

Supporting Information

Photocatalytic Dehydrogenated Etherification of 2-Aryl Benzylic Alcohols

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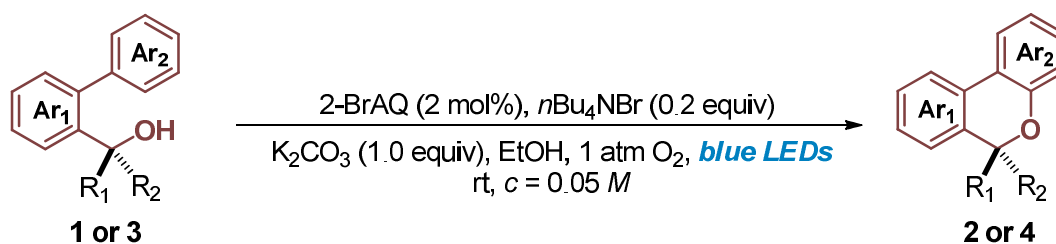
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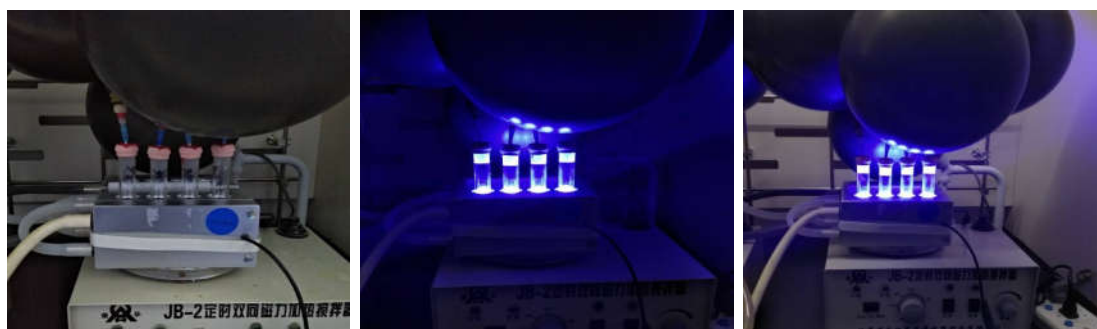
Materials and methods

All the chemicals were purchased commercially, and used without further purification. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was conducted with 0.25 mm Tsingdao silica gel plates (60F-254) and visualized by exposure to UV light (254 nm) or stained with potassium permanganate. Flash column chromatography was performed using Tsingdao silica gel (60, particle size 0.040–0.063 mm). Reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL spectrometers (at 400 MHz) and were reported relative to deuterated solvent signals. Data for ^1H NMR spectra were reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz) and integration. ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL Spectrometers (at 100 MHz). Data for ^{13}C NMR spectra were reported in terms of chemical shift. Mass spectrometric data were obtained using Bruker Apex IV RTMS. The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad.

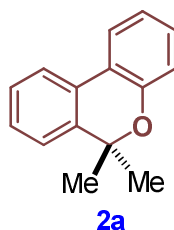
General procedure for 6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromenes synthesis



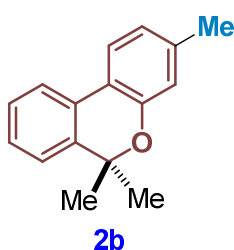
A flame-dried reaction tube was equipped with magnetic stir bar and charged with 2-aryl benzylic alcohols **1** or **3** (0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-BrAQ (0.0028 mmol, 0.02 equiv), K₂CO₃ (0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *n*Bu₄NBr (0.028 mmol, 0.2 equiv) and EtOH (3.0 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated by blue LEDs (12 W, wavelength 450 nm) under a balloon oxygen atmosphere at room temperature until the starting material disappeared from the TLC. After that, the reaction mixture was directly concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (*v/v* = 20/1) to afford the desired pure product **2-4** in 34-91% yields.



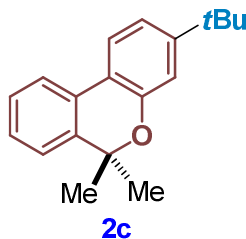
¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F spectra data of compounds 2a-2zc, 4a-4y



6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2a): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74-7.72 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.8, 139.6, 129.5, 128.7, 128.0, 127.8, 123.3, 123.2, 122.9, 122.5, 122.3, 121.6, 118.1, 27.6. These data are consistent with literature values, see: L. Mahendar, J. Krishna, A. G. K. Reddy, B. V. Ramulu, G. Satyanarayana. *Org. Lett.* **2012**, *14*, 628. (Yellow oil, 25.3 mg, 84% isolated yield)

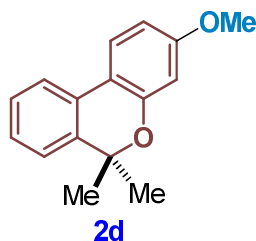


3,6,6-trimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2b): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69-7.67 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.59 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.21 (m, 3H), 6.84-6.82 (dd, $J_1 = 0.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.7, 139.9, 139.2, 128.8, 127.7, 127.6, 123.3, 122.8, 122.5, 121.9, 119.8, 118.6, 76.8, 27.7, 21.5. These data are consistent with literature values, see: C. Shekhar, G. Satyanarayana. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2022**, e202101444. (Yellow oil, 30.8 mg, 91% isolated yield)

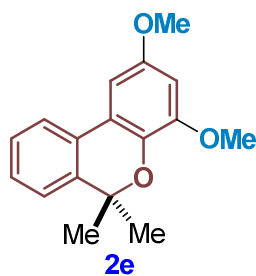


3-(tert-butyl)-6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2c): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70-7.69 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.64 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 1H), 6.97-6.96 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 6H), 1.32 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR

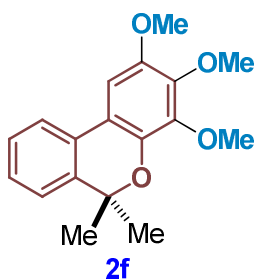
(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.4, 152.4, 139.2, 128.7, 127.7, 127.6, 123.2, 122.4, 122.0, 119.6, 118.7, 115.0, 77.0, 34.8, 31.3, 27.8; HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₂₃O (M + H⁺): 267.1750, found: 267.1745. (Pale yellow oil, 28.2 mg, 80% isolated yield)



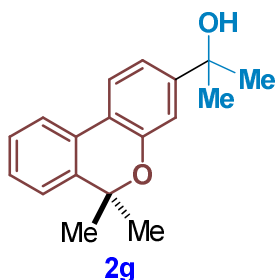
3-methoxy-6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2d): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.22 (dd, J_1 = 1.2 Hz, J_2 = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 6.61-6.59 (m, 1H), 6.52-6.51 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.1, 154.0, 138.3, 128.8, 127.7, 127.0, 123.9, 123.2, 121.5, 115.5, 108.4, 102.8, 78.0, 55.4, 27.6. These data are consistent with literature values, see: C. Shekhar, G. Satyanarayana. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2022**, e202101444. (Yellow oil, 21.6 mg, 71% isolated yield)



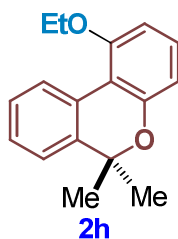
2,4-dimethoxy-6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2e): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.84 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.50-6.49 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.3, 150.4, 140.0, 136.5, 128.8, 128.2, 127.6, 123.3, 123.2, 122.6, 100.5, 98.2, 77.5, 56.3, 55.8, 27.3; HRMS calculated for C₁₇H₁₉O₃ (M + H⁺): 271.1335, found: 271.1329. (Yellow oil, 29.6 mg, 82% isolated yield)



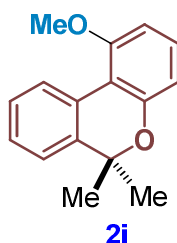
2,3,4-trimethoxy-6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2f): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.3, 150.4, 140.0, 136.5, 128.8, 128.2, 127.6, 123.3, 123.2, 122.6, 100.5, 98.2, 77.5, 56.3, 55.8, 27.3; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 323.1260, found: 323.1254. (Pale yellow solid, Mp 83-85 °C, 31.6 mg, 87% isolated yield)



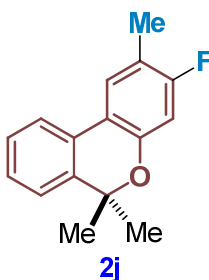
2-(6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromen-3-yl)propan-2-ol (2g): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.06 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 6H), 159(s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.6, 151.0, 139.3, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 123.3, 122.8, 122.2, 120.8, 117.8, 114.2, 77.8, 72.5, 31.7, 27.8; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 291.1361, found: 291.1356. (Yellow oil, 20.0 mg, 65% isolated yield)



1-ethoxy-6,6-dimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene (2h): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.94 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.55-6.53 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.12-6.10 (m, 1H), 5.54-5.53 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.91 (m, 1H), 3.84-3.76 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.25-1.21 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.9, 173.6, 147.7, 146.9, 137.6, 129.2, 128.2, 125.9, 121.6, 121.4, 120.6, 101.9, 88.6, 64.7, 31.4, 29.5, 13.9; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 255.1385, found: 255.1379. (Yellow oil, 22.1 mg, 68% isolated yield)

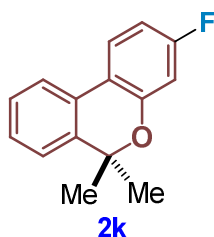


1-methoxy-6,6-dimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene (2i): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.19 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.94 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.55-6.53 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.14-6.11 (m, 1H), 5.58-5.57 (m, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.7, 174.2, 147.7, 146.8, 137.5, 129.4, 128.3, 125.9, 121.4, 101.6, 88.6, 83.4, 56.1, 31.4, 29.5; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 241.1229, found: 241.1223. (Pale yellow solid, Mp 97-99 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, 23.5 mg, 79% isolated yield)

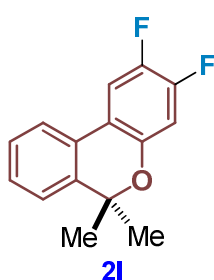


3-fluoro-2,6,6-trimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene (2j): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

7.66-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.50 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.21 (m, 3H), 6.64-6.62 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.5, 158.3, 144.2, 138.9, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 125.3, 125.2, 123.3, 121.9, 105.2, 104.9, 78.1, 27.5, 14.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -115.3; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{OF}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 243.1186, found: 243.1180. (Yellow oil, 21.8 mg, 73% isolated yield)

