Iron Nitrate and 4-OH-TEMPO-Cocatalyzed Aerobic Oxidation of Isochromans

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General Information. NMR spectra were taken with an Agilent-400 spectrometer (400 MHz for ¹H NMR, 100 MHz for ¹³C NMR, and 376 MHz for ¹⁹F NMR). Flue gas analysis experiments were performed with a Testo 350 flue gas analyzer. All reactions were carried out in 25 mL flasks unless otherwise mentioned. Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (98% purity) was purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd.; 4-OH-TEMPO (98% purity) was purchased from Shanghai Darui Fine Chemical Co., Ltd.; MeCN was purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. and used directly without further treatment. Isochroman **1a** was purchased from Shanghai Titan Technology Co., Ltd.; **1g** and **1q** were purchased from Bide Pharmatech Ltd.; **1r** was purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.. NMR yields and recoveries were determined by ¹H NMR analysis using dibromomethane as the internal standard. Room temperature is referred to the temperature around 25 °C.

Experimental details and analytical data

1. Preparation of isochromans

Isochromans 1b-1f and 1h-1o were prepared following the literature methods.¹⁻³

(1) Preparation of 7-phenylisochromane 1p (zhangq-5-026, zhangq-5-028)



Typical Procedure I: To a 100 mL flask was added 2-(4-phenylphenyl)ethan-1ol **S1** (0.9914 g, 5 mmol). Then the flask was degassed and refilled with argon for three times. After the addition of anhydrous DCM (15 mL), (2-methoxyethoxy)methyl chloride (MEMCl) (0.9 mL, d = 1.091 g/mL, 0.9819 g, 7.6 mmol, 97% purity) and *N*,*N*diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA) (1.3 mL, d = 0.742 g/mL, 0.9646 g, 7.5 mmol) were added sequentially. The resulting mixture was stirred for 6 h at room temperature until the completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC. The crude reaction mixture was washed with H₂O (30 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. After filtration and concentration, the crude product S1' was submitted to the next step without further purification.

The crude product S1' was added to a 100 mL flask, which was then degassed and refilled with argon for three times. After the addition of anhydrous DCM (15 mL), the resulting mixture was cooled to 0 °C with an ice-water bath, and trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (TMSOTf, 0.9 mL, d = 1.228 g/mL, 1.1052 g, 5 mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature, quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (aq., 15 mL), and transferred to a separatory funnel. The organic phase was separated, washed with brine, dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtrated, and concentrated. The residue was purified by Biotage Isorela One purification system on flash silica gel column (Santai Tech. Inc., 120 g) to afford **1p** (0.9957 g, 95%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 19/1 (~600 mL); flow rate: 100 mL/min] as a solid: m.p. 62.6-63.1 °C (petroleum ether/dichloromethane); ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.55 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.47-7.37 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.33 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.24-7.15 (m, 2 H, ArH), 4.84 (s, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.01 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2 H, OCH₂), 2.90 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.8, 139.0, 135.2, 132.3, 129.2, 128.7, 127.1, 126.9, 125.1, 122.9, 68.0, 65.3, 28.0; **MS** (FI) *m/z*: 210 (M⁺); **Anal. Calcd.** for C₁₅H₁₄O: C 85.68, H 6.71; found C 85.77, H 6.81; **IR** (neat): v = 2852, 2830, 1482, 1451, 1265, 1178, 1132, 1098, 1068, 1041, 1005 cm⁻¹.

(2) Preparation of (S)-3-methylisochromane (S)-1m (zhangq-5-077)



Following **Typical Procedure I**, the reaction of (*S*)-**S2**⁴ (0.6486 g, 4.8 mmol), MEMCl (0.9 mL, d = 1.091 g/mL, 0.9819 g, 7.6 mmol, 97% purity), and DIPEA (1.3 mL, d = 0.742 g/mL, 0.9646 g, 7.5 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (14 mL) afforded the crude product (*S*)-**S2**². The reaction of the crude product (*S*)-**S2**² and TMSOTf (0.9 mL, d = 1.228 g/mL, 1.1052 g, 5 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (14 mL) afforded (*S*)-**1m**⁵ (0.6154 g, 87%, ee: >99%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1 (~210 mL)] as an oil: HPLC conditions: OD-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 99.5/0.5, 0.5 mL/min, λ = 214 nm, $t_R(major)$ = 13.4 min; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.21-7.12 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.12-7.04 (m, 1 H, ArH), 7.04-6.95 (m, 1 H, ArH), 4.88-4.77 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 3.88-3.75 (m, 1 H, CH), 2.71 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 1.35 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 134.6, 133.5, 128.7, 126.3, 125.9, 124.1, 70.9, 68.1, 35.8, 21.6.

