, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH_2), 3.96 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 6.88 (s, 1H, H_3 chromenone), 7.00-7.03 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_{6,8}$ chromenone), 7.36 (d, 2H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, H Ph), 7.87 (d, 2H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, H Ph), 8.15 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz, H_5 chromenone); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.3, 28.8, 55.8, 100.4, 106.7, 114.5, 117.5, 126.3, 127.0, 128.6, 129.1, 148.5, 158.0, 163.7, 164.3, 177.9; IR (KBr): 1615 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; MS, m/z (%) 280 (M^+ , 100), 265 (56), 236 (50), 221 (41); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$: C, 77.12; H, 5.75. Found: C, 77.33; H, 5.57.

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