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Me₃SiI-Promoted Reaction of Salicylic Aldehydes with Ketones: A Facile Way to Construct Benzopyranic [2,3-*b*]Ketal and Spiroketal

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General remarks. Melting points were determined on a digital melting point apparatus and temperatures were uncorrected. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-300 or AM-400 spectrophotometers. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer PE-983 spectrometer with absorption in cm⁻¹. Flash column chromatography was performed using 300-400 mesh silica gel. For thin-layer chromatography (TLC), silica gel plates (Huanghai GF₂₅₄) were used. Mass spectra were recorded by EI and ESI, and HRMS were measured on a HP-5989 instrument.

General procedure for the Me₃SiI-promoted reaction of salicylic aldehyde with ketone.

To a stirred mixture of Me₃SiCl (10.0 mmol), NaI (10.0 mmol), ketone (3.0 mmol) and CH₃CN (5 mL) was added salicylic aldehyde **2** (1.0 mmol) at ice-bath temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After addition of aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ to the reaction mixture, the organic layer was extracted with dichloromethane, washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel to obtain the corresponding benzopyranic ketal.

5a-Methyl-5a,11,11a,12-tetrahydrochromeno[2,3-b]chromene 3aa.

White solid; Mp. 165.8-166.0 °C;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.71 (s, 3H), 2.38-2.45 (m, 1H), 2.75 (dd, J = 6.8, 16.4 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (dd, J = 5.6, 16.8 Hz, 2H), 6.93-6.97 (m, 4H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 23.6, 28.3, 31.9, 99.6, 117.0, 119.8, 121.1, 127.6, 129.3, 151.7; MS (ESI) m/z (%): 253.1 (M + H, 100); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇O₂: 253.1229; Found: 253.1220.





2,2'-Spirobi[chroman] 4aa.^[1]

White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.93-2.01 (m, 2H), 2.20-2.26 (m, 2H), 2.72-2.78 (m, 2H), 3.24-3.33 (m, 2H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 20.9, 31.1, 53.4, 96.2, 117.1, 120.8, 122.2, 127.2, 129.0, 152.2.





4,7-Dimethoxy-5a-methyl-5a,11,11a,12-tetrahydrochromeno[2,3-*b*]chromene **3ab**.



ÓMe White solid; Mp. 171.5-171.8 °C;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.74 (s, 3H), 2.33-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.71 (dd, J = 6.8, 16.4 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (dd, J = 5.6, 16.8 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 6H), 6.64 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H) , 6.82 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 23.7, 28.4, 31.9, 55.9, 100.0, 109.8, 120.6, 120.7, 121.1, 141.4, 148.6; MS (ESI) m/z (%): 313.1 (M + H, 100); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₁O₄: 313.1440; Found: 313.1444.





 N^3 , N^3 , N^8 , N^8 -Tetraethyl-5a-methyl-5a, 11, 11a, 12-tetrahydrochromeno[2, 3-*b*]chromene-3, 8-diamine **3ac**.

Et₂N O_{Me} NEt₂Light yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 12H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 2.26-2.33 (m, 1H), 2.60 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 16.0 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 16.4 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 14.0 Hz, 8H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 12.6, 23.8, 27.5, 32.8, 44.4, 53.4, 99.9, 105.8, 107.0, 129.7, 147.8, 152.8; MS (ESI) *m/z* (%): 395.3 (M + H, 100); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₂₅H₂₅ N₂O₂:395.2699; Found: 395.2691.



2,9-Difluoro-5a-methyl-5a,11,11a,12-tetrahydrochromeno[2,3-b]chromene **3ad**.



White solid; Mp. 120.1-120.5 °C;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.62 (s, 3H), 2.31-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.66 (dd, J = 6.8, 16.8 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (dd, J = 5.2, 16.8 Hz, 2H), 6.75-6.77 (m, 2H), 6.81-6.84 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 234.4, 28.4, 31.4, 99.7, 114.5 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 115.2 (d, J = 22.9 Hz), 118.1 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 120.9 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 147.6 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 156.3 (d, J = 37.6Hz); MS (EI) m/z (%): 288.1 (M, 50); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄F₂O₂: 288.0962; Found: 288.0954.



2,9-Dichloro-5a-methyl-5a,11,11a,12-tetrahydrochromeno[2,3-*b*]chromene **3ae**.