2. Preparation of isochromanones

(1) Preparation of isochroman-1-one 2a (zhangq-3-149, zhangq-5-061)



Typical Procedure II: To a 25 mL flask were added Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (20.4 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (8.7 mg, 0.05 mmol), **1a** (134.3 mg, 1.0 mmol), and MeCN (0.8 mL) sequentially. After the installation of an O₂ balloon, the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h until the completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1). The crude reaction mixture was filtrated through a short column of silica gel eluted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). After evaporation, the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford **2a**⁶ (139.1 mg, 94%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = $8/1(\sim 225 \text{ mL})$ to $5/1(\sim 180 \text{ mL})$] as an oil: ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.53 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.06 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.9, 139.4, 133.4, 130.0, 127.4, 127.1, 125.0, 67.1, 27.5; **MS** (70 eV, EI) *m/z* (%): 148 (M⁺, 55.3), 118 (100); **IR** (neat): v = 3002, 2946, 2898, 1716, 1606, 1459, 1392, 1292, 1241, 1119, 1027 cm⁻¹.

(2) Preparation of 7-methoxyisochroman-1-one 2b (zhangq-6-044, zhangq-6-055, zhangq-3-186)



Following Typical Procedure II, the reaction of 1b (163.1 mg, 1.0 mmol),

Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (21.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), and 4-OH-TEMPO (8.9 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **2b**⁶ (175.5 mg, 99%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 (~400mL)] as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.10 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.52 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.85 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 3.00 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.1, 159.0, 131.8, 128.4, 126.1, 121.6, 113.0, 67.6, 55.6, 27.0; MS (70 eV, EI) *m*/*z* (%): 178 (M⁺, 83.72), 120 (100); **IR** (neat): v = 2962, 2898, 2837, 1714, 1613, 1499, 1428, 1320, 1281, 1086, 1027 cm⁻¹.

Second try: following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **1b** (78.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), $Fe(NO_3)_3 \cdot 9H_2O$ (10.3 mg, 0.025 mmol), and 4-OH-TEMPO (4.5 mg, 0.025 mmol) in MeCN (0.4 mL) afforded **2b**⁶ (83.8 mg, 99%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1 (~280 mL)] as an oil.

(3) Preparation of 6,7-dimethoxyisochroman-1-one 2c (zhangq-4-058)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **1c** (194.8 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (20.8 mg, 0.05 mmol), and 4-OH-TEMPO (8.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **2c**⁷ (209.4 mg, 100%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 (~600 mL)] as a solid: m.p. 139.9-140.8 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) (reported:⁸ m.p. 140-141 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate)); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.56 (s, 1 H, ArH), 6.69 (s, 1 H, ArH), 4.52 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.95 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 3.92 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.99 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.2, 153.6, 148.5, 133.9, 117.4, 111.8, 109.1, 67.3, 56.1, 27.5; MS (70 eV, EI) *m/z* (%): 208 (M⁺, 100); **IR** (neat): v = 2965, 2922, 1690, 1604, 1510, 1453, 1423, 1391, 1233, 1086, 1031 cm⁻¹.

(4) Preparation of 7-methylisochroman-1-one 2d (zhangq-3-171)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **1d** (146.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (21.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (8.7 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **2d**⁶ (158.6 mg, 99%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1 (~225 mL)] as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 (s, 1 H, ArH), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.52 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.01 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 2.39 (s, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.1, 137.1, 136.4, 134.3, 130.1, 126.9, 124.7, 67.2, 27.1, 20.6; MS (70 eV, EI) *m/z* (%): 162 (M⁺, 90.62), 132 (100); **IR** (neat): v = 2959, 2907, 1717, 1616, 1500, 1420, 1387, 1285, 1117, 1036 cm⁻¹.