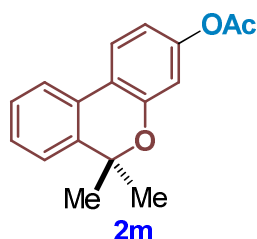


3-fluoro-6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2k): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.76-6.66 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.1, 138.7, 128.1, 127.9, 124.1, 124.0, 123.3, 122.0, 108.8, 108.6, 105.5, 105.3, 78.4, 27.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -111.9. These data are consistent with literature values, see: C. Shekhar, G. Satyanarayana. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2022**, e202101444. (Yellow oil, 19.7 mg, 68% isolated yield)

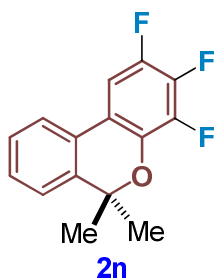


2,3-difluoro-6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2l): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.2, 138.1, 132.2, 128.1, 126.4, 126.1, 125.8, 125.7, 118.9, 118.8, 116.5, 116.4, 74.0, 32.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -138.2, -140.3; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{OF}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 247.0935, found:

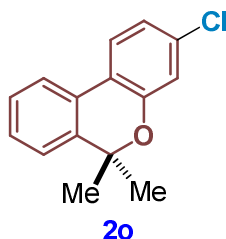
247.0929. (Pale yellow oil, 25.5 mg, 84% isolated yield)



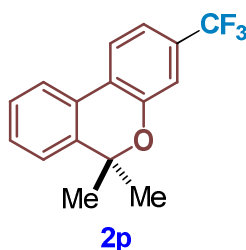
6,6-dimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromen-3-yl acetate (2m): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.79-6.76 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.72-6.71 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.4, 153.6, 151.5, 139.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 123.6, 123.3, 122.2, 120.3, 114.8, 111.4, 78.2, 27.7, 21.3; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 269.1178, found: 269.1172. (Colorless oil, 10.8 mg, 60% isolated yield)



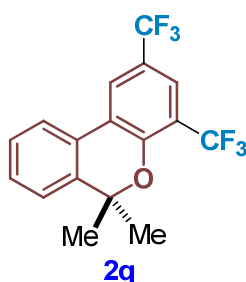
2,3,4-trifluoro-6,6-dimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene (2n): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.01 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.91 (m, 1H), 1.49 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.4, 149.0, 148.9, 146.0, 140.2, 137.4, 131.9, 128.3, 126.5, 126.3, 114.2, 114.1, 114.0, 113.9, 73.9, 32.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -135.2, -135.3, -163.1; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{OF}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 265.0841, found: 265.0835. (Pale yellow solid, Mp 93-95 $^\circ\text{C}$, 21.8 mg, 68% isolated yield)



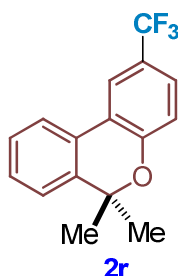
3-chloro-6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2o): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 2H), 1.63 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.5, 139.2, 134.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 123.9, 123.4, 122.2, 121.9, 121.2, 118.4, 78.4, 27.7; These data are consistent with literature values, see: C. Shekhar, G. Satyanarayana. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2022**, e202101444. (Yellow oil, 22.0 mg, 73% isolated yield)



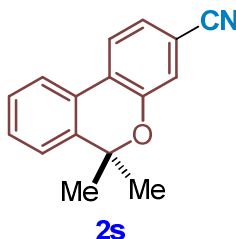
6,6-dimethyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2p): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.02 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.1, 146.0, 138.8, 131.9, 131.6, 129.9, 128.0, 126.3, 126.1, 125.6, 124.6, 124.5, 122.9, 74.0, 32.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.2; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 279.0997, found: 279.0991. (White solid, Mp 68-70 $^\circ\text{C}$, 23.1 mg, 64% isolated yield)



6,6-dimethyl-2,4-bis(trifluoromethyl)-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2q): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.62-7.60 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.04 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.6, 146.0, 137.6, 132.0, 130.6, 130.3, 129.8, 128.5, 127.2, 126.7, 126.3, 124.8, 122.1, 120.5, 73.8, 32.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.6, -62.6; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{OF}_6$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 347.0871, found: 347.0865. (White solid, Mp 74-76 °C, 22.8 mg, 77% isolated yield)

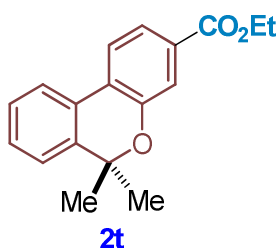


6,6-dimethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2r): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68-7.66 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.04 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.2, 144.9, 138.7, 132.9, 132.1, 130.1, 129.8, 128.0, 126.4, 126.1, 125.5, 123.7, 123.7, 122.8, 79.9, 32.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.4; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 279.0997, found: 279.0991. (Orange oil, 22.0 mg, 64% isolated yield)

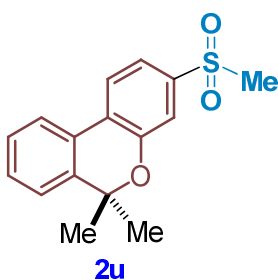


6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene-3-carbonitrile (2s): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.02-6.99 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz,

$J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.7, 145.9, 138.5, 131.6, 131.3, 130.4, 128.2, 126.4, 126.2, 119.0, 110.6, 73.9, 32.8. These data are consistent with literature values, see: C. Shekhar, G. Satyanarayana. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2022**, e202101444. (White solid, Mp 162-165 °C, 11.2 mg, 36% isolated yield)

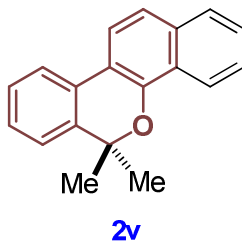


ethyl 6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene-3-carboxylate (2t): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.65 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.02 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.48 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.45 (s, 6H), 1.41 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.5, 149.1, 146.1, 139.2, 131.6, 129.6, 129.1, 128.9, 127.8, 126.3, 126.1, 74.0, 61.1, 32.7, 14.4; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 283.1335, found: 283.1329. (Yellow solid, Mp 97-99 °C, 24.8 mg, 79% isolated yield)

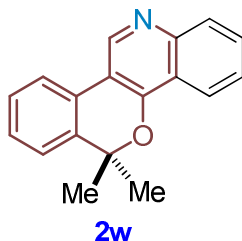


6,6-dimethyl-3-(methylsulfonyl)-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2u): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.62 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.02-7.00 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.7, 150.0, 149.2, 145.9, 138.7, 138.3, 131.7, 130.5, 128.2, 126.6, 126.4, 126.2, 73.9, 68.0, 44.6, 32.8; HRMS calculated for

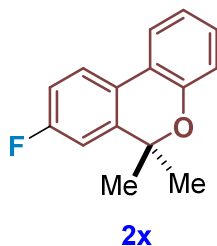
C₁₆H₁₇O₃S (M + H⁺): 289.0899, found: 289.0893. (White solid, Mp 182-184 °C, 23.5 mg, 78% isolated yield)



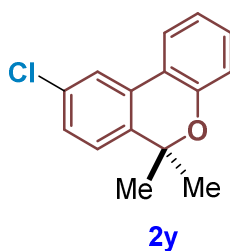
6,6-dimethyl-6H-dibenzo[*c,h*]chromene (2v): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31-8.29 (m, 1H), 7.86-7.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.23 (m, 2H), 1.73 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.2, 139.0, 134.5, 129.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.5, 126.2, 125.6, 123.3, 122.5, 122.2, 120.9, 120.8, 116.4, 78.3, 27.6; HRMS calculated for C₁₉H₁₇O (M + H⁺): 261.1280, found: 261.1274. (White solid, Mp 93-95 °C, 13.6 mg, 47% isolated yield)



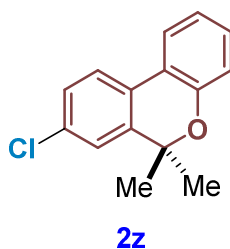
6,6-dimethyl-6H-isochromeno[4,3-*c*]quinoline (2w): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.93-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 1H), 1.77 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.7, 147.7, 140.4, 130.9, 129.9, 129.1, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 126.2, 124.8, 123.8, 123.2, 117.8, 80.2, 28.8; HRMS calculated for C₁₈H₁₆ON (M + H⁺): 262.1233, found: 262.1226. (Yellow solid, Mp 125-127 °C, 15.5 mg, 52% isolated yield)



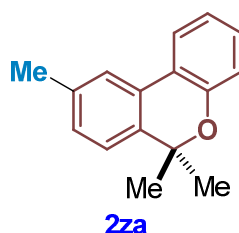
8-fluoro-6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2x): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.93 (m, 2H), 1.62 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.9, 152.2, 141.8, 141.7, 129.4, 129.0, 124.9, 124.2, 124.1, 122.7, 121.8, 119.5, 118.1, 114.8, 114.5, 110.6, 110.4, 27.3. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -113.5; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{OF}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 229.1029, found: 229.1023. (Pale yellow oil, 17.6 mg, 59% isolated yield)



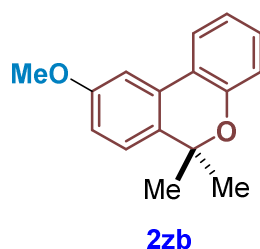
9-chloro-6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2y): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.15 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.93 (m, 1H), 1.61 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.9, 137.8, 137.7, 130.6, 130.2, 127.7, 124.8, 123.0, 122.3, 121.7, 118.2, 27.5; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{OCl}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 245.0734, found: 245.0728. (Pale yellow solid, Mp 70-72 °C, 15.6 mg, 48% isolated yield)



8-chloro-6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2z): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.29 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.95-6.93 (m, 1H), 1.62 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.5, 141.2, 133.6, 129.8, 127.9, 127.3, 123.7, 123.6, 122.8, 121.8, 121.6, 118.2, 27.4. These data are consistent with literature values, see: C. Shekhar, G. Satyanarayana. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2022**, e202101444. (Yellow oil, 20.2 mg, 61% isolated yield)

