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## Unprecedented linear products by mechanochemically activated Biginelli reaction using lawsone.

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## 1. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Our reagents and solvents were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, TCI, Alfa Aesar and Fluorochem and used as received without any further purification. Microwave irradiation reactions were performed in an apparatus Anton Paar Monowave 400. Mechanochemical reactions were performed by using a Retsch Mixer Mill MM400 with 10 mL zirconium oxide jar with 5.8 g of zirconium oxide balls (2 balls, 5 mm diameter each) and a Fritsch Planetary Micro Mill PULVERISETTE 7 with 20 mL zirconium oxide jar with 14.7 g of zirconium oxide balls (5 balls, 10 mm diameter each). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel 60 F254 plates (Merck). The compounds and the reaction mixtures were visualized on the TLC plates by irradiation with UV light. For Flash Column Chromatography, a PuriFlash XS520Plus system was used in combination with PF-30SIHP-JP-F0040 columns. For semi-preparative HPLC a system of Autopurification Waters 2767 with a Photodiode Array Detector 2998 and a binary pump Waters 2545 was used in combination with a C18 column (XBridge 5µm 150mm x 19 mm). Water with 0.1% HCOOH and CH<sub>3</sub>CN with 0.1% HCOOH were employed as solvents A and B with a flow rate of 20 mL/min. The elution was followed by UV detection at 260 nm. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for the reported compounds were recorded on a Bruker Avance I 300 MHz (300 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 75 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C), on a Bruker Avance III Nanobay 400 MHz (400.0 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 101 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C), and on a Bruker Avance 600 MHz (600 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 151 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C) equipped with a 5 mm triple resonance inverse Z-gradient probe (TBI <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>31</sup>P, BB). Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) and coupling constants (J) are expressed in ppm and Hz, respectively. The NMR experiments were performed in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-d6 and MeOD-d4 and referenced to the solvent signal. TMS was used as external reference for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectras while CFCl<sub>3</sub> for <sup>19</sup>F spectras. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) analyses were carried out on an XevoG2QTof (Waters) using electrospray ionization (ESI). Melting points were determined using a Stuart SMP3 apparatus and the obtained values are not corrected.

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL PART

#### 2.1 SYNTHESIS OF MICHAEL ADDUCT 8.

A mixture of lawsone (1.5 mmol), urea (1.5 mmol) and 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (1.5 mmol) in 2 mL ionic liquid  $[HNMP]^+[HSO_4]^-$  media was stirred at 80 °C for 30 min, until it turned into a red solid. Then, iced water was added and the resulting suspension stayed under vigorous stirring for 10 min. The red solid was isolated by filtration and washed with excess of water. Afterwards, the crude product was purified by recrystallization in EtOH to afford 332 mg of **8** as a yellow-orange solid (yield 47%, mp 180–182 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 1:1) = 0.12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.10 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 4H), 7.76 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (m, 4H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 3.49 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.5 (2 x C=O), 181.4 (2 x C=O), 154.6 (2 x C-OH), 137.1 (2 x C), 135.3 (2 x CH), 133.4 (2 x CH), 132.9 (2 x C), 132.6 (C-Cl), 129.8 (2 x CH), 129.6 (C), 128.5 (2 x CH), 127.4 (2 x CH), 126.5 (2 x CH), 122.3 (2 x C), 37.6 (CH). HRMS calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Cl<sup>-</sup> [M - H]<sup>-</sup> = 469.0479; found 469.0481 with a consistent isotopic profile.

## 2.2 EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE FOR THE MECHANOCHEMICAL PREPARATION OF BIGINELLI-TYPE LINEAR LAWSONE DERIVATIVES.

Lawsone (1.0 equiv, 2.2 mmol), 4-substituted-benzaldehyde (1.0 equiv, 2.2 mmol), urea or *N*-alkylated urea (1.5 equiv, 3.3 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (pTSA) (0.2 equiv, 0.44 mmol) were added in a 20 mL zirconium oxide jar with 14.7 g of zirconium oxide balls (5 balls, 10 mm diameter each). The reaction was operated in a planetary ball milling Pulverisette 7 at 800 rpm (2 cycles x 40-60 min, 1 x pause 10 min). Afterwards, the reaction mixture was either scratched out of the jars either recovered by dissolving it in MeOH. If needed, the solvent was removed under vacuum. The collected residue was dissolved in dichloromethane. The organic phase was washed with water and brine. The organic layers were collected,

dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The obtained crude products were then purified by crystallization in dichloromethane/diethyl ether or dichloromethane/methanol. The products were isolated as solids after filtration and washing with Et<sub>2</sub>O.

## 3-[(4'-chlorophenyl)methylurea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 7

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (2.2 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 40 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM/Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 710 mg (90%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 137–139 °C). *Rf* (DCM/MeOH 9:1) = 0.11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  8.03 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.83 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H, NH), 6.40 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (bs, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  184.1 (C=O), 181.3 (C=O), 158.0 (NH-C=O), 155.8 (C-OH), 141.8 (C), 134.8 (CH), 133.4 (CH), 131.8 (C-Cl), 130.8 (C), 130.1 (C), 128.0 (2 x CH), 127.7 (2 x CH), 125.8 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 122.6 (C), 46.3 (CH). HRMS calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Cl<sup>-</sup> [M - H]<sup>-</sup> = 355.0486; found 355.0486 with consistent isotopic profile.

## 3-[(4'-fluorophenyl)methyl-(N'-ethyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 9

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.5 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 60 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM to yield 350 mg (63%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 172–174 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 1:1) = 0.11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.04 (tt, *J* = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 3.16 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  186.0 (C=O), 182.7 (C=O), 163.2 (d, *J* = 244.4 Hz, C-F), 160.3 (NH-C=O), 156.9 (C-OH), 139.3 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, C), 135.7 (CH), 134.3 (CH), 133.8 (C), 131.5 (C), 129.2 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 127.1 (d, *J* = 25.3 Hz, 2 x CH), 123.9 (C), 115.8 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz, 2 x CH), 49.0 (CH), 35.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 15.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  - 118.61 (m, *J* = 9.5 Hz). HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>F<sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 369.1251; found 369.1245, for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NaF <sup>+</sup> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 391.1070; found 391.1064 with consistent isotopic profile.

## 3-[(4'-chlorophenyl)methyl-(N'-ethyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 10

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.5 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 40 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM/MeOH/Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 358 mg (62%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 168–170 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 3:7) = 0.10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.04 (td, *J* = 7.5, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dtd, *J* = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 3.16 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  186.0 (C=O), 182.6 (C=O), 160.2 (NH-C=O), 156.9 (C-OH), 142.1 (C), 135.8 (CH), 134.3 (CH), 133.7 (C), 133.5 (C-CI), 131.5 (C), 129.3 (2 x CH), 128.9 (2 x CH), 127.2 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 123.7 (C), 48.9 (CH), 35.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 15.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Cl<sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 385.0955; found 385.0949, for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NaCl <sup>+</sup> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 407.0775; found 407.0769 with consistent isotopic profile.

## 3-[(4'-bromophenyl)methyl-(N'-ethyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, **11**

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.3 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 50 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM/Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 391 mg (70%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 187–189 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 3:7) = 0.10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.07 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 3.16 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  184.2 (C=O),

181.3 (C=O), 157.2 (NH-C=O), 155.8 (C-OH), 142.3 (C), 134.8 (CH), 133.4 (CH), 131.7 (C), 130.8 (2 x CH), 130.1 (C), 128.1 (2 x CH), 125.8 (C), 125.7 (C), 122.5 (C-Br), 119.3 (C), 46.4 (CH), 34.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 15.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS calcd for  $C_{20}H_{18}N_2O_4Br^+$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 429.0450; found 429.0446, for  $C_{20}H_{17}N_2O_4NaBr^+$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 451.0269; found 451.0264 with consistent isotopic profile.

### 3-[(4'-iodophenyl)methyl-(N'-ethyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, **12**

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.3 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 50 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM/Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 433 mg (70%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 186–188 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 1:9) = 0.29. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.07 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.77 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 3.16 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  185.9 (C=O), 182.6 (C=O), 160.2 (NH-C=O), 157.1 (C-OH), 143.3 (C), 138.4 (2 x CH), 135.8 (CH), 134.3 (CH), 133.8 (C), 131.6 (C), 129.5 (2 x CH), 127.2 (C), 127.0 (C), 123.6 (C), 92.5 (C-I), 49.1 (CH), 35.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 15.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>I<sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 477.0311; found 477.0315, for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Nal <sup>+</sup> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 499.0131; found 499.0133 with consistent isotopic profile.