(5) Preparation of 5-methylisochroman-1-one 2e (zhangq-4-044)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **1e** (148.2 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (20.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (8.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **2e**⁶ (161.6 mg, 100%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1 (~400 mL)] as a solid: m.p. 71.9-72.9 °C (petroleum ether/dichloromethane) (reported:⁹ m.p. 68-70 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.53 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 2.98 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 2.33 (s, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.3, 138.1, 134.9, 134.8, 127.9, 126.9, 125.1, 66.5, 24.7, 18.6; MS (70 eV, EI) *m/z* (%): 162 (M⁺, 68.95), 132 (100); **IR** (neat): v = 2994, 2965, 2923, 1700, 1596, 1475, 1395, 1300, 1278, 1123, 1042 cm⁻¹.

(6) Preparation of 6-bromoisochroman-1-one 2f (zhangq-4-120)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **1f** (213.1 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (21.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (8.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **2f**⁷ (208.2 mg, 91%, purity: 99%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1 (~500 mL)] as a solid: m.p. 123.4-124.1 °C (petroleum ether/dichloromethane) (reported:¹⁰ m.p. 63-65 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.46 (s, 1 H, ArH), 4.54 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.06 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.2, 141.2, 131.8, 131.0, 130.2, 128.5, 124.0, 67.0, 27.4; MS (70 eV, EI) m/z (%): 228 (M⁺(⁸¹Br), 51.66), 226 (M⁺(⁷⁹Br), 51.32), 198 (100); IR (neat): v = 3063, 2921, 1703, 1591, 1568, 1476, 1415, 1339, 1281, 1195, 1131, 1057, 1028 cm⁻¹.

(7) Preparation of 7-bromoisochroman-1-one 2g (zhangq-3-162, zhangq-3-174)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **1g** (214.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (40.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (17.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **2g**⁷ (221.3 mg, 100%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1 (~225 mL) to 5/1 (~240 mL)] as a solid: m.p. 96.6-97.2 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl ether) (reported:¹¹ m.p. 79-81.5 °C (ethyl ether)); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.23 (s, 1 H, ArH), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.54 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.03 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.7, 138.2, 136.5, 133.1, 128.9, 127.0, 121.3, 67.2, 27.3; MS (70 eV, EI) *m/z* (%): 228 (M⁺(⁸¹Br), 61.84), 226 (M⁺(⁷⁹Br), 61.83), 196 (100); **IR** (neat): v = 2951, 2925, 1710, 1595, 1478, 1422, 1328, 1293, 1193, 1068 cm⁻¹.

(8) Preparation of 7-chloroisochroman-1-one 2h (zhangq-4-121, zhangq-4-127)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **1h** (168.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (41.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (17.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **2h**⁷ (174.7 mg, 96%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1 (~220 mL) to 5/1 (~360 mL)] as a solid: m.p. 72.6-73.0 °C (petroleum ether/dichloromethane) (reported:¹² m.p. 73-74 °C); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.51 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.54 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.05 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.7, 137.7, 133.7, 130.1, 128.7, 126.7, 67.2, 27.2; **MS** (70 eV, EI) *m*/*z* (%): 184 (M⁺(³⁷Cl), 18.87), 182 (M⁺(³⁵Cl), 63.48), 152 (100); **IR** (neat): v = 3077, 2974, 2924, 1711, 1677, 1600, 1478, 1425, 1351, 1296, 1237, 1137, 1083, 1030 cm⁻¹.

(9) Preparation of 7-fluoroisochroman-1-one 2i (zhangq-4-128, zhangq-4-132)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **1i** (151.5 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (41.1 mg, 0.1 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (17.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **2i**⁶ (163.8 mg, 97%, purity: 98%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1 (~220 mL) to 5/1 (~240 mL)] as a solid: m.p. 52.4-53.0 °C (petroleum ether/dichloromethane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.33 - 7.22 (m, 2 H, ArH), 4.55 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.05 (t, J =6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.0 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 161.7 (d, J =245.7 Hz), 135.3 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 129.1 (d, J = 7.1 Hz), 126.9 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 121.0 (d, J = 22.1 Hz), 116.6 (d, J = 22.9 Hz), 67.4, 27.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta -$ 113.64; MS (70 eV, EI) m/z (%): 166 (M⁺, 59.49), 108 (100); IR (neat): v = 3066, 2922, 1713, 1591, 1492, 1434, 1392, 1306, 1260, 1236, 1127, 1083, 1028 cm⁻¹.