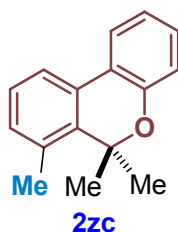


6,6,9-trimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2za): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.94-6.92 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.9, 137.3, 136.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 123.2, 122.8, 122.5, 121.5, 118.1, 77.5, 27.7, 21.4. These data are consistent with literature values, see: C. Shekhar, G. Satyanarayana. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2022**, e202101444. (Pale yellow solid, Mp 59-61 $^\circ\text{C}$, 16.0 mg, 52% isolated yield)

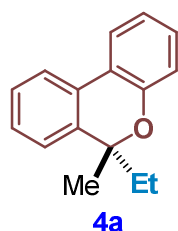


9-methoxy-6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2zb): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.02-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.94-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.79-6.78 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)

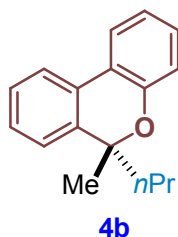
δ 169.4, 162.8, 159.6, 151.9, 141.3, 128.5, 123.7, 122.6, 122.2, 121.7, 121.6, 117.9, 112.5, 109.5, 55.4, 27.5; HRMS calculated for $C_{16}H_{17}O_2$ ($M + H^+$): 241.1229, found: 241.1223. (Yellow oil, 21.4 mg, 67% isolated yield)



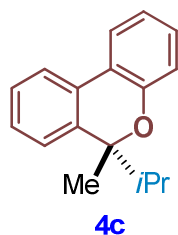
6,6,7-trimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (2zc): 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.76-7.74 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 1H) 7.09-6.99 (m, 2H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 154.9, 154.0, 142.5, 134.2, 131.5, 128.7, 127.7, 127.3, 121.0, 120.9, 118.3, 78.0, 21.7, 23.6; HRMS calculated for $C_{16}H_{17}O$ ($M + H^+$): 225.1280, found: 225.1274. (Colorless oil, 16.1 mg, 63% isolated yield)



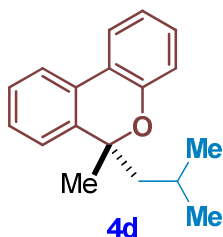
(R)-6-ethyl-6-methyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (4a): 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.74-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.93 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.03-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.71(m, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 0.93-0.90 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 152.8, 138.7, 129.5, 129.0, 127.8, 127.7, 124.1, 122.9, 122.5, 122.3, 121.5, 118.0, 80.0, 32.5, 25.1, 8.5. These data are consistent with literature values, see: C. Shekhar, G. Satyanarayana. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2022**, e202101444. (Colorless oil, 25.0 mg, 85% isolated yield)



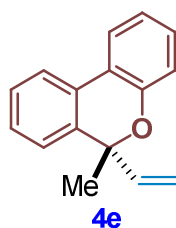
6-methyl-6-propyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene (4b): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.02-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.94-6.92 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.95-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.45-1.34 (m, 2H), 0.86-0.82 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.8, 138.8, 129.5, 128.9, 127.8, 127.6, 124.1, 122.9, 122.4, 122.2, 121.4, 118.0, 79.9, 42.2, 25.8, 17.4, 14.4; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 239.1437, found: 239.1430. (Yellow oil, 20.1 mg, 67% isolated yield)



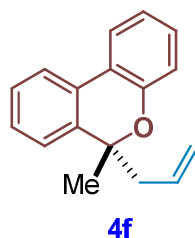
6-isopropyl-6-methyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene (4c): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.03-6.94 (m, 2H), 2.19-2.12 (m, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 0.97-0.96 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.78-0.77 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.5, 138.4, 129.5, 128.8, 127.6, 127.3, 125.3, 122.7, 122.3, 121.4, 117.9, 82.2, 33.5, 19.8, 17.5, 16.8; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 239.1437, found: 239.1430. (Pale yellow oil, 19.6 mg, 64% isolated yield)



6-isobutyl-6-methyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene (4d): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.90 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.60-1.58 (m, 2H), 0.93-0.92 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.83-0.81 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.7, 139.3, 129.4, 128.7, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 124.0, 122.8, 122.1, 121.3, 118.2, 80.4, 47.9, 26.2, 24.5, 24.0; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 253.1593, found: 253.1587. (Colorless oil, 18.9 mg, 59% isolated yield)

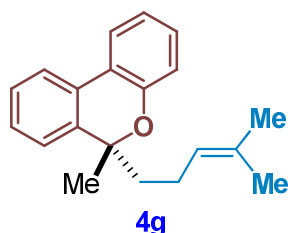


6-methyl-6-vinyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene (4e): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.04-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.09-6.02 (dd, $J_1 = 17.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.14-5.12 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.03-4.98 (d, $J = 17.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.8, 141.5, 136.7, 129.5, 129.3, 128.2, 127.9, 124.7, 123.0, 122.6, 122.3, 121.8, 118.0, 115.9, 79.8, 25.6; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 223.1124, found: 223.1117. (Pale yellow solid, Mp 75-77 °C, 10.7 mg, 36% isolated yield)

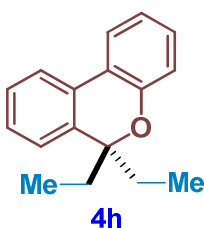


6-allyl-6-methyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene (4f): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.94

(dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.84-5.74 (m, 1H), 5.08-4.98 (m, 2H), 2.71-2.66 (m, 1H), 2.48-2.43 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.5, 138.3, 133.4, 129.6, 128.9, 127.9, 127.8, 124.2, 122.9, 122.5, 122.3, 121.7, 118.3, 118.2, 79.2, 44.0, 25.0; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 237.1280, found: 237.1274. (Pale yellow oil, 10.1 mg, 32% isolated yield)

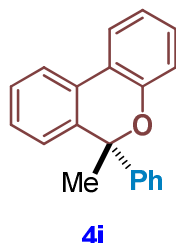


6-methyl-6-(4-methylpent-3-en-1-yl)-6H-benzo[c]chromene (4g): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.81-4.78 (m, 1H), 3.98-3.92 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.58-1.51 (m, 1H), 1.45-1.44 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.2, 144.8, 143.8, 139.8, 132.2, 127.8, 127.5, 127.2, 126.7, 126.6, 126.1, 111.0, 75.1, 40.0, 39.2, 31.7, 29.9, 29.4, 18.0; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 279.1750, found: 279.1743. (White solid, Mp 104-106 °C, 15.9 mg, 53% isolated yield)

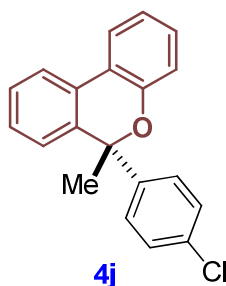


6,6-diethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (4h): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.10 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.92 (m, 2H), 2.00-1.87 (m, 4H), 0.90-0.87 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.2, 136.4, 129.7, 129.5, 127.5, 127.4, 125.0, 122.8, 122.1, 121.9, 121.1, 117.8, 82.9, 31.1, 8.3. These data are consistent with literature values, see:

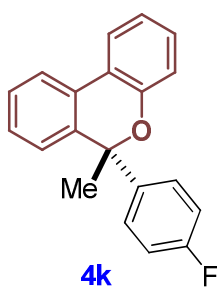
Mahendar, L.; Krishna, J.; Reddy, A. G. K.; Ramulu, B. V.; Satyanarayana, G. *Org. Lett.* **2012**, *14*, 628. (Colorless oil, 25.4 mg, 82% isolated yield)



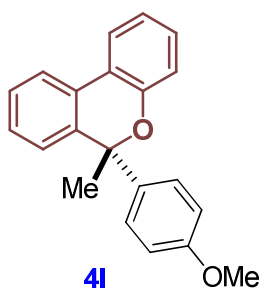
6-methyl-6-phenyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (4i): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75-7.73 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.64 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.16 (m, 8H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.93 (m, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.0, 144.9, 137.6, 129.6, 129.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 126.6, 125.7, 123.0, 122.9, 122.6, 121.9, 118.3, 81.2, 28.6. These data are consistent with literature values, see: Mahendar, L.; Satyanarayana, G. *J. Org. Chem.* **2014**, *79*, 2059. (Colorless oil, 20.0 mg, 65% isolated yield)



6-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (4j): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.15 (m, 5H), 7.02-6.95 (m, 2H), 2.02 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.8, 143.6, 137.0, 133.2, 129.7, 129.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 125.5, 123.1, 122.9, 122.7, 122.1, 118.3, 80.7, 28.6; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{OCl}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 307.0890, found: 307.0884. (Pale yellow solid, Mp 92-94 $^\circ\text{C}$, 34.8 mg, 84% isolated yield)

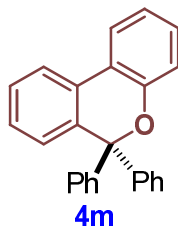


6-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-methyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (4k): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76-7.74 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.64 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.01-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 2H), 2.02 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.0, 152.8, 140.8, 137.3, 129.6, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 125.5, 123.1, 122.9, 122.7, 122.0, 118.3, 114.8, 80.7, 28.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -115.3; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{OF}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 291.1186, found: 291.1180. (White solid, Mp 87-89 $^\circ\text{C}$, 29.8 mg, 82% isolated yield)

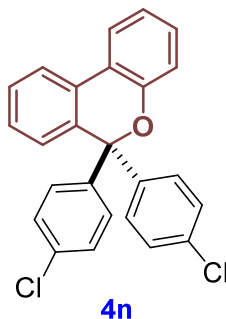


6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (4l): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75-7.73 (dd, $J_1 = 8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.64 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.00-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.8, 153.0, 137.9, 137.1, 130.9, 130.4, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 125.6, 123.0, 122.5, 121.8, 118.3, 113.3, 80.9, 55.2, 28.4. These data are consistent with literature values, see: Wang, B.; Li, M.; Xu, S.; Song, H.; Wang B. *J. Org. Chem.*

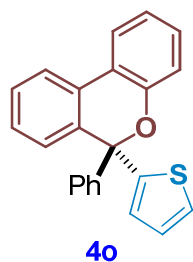
2006, 71, 8291. (Pale yellow solid, Mp 66-68 °C, 31.2 mg, 83% isolated yield)