#### 3-[(4'-nitrophenyl)methyl-(N'-ethyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 13

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.5 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 50 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM/Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 504 mg (85%) of the target product as a yellow-orange solid (mp 183–185 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 3:7) = 0.09. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.19 – 8.13 (m, 2H), 8.06 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 3.17 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  185.8 (C=O), 182.5 (C=O), 160.1 (C), 157.5 (NH-C=O), 151.3 (C-OH), 148.2 (C), 135.8 (CH), 134.4 (CH), 133.7 (C), 131.6 (C), 128.3 (2 x CH), 127.2 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 124.4 (2 x CH), 123.0 (C), 49.1 (CH), 35.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 15.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub> <sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 396.1196; found 396.1193, for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na <sup>+</sup> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 418.1015; found 418.1009 with consistent isotopic profile.

#### 3-[(4'-trifluoromethylphenyl)methyl-(N'-ethyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 14

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.0 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 1 cycle x 45 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM/MeOH/Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 376 mg (90%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 166–168 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 1:1) = 0.08. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  8.04 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.96 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.82 (dtd, *J* = 17.8, 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (m, 2H), 3.08 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  184.1 (C=O), 181.3 (C=O), 157.3 (NH-C=O), 156.0 (C-OH), 147.7 (C), 134.8 (CH), 133.4 (CH), 131.7 (C), 130.2 (C), 127.0 (d, *J* = 33.3 Hz, C), 126.6 (2 x CH), 125.9 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 124.9 (q, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 2 x CH), 124.4 (q, *J* = 272.7 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 122.3 (C), 46.7 (CH), 34.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 15.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  -60.69. HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> F<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 419.1219; found 419.1219 with consistent isotopic profile.

## 3-[(4'-tolyl)methyl-(N'-ethyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 15

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (2.0 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 60 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM to yield 510 mg (70%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 175–177 °C). *Rf* (AcOEt) = 0.21. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.02 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.79 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 3.16 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  186.1 (C=O), 182.7 (C=O), 160.4 (NH-C=O), 156.5 (C-OH), 140.1 (C), 137.5 (C), 135.7 (CH), 134.3 (CH), 133.8 (C), 131.5 (C), 129.9 (2 x CH), 127.2 (2 x CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 124.4 (C), 49.3 (CH), 35.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.0 (PhCH<sub>3</sub>), 15.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 365.1501; found 365.1499, for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na <sup>+</sup> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 387.1321; found 387.1320 with consistent isotopic profile.

#### 3-[(4'-fluorophenyl)methyl-(N'-butyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 16

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.4 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 50 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM to yield 450 mg (81%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 172–174 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 3:7) = 0.12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.04 (ddd, *J* = 8.9, 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dtd, *J* = 19.6, 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.03 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 3.12 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.50 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  185.9 (C=O), 182.7 (C=O), 163.2 (d, *J* = 244.4 Hz, C-F), 160.4 (NH-C=O), 157.1 (C-OH), 139.3 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, C), 135.7 (CH), 134.3 (CH), 133.9 (C), 131.6 (C), 129.2 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 127.1 (d, *J* = 24.2 Hz, 2 x CH), 123.9 (C), 115.8 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz, 2 x CH), 49.0 (CH), 40.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  -117.01. HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>F<sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 397.1564; found 397.1564, for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>FNa <sup>+</sup> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 419.1383; found 419.1379 with consistent isotopic profile.

## 3-[(4'-chlorophenyl)methyl-(N'-butyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 17

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.5 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 45 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM/Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 526 mg (85%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 160–162 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 3:7) = 0.16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.09 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.77 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 3.13 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.49 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  184.1 (C=O), 181.3 (C=O), 157.4 (NH-C=O), 155.9 (C-OH), 141.9 (C), 134.7 (CH), 133.4 (CH), 131.8 (C), 130.8 (C-Cl), 130.1 (C), 128.0 (2 x CH), 127.7 (2 x CH), 125.8 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 122.5 (C), 46.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.7 (CH), 32.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Cl <sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 413.1268; found 413.1268, for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>ClNa <sup>+</sup> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 435.1088; found 435.1085 with consistent isotopic profile.

## 3-[(4'-bromophenyl)methyl-(N'-butyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 18

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.3 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 1 cycle x 60 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM/Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 564 mg (95%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 165–167 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 3:7) = 0.11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.08 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.78 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 3.13 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.51 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.27 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  186.0 (C=O), 182.6 (C=O), 160.4 (NH-C=O), 156.9 (C-OH),

142.7 (C), 135.8 (CH), 134.3 (CH), 133.8 (C), 132.3 (2 x CH), 131.6 (C), 129.3 (2 x CH), 127.2 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 123.6 (C-Br), 121.4 (C), 49.1 (CH), 40.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS calcd for  $C_{22}H_{22}N_2O_4Br$ <sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 457.0763; found 457.0764, for  $C_{22}H_{21}N_2O_4BrNa$ <sup>+</sup> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 479.0582; found 479.0586 with consistent isotopic profile.

#### 3-[(4'-nitrophenyl)methyl-(N'-butyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 19

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.4 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 1 cycle x 50 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM/Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 534 mg (90%) of the target product as a yellow-orange solid (mp 175–177 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 3:7) = 0.12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.21 – 8.13 (m, 2H), 8.07 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.05 – 7.98 (m, 1H), 7.76 (dtd, *J* = 17.6, 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.68 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.52 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  185.7 (C=O), 182.6 (C=O), 160.3 (C), 157.7 (NH-C=O), 151.4 (C-OH), 148.2 (C), 135.8 (CH), 134.4 (CH), 133.8 (C), 131.6 (C), 128.3 (2 x CH), 127.2 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 124.4 (2 x CH), 123.0 (C), 49.2 (CH), 40.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 424.1509; found 424.1511, for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na <sup>+</sup> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> = 446.1328; found 443.1328 with consistent isotopic profile.

#### 3-[(4'-trifluoromethylphenyl)methyl-(N'-butyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 20

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (2.0 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 60 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in cold Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 714 mg (80%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 156–158 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 1:1) = 0.24. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.04 (ddd, *J* = 12.4, 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.81 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.58 (s, 4H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.51 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  185.9 (C=O), 182.6 (C=O), 160.4 (NH-C=O), 157.2 (C-OH), 148.0 (C), 135.8 (CH), 134.4 (CH), 133.7 (C), 131.6 (C), 130.0 (d, *J* = 34.1 Hz, C), 127.8 (2 x CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.1 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2 x CH), 125.7 (q, *J* = 271.7 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 123.4 (C), 49.2 (CH), 40.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  -63.87. HRMS calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> F<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> [M - H]<sup>-</sup> = 445.1375; found 445.1377 with consistent isotopic profile.

## 3-[(4'-fluorophenyl)methyl-(N'-propargyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, **21**

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.4 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 50 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM to yield 440 mg (83%) of the target product as an olive-colored solid (mp 180–182 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 3:7) = 0.18. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.04 (tt, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dtd, *J* = 18.9, 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 3.91 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  186.0 (C=O), 182.6 (C=O), 163.2 (d, *J* = 244.4 Hz, C-F), 159.7 (NH-C=O), 156.7 (C-OH), 139.0 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, C), 135.8 (CH), 134.3 (CH), 133.7 (C), 131.5 (C), 129.2 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 127.1 (d, *J* = 26.3 Hz, 2 x CH), 123.7 (C), 115.8 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz, 2 x CH), 81.7 (C), 71.9 (CH), 49.1 (CH), 30.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  -118.51. HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>F <sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 379.1094; found 379.1095 with consistent isotopic profile.

## 3-[(4'-chlorophenyl)methyl-(N'-propargyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 22

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.5 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 40 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM to yield 432 mg (73%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 180–182 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 3:7) = 0.16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.03 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dtd, *J* = 18.7, 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 3.91 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  185.9 (C=O), 182.5 (C=O), 159.7 (NH-C=O), 157.0 (C-OH), 141.9 (C), 135.8 (CH), 134.3 (CH), 133.7 (C), 133.6 (C-Cl), 131.5 (C), 129.3 (2 x CH), 128.9 (2 x CH), 127.2 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 123.5 (C), 81.7 (C), 71.9 (CH), 49.0 (CH), 30.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Cl<sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 395.0799; found 395.0798 with consistent isotopic profile.