(10) Preparation of 6,7-dihydro-4H-thieno[3,2-c]pyran-4-one 2j (zhangq-5-019)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **1j** (140.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (20.7 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (8.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **2j**⁷ (142.7 mg, 92%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1 (~220 mL) to 5/1 (~360 mL)] as a solid: m.p. 86.3-87.9 °C (petroleum ether/dichloromethane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.18 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.60 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.17 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.2, 148.9, 127.9, 126.7, 123.9, 67.6, 24.5; **MS** (70 eV, EI) *m*/*z* (%): 154 (M⁺, 77.8), 124 (100); **IR** (neat): v = 3106, 3085, 1704, 1534, 1463, 1413, 1334, 1266, 1238, 1110, 1059, 1032 cm⁻¹.

(11) Preparation of 4,5-dihydro-7*H*-thieno[2,3-*c*]pyran-7-one 2k (zhangq-5-033)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **1k** (140.6 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (20.3 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (8.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **2k**⁶ (110.0 mg, 71%) and **3k**¹³ (3.4 mg, 2%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1 (~400 mL) to 8/1 (~400 mL)] as solids.

2k: m.p. 54.7-55.3 °C (petroleum ether/dichloromethane); ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.03 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.60 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.04 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.0, 147.5, 134.2, 126.5, 126.2, 68.2, 24.8; MS (70 eV, EI) *m/z* (%): 154 (M⁺, 82.42), 124 (100); IR (neat): v = 3091, 3075, 2951, 1691, 1540, 1462, 1423, 1391, 1278, 1207, 1083, 1039 cm⁻¹.

3k: ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.49 (s, 1 H, CHO), 10.39 (s, 1 H, CHO), 7.75 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.65 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1 H, ArH).

(12) Preparation of 4-methylisochroman-1-one 2l (zhangq-4-046)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **11** (147.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (20.5 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (8.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **21**⁶ (156.9 mg, 98%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1 (~300 mL)] as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.58 (td, *J*₁ = 7.5 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.1 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.37-7.43 (m, 1 H, ArH), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.52 (dd, *J*₁ = 10.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1 H, CH), 4.25 (dd, *J*₁ = 11.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 6.8 Hz, 1 H, CH), 3.22-3.12 (m, 1 H, CH), 1.38 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.1, 144.5, 133.9, 130.4, 127.5, 125.6, 124.4, 72.4, 31.7, 16.6; MS (70 eV, EI) *m*/*z* (%): 162 (M⁺, 47.88), 132 (100); **IR** neat): v = 2967, 2880, 1714, 1605, 1464, 1396, 1279, 1123, 1086, 1064, 1019 cm⁻¹.





Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **1m** (147.8 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (20.9 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (8.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **2m**⁶ (161.2 mg, 100%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1 (~300 mL)] as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.75-4.63 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.03-2.88 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.53 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.6, 139.1, 133.7, 130.3, 127.6, 127.3, 125.0, 75.0, 34.9, 20.9; **MS** (70 eV, EI) *m*/*z* (%): 162 (M⁺, 23.22), 118 (100); **IR** (neat): v = 2980, 2901, 1708, 1607, 1460, 1387, 1351, 1277, 1119, 1084, 1029 cm⁻¹.

(14) Preparation of (S)-3-methylisochroman-1-one (S)-2m (zhangq-5-080)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of (*S*)-**1m** (148.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (21.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (8.9 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded (*S*)-**2m**¹⁴ (162.9 mg, 100%, > 99% ee) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1 (~300 mL)] as an oil: HPLC conditions: AS-H column, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 214 nm, *t*_R(major) = 8.8 min; [α]_D²⁶ = +156.6 (*c* = 1.01, CHCl₃) (reported:¹⁴ [α]_D²² = +141.0 (*c* = 1.00, CHCl₃)); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.75-4.64 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.03-2.88 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.53 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.3, 138.9, 133.4, 129.7, 127.2, 127.1, 124.6, 74.8, 34.4, 20.5; MS (70 eV, EI) *m/z* (%): 162 (M⁺, 19.58), 118 (100); IR (neat): v = 1707, 1607, 1460, 1386, 1351, 1277, 1238, 1119, 1084, 1030 cm⁻¹.