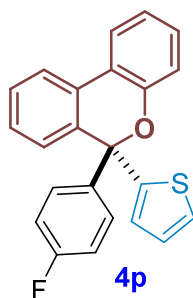
6,6-diphenyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene (4m): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 6H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 1H), 6.95-6.91 (m, 1H), 6.72-6.70 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.9, 143.6, 137.6, 137.1, 132.5, 130.1, 129.6, 128.9, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.1, 122.9, 122.4, 122.0, 118.6, 86.6. These data are consistent with literature values, see: Wang, B.; Li, M.; Xu, S.; Song, H.; Wang B. *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, 71, 8291. (Brown solid, Mp 60-62 °C, 24.3 mg, 82% isolated yield)



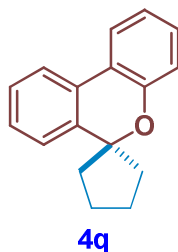
6,6-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-6H-benzo[c]chromene (4n): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 5H), 7.02-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.69-6.66 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.4, 141.8, 136.1, 134.0, 130.2, 129.8, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 123.0, 122.9, 122.6, 122.4, 118.5, 85.7; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{17}\text{OCl}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 403.0657, found: 403.0651. (Pale yellow solid, Mp 173-175 °C, 21.6 mg, 64% isolated yield)



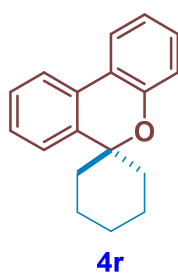
6-phenyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-6H-benzo[c]chromene (4o): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.87-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.58-6.56 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.5, 148.4, 143.4, 137.0, 129.8, 129.7, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 126.9, 125.8, 123.0, 122.7, 122.3, 118.8, 84.5; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{OS}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 341.1001, found: 341.0995. (Yellow solid, Mp 184-186 $^\circ\text{C}$, 19.7 mg, 63% isolated yield)



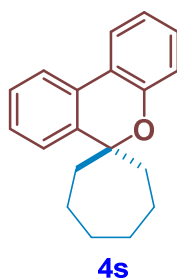
6-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-6H-benzo[c]chromene (4p): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79-7.77 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 1H), 7.01-6.94 (m, 4H), 6.88-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.82-6.80 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.57-6.56 (dd, $J_1 = 3.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.2, 148.1, 134.7, 134.4, 131.8, 131.7, 130.3, 130.2, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 127.0, 125.0, 123.0, 122.5, 115.5, 114.8, 114.6, 84.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -114.0; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{OFS}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 359.0907, found: 359.0900. (Yellow solid, Mp 53-55 $^\circ\text{C}$, 17.9 mg, 61% isolated yield)



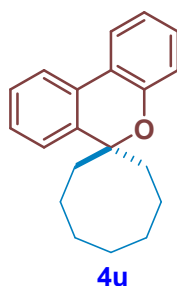
spiro[benzo[c]chromene-6,1'-cyclopentane] (4q): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.95-6.92 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.21 (m, 2H), 2.05-1.92 (m, 4H), 1.85-1.79 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.0, 137.9, 129.6, 129.2, 127.9, 127.7, 123.2, 123.0, 122.9, 122.2, 121.7, 118.2, 88.7, 38.0, 23.9; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 237.1280, found: 237.1274. (Pale yellow oil, 24.8mg, 80% isolated yield)



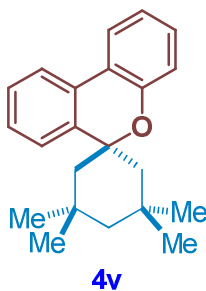
spiro[benzo[c]chromene-6,1'-cyclohexane] (4r): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.10 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.89-1.82 (m, 3H), 1.70-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.27 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.3, 140.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.0, 127.6, 123.2, 123.0, 122.9, 122.4, 121.6, 118.1, 77.7, 34.7, 25.5, 21.6. These data are consistent with literature values, see: Wang, B.; Li, M.; Xu, S.; Song, H.; Wang B. *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, *71*, 8291. (White solid, Mp 106-108 $^\circ\text{C}$, 21.8 mg, 61% isolated yield)



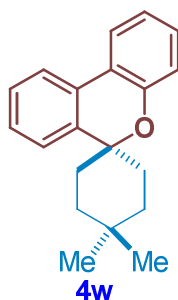
spiro[benzo[c]chromene-6,1'-cycloheptane] (4s): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.02-6.96 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.20 (m, 2H), 2.02-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.93-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.54 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.5, 141.4, 129.4, 128.6, 127.9, 127.5, 123.3, 122.9, 122.8, 122.2, 121.5, 118.2, 81.8, 39.2, 29.8, 22.8. These data are consistent with literature values, see: Wang, B.; Li, M.; Xu, S.; Song, H.; Wang B. *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, *71*, 8291. (Yellow solid, Mp 115-117 °C, 19.8 mg, 60% isolated yield)



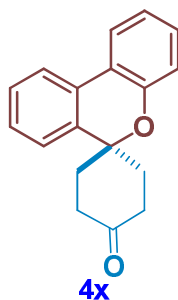
spiro[benzo[c]chromene-6,1'-cyclooctane] (4u): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.02-6.95 (m, 2H), 2.14-2.11 (m, 3H), 1.88-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.69 (m, 3H), 1.58 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.5, 139.9, 129.4, 127.5, 123.8, 122.9, 122.8, 122.5, 121.4, 118.0, 81.4, 33.8, 28.4, 24.7, 21.9; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 279.1750, found: 279.1743. (Pale yellow solid, Mp 114-116 °C, 22.6 mg, 65% isolated yield)



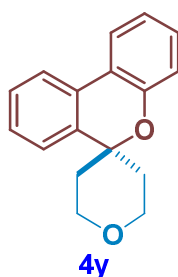
3',3',5',5'-tetramethylspiro[benzo[c]chromene-6,1'-cyclohexane] (4v): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.94-6.91 (m, 1H), 2.07-2.03 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.49 (m, 3H), 1.33 (s, 6H), 1.25-1.21 (d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, 1H), 0.93 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.3, 139.7, 129.3, 129.0, 128.0, 127.6, 123.1, 122.7, 122.5, 122.4, 121.4, 118.5, 81.0, 51.8, 45.7, 36.6, 31.7, 28.4; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 307.2062, found: 307.2056. (Colorless oil, 27.4 mg, 87% isolated yield)



4',4'-dimethylspiro[benzo[c]chromene-6,1'-cyclohexane] (4w): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.78 (m, 5H), 1.27-1.23 (m, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.2, 139.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.0, 127.7, 123.2, 123.0, 122.9, 122.4, 121.6, 118.1, 77.5, 34.4, 32.9, 30.8, 29.4, 24.0; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 279.1749, found: 279.1744. (Colorless oil, 23.9 mg, 78% isolated yield)

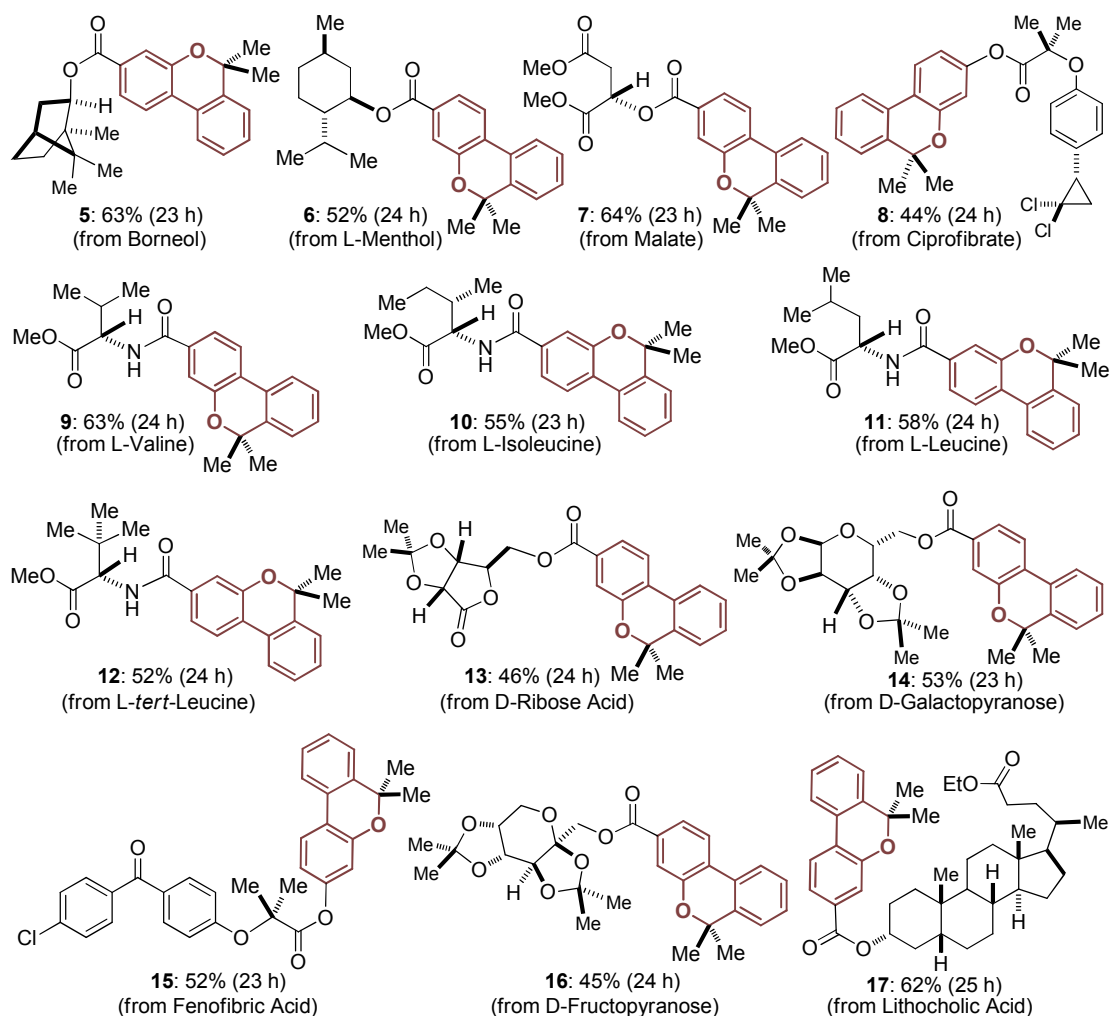


spiro[benzo[c]chromene-6,1'-cyclohexan]-4'-one (4x): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.04 (m, 2H), 2.98-2.88 (m, 2H), 2.53-2.46 (m, 2H), 2.39-2.34 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.17 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.1, 151.6, 137.4, 129.8, 129.6, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 123.3, 122.8, 122.7, 122.5, 117.9, 76.3, 37.1, 34.5; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 265.1229, found: 265.1224. (White solid, Mp 153-155 $^\circ\text{C}$, 16.1 mg, 54% isolated yield)