White solid; Mp. 140.7-141.0 °C;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.61 (s, 3H), 2.29-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.62 (dd, J = 6.8, 16.8 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (dd, J = 5.6, 16.8 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (dd,

J = 2.4, 8.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 23.4, 28.0, 31.4, 99.8,

118.4, 121.3, 126.1, 127.8, 128.9, 150.2; MS (ESI) *m/z* (%): 343.0 (M + Na, 100); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄Cl₂O₂Na: 343.0269; Found: 343.0268.



2,9-Dibromo-5a-methyl-5a,11,11a,12-tetrahydrochromeno[2,3-b]chromene **3af**.



White solid; Mp. 162.2-162.8 °C;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.61 (s, 3H), 2.29-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.62 (dd, J = 6.8, 17.2 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (dd, J = 5.6, 17.2 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, J = 2.4, 8.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 23.4, 28.0, 31.3, 99.8, 113.4, 118.8, 118.9, 121.8, 130.7, 131.9, 150.7; MS (ESI) m/z (%): 407.9 (M + H, 30); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄Br₂O₂: 407.9361; Found: 407.9366.





5a-Phenyl-5a,11,11a,12-tetrahydrochromeno[2,3-b]chromene **3ba**.



White solid; Mp. 130.5-131.0°C;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 2.72 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 2.83-2.88 (m, 1H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.4 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 3H), 7.47-7.50 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 28.0, 31.9, 100.9, 116.7, 120.2, 121.4, 125.9, 127.7, 128.4, 128.7, 129.3, 140.4, 152.2; MS (ESI) *m/z* (%): 315.1 (M + H, 100); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₂₂H₁₉O₂: 315.1385; Found: 315.1381.



5a-(2-Chlorophenyl)-5a,11,11a,12-tetrahydrochromeno[2,3-b]chromene **3ca**.



White solid; Mp. 189.0-189.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 2.64-2.76 (m, 4H), 3.56-3.60 (m, 1H), 6.93 (dt, J = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.00-7.05 (m, 4H), 7.14 (dt, J = 1.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dt, J = 1.6, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 28.5, 101.4, 116.5, 121.5, 126.6, 128.0, 128.8, 129.3, 130.1, 132.0, 136.9, 151.9; MS (ESI) *m/z* (%): 350.1 (M + H, 100); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₂₂H₁₈ClO₂: 349.0995; Found: 349.0988.





5a-(3-Chlorophenyl)-5a,11,11a,12-tetrahydrochromeno[2,3-b]chromene 3da



CI White solid; Mp. 164.2-164.7 °C;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 2.72 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 2.80-2.84 (m, 1H), 6.90 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dt, *J* = 2.4, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.36 (dt, *J* = 2.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 26.3, 36.7, 78.7, 115.4, 116.7, 120.3, 120.7, 121.0, 123.8, 126.0, 126.1, 127.5, 129.6, 130.3, 131.2, 134.3, 142.1, 153.7, 154.3; MS (ESI) *m/z* (%): 350.1 (M + H, 100); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₂₂H₁₈ClO₂: 349.0995; Found: 349.0984.



5a-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5a,11,11a,12-tetrahydrochromeno[2,3-b]chromene 3ea



^L White solid; Mp. 138.1-138.5 °C;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 2.71 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 2.79-2.83 (m, 1H), 6.90 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dt, J = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 27.9, 31.9, 100.4, 116.7, 120.1, 121.6, 127.5, 127.9, 128.7, 129.4, 134.7, 139.0, 151.9; MS (ESI) *m/z* (%): 350.1 (M + H, 100); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄ClO₃: 349.0995; Found: 349.0990.



5a-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5a,11,11a,12-tetrahydrochromeno[2,3-b]chromene 3fa



ÓMe White solid; Mp. 146.8-147.1 °C;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 2.72 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 4H), 2.81-2.86 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 6.82 (dd, J = 2.0, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dt, J = 0.8, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (dt, J = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (dd, J = 2.0, 6.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 28.1, 31.9, 55.2, 100.8, 113.8, 116.7, 120.3, 121.3, 127.2, 127.7, 129.3, 132.5, 152.2, 159.8; MS (ESI) *m/z* (%): 345.1 (M + H, 100);HRMS(Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄ClO₃: 345.1491; Found: 345.1495.