(15) Preparation of 1,2-dihydro-4*H*-benzo[*f*]isochromen-4-one 2n (zhangq-4-045)



Following Typical Procedure II, the reaction of **1n** (184.2 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (20.3 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (8.7 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **2n**⁷ (195.0 mg, 98%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1 (~400 mL)] as a solid: m.p. 106.2-108.4 °C (petroleum ether/dichloromethane); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 8.07-8.01 (m, 1 H, ArH), 7.96-7.88 (m, 1 H, ArH), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.68-7.58 (m, 2 H, ArH), 4.69 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.46 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.3, 138.4, 135.3, 129.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 127.0, 124.9, 124.2, 122.2, 66.5, 23.9; **MS** (70 eV, EI) *m*/*z* (%): 198 (M⁺, 95.18), 140 (100); **IR** (neat): v = 2998, 1700, 1621, 1462, 1432, 1323, 1278, 1120, 1079 cm⁻¹. (16) Preparation of dibenzo[*c*,*e*]oxepin-5(7*H*)-one 20 (zhangq-5-021, zhangq-5-030)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **10** (194.8 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (41.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded 20^6 (194.3 mg, 93%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1 (~210 mL) to 10/1 (~220 mL)] as a solid: m.p. 133.7-134.2 °C (petroleum (reported:¹⁵ ether/dichloromethane) 133-135 m.p. °C (petroleum ether/dichloromethane)); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.73-7.58 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.53 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.48-7.38 (m, 2 H, ArH), 5.05 (s, 1 H, one proton of OCH₂), 5.00 (s, 1 H, one proton of OCH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.1, 138.7, 137.0, 134.6, 132.4, 131.7, 130.4, 129.9, 128.52, 128.48, 128.4, 128.2, 69.0; **MS** (70 eV, EI) m/z (%): 210 (M⁺, 86.47), 165 (100); **IR** (neat): v = 1701, 1472, 1377, 1295, 1275, 1228, 1110, 1091, 1045, 1009 cm⁻¹.

(17) Preparation of 7-phenylisochroman-1-one 2p (zhangq-5-029)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **1p** (210.2 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (20.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (8.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **2p**¹⁶ (199.0 mg, 89%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1 (~300 mL) to 5/1 (~300 mL)] as a solid: m.p. 122.7-123.5 °C (petroleum ether/dichloromethane) (reported:¹⁶ m.p. 119-120 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.77 (d, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.42-7.33 (m, 2 H, ArH), 4.57 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.10 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.9, 140.3, 139.1, 138.1, 131.9, 128.7, 128.2, 127.63, 127.58, 126.6, 125.3, 67.1, 27.1; **MS** (FI) m/z (%): 224 (M⁺); **IR** (neat): v = 3058, 3015, 1702, 1616, 1482, 1450, 1391, 1280, 1225, 1193, 1145, 1065, 1029 cm⁻¹.

(18) Preparation of 9H-xanthen-9-one 5 (zhangq-5-038)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **4** (182.5 mg, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (21.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (8.7 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **5**⁶ (195.8 mg, 100%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1 (~220 mL)] as a solid: m.p. 176.1-176.9 °C (petroleum ether/dichloromethane) (reported:¹⁷ m.p. 176-177 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.75-7.62 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 177.1, 156.0, 134.7, 126.6, 123.8, 121.7, 117.9; MS (70 eV, EI) *m/z* (%): 196 (M⁺, 100); **IR** (neat): v = 1654, 1604, 1478, 1455, 1344, 1329, 1239, 1213, 1145 cm⁻¹.