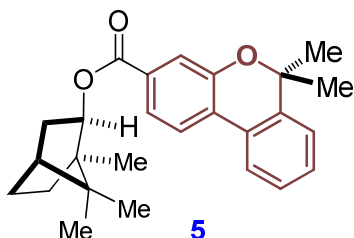
2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[benzo[c]chromene-6,4'-pyran] (4y): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 2H), 4.06-3.99 (m, 2H), 3.89-3.85 (m, 2H), 2.15-2.08 (m, 2H), 2.03-1.99(d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.8, 138.2, 134.2, 129.6, 129.0, 128.3, 128.1, 123.2, 123.0, 122.6, 122.1, 118.1, 75.3, 63.6, 34.6; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 253.1229, found: 253.1223. (White solid, Mp 126-128 $^\circ\text{C}$, 20.6 mg, 69% isolated yield)

Late-stage functionalization of substances derived from natural products



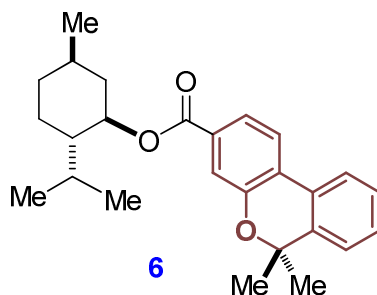
The reactions were conducted in a 1:1 mixed solvent of MeCN and CF₃CH₂OH.

¹H and ¹³C spectra data of compounds 5-17

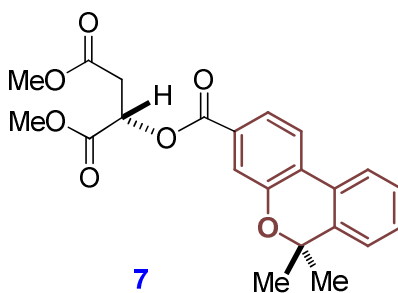


1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl-6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[*c*]chromene-3-carboxylate (5): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.63-7.62 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H), 5.13-5.09 (m, 1H), 2.52-2.44 (m, 1H),

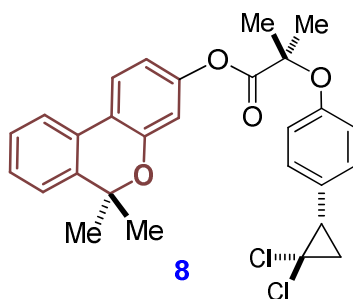
2.21-2.14 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 6H), 1.46-1.25 (m, 2H), 1.16-1.11 (m, 1H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.6, 152.6, 140.1, 131.7, 129.1, 128.0, 127.8, 126.8, 123.4, 123.0, 122.9, 122.8, 119.2, 80.7, 78.1, 49.2, 48.0, 45.1, 37.0, 28.2, 27.7, 27.5, 19.8, 19.0, 13.7; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 413.2093, found: 413.2087. (Colorless oil, 12.9 mg, 63% isolated yield)



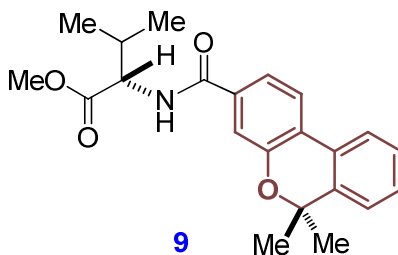
2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl-6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene-3-carboxylate (6): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.69 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.61 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 1H), 4.96-4.90 (m, 1H), 2.16-2.11 (m, 2H), 2.03-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.71 (m, 2H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 2H), 1.57-1.52 (m, 1H), 1.14-1.06 (m, 2H), 0.94-0.92 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H), 0.81-0.79 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.8, 152.5, 140.1, 131.7, 129.1, 128.0, 127.8, 126.7, 123.4, 123.0, 122.9, 122.8, 119.3, 78.0, 74.9, 47.3, 41.0, 34.4, 31.5, 27.8, 27.7, 26.4, 23.6, 22.2, 21.0, 16.5; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 415.2249, found: 415.2244. (Colorless oil, 10.5 mg, 52% isolated yield)



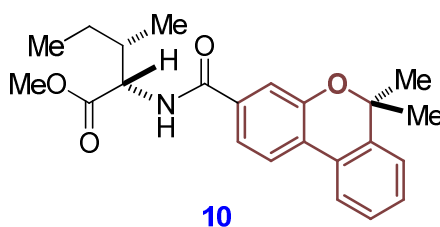
dimethyl-2-((6,6-dimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene-3-carbonyl)oxy)succinate (7): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.35 (m, 2H), 5.78-5.75 (dd, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.76 (d, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 3H), 3.09-3.06 (m, 1H), 2.78-2.76 (m, 1H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.35-1.34 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.7, 169.5, 165.4, 147.0, 139.3, 137.1, 133.4, 132.2, 130.0, 129.9, 129.3, 128.3, 127.9, 127.4, 127.4, 68.8, 57.9, 56.3, 52.9, 52.4, 36.2, 24.1, 24.0; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 421.1264, found: 421.1258. (Yellow oil, 14.3 mg, 64% isolated yield)



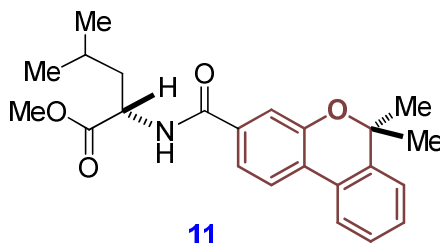
6,6-dimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromen-3-yl-2-(4-(2,2-dichlorocyclopropyl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (8): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.66-6.64 (m, 1H), 6.60-6.59 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.90-2.85 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.76 (s, 6H), 1.62 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.8, 155.1, 153.6, 151.3, 139.1, 129.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.3, 123.6, 123.3, 122.2, 120.6, 118.5, 114.5, 111.2, 79.4, 78.3, 60.9, 34.9, 27.7, 25.9, 25.6; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 519.1106, found: 519.1101. (Colorless oil, 11.2 mg, 44% isolated yield)



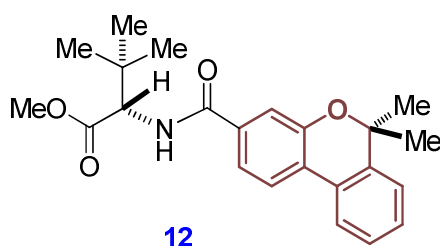
methyl-2-(6,6-dimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene-3-carboxamido)-3-methylbutanoate (9): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.48 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 6.65-6.62 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.81-4.78 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.31-2.26 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.65 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 6H), 1.05-0.99 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.7, 166.9, 152.8, 139.9, 134.9, 129.0, 128.8, 128.0, 125.8, 123.5, 123.3, 122.8, 120.6, 116.7, 78.2, 57.5, 52.4, 31.8, 27.8, 27.7, 19.1, 18.1; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_4\text{NNa}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 390.1682, found: 390.1676. (Colorless oil, 12.6 mg, 63% isolated yield)



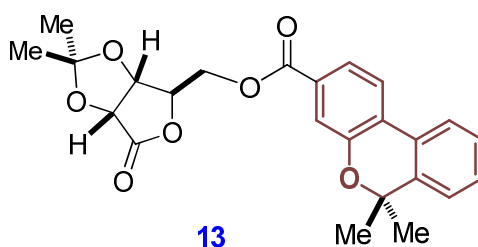
methyl-2-(6,6-dimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene-3-carboxamido)-3-methylpentanoate (10): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 1H), 6.66-6.64 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.84-4.81 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.04-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.65 (s, 6H), 1.57-1.51 (m, 1H), 1.31-1.24 (m, 1H), 1.01-0.97 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.7, 166.6, 152.8, 139.9, 134.9, 129.0, 128.0, 127.7, 125.8, 123.4, 122.8, 120.6, 116.7, 78.2, 56.9, 52.3, 38.4, 27.8, 25.4, 15.6, 11.7; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_4\text{NNa}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 404.1838, found: 404.1832. (Colorless oil, 11.5 mg, 55% isolated yield)



methyl-2-(6,6-dimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene-3-carboxamido)-4-methylpentanoate (11): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 1H), 6.52-6.50 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.90-4.84 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.79-1.67 (m, 3H), 1.65-1.64 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.01-0.98 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.8, 166.7, 152.8, 139.9, 134.8, 129.0, 128.0, 127.7, 125.8, 123.4, 123.2, 122.8, 120.6, 116.7, 78.1, 52.5, 51.2, 42.0, 27.7, 25.1, 23.0, 22.2; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_4\text{NNa}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 404.1838, found: 404.1832. (Colorless oil, 12.1 mg, 58% isolated yield)

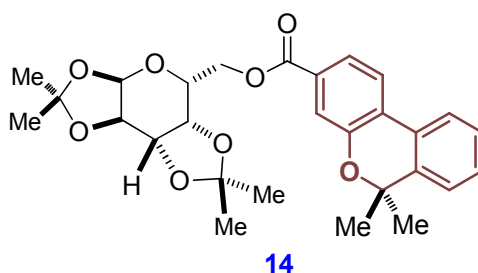


methyl-2-(6,6-dimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene-3-carboxamido)-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (12): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 3H), 6.67-6.65 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.72-4.70 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.66-1.65 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.06 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.3, 166.7, 152.8, 139.9, 135.0, 129.0, 128.0, 127.3, 125.8, 123.5, 123.3, 122.8, 120.6, 116.6, 78.2, 60.3, 52.0, 35.3, 27.8, 26.8; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_4\text{NNa}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 404.1838, found: 404.1832. (Colorless oil, 10.4 mg, 52% isolated yield)