## 3-[(4'-bromophenyl)methyl-(N'-propargyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 23

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (2.0 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 60 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM/Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 770 mg (88%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 176–178 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 3:7) = 0.20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  11.82 (bs, 1H), 8.03 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.98 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.82 (dtd, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.94 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dt, *J* = 5.4, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  185.9 (C=O), 182.5 (C=O), 159.7 (NH-C=O), 156.9 (C-OH), 142.4 (C), 135.8 (CH), 134.4 (CH), 133.7 (C), 132.3 (2 x CH), 131.5 (C), 129.3 (2 x CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 123.4 (C), 121.5 (C-Br), 81.7 (C), 71.9 (CH), 49.1 (CH) 30.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 439.0293; found 439.0288 with consistent isotopic profile.

#### 3-[(4'-nitrophenyl)methyl-(N'-propargyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 24

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.4 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 40 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM/Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 398 mg (70%) of the target product as a brownish solid (mp 170–172 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 3:7) = 0.14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  11.88 (bs, 1H), 8.22 – 8.12 (m, 2H), 8.09 – 8.05 (m, 1H), 8.05 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.81 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 3.93 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  185.8 (C=O), 182.4 (C=O), 159.6 (NH-C=O C), 157.2 (C-OH), 151.0 (C), 148.2 (C), 135.8 (CH), 134.5 (CH), 133.6 (C), 131.6 (C), 128.3 (2 x CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 124.4 (2 x CH), 122.8 (C), 81.6 (C), 72.0 (CH), 49.2 (CH), 30.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub> <sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 406.1039; found 406.1037 with consistent isotopic profile.

#### 3-[(4'-trifluoromethylphenyl)methyl-(N'-propargyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 25

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.0 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 40 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM to yield 351 mg (82%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 169–171 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 7:3) = 0.06. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  8.03 – 8.00 (m, 1H), 7.95 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.82 (dtd, *J* = 18.3, 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 – 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.07 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  184.0 (C=O), 181.3 (C=O), 156.9 (NH-C=O), 156.3 (C-OH), 147.4 (C), 134.7 (CH), 133.4 (CH), 131.8 (C), 130.2 (C), 127.1 (d, *J* = 39.4 Hz, C), 126.5 (2 x CH), 125.9 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 125.0 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 2 x CH), 124.4 (q, *J* = 231.7 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 121.9 (C), 82.2 (C),

72.8 (CH), 46.8 (CH), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  -60.73. HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> F<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> [M - H]<sup>-</sup> = 427.0906; found 427.0902 with consistent isotopic profile.

## 3-[(4'-chlorophenyl)methyl-(N-2-hydroxyethyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 26

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.4 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 50 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM/MeOH/Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 449 mg (80%) of the target product as a yellow-orange solid (mp 85-87 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 3:7) = 0.08. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.05 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.72 (dtd, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 3.58 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.26 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  185.9 (C=O), 182.5 (C=O), 160.5 (NH-C=O), 156.8 (C-OH), 142.0 (C), 135.8 (CH), 134.3 (CH), 133.7 (C), 133.5 (C-Cl), 131.5 (C), 129.2 (2 x CH), 128.9 (2 x CH), 127.2 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 123.7 (C), 62.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.0 (CH), 43.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Cl<sup>-</sup> [M - H]<sup>-</sup> = 399.0748; found 399.0750 with consistent isotopic profile.

## 3-[(4'-nitrophenyl)methyl-(N-2-hydroxyethyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 27

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (1.4 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 50 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM/MeOH/Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 472 mg (82%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 184–186 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 3:7) = 0.08. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  8.16 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (bs, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.42 – 3.33 (m, 2H), 3.09 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  183.9 (C=O), 181.2 (C=O), 157.5 (NH-C=O), 156.2 (C-OH), 151.0 (C), 146.1 (C), 134.8 (CH), 133.4 (CH), 131.7 (C), 130.1 (C), 127.0 (2 x CH), 125.9 (C), 125.7 (C), 123.3 (2 x CH), 121.9 (C), 60.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.7 (CH), 42.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub> <sup>+</sup> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 412.1145; found 412.1141 with consistent isotopic profile.

## 3-[(4'-trifluoromethylphenyl)methyl-(N-2-hydroxyethyl)-urea]-2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione, 28

The compound was synthesized by following the above-mentioned general procedure (2.0 mmol of lawsone scale). Ball milling for 2 cycles x 60 min. The crude product was purified by crystallization in DCM to yield 690 mg (80%) of the target product as a yellow solid (mp 167–169 °C). *Rf* (AcOEt) = 0.05. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  11.82 (bs, 1H), 8.06 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dtd, *J* = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.48 – 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.09 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  184.0 (C=O), 181.3 (C=O), 157.5 (NH-C=O), 156.1 (C-OH), 147.8 (C), 134.7 (CH), 13.4 (CH), 131.8 (C), 130.2 (C), 127.0 (d, *J* = 31.5 Hz, C), 126.6 (2 x CH), 125.9 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 125.0 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 2 x CH), 124.8 (q, *J* = 272.1 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 122.3 (C), 60.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.7 (CH), 42.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> F<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> [M - H]<sup>-</sup> = 433.1011; found 433.1020 with consistent isotopic profile.

## 2.3 SYNTHESIS OF MICHAEL ADDUCT 29.

Compound **9** (1.3 mmol) was added in 3 mL ionic liquid  $[HNMP]^+[HSO_4]^-$  media and was stirred at 80 °C for 60 min, until it turned into a brown solid. Then, iced water was added and the resulting suspension stayed under vigorous stirring for 10 min. The red solid was isolated by filtration and washed with excess of water. Afterwards, the crude product was purified by recrystallization in EtOH and washed with cold (0°C) Et<sub>2</sub>O to

afford 238 mg of **29** as an orange solid (yield 40%, mp 202–204 °C). *Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 1:1) = 0.11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  8.00 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.94 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.80 (dtd, *J* = 18.9, 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 4H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 5.98 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  183.5 (2 x C), 181.3 (2 x C), 160.5 (d, *J* = 243.8 Hz, C-F), 156.6 (2 x C), 137.0 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, C), 134.6 (2 x CH), 133.1 (2 x CH), 132.2 (2 x C), 129.9 (2 x C), 129.8 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 x CH), 126.0 (2 x CH), 125.6 (2 x CH), 123.0 (2 x C), 114.2 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz, 2 x CH), 36.94 (CH). HRMS calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F<sup>-</sup> [M - H]<sup>-</sup> = 453.0774; found 453.0781 with consistent isotopic profile.

#### 2.4 CYCLIZATION: SYNTHESIS OF LAWSONE CARBAMATE 31.

Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.75 mmol, 2.2 equiv) was added dropwise in a suspension of linear Biginelli compound **9** (0.80 mmol, 1 equiv) in 10 mL anhydrous DCM under inert argon atmosphere. To the providing red solution, a solution of *para*-nitrophenyl chloroformate (0.9 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in 5 mL anhydrous DCM was added dropwise. Bubbling was observed during the addition at this step. The reaction stayed under stirring at rt, overnight under inert argon atmosphere. The end of the reaction was controlled by TLC. The solvent was then removed under pressure and the residue was dissolved in AcOEt. The organic phase was then washed successively with 5% aqueous solution of citric acid, water and brine. The organic phase was collected, dehydrated by Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and condensated until dry. The crude product was first purified by PuriFlash column chromatography by using Hex/AcOEt (8:2) followed by Hex/AcOEt (7:3) as isocratic systems of eluents. The product was obtained pure after a second semi-prep HPLC purification (the byproduct *p*-nitrophenol has the same *Rf* and was 90% pure after the first attempt) by using a C18 column and a gradient system of 0.1% HCOOH.H<sub>2</sub>O/ 0.1% HCOOH.CH<sub>3</sub>CN as eluent at 20% yield as yellow oil.

N-Ethyl-4-(P-fluorophenyl)-2,9,10-trioxo-3,4-dihydro-10H,9H,2H-1-oxa-3-azaanthracene-3-carboxamide, **31** 

*Rf* (Hex/AcOEt 8:2) = 0.20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.41 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.20 – 8.13 (m, 1H), 8.08 – 8.01 (m, 1H), 7.81 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 3.42 – 3.22 (m, 2H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  180.9 (C=O), 176.3 (C=O), 163.0 (d, *J* = 248.0 Hz, C-F), 151.3 (NH-C=O), 148.5 (N-(C=O)-O), 147.5 (C-O), 135.0 (CH), 134.6 (CH), 134.0 (C), 131.3 (C), 130.7 (C), 129.5 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 x CH), 127.1 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 123.3 (C), 116.3 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz, 2 x CH), 52.6 (CH), 36.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>F<sup>-</sup> [M - H]<sup>-</sup> = 394.0965; found 399.0969 with consistent isotopic profile.

3. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C AND MS SPECTRAS OF BIGINELLI LINEAR LAWSONE DERIVATIVES.



Figure S1: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 8





CLK-4-102-99-solid NEG (0.034) Is (1.00,1.00) C27H14O6CI 469.0479 2: TOF MS ES-5.58e12 100-% 471.0463 472.0490 473.0515 ---- m/z 450 465 455 460 470 475 480 485 490 495 500 505

Figure S3: HRMS of compound 8



Figure S6: HRMS of compound 7



Figure S7: 2D COSY NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) of compound 7



Figure S8: 2D HSQC NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) of compound 7



Figure S9: 2D HMBC NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) of compound 7

 Table S1. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data assignments of compound 7 in DMSO-d6 at 298K.



| <sup>1</sup> H/ <sup>13</sup> C<br>numbering | d <sup>1</sup> H (ppm)<br>in DMSO-d6 | d <sup>13</sup> C (ppm)<br>in DMSO-d6 |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| C-1  |                                      | 181.3                                 |
| C-2  |                                      | 155.8                                 |
| C-3  |                                      | 122.6                                 |
| C-4  |                                      | 184.1                                 |
| C-5  |                                      | 130.8                                 |
| CH-6   | 7.80 (m)                             | 125.8                                 |
| CH-7   | 8.03 (m)                             | 134.8                                 |
| CH-8   | 7.90 (m)                             | 133.4                                 |
| CH-9   | 7.94 (dd)                            | 125.7                                 |
| C-10   |                                      | 130.1                                 |
| CH-11  | 6.40 (d)                             | 46.3                                  |
| C-12   |                                      | 158.0                                 |
| NH   | 6.82 (d)                             |                                       |
| $NH_2$                                       | 5.88 (bs)                            |                                       |
| C-1a   |                                      | 141.8                                 |
| CH-2a  | 7.32 (m)                             | 127.7                                 |
| CH-3a  | 7.32 (m)                             | 128.0                                 |
| C-4a   |                                      | 131.8                                 |















Figure S21: HRMS of compound 12



Figure S22: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) of compound 13



## Figure S23: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD) of compound 13



Figure S24: HRMS of compound 13



Figure S25: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) of compound 14



Figure S27: HRMS of compound 14



Figure S28: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, MeOD) of compound 15



## Figure S29: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD) of compound 15



Figure S30: HRMS of compound 15



Figure S31: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) of compound 16





Figure S32: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD) of compound 16







Figure S34: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) of compound 17





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Figure S40: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) of compound 19



Figure S42: HRMS of compound 19





Figure S45: HRMS of compound 20



SI28







Figure S54: HRMS of compound 23



Figure S57: HRMS of compound 24



SI32



**SI**33





Figure S66: HRMS of compound 27



Figure S69: HRMS of compound 28



Figure S72: HRMS of compound 29



Figure S75: HRMS of compound 31



**SI38** 



Figure S77: 2D HSQC NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 31



Figure S78: 2D HMBC NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 31



| <sup>1</sup> H/ <sup>13</sup> C<br>numbering  | d¹H (ppm)<br>in CDCl₃   | d <sup>13</sup> C(ppm)<br>in CDCl₃  |
|---|---|---|
| C-1   |   | 176.3   |
| C-2   |   | 147.6   |
| C-3   |   | 123.3   |
| C-4   |   | 180.9   |
| C-5   |   | 131.3   |
| CH-6  | 8.05 (m)  | 127.0   |
| CH-7  | 7.79 (m)  | 135.0   |
| CH-8  | 7.90 (m)  | 134.6   |
| CH-9  | 8.17 (m)  | 127.1   |
| C-10  |   | 131.3   |
| CH-11   | 6.84 (s)  | 52.6  |
| C-12  |   | 134.0   |
| CH-13   | 7.44 (m)  | 129.5 (d)   |
| CH-14   | 7.03 (m)  | 116.3 (d)   |
| C-15  |   | 163.0 (d)   |
| C-16  |   | 148.5   |
| C-17  |   | 151.3   |
| NH  | 8.41 (t)  |   |
| CH-18   | a= 3.33 (m)   | 36.3  |
| СЦ 10   | D=3.37 (m)  | 147   |
| C-10<br>CH-11<br>C-12<br>CH-13<br>CH-14<br>C-15<br>C-16<br>C-17<br>NH<br>CH-18<br>CH-18 | 6.84 (s)<br>7.44 (m)<br>7.03 (m)<br>8.41 (t)<br>a= 3.33 (m)<br>b=3.37 (m)<br>1.17 (t) | 131.3<br>52.6<br>134.0<br>129.5 (d)<br>116.3 (d)<br>163.0 (d)<br>148.5<br>151.3<br>36.3<br>14.7 |

## 4. CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC DATA FOR COMPOUND 22

| $C_{21}H_{15}CIN_2O_4$              | F(000) = <u>408</u>                           |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| M <sub>r</sub> = <u>394.80</u>      |   |
| <u>Triclinic</u> , P-1              | $D_x = 1.412 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$               |
| Hall symbol: -P 1                   |   |
| a = <u>9.5285 (15)</u> Å            | <u>Mo Kα</u> radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å |
| b = <u>10.8463 (17)</u> Å           | Cell parameters from 9921 reflections         |
| c = <u>10.9208 (16)</u> Å           | θ = <u>2.5</u> – <u>36.9</u> °                |
| α = <u>94.939 (9)</u> °             | $\mu = 0.24 \text{ mm}^{-1}$                  |
| β = <u>113.931 (8)</u> °            | Т = <u>100</u> К                              |
| γ = <u>110.838 (8)</u> °            | Block, yellow                                 |
| V = <u>928.4 (3)</u> Å <sup>3</sup> | <u>0.18</u> × <u>0.10</u> × <u>0.04</u> mm    |
| Z = <u>2</u>                        |   |

## Table S3: Crystallographic data for compound 22

#### Table S4: Data collection

| Bruker Kappa APEX II<br>diffractometer   | <u>3423</u> reflections with $l > 2\sigma(l)$                                   |
|--|---|
| Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube   | $R_{\rm int} = 0.056$   |
| Graphite monochromator   | $\theta_{max} = \underline{26.4}^\circ, \ \theta_{min} = \underline{2.1}^\circ$ |
| <u>ω–φ scans</u>   | h = -11  11   |
| Absorption correction: <u>multi-scan</u><br>[c.f. r.h. blessing, acta cryst. (1995), a51, 33-38] | k = <u>-13</u> <u>13</u>  |
| $T_{\min} = 0.715, T_{\max} = 0.743$   | <i>l</i> = <u>-13</u> <u>13</u>   |
| 39871 measured reflections   | Standard reflections: <u>0</u>  |
| 3787 independent reflections   |   |

Table S5: Refinement

| Refinement on <u>F</u> <sup>2</sup> |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Least-squares matrix: <u>full</u>   | Hydrogen site location: mixed  |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$     | H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and<br>constrained refinement                      |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.094$                   | $\frac{w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0353P)^2 + 0.7665P]}{\text{where } P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3}$ |
| <i>S</i> = <u>1.04</u>              | (Δ/σ) <sub>max</sub> = <u>0.001</u>  |
| 3787 reflections                    | Δρ <sub>max</sub> = <u>0.37</u> e Å <sup>-3</sup>  |
| 259 parameters                      | $\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.36 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   |
| <u>0</u> restraints                 | Extinction correction: none  |