3. Large-Scale Reactions: (1) Preparation of isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one 2q (zhangq-3-150)



To a 25 mL flask were added Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (41.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (17.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), **1q** (618.6 mg, 5 mmol, 97% purity), and MeCN (0.8 mL) sequentially. After the installation of an O₂ balloon, the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 28 h until the completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1). The crude reaction mixture was filtrated through a short column of silica gel eluted with ethyl acetate (6 x 20 mL) and concentrated. The reaction afforded 66% NMR yield of **2q** and 12% NMR yield of **3q**, which was

determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product with CH₂Br₂ (70 µL) as the internal standard. After evaporation, MeCN (10 mL) and a saturated solution of NaHSO₃ (aq., 10 mL) were added to the residue. The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 1 h, extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL), dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtrated, and concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford **2q**⁷ (400.5 mg, 60%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1 (~220 mL) to 5/1 (~600 mL)] as a solid: m.p. 74.0-74.6 °C (petroleum ether/ethyl ether) (reported:¹⁸ m.p. 74-75 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.70 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 5.33 (s, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.9, 146.3, 133.8, 128.7, 125.38, 125.36, 121.9, 69.4; MS (70 eV, EI) *m/z* (%): 134 (M⁺, 37.76), 105 (100); **IR** (neat): v = 3062, 3018, 1745, 1615, 1594, 1466, 1364, 1287, 1191, 1108 cm⁻¹.

(2) Gram-scale synthesis of isochroman-1-one 2a (zhangq-5-048)



Following **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of **1a** (1.3389 g, 10 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (82.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), and 4-OH-TEMPO (35.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) in MeCN (1.6 mL) afforded **2a** (1.4506 g, 98%) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1 (~600 mL) to 6/1 (~600 mL)] as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.54 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.07 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.0, 139.4, 133.5, 130.2, 127.5, 127.1, 125.1, 67.2, 27.6.

Mechanistic studies

(1) Detection of NO_x (zhangq-5-081)



Scheme S1. Detection of NO_x by a flue gas analyzer at the different stages of reaction process.

As shown in Scheme S1, MeCN (8 mL) was added to a three-neck flask, which was followed by the installation of an O₂ balloon. Then the flue gas analyzer detecting NO_x was connected. Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (208.9 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added to the flask, and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 10 min, then NO_x was again detected by the flue gas analyzer. Next, 4-OH-TEMPO (87.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, NO_x was detected after stirring the mixture at rt for 10 min. Finally, **1a** (1.3680 g, 10 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h, then NO_x was once more detected by the flue gas analyzer. The resulting mixture was filtrated through a short column of silica gel eluted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL) and concentrated. The reaction afforded 32% NMR yield of **2a** with 61% recovery of **1a**, which was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product with CH₂Br₂ (70 µL) as the internal standard.

(2) Study on the effect of H₂O in the aerobic oxidation of isochroman 1a (zhangq-6-045, zhangq-6-050)

Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (0.05 mmol), **1a** (1.0 mmol), anhydrous MeCN (0.8 mL), and H₂O (X equiv.) were added to a 25 mL flask sequentially, which was followed by the installation of an O₂ balloon. The resulting mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 10 h, diluted with ethyl acetate, and filtrated through a short column of silica gel eluted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). After evaporation, dibromomethane (35 μ L) was added as internal standard for ¹H NMR analysis.

Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (0.05 mmol), 5 Å molecular sieves (X mg), **1a** (1.0 mmol), and anhydrous MeCN (0.8 mL) were added to a 25 mL flask sequentially, which was followed by the installation of an O₂ balloon. The resulting mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 10 h, diluted with ethyl acetate, and filtrated through a short column of silica gel eluted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). After evaporation, dibromomethane (35 μ L) was added as internal standard for ¹H NMR analysis.

(3) Isotopic labelling experiment with ¹⁸O₂ (zhangq-5-034)



To a 25 mL flask were added Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (20.3 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (8.8 mg, 0.05 mmol), **1a** (134.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), and MeCN (0.8 mL) sequentially. Then the flask was degassed and refilled with ¹⁸O₂ by an ¹⁸O₂ balloon. After the installation of an ¹⁸O₂ balloon, the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h until the completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1). The crude reaction mixture was filtrated through a short column of silica gel eluted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). After evaporation, the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford **2a**-¹⁸O (138.0 mg, 95%, 49% ¹⁸O) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1(~230 mL) to 6/1(~280 mL)] as an oil: ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.53 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.06 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.89, 164.86, 139.4, 133.4, 130.0, 127.4, 127.1, 125.0, 67.1, 27.5; **MS** (70 eV, EI) m/z (%): 150 (M(¹⁶O¹⁸O)⁺, 40.17), 148 (M (¹⁶O₂)⁺, 41.6), 90 (100); **HRMS** calcd m/zfor C₉H₈¹⁶O¹⁸O [M⁺]: 150.0561, found: 150.0560, C₉H₈¹⁶O₂ [M⁺]: 148.0519, found: 148.0520; **IR** (neat): v = 1719, 1688, 1606, 1459, 1392, 1292, 1241, 1118, 1060, 1027 cm⁻¹.