5a-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-5a,11,11a,12-tetrahydrochromeno[2,3-b]chromene 3ga



White solid; Mp. 172.1-172.6°C;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 2.72 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 2.95-3.01 (m, 1H), 6.89 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (dt, *J* = 1.6, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 28.0, 31.8, 101.0, 116.8, 120.3, 121.4, 123.3, 125.6, 126.1, 126.5, 127.5, 127.8, 128.6, 129.4, 132.8, 133.3, 137.5, 152.2; MS (ESI) *m/z* (%): 365.1 (M + H, 100); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄ClO₃: 365.1542; Found: 365.1543.



3-Methyl-2-phenylchroman **3ha**^[2]

¹O⁻Ph Colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 0.78 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.33-2.37 (m, 1H), 2.56 (dd, J = 3.2, 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, J = 5.6, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dt, J = 0.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, J = 0.8,

8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 12.4, 31.7, 32.9, 79.6, 116.5, 120.5, 120.7, 125.8, 127.17, 127.20, 128.1, 130.1, 140.3, 154.5; MS (ESI) *m/z* (%): 224.1 (M + H, 100); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆O: 224.1201; Found: 224.1204.



2-Chloro-5a-methyl-5a,11,11a,12-tetrahydrochromeno[2,3-b]chromene 3aa'



Cl

White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.60 (s, 3H), 2.26-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.91 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz,

1H), 6.84-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.98-7.12 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 23.5, 28.0, 28.1, 31.6, 99.7, 117.0, 118.4, 119.5, 121.3, 121.5, 125.8, 127.6, 127.7, 128.9, 129.3, 150.3, 151.5; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 286.1 (M, 65); HRMS (TOF MS EI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅ClO₂: 286.0761, Found: 286.0761.



3,3'-Dimethyl-2,2'-spirobi[chroman] 4ia [2]

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White solid; Mp. 131.0-131.5 °C;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.14 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.25-2.33 (m, 2H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 16.0 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 15.6 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 14.9, 29.4, 31.3, 100.3, 116.9, 120.5, 123.0, 127.0, 128.5, 152.2; MS (ESI) *m/z* (%): 281.2 (M + H, 65); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₁O₂: 281.1542; Found: 281.1530.





6,6'-Dichloro-3,3'-dimethyl-2,2'-spirobi[chroman] 4ie

White solid; Mp. 147.8-148.0 °C;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.12 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.19-2.29 (m, 2H), 2.60 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 16.0 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 16.4 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 14.7, 29.1, 31.0, 100.5, 118.2, 124.5, 125.5, 127.0, 128.2, 150.6; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 348.1 (M, 45); HRMS (Micromass EI) Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈Cl₂O₂: 348.0684; Found: 348.0680.



6,6'-Dibromo-3,3'-dimethyl-2,2'-spirobi[chroman] 4if



White solid; Mp. 159.7-160.2°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.12 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 2.21-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.61 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 16.4 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 15.6 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 14.7, 29.0, 31.0, 100.4, 112.9,

118.6, 125.0, 129.9, 131.1, 151.1; MS (EI) m/z (%): 436.0 (M, 45); HRMS (Micromass EI) Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉Br₂O₂: 435.9674; Found: 435.9680.



Spiroketal 4ja^[3]

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White solid; Mp. 133.8-1340.2 °C;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 1.48-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.97-2.04 (m, 2H), 2.46-2.53 (m, 2H), 2.61 (dd, J = 7.6, 15.6 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (dd, J = 6.4, 15.6 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.91-6.95 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.13 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 27.7, 28.2, 41.5, 109.1, 117.4, 121.6, 123.7, 127.4, 128.5, 153.1; MS (ESI) *m/z* (%): 279.1 (M + H, 100); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉O₂: 279.1385; Found: 279.1384.





Spiro[benzo[c]chromene-6,2'-chroman] 6



Colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 2.42-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.82-2.87 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.44 (m, 1H), 6.75 (dd, J = 0.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 0.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dt, J = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dt, J = 1.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 1.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dt, J = 1.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 21.4, 29.1, 97.9, 117.2, 118.0, 121.2, 121.6, 121.9, 122.3, 122.4, 122.9, 124.2, 127.4, 128.2, 129.0, 129.2, 129.39, 129.42, 133.0, 150.5, 152.3; MS (ESI) *m/z* (%): 301.1 (M + H, 100); HRMS (Micromass LCT) Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₇O₂: 301.1229; Found: 301.1228.



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