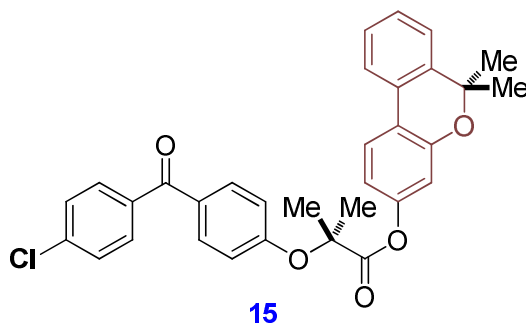


2,2-dimethyl-6-oxotetrahydrofuro[3,4-*d*][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)methyl-6,6-dimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene-3-carboxylate (13): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81-7.75 (m,

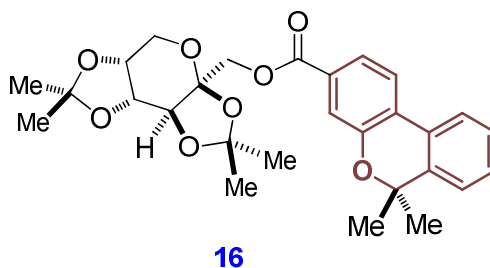
2H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 4.93-4.86 (m, 2H), 4.81-4.79 (m, 1H), 4.72-4.62 (m, 1H), 4.56-4.47 (m, 1H), 1.67-1.64 (m, 6H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.41-1.40 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.6, 165.4, 152.9, 140.3, 129.5, 129.3, 128.1, 127.3, 123.5, 123.3, 123.1, 122.8, 119.3, 114.0, 80.0, 78.3, 77.9, 75.3, 63.9, 27.8, 27.7, 26.9, 25.7; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 447.1420, found: 447.1414. (Colorless oil, 10.2 mg, 46% isolated yield)



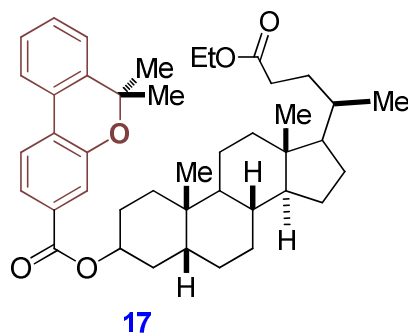
2,2,7,7-tetramethyltetrahydro-3aH-bis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-b:4',5'-d]pyran-5-yl)methyl-6,6-dimethyl-6H-benzo[c]chromene-3-carboxylate (14): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.63-7.62 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 1H), 5.58-5.57 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.68-4.65 (m, 1H), 4.55-4.50 (m, 1H), 4.45-4.40 (m, 1H), 4.37-4.35 (m, 2H), 4.21-4.17 (m, 1H), 1.64 (s, 6H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.37-1.35 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.1, 152.6, 140.2, 130.8, 129.2, 128.0, 127.0, 123.4, 123.0, 122.9, 119.5, 109.8, 108.9, 96.4, 78.0, 71.2, 70.8, 70.6, 66.1, 63.8, 27.7, 26.2, 26.1, 25.1, 24.6; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_8\text{Na}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 519.1995, found: 519.1989. (Colorless oil, 10.5 mg, 53% isolated yield)



6,6-dimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromen-3-yl-2-(4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)phenoxy)-2-methyl propanoate (15): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.01-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.69-6.66 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.61-6.60 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.83 (s, 6H), 1.62 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.4, 172.3, 159.6, 153.6, 151.1, 139.0, 138.5, 136.4, 132.3, 131.3, 130.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 123.6, 123.3, 122.2, 120.3, 117.3, 114.3, 111.0, 79.5, 78.3, 27.7, 25.5; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_5\text{ClNa}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 549.1445, found: 549.1439. (Colorless oil, 15.5 mg, 52% isolated yield)

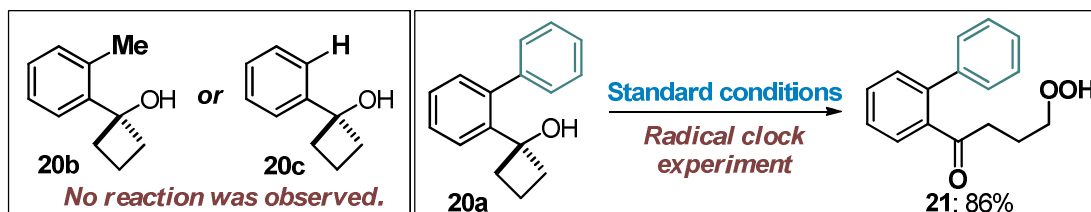


2,2,7,7-tetramethyltetrahydro-3*aH*-bis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-*b*:4',5'-*d*]pyran-3*a*-yl)methyl-6,6-dimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene-3-carboxylate (16): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.67-7.66 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 1H), 4.73-4.65 (m, 2H), 4.51-4.50 (m, 1H), 4.32-4.26 (m, 1H), 3.99-3.95 (m, 1H), 3.83-3.80 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.7, 152.6, 140.2, 130.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.0, 127.7, 123.5, 123.1, 123.0, 122.9, 119.6, 109.3, 108.9, 101.8, 78.0, 70.9, 70.6, 70.2, 65.4, 61.5, 27.7, 26.6, 26.0, 25.6, 24.1; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_8\text{Na}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 519.1995, found: 519.1989. (Colorless oil, 9.1 mg, 45% isolated yield)

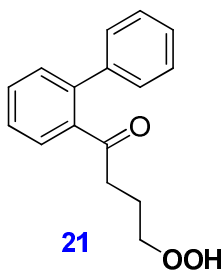


5-ethoxy-5-oxopentan-2-yl)-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl-6,6-dimethyl-6*H*-benzo[*c*]chromene-3-carboxylate (17): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 2H), 5.04-4.98 (m, 1H), 4.15-4.10 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 2.37-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.02-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.84 (m, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.48-1.41 (m, 4H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.28-1.24 (m, 8H), 1.19-1.07 (m, 6H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.92-0.91 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.66 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.5, 166.0, 146.1, 139.5, 139.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.1, 129.1, 128.2, 127.8, 127.3, 77.3, 75.2, 60.3, 57.9, 56.6, 56.3, 56.1, 42.8, 42.0, 40.5, 40.2, 35.9, 35.4, 35.1, 34.7, 32.4, 31.4, 31.0, 28.2, 27.1, 26.8, 26.4, 24.2, 24.0, 23.4, 20.9, 18.3, 14.3, 12.1; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{56}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 663.4026, found: 663.4020. (Pale yellow solid, Mp 80-82 $^\circ\text{C}$, 18.4 mg, 62% isolated yield)

Radical clock experiment



^1H and ^{13}C spectra data of compounds 21



1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-4-hydroperoxybutan-1-one (21) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H), 3.79 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.41 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.88-1.82 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.1, 140.6, 140.4, 130.9, 130.4, 129.0, 128.8, 128.0, 127.6, 76.2, 39.9, 21.6; HRMS calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 279.0997, found: 279.0992. (White solid, Mp 41-43 $^\circ\text{C}$, 23.9 mg, 86% isolated yield)

UV-Vis absorption experiments

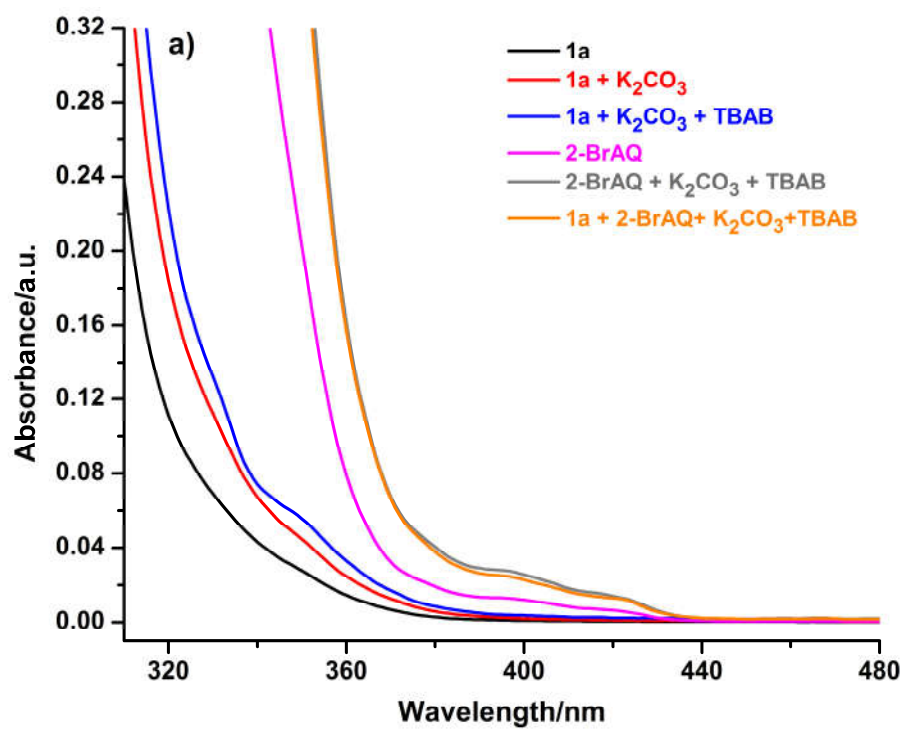


Figure 1. UV-Vis absorption spectra of the individual reaction components and the reaction mixtures