The ¹⁸O% incorporation of **2a**-¹⁸O was determined via the analysis of MS spectrum. Due to the known natural abundance of the stable isotopes of C, H, and O, the naturally occurring isotopic ¹⁸O will also produce $[M (^{18}O)]^+$ peak: According to the natural abundance of ¹⁸O, the ratio of C₉H₈¹⁶O₂:C₉H₈¹⁶O¹⁸O is 99.76:0.2. Thus, the intensity of $[M (^{16}O^{18}O)] (C_9H_8^{16}O^{18}O)$ peak would be 0.2% of the intensity of the molecular peak $[M (^{16}O_2)] (C_9H_8^{16}O_2)$. According to the MS spectrum of **2a**-¹⁸O, the relative abundance of **2a**-(¹⁶O₂) 148 $[M (^{16}O_2)]$ and **2a**-(¹⁶O¹⁸O) 150 $[M (^{16}O^{18}O)]$ are 41.6 and 40.17, respectively. The ¹⁸O% of **2a**-¹⁸O can be calculated as follows: ($[M (^{16}O^{18}O)]^+ - [M (^{16}O_2)]^+ \times 0.2\%)/([M (^{16}O^{18}O)]^+ - [M (^{16}O_2)]^+ \times 0.2\%)/([M (^{16}O^{18}O)]^+ - [M (^{16}O_2)]^+ \times 0.2\%)/([M (^{16}O^{18}O)]^+ - [M (^{16}O_2)]^+) = (40.17 - 41.6 \times 0.2\%)/(40.17 - 41.6 \times 0.2\% + 41.6) = 49\%$.

(4) Isotopic labelling experiment with H₂¹⁸O (zhangq-5-036)



Typical Procedure III: Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (20.3 mg, 0.05 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (8.7 mg, 0.05 mmol), **1a** (134.7 mg, 1.0 mmol), H₂¹⁸O (36 μ L, d = 1.11 g/mL, 2.0 mmol), and MeCN (0.8 mL) were added to a 25 mL flask sequentially, which was followed by the installation of an O₂ balloon. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 28 h until the completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1) and filtrated through a short column of silica gel eluted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). After evaporation, the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford **2a**-¹⁸O (142.0 mg, 97%, 46% ¹⁸O) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1(~230 mL) to 6/1(~280 mL)] as an oil: ¹H NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.38 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.28 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.52 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.06 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.83, 164.80, 139.3, 133.4, 129.9, 127.3, 127.1, 124.9, 67.0, 27.4; **MS** (70 eV, EI) m/z (%): 150 (M (¹⁶O¹⁸O)⁺, 39.94), 148 (M (¹⁶O₂)⁺, 46), 90 (100).

The ¹⁸O% incorporation of **2a**-¹⁸O was determined via the analysis of MS spectrum. Based on the known natural abundance of the stable isotopes of C, H, and O, the naturally occurring isotopic ¹⁸O will also produce $[M (^{18}O)]^+$ peak. According to the natural abundance of ¹⁸O, the ratio of C₉H₈¹⁶O₂:C₉H₈¹⁶O¹⁸O is 99.76:0.2. Thus, the intensity of $[M (^{16}O^{18}O)] (C_9H_8^{16}O^{18}O)$ peak will be 0.2% of the intensity of the molecular peak $[M (^{16}O_2)] (C_9H_8^{16}O_2)$. According to the MS spectrum of **2a**-¹⁸O, the relative abundance of **2a**-(¹⁶O₂) 148 $[M (^{16}O_2)]$ and **2a**-(¹⁶O¹⁸O) 150 $[M (^{16}O^{18}O)]$ are 46 and 39.94 respectively. The ¹⁸O% of **2a**-(¹⁶O¹⁸O)]⁺ - $[M (^{16}O_2)]^+ \times 0.2\%)/([M (^{16}O^{18}O)]^+ - [M (^{16}O_2)]^+ \times 0.2\%)/([M (^{16}O^{18}O)]^+ - [M (^{16}O_2)]^+) = (39.94 - 46 \times 0.2\%)/(39.94 - 46 \times 0.2\% + 46) = 46\%.$