**Table S6:** Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å

 <sup>2</sup>)

|     | x            | у            | z            | U <sub>iso</sub> */U <sub>eq</sub> |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| C1  | 0.3609 (2)   | 0.02555 (15) | 0.66677 (17) | 0.0198 (3)                         |
| C1A | 0.23661 (17) | 0.41456 (14) | 0.67006 (15) | 0.0144 (3)                         |
| C2  | 0.26302 (18) | 0.11018 (14) | 0.63711 (15) | 0.0146 (3)                         |
| C2A | 0.28821 (18) | 0.39958 (15) | 0.80487 (15) | 0.0170 (3)                         |
| H2A | 0.311460     | 0.323348     | 0.824861     | 0.020*                             |
| C2B | 0.2024 (2)   | 0.52667 (16) | 0.64309 (16) | 0.0221 (3)                         |
| H2B | 0.165706     | 0.537336     | 0.551427     | 0.026*                             |
| C3  | 0.31583 (18) | 0.22860 (14) | 0.60102 (14) | 0.0143 (3)                         |
| C3A | 0.30604 (19) | 0.49471 (16) | 0.91028 (16) | 0.0200 (3)                         |
| H3A | 0.340146     | 0.483567     | 1.001701     | 0.024*                             |

| C3B  | 0.2207 (2)   | 0.62329 (17) | 0.74746 (18) | 0.0255 (4) |
|------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| НЗВ  | 0.197475     | 0.699683     | 0.728155     | 0.031*     |
| C4   | 0.48788 (18) | 0.28985 (14) | 0.61690 (14) | 0.0152 (3) |
| C4A  | 0.2734 (2)   | 0.60568 (16) | 0.88002 (16) | 0.0214 (3) |
| C5   | 0.58968 (18) | 0.20848 (15) | 0.64490 (14) | 0.0162 (3) |
| C6   | 0.74895 (19) | 0.26095 (16) | 0.65075 (16) | 0.0219 (3) |
| H6   | 0.793074     | 0.348431     | 0.635773     | 0.026*     |
| C7   | 0.8434 (2)   | 0.18490 (18) | 0.67863 (18) | 0.0263 (4) |
| H7   | 0.951875     | 0.220730     | 0.681819     | 0.032*     |
| C8   | 0.7817 (2)   | 0.05743 (18) | 0.70184 (17) | 0.0244 (3) |
| H8   | 0.847850     | 0.006794     | 0.721574     | 0.029*     |
| С9   | 0.6228 (2)   | 0.00428 (16) | 0.69611 (16) | 0.0206 (3) |
| H9   | 0.579389     | -0.083127    | 0.711441     | 0.025*     |
| C10  | 0.52745 (18) | 0.07983 (15) | 0.66773 (15) | 0.0163 (3) |
| C11  | 0.20248 (18) | 0.30243 (14) | 0.55341 (14) | 0.0143 (3) |
| H11  | 0.083392     | 0.232258     | 0.519429     | 0.017*     |
| C12  | 0.11935 (18) | 0.26723 (14) | 0.30524 (15) | 0.0149 (3) |
| C13  | 0.0812 (2)   | 0.23991 (16) | 0.06734 (16) | 0.0220 (3) |
| H13A | 0.052177     | 0.295479     | 0.002098     | 0.026*     |
| H13B | -0.025638    | 0.160747     | 0.046118     | 0.026*     |
| C14  | 0.1942 (2)   | 0.18894 (17) | 0.04345 (17) | 0.0265 (4) |
| C15  | 0.2841 (3)   | 0.1478 (2)   | 0.0222 (2)   | 0.0393 (5) |
| H15  | 0.349 (3)    | 0.109 (2)    | 0.004 (2)    | 0.047*     |
| N1   | 0.20678 (15) | 0.35434 (12) | 0.43586 (12) | 0.0153 (3) |
| N2   | 0.15434 (17) | 0.32243 (13) | 0.20854 (13) | 0.0228 (3) |

| 01  | 0.01213 (13) | 0.14886 (10)  | 0.27472 (11) | 0.0189 (2)   |
|-----|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 02  | 0.54967 (13) | 0.40855 (10)  | 0.61017 (11) | 0.0204 (2)   |
| 03  | 0.12003 (13) | 0.06443 (10)  | 0.64617 (11) | 0.0175 (2)   |
| 04  | 0.29957 (18) | -0.08393 (13) | 0.68741 (18) | 0.0427 (4)   |
| Cl1 | 0.30280 (6)  | 0.72832 (5)   | 1.01386 (4)  | 0.03234 (13) |
| H1  | 0.299320     | 0.424210      | 0.454280     | 0.016 (4)*   |
| H2  | 0.240808     | 0.402761      | 0.236869     | 0.027 (5)*   |
| Н3  | 0.097110     | -0.008350     | 0.666970     | 0.049 (7)*   |

## Table S7: Atomic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)

|     | <i>U</i> <sup>11</sup> | U <sup>22</sup> | U <sup>33</sup> | U <sup>12</sup> | <i>U</i> <sup>13</sup> | U <sup>23</sup> |
|-----|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| C1  | 0.0230 (8)             | 0.0160 (7)      | 0.0266 (8)      | 0.0095 (6)      | 0.0154 (7)             | 0.0098 (6)      |
| C1A | 0.0137 (6)             | 0.0130 (6)      | 0.0157 (7)      | 0.0041 (5)      | 0.0076 (6)             | 0.0040 (5)      |
| C2  | 0.0138 (6)             | 0.0144 (7)      | 0.0150 (7)      | 0.0047 (5)      | 0.0075 (6)             | 0.0034 (5)      |
| C2A | 0.0172 (7)             | 0.0186 (7)      | 0.0169 (7)      | 0.0086 (6)      | 0.0084 (6)             | 0.0066 (6)      |
| C2B | 0.0327 (9)             | 0.0198 (7)      | 0.0178 (7)      | 0.0136 (7)      | 0.0129 (7)             | 0.0085 (6)      |
| C3  | 0.0166 (7)             | 0.0128 (7)      | 0.0140 (7)      | 0.0056 (6)      | 0.0081 (6)             | 0.0036 (5)      |
| C3A | 0.0184 (7)             | 0.0271 (8)      | 0.0148 (7)      | 0.0102 (6)      | 0.0078 (6)             | 0.0049 (6)      |
| СЗВ | 0.0379 (9)             | 0.0193 (8)      | 0.0271 (8)      | 0.0168 (7)      | 0.0179 (7)             | 0.0089 (7)      |
| C4  | 0.0176 (7)             | 0.0142 (7)      | 0.0112 (6)      | 0.0038 (6)      | 0.0072 (6)             | 0.0028 (5)      |
| C4A | 0.0212 (8)             | 0.0215 (8)      | 0.0194 (7)      | 0.0075 (6)      | 0.0103 (6)             | -0.0011 (6)     |
| C5  | 0.0159 (7)             | 0.0176 (7)      | 0.0120 (6)      | 0.0042 (6)      | 0.0069 (6)             | 0.0017 (5)      |
| C6  | 0.0181 (7)             | 0.0227 (8)      | 0.0211 (8)      | 0.0043 (6)      | 0.0099 (6)             | 0.0041 (6)      |
| C7  | 0.0162 (7)             | 0.0340 (9)      | 0.0264 (8)      | 0.0082 (7)      | 0.0111 (7)             | 0.0033 (7)      |
| C8  | 0.0216 (8)             | 0.0331 (9)      | 0.0204 (8)      | 0.0167 (7)      | 0.0079 (6)             | 0.0032 (7)      |

| C9  | 0.0226 (8)  | 0.0214 (8)  | 0.0184 (7)  | 0.0109 (6)   | 0.0092 (6)   | 0.0042 (6)    |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| C10 | 0.0174 (7)  | 0.0168 (7)  | 0.0149 (7)  | 0.0067 (6)   | 0.0086 (6)   | 0.0028 (5)    |
| C11 | 0.0169 (7)  | 0.0132 (6)  | 0.0136 (7)  | 0.0056 (5)   | 0.0081 (6)   | 0.0054 (5)    |
| C12 | 0.0159 (7)  | 0.0143 (7)  | 0.0167 (7)  | 0.0076 (6)   | 0.0084 (6)   | 0.0056 (5)    |
| C13 | 0.0244 (8)  | 0.0228 (8)  | 0.0154 (7)  | 0.0055 (6)   | 0.0100 (6)   | 0.0053 (6)    |
| C14 | 0.0326 (9)  | 0.0263 (8)  | 0.0190 (8)  | 0.0084 (7)   | 0.0137 (7)   | 0.0097 (6)    |
| C15 | 0.0527 (12) | 0.0508 (12) | 0.0378 (11) | 0.0323 (11)  | 0.0311 (10)  | 0.0232 (9)    |
| N1  | 0.0178 (6)  | 0.0118 (6)  | 0.0151 (6)  | 0.0032 (5)   | 0.0091 (5)   | 0.0052 (5)    |
| N2  | 0.0269 (7)  | 0.0155 (6)  | 0.0168 (6)  | -0.0018 (5)  | 0.0115 (6)   | 0.0028 (5)    |
| 01  | 0.0197 (5)  | 0.0148 (5)  | 0.0192 (5)  | 0.0022 (4)   | 0.0108 (4)   | 0.0048 (4)    |
| 02  | 0.0193 (5)  | 0.0143 (5)  | 0.0240 (6)  | 0.0022 (4)   | 0.0109 (5)   | 0.0071 (4)    |
| 03  | 0.0168 (5)  | 0.0146 (5)  | 0.0260 (6)  | 0.0065 (4)   | 0.0136 (4)   | 0.0105 (4)    |
| 04  | 0.0432 (8)  | 0.0293 (7)  | 0.0906 (12) | 0.0251 (6)   | 0.0499 (8)   | 0.0403 (7)    |
| Cl1 | 0.0392 (3)  | 0.0333 (2)  | 0.0249 (2)  | 0.01861 (19) | 0.01478 (19) | -0.00284 (17) |