Fluorescence quenching experiments

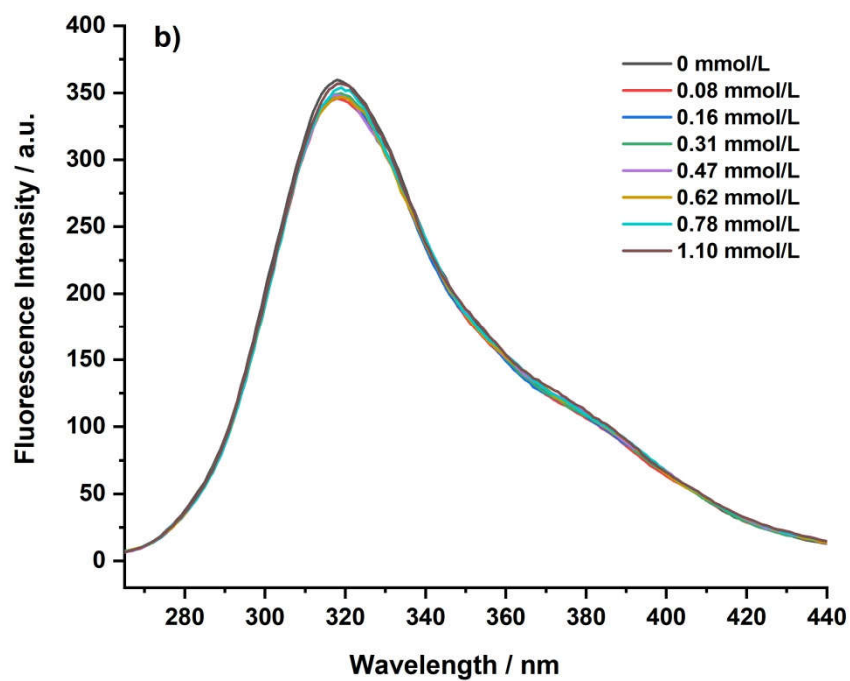


Figure 2. Fluorescence spectra of 2-BrAQ with different concentrations of $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBr}$

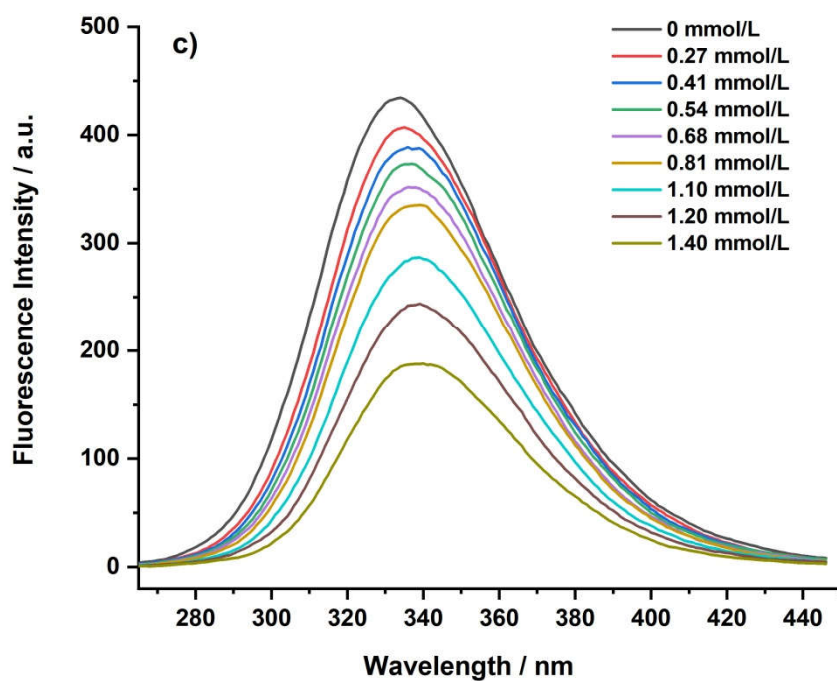


Figure 3. Fluorescence spectra of 2-BrAQ with different concentrations of substrate **1a**

CV curve of the substrate **1a**

Cyclic voltammetry (CV) was performed using an Epsilon electrochemical workstation (a BASi three-electrode cell system): glassy carbon electrode as the working electrode, Pt wire as the counter electrode, Ag/AgCl (KCl, 3 M) electrode as the reference electrode, and ferrocenium/ferrocene (Fc^+/Fc) as the internal standard. Scan rate: 100 mV s^{-1} (in the range -2.5 to +2.3 V). $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ (0.1 M MeCN) was used as the supporting electrolyte.