(5) The reaction of 2a with the addition of $H_2^{18}O$ (zhangq-6-040)



Following **Typical Procedure III**, the reaction of **2a** (0.1482 g, 1.0 mmol), Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (20.5 mg, 0.05 mmol), and 4-OH-TEMPO (8.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeCN (0.8 mL) afforded **2a**-¹⁸O (147.6 mg, 99%, 99% purity, 1.6% ¹⁸O) [eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1 (~250 mL)] as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 4.52 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 3.06 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.8, 139.3, 133.4, 129.9, 127.3, 127.0, 124.9, 67.0, 27.4; MS (70 eV, EI) *m*/*z* (%): 150 (M (¹⁶O¹⁸O)⁺, 1.11), 148 (M (¹⁶O₂)⁺, 61.04), 118 (100). The ¹⁸O% incorporation of **2a**-¹⁸O was determined via the analysis of MS spectrum. Based on the known natural abundance of the stable isotopes of C, H, and O, the naturally occurring isotopic ¹⁸O will also produce $[M (^{18}O)]^+$ peak. According to the natural abundance of ¹⁸O, the ratio of C₉H₈¹⁶O₂:C₉H₈¹⁶O¹⁸O is 99.76:0.2. Thus, the intensity of $[M (^{16}O^{18}O)] (C_9H_8^{16}O^{18}O)$ peak will be 0.2% of the intensity of the molecular peak $[M (^{16}O_2)] (C_9H_8^{16}O_2)$. According to the MS spectrum of **2a**-¹⁸O, the relative abundance of **2a**-(¹⁶O₂) 148 $[M (^{16}O_2)]$ and **2a**-(¹⁶O¹⁸O) 150 $[M (^{16}O^{18}O)]$ are 61.04 and 1.11 respectively. The ¹⁸O% of **2a**-(¹⁶O¹⁸O) can be calculated as follows: ($[M (^{16}O^{18}O)]^+ - [M (^{16}O_2)]^+ \times 0.2\%)/([M (^{16}O^{18}O)]^+ - [M (^{16}O_2)]^+ \times 0.2\%)/([M (^{16}O^{18}O)]^+ - [M (^{16}O_2)]^+) = (1.11 - 61.04 \times 0.2\%)/(1.11 - 61.04 \times 0.2\% + 61.04) = 1.6\%.$

(6) Monitoring the aerobic oxidation of isochroman 1a and *o*-ethylbenzyl alcohol6 (zhangq-6-053)

Fe(NO₃)₃•9H₂O (102.9 mg, 0.25 mmol), 4-OH-TEMPO (43.8 mg, 0.25 mmol), **1a** (0.6830 g, 5.0 mmol), **6** (0.7004 g, 5.0 mmol, 97% purity), MeCN (4 mL), and mesitylene (internal standard, 140 μ L, d = 0.861 g/mL, 120.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) were added to a 25 mL flask sequentially, which was followed by the installation of an O₂ balloon. The resulting mixture was stirred at 25 °C. An aliquot (0.1 mL) of the resulting mixture was taken after each indicated time shown in Table S3. The aliquot was filtrated through a short column of silica gel eluted with DCM (4 mL) and diethyl ether (4 mL). After evaporation, the NMR yield and recovery were determined by ¹H NMR analysis.

 Table S1. Monitoring the aerobic oxidation of isochroman 1a and o-ethylbenzyl

 alcohol 6



Entry	time (h)	Recovery of 1a (%)	NMR Yield of 2a (%)	Recovery of 6 (%)	NMR Yield of 7 (%)
1	2	100	2	50	40
2	4	86	12	4	96
3	6	72	28	0	100
4	8	60	40	0	100
5	10	49	51	0	100
6	12	24	80	0	100



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