# Table S8: Geometric parameters (Å, °)

| C1—O4   | 1.2090 (19) | C6—C7   | 1.390 (2)   |
|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| C1-C10  | 1.478 (2)   | С6—Н6   | 0.9500      |
| C1-C2   | 1.494 (2)   | С7—С8   | 1.387 (3)   |
| C1A—C2B | 1.392 (2)   | С7—Н7   | 0.9500      |
| C1A—C2A | 1.395 (2)   | С8—С9   | 1.387 (2)   |
| C1A—C11 | 1.5243 (19) | С8—Н8   | 0.9500      |
| C2—O3   | 1.3226 (17) | C9—C10  | 1.393 (2)   |
| C2—C3   | 1.359 (2)   | С9—Н9   | 0.9500      |
| С2А—СЗА | 1.389 (2)   | C11—N1  | 1.4551 (17) |
| C2A—H2A | 0.9500      | C11—H11 | 1.0000      |

| C2B—C3B     | 1.390 (2)   | C12—01     | 1.2329 (17) |
|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| C2B—H2B     | 0.9500      | C12-N2     | 1.3554 (19) |
| C3—C4       | 1.461 (2)   | C12-N1     | 1.3658 (19) |
| C3-C11      | 1.520 (2)   | C13—N2     | 1.453 (2)   |
| C3A—C4A     | 1.381 (2)   | C13—C14    | 1.469 (2)   |
| СЗА—НЗА     | 0.9500      | C13—H13A   | 0.9900      |
| C3B—C4A     | 1.382 (2)   | C13—H13B   | 0.9900      |
| СЗВ—НЗВ     | 0.9500      | C14—C15    | 1.185 (3)   |
| C4—O2       | 1.2336 (18) | C15—H15    | 0.93 (2)    |
| C4—C5       | 1.493 (2)   | N1—H1      | 0.8641 (12) |
| C4A—Cl1     | 1.7471 (16) | N2—O3      | 5.8051 (18) |
| C5—C6       | 1.390 (2)   | N2—H2      | 0.8774 (13) |
| C5—C10      | 1.397 (2)   | O3—H3      | 0.8191 (10) |
| O4-C1-C10   | 123.43 (14) | C9—C8—C7   | 119.70 (15) |
| O4-C1-C2    | 118.54 (14) | С9—С8—Н8   | 120.2       |
| C10-C1-C2   | 118.02 (13) | С7—С8—Н8   | 120.2       |
| C2B—C1A—C2A | 118.54 (13) | C8-C9-C10  | 119.57 (15) |
| C2B—C1A—C11 | 121.32 (13) | С8—С9—Н9   | 120.2       |
| C2A—C1A—C11 | 119.88 (12) | С10—С9—Н9  | 120.2       |
| O3-C2-C3    | 120.66 (13) | C9—C10—C5  | 120.85 (14) |
| O3-C2-C1    | 117.10 (12) | C9-C10-C1  | 119.60 (13) |
| C3-C2-C1    | 122.23 (13) | C5-C10-C1  | 119.51 (13) |
| C3A—C2A—C1A | 120.86 (14) | N1-C11-C3  | 112.29 (12) |
| СЗА—С2А—Н2А | 119.6       | N1-C11-C1A | 111.12 (11) |
| C1A—C2A—H2A | 119.6       | C3-C11-C1A | 113.62 (11) |

| C3B—C2B—C1A | 121.37 (14) | N1-C11-H11    | 106.4       |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| C3B—C2B—H2B | 119.3       | C3-C11-H11    | 106.4       |
| C1A—C2B—H2B | 119.3       | C1A—C11—H11   | 106.4       |
| C2-C3-C4    | 119.32 (13) | 01-C12-N2     | 121.76 (13) |
| C2-C3-C11   | 120.83 (13) | 01-C12-N1     | 123.41 (13) |
| C4-C3-C11   | 119.73 (12) | N2-C12-N1     | 114.79 (12) |
| C4A—C3A—C2A | 118.94 (14) | N2-C13-C14    | 113.73 (14) |
| С4А—СЗА—НЗА | 120.5       | N2—C13—H13A   | 108.8       |
| С2А—СЗА—НЗА | 120.5       | C14—C13—H13A  | 108.8       |
| С4А—СЗВ—С2В | 118.47 (14) | N2—C13—H13B   | 108.8       |
| С4А—СЗВ—НЗВ | 120.8       | C14—C13—H13B  | 108.8       |
| С2В—С3В—НЗВ | 120.8       | H13A—C13—H13B | 107.7       |
| O2-C4-C3    | 120.34 (13) | C15—C14—C13   | 179.05 (18) |
| O2—C4—C5    | 120.36 (13) | C14—C15—H15   | 176.0 (15)  |
| C3—C4—C5    | 119.28 (12) | C12-N1-C11    | 120.22 (12) |
| C3A—C4A—C3B | 121.82 (14) | C12—N1—H1     | 116.63 (13) |
| C3A—C4A—Cl1 | 118.92 (12) | C11-N1-H1     | 115.77 (12) |
| C3B—C4A—Cl1 | 119.25 (12) | C12-N2-C13    | 121.29 (12) |
| C6-C5-C10   | 119.20 (14) | C12-N2-O3     | 11.26 (8)   |
| C6—C5—C4    | 120.27 (13) | C13-N2-O3     | 120.59 (9)  |
| C10-C5-C4   | 120.52 (13) | C12—N2—H2     | 118.38 (13) |
| C5—C6—C7    | 119.73 (15) | C13—N2—H2     | 118.60 (13) |
| С5—С6—Н6    | 120.1       | O3-N2-H2      | 114.94 (9)  |
| С7—С6—Н6    | 120.1       | C2-O3-N2      | 60.54 (8)   |
| C8-C7-C6    | 120.95 (15) | С2—О3—Н3      | 114.04 (11) |

| С8—С7—Н7 | 119.5 | N2—O3—H3 | 144.89 (9) |
|----------|-------|----------|------------|
| С6—С7—Н7 | 119.5 |          |            |



Figure S79: Crystallographic structure and crystal lattice of compound 22

## 5. DFT CALCULATIONS

Calculations were performed with the Gaussian 16 suite of programs <sup>1</sup> using the density functional method B3LYP with dispersion (D3). <sup>2, 3</sup> All other atoms have been described with a 6-31+G(d,p) basis set with diffuse function for heavy atoms. Geometry optimisations were carried out without any symmetry restrictions. Frequency calculations were undertaken to confirm the nature of the stationary points, yielding one imaginary frequency for transition states (TS) and all of them positive for *minima*. The connectivity of the transition states and their adjacent *minima* was confirmed by intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) calculations.<sup>4,5</sup>

Solvent effects were taken into account using the conductor-like polarizable continuum model (CPCM).<sup>6</sup> Single-point calculations on the gas-phase optimized geometries were performed to estimate the change in energy in the presence of the solvent, ethanol. The triple-zeta quality 6-311++G(d,p) basis set was used to account for the solvent effects. The Gibbs free energy values provided in the text are Gibbs energy in solution, Gsol, which was calculated by adding the thermochemistry corrections, G-E, to the refined single point energies, Esol, i.e., Gsol = Esol + G – E. The sums of the electronic and thermal free energies (G) for reactants and transition states were obtained by the standard procedure in the framework of the harmonic approximation. The  $\Delta$ G# of the reactions was calculated from the differences in the G values of the transition states.

## **5.1 CYCLIZATION PATHWAY**



Figure S80: Cyclization pathway of Biginelli-linear to DHPM.