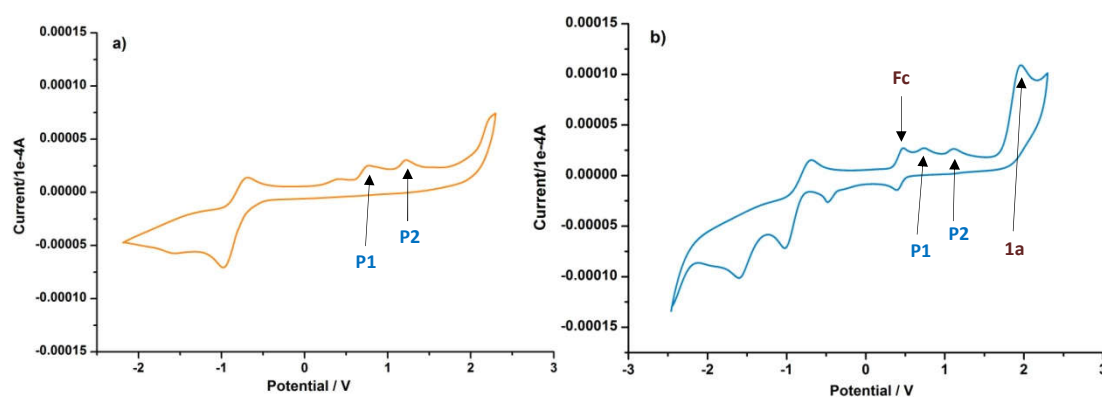
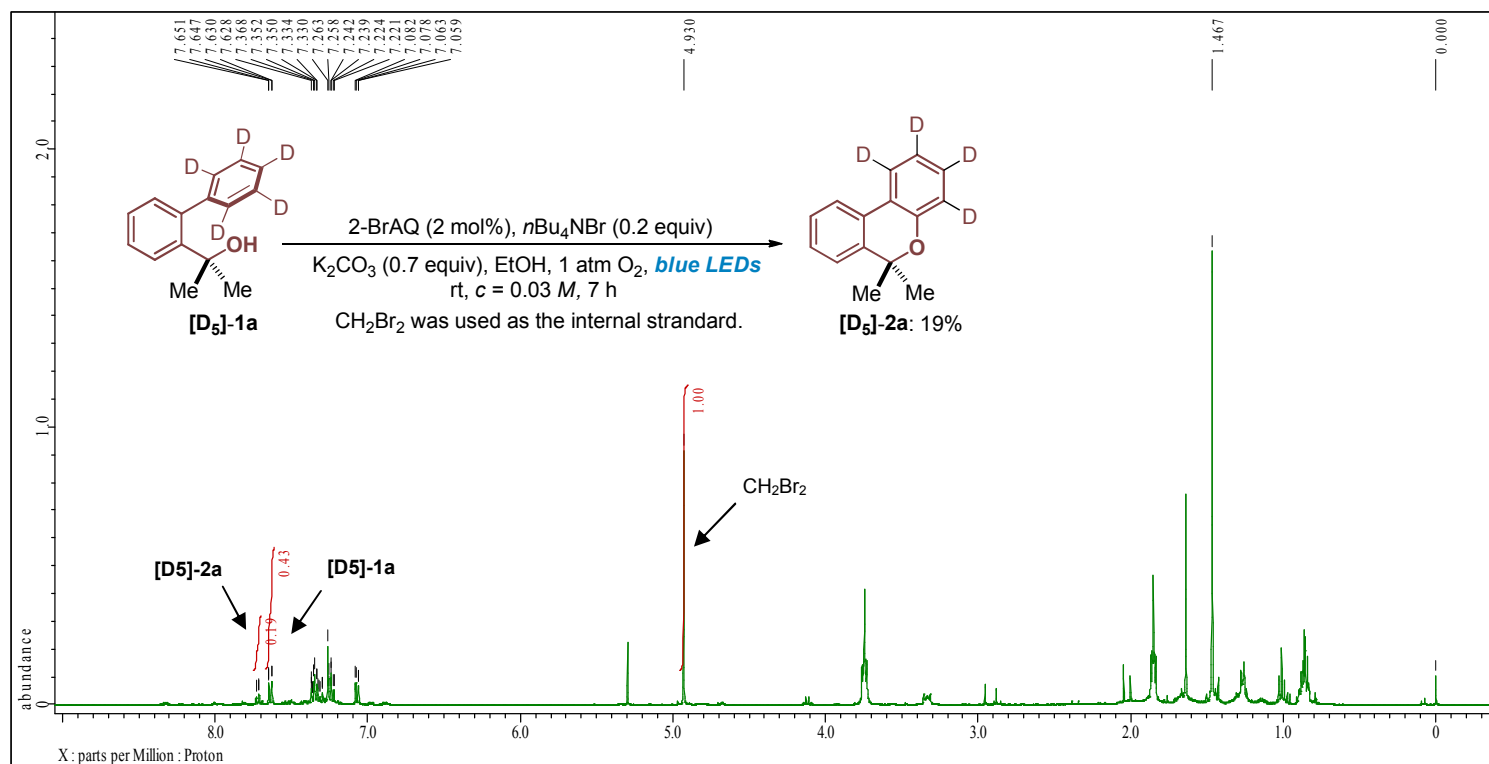
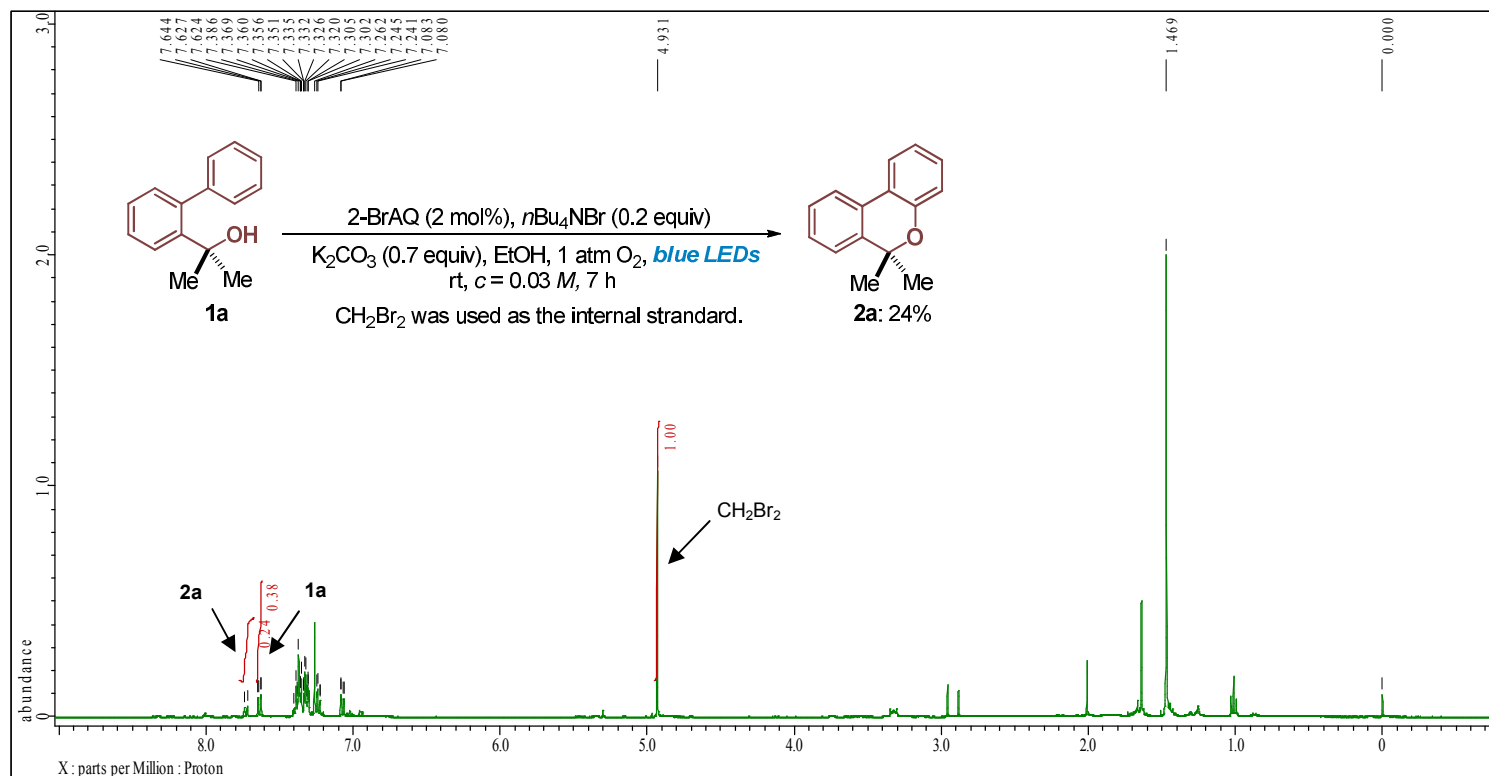
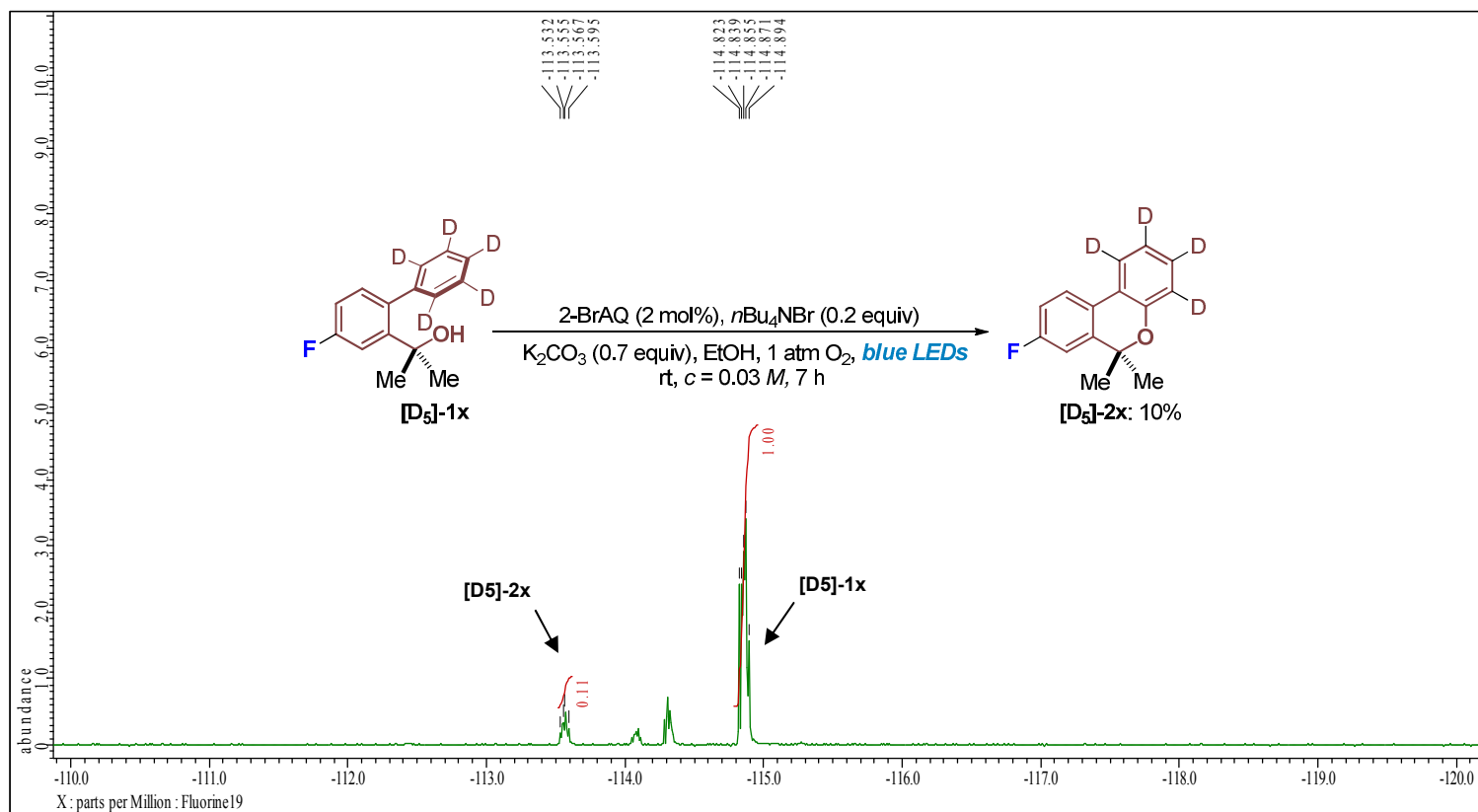
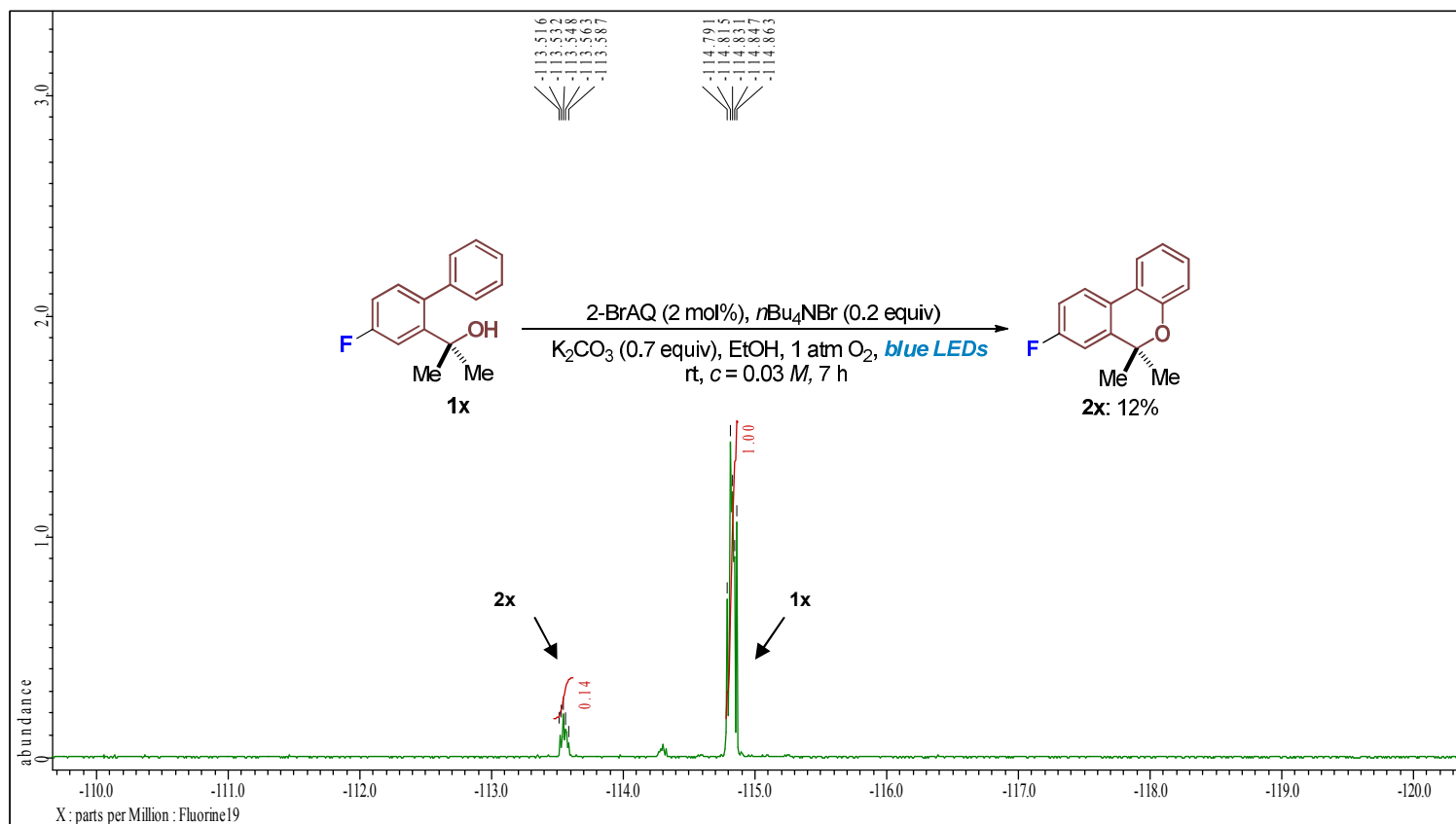


Figure 4. a) Cyclic voltammetry of background; b) Cyclic voltammetry of the substrate **1a**

Compared with CV curve of the background (Figure 4a), signal peak 1 (P1) and peak 2 (P2) in CV curve of the substrate **1a** (Figure 4b) are the original signal peaks of the background. In addition, the signal peak (Fc) at +0.49 V is the oxidation potential of the internal standard ferrocene.

Kinetic isotope experiments on reaction mechanism





Copies of ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and ^{19}F NMR spectra