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1564.308665 au

| С | -8.194218000000  | -2.621556000000 | 6.256976000000 |
|---|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| С | -6.923060000000  | -2.047491000000 | 6.271151000000 |
| С | -6.708906000000  | -0.825401000000 | 5.626854000000 |
| С | -7.765141000000  | -0.171977000000 | 4.964581000000 |
| С | -9.033711000000  | -0.752938000000 | 4.956767000000 |
| С | -9.246264000000  | -1.974222000000 | 5.601030000000 |
| Н | -8.365389000000  | -3.570042000000 | 6.755705000000 |
| Н | -6.090786000000  | -2.528470000000 | 6.773315000000 |
| С | -5.376036000000  | -0.203104000000 | 5.635811000000 |
| С | -7.548737000000  | 1.137426000000  | 4.269426000000 |
| Н | -9.837815000000  | -0.237663000000 | 4.443742000000 |
| Н | -10.235056000000 | -2.421924000000 | 5.591512000000 |
| С | -6.204975000000  | 1.732742000000  | 4.261766000000 |
| С | -5.203212000000  | 1.102617000000  | 4.930119000000 |
| С | -5.949320000000  | 3.065333000000  | 3.569118000000 |



| Н  | -4.880587000000 | 3.116144000000  | 3.357052000000  |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 0  | -4.387337000000 | -0.686645000000 | 6.187611000000  |
| 0  | -8.501254000000 | 1.695474000000  | 3.712635000000  |
| 0  | -3.967264000000 | 1.609017000000  | 5.015132000000  |
| н  | -3.435027000000 | 0.957055000000  | 5.516636000000  |
| Ν  | -6.601723000000 | 3.151300000000  | 2.271488000000  |
| н  | -7.577971000000 | 2.884516000000  | 2.259507000000  |
| С  | -5.857659000000 | 2.954816000000  | 1.126664000000  |
| Ν  | -6.618162000000 | 2.841668000000  | -0.027620000000 |
| н  | -7.522462000000 | 3.291876000000  | -0.057602000000 |
| н  | -6.074424000000 | 2.914202000000  | -0.875705000000 |
| 0  | -4.632464000000 | 2.869459000000  | 1.113984000000  |
| С  | -6.304584000000 | 4.218093000000  | 4.500362000000  |
| С  | -7.625142000000 | 4.646207000000  | 4.683625000000  |
| С  | -5.284786000000 | 4.847523000000  | 5.222701000000  |
| С  | -7.923320000000 | 5.687674000000  | 5.561733000000  |
| н  | -8.431004000000 | 4.160044000000  | 4.145287000000  |
| С  | -5.566411000000 | 5.889318000000  | 6.108046000000  |
| н  | -4.257276000000 | 4.522679000000  | 5.090943000000  |
| С  | -6.888070000000 | 6.300022000000  | 6.268150000000  |
| н  | -8.946194000000 | 6.019682000000  | 5.699563000000  |
| Н  | -4.772061000000 | 6.378886000000  | 6.659987000000  |
| Cl | -7.258296000000 | 7.613657000000  | 7.377026000000  |

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1564.222159 au

| С | -8.504638000000  | -2.631285000000 | 4.879914000000 |
|---|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| С | -7.272037000000  | -2.232164000000 | 4.366439000000 |
| С | -6.838865000000  | -0.915861000000 | 4.553209000000 |
| С | -7.647311000000  | 0.018305000000  | 5.232391000000 |
| С | -8.884975000000  | -0.391167000000 | 5.733023000000 |
| С | -9.308009000000  | -1.710313000000 | 5.562490000000 |
| Н | -8.839596000000  | -3.655577000000 | 4.751293000000 |
| Н | -6.630263000000  | -2.924179000000 | 3.832046000000 |
| С | -5.544553000000  | -0.474393000000 | 4.008015000000 |
| С | -7.229274000000  | 1.454043000000  | 5.396459000000 |
| Н | -9.500240000000  | 0.340723000000  | 6.244598000000 |
| Н | -10.269581000000 | -2.022070000000 | 5.958672000000 |
| С | -5.937955000000  | 1.843180000000  | 4.864152000000 |
| С | -5.058573000000  | 0.843779000000  | 4.513150000000 |
| С | -5.503206000000  | 3.280255000000  | 4.989375000000 |
| Н | -5.299507000000  | 3.529171000000  | 6.039332000000 |
| 0 | -4.893318000000  | -1.072003000000 | 3.155580000000 |
| 0 | -7.967854000000  | 2.254953000000  | 5.98295000000  |
| 0 | -3.990396000000  | -0.001454000000 | 5.902562000000 |
| Н | -4.405449000000  | 0.184781000000  | 6.756422000000 |
| Ν | -4.246897000000  | 3.503030000000  | 4.226703000000 |
| Н | -4.042199000000  | 4.466473000000  | 3.988294000000 |
| С | -3.485940000000  | 2.623466000000  | 3.563490000000 |
| Ν | -3.758234000000  | 1.205207000000  | 3.920925000000 |
| Н | -3.153199000000  | 0.881426000000  | 4.730627000000 |
| Н | -3.578874000000  | 0.581704000000  | 3.116788000000 |
| 0 | -2.584837000000  | 2.847072000000  | 2.782758000000 |
| С | -6.532410000000  | 4.269276000000  | 4.461868000000 |
| С | -6.952794000000  | 5.340606000000  | 5.250390000000 |



| С  | -7.036032000000 | 4.136974000000 | 3.163827000000 |
|----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| С  | -7.868478000000 | 6.272671000000 | 4.760008000000 |
| Н  | -6.584620000000 | 5.438367000000 | 6.267387000000 |
| С  | -7.949982000000 | 5.057718000000 | 2.656968000000 |
| н  | -6.722087000000 | 3.299969000000 | 2.54700000000  |
| С  | -8.358623000000 | 6.120670000000 | 3.464515000000 |
| н  | -8.203424000000 | 7.099194000000 | 5.376025000000 |
| Н  | -8.345530000000 | 4.953782000000 | 1.653093000000 |
| Cl | -9.511766000000 | 7.285258000000 | 2.835161000000 |

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1

-1487.895400 au

| С | -9.222482000000 | -2.137917000000 | 4.887640000000 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| С | -8.342576000000 | -1.613822000000 | 3.941020000000 |
| С | -7.498929000000 | -0.553564000000 | 4.287429000000 |
| С | -7.535078000000 | -0.014382000000 | 5.589061000000 |
| С | -8.416777000000 | -0.546956000000 | 6.530559000000 |
| С | -9.258515000000 | -1.604789000000 | 6.180218000000 |
| Н | -9.877880000000 | -2.960416000000 | 4.619822000000 |
| Н | -8.293558000000 | -2.012185000000 | 2.933495000000 |
| С | -6.560745000000 | -0.007168000000 | 3.283461000000 |
| С | -6.643971000000 | 1.123713000000  | 5.978432000000 |
| Н | -8.429626000000 | -0.119974000000 | 7.527207000000 |
| Н | -9.943731000000 | -2.013867000000 | 6.916030000000 |
| С | -5.765244000000 | 1.684137000000  | 4.953469000000 |
| С | -5.698554000000 | 1.135818000000  | 3.711981000000 |
| С | -4.927010000000 | 2.903231000000  | 5.269569000000 |
| Н | -4.555173000000 | 2.804427000000  | 6.293117000000 |
| 0 | -6.460407000000 | -0.437527000000 | 2.13874000000  |
| 0 | -6.650272000000 | 1.569710000000  | 7.127952000000 |
| Ν | -3.771308000000 | 2.919639000000  | 4.367144000000 |
| Н | -3.051891000000 | 3.607074000000  | 4.547918000000 |
| С | -3.770381000000 | 2.470519000000  | 3.073190000000 |
| Ν | -4.827636000000 | 1.606021000000  | 2.767325000000 |



| Н  | -4.806784000000 | 1.147773000000 | 1.863097000000 |
|----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0  | -2.915681000000 | 2.751079000000 | 2.244507000000 |
| С  | -5.772334000000 | 4.175161000000 | 5.189059000000 |
| С  | -6.428585000000 | 4.644413000000 | 6.333175000000 |
| С  | -5.933388000000 | 4.866831000000 | 3.982762000000 |
| С  | -7.235618000000 | 5.780477000000 | 6.278941000000 |
| н  | -6.323263000000 | 4.103894000000 | 7.267847000000 |
| С  | -6.736636000000 | 6.005542000000 | 3.913481000000 |
| Н  | -5.424960000000 | 4.533011000000 | 3.084650000000 |
| С  | -7.382807000000 | 6.451730000000 | 5.065403000000 |
| Н  | -7.741646000000 | 6.142746000000 | 7.166602000000 |
| Н  | -6.856139000000 | 6.541475000000 | 2.978816000000 |
| Cl | -8.393540000000 | 7.885855000000 | 4.987820000000 |

## **5.2 KNOEVENAGEL PATHWAY**



Figure S81: Knoevenagel pathway between lawsone and 4-chlorobenzaldehyde.

| С  | -6.000385000000 | 4.997664000000 | 3.770735000000 |
|----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| С  | -5.819501000000 | 3.605746000000 | 3.797086000000 |
| С  | -6.932781000000 | 5.559797000000 | 2.888982000000 |
| С  | -6.560241000000 | 2.786356000000 | 2.953778000000 |
| н  | -5.093627000000 | 3.185762000000 | 4.485530000000 |
| С  | -7.682536000000 | 4.750481000000 | 2.037659000000 |
| н  | -7.072800000000 | 6.637509000000 | 2.868646000000 |
| С  | -7.486234000000 | 3.369283000000 | 2.080838000000 |
| н  | -6.430575000000 | 1.710199000000 | 2.963837000000 |
| н  | -8.406169000000 | 5.175928000000 | 1.352121000000 |
| С  | -5.216993000000 | 5.877013000000 | 4.664079000000 |
| 0  | -4.384522000000 | 5.487969000000 | 5.463986000000 |
| н  | -5.437774000000 | 6.960994000000 | 4.562665000000 |
| Cl | -8.421084000000 | 2.339291000000 | 1.017010000000 |



| Thermal Free Energies= | -610 |
|------------------------|------|
|------------------------|------|

610.313048 au

| С | -8.086854000000  | -1.054923000000 | 9.007834000000 |
|---|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| С | -6.890241000000  | -0.573793000000 | 8.478807000000 |
| С | -6.782748000000  | 0.770628000000  | 8.106070000000 |
| С | -7.882552000000  | 1.634588000000  | 8.265819000000 |
| С | -9.078440000000  | 1.145727000000  | 8.796561000000 |
| С | -9.180092000000  | -0.195615000000 | 9.166542000000 |
| Η | -8.169145000000  | -2.097986000000 | 9.296635000000 |
| Η | -6.029973000000  | -1.220780000000 | 8.346638000000 |
| С | -5.497750000000  | 1.263785000000  | 7.543888000000 |
| С | -7.781289000000  | 3.073083000000  | 7.871705000000 |
| Η | -9.911808000000  | 1.830351000000  | 8.910172000000 |
| Η | -10.110830000000 | -0.572730000000 | 9.578783000000 |
| С | -5.442312000000  | 2.717790000000  | 7.161532000000 |
| 0 | -4.521719000000  | 0.546063000000  | 7.389931000000 |



| 0 | -8.731581000000 | 3.842860000000 | 8.003914000000 |
|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0 | -4.248436000000 | 3.083830000000 | 6.662216000000 |
| н | -4.258797000000 | 4.023965000000 | 6.430862000000 |
| С | -6.506392000000 | 3.539197000000 | 7.319737000000 |
| Н | -6.464600000000 | 4.589643000000 | 7.042961000000 |

TS1

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1415.431218 au

| С | -8.674039000000 | 0.302234000000  | 8.940743000000  |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| С | -7.550482000000 | 1.083364000000  | 9.200726000000  |
| С | -6.743459000000 | 1.527216000000  | 8.144753000000  |
| С | -7.067736000000 | 1.176432000000  | 6.818592000000  |
| С | -8.194987000000 | 0.388270000000  | 6.567295000000  |
| С | -8.996421000000 | -0.045035000000 | 7.622791000000  |
| Н | -9.298641000000 | -0.037673000000 | 9.760906000000  |
| Н | -7.279387000000 | 1.364378000000  | 10.212653000000 |
| С | -5.562148000000 | 2.379901000000  | 8.450170000000  |
| С | -6.207360000000 | 1.610497000000  | 5.672129000000  |
| Η | -8.415661000000 | 0.121481000000  | 5.539405000000  |
| Н | -9.870258000000 | -0.657273000000 | 7.421916000000  |
| С | -4.752380000000 | 2.921076000000  | 7.263234000000  |
| 0 | -5.235640000000 | 2.666143000000  | 9.589266000000  |
| 0 | -6.465826000000 | 1.250038000000  | 4.519139000000  |
| 0 | -3.883363000000 | 3.808526000000  | 7.495122000000  |
| Η | -4.175604000000 | 4.833598000000  | 6.506089000000  |
| С | -6.451207000000 | 4.546418000000  | 4.245139000000  |
| С | -7.788763000000 | 4.120278000000  | 4.166834000000  |
| С | -5.729552000000 | 4.795750000000  | 3.063040000000  |
| С | -8.406461000000 | 3.956495000000  | 2.933501000000  |
| Н | -8.341316000000 | 3.906235000000  | 5.076822000000  |
| С | -6.338754000000 | 4.634363000000  | 1.827268000000  |
| н | -4.696610000000 | 5.117807000000  | 3.130363000000  |



| С  | -7.673819000000 | 4.215495000000 | 1.773504000000 |
|----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Н  | -9.434774000000 | 3.622581000000 | 2.864891000000 |
| Н  | -5.794819000000 | 4.824870000000 | 0.909540000000 |
| 0  | -4.662771000000 | 5.245905000000 | 5.661895000000 |
| С  | -5.109149000000 | 2.517509000000 | 5.954696000000 |
| Н  | -4.419353000000 | 2.701137000000 | 5.139353000000 |
| С  | -5.833360000000 | 4.692252000000 | 5.543659000000 |
| Н  | -6.483173000000 | 4.660249000000 | 6.420096000000 |
| Cl | -8.439207000000 | 4.009764000000 | 0.216776000000 |

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=

-1415.451884 au

| С | -8.169548000000 | 1.247043000000 | 9.716146000000  |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| С | -6.851009000000 | 1.687589000000 | 9.765530000000  |
| С | -6.065179000000 | 1.687351000000 | 8.603145000000  |
| С | -6.615104000000 | 1.222543000000 | 7.388864000000  |
| С | -7.937660000000 | 0.765256000000 | 7.352766000000  |
| С | -8.713304000000 | 0.784853000000 | 8.50885000000   |
| Н | -8.777003000000 | 1.256651000000 | 10.615521000000 |
| Н | -6.405346000000 | 2.034715000000 | 10.691335000000 |
| С | -4.652971000000 | 2.138083000000 | 8.694834000000  |
| С | -5.807161000000 | 1.199084000000 | 6.138096000000  |
| Η | -8.334387000000 | 0.406864000000 | 6.409266000000  |
| Η | -9.741673000000 | 0.439055000000 | 8.475539000000  |
| С | -3.822308000000 | 2.153935000000 | 7.383662000000  |
| 0 | -4.135224000000 | 2.507184000000 | 9.732496000000  |
| 0 | -6.117578000000 | 0.510680000000 | 5.180659000000  |
| 0 | -2.621180000000 | 2.330876000000 | 7.421373000000  |
| Н | -3.095888000000 | 4.128355000000 | 5.992195000000  |
| С | -6.010801000000 | 3.690619000000 | 4.670405000000  |
| С | -5.639851000000 | 3.542061000000 | 3.330494000000  |
| С | -7.360770000000 | 3.852560000000 | 4.993367000000  |
| С | -6.603490000000 | 3.550475000000 | 2.324289000000  |



| Н  | -4.591997000000 | 3.429737000000 | 3.075527000000 |
|----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| С  | -8.338431000000 | 3.856964000000 | 3.997937000000 |
| Н  | -7.658801000000 | 3.978070000000 | 6.030633000000 |
| С  | -7.947176000000 | 3.702766000000 | 2.669436000000 |
| Н  | -6.319770000000 | 3.437496000000 | 1.284258000000 |
| Н  | -9.385460000000 | 3.985937000000 | 4.247005000000 |
| С  | -4.981985000000 | 3.612155000000 | 5.769352000000 |
| 0  | -3.822247000000 | 4.316794000000 | 5.377653000000 |
| Н  | -5.413787000000 | 4.050076000000 | 6.681317000000 |
| С  | -4.589809000000 | 2.102691000000 | 6.085548000000 |
| Н  | -3.940606000000 | 1.771933000000 | 5.272231000000 |
| Cl | -9.166662000000 | 3.708370000000 | 1.406191000000 |

## TS2

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1415.388951 au

| С | -7.804373000000 | -0.242563000000 | 10.319820000000 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| С | -6.711196000000 | 0.617923000000  | 10.307105000000 |
| С | -6.433283000000 | 1.386896000000  | 9.167476000000  |
| С | -7.267538000000 | 1.293650000000  | 8.035758000000  |
| С | -8.369738000000 | 0.432104000000  | 8.062366000000  |
| С | -8.634549000000 | -0.334794000000 | 9.194949000000  |
| н | -8.014498000000 | -0.839571000000 | 11.201674000000 |
| Н | -6.056674000000 | 0.713587000000  | 11.166586000000 |
| С | -5.261650000000 | 2.294954000000  | 9.186903000000  |
| С | -7.036594000000 | 2.114130000000  | 6.799697000000  |
| Н | -9.005455000000 | 0.385218000000  | 7.185285000000  |
| Н | -9.489327000000 | -1.004041000000 | 9.205518000000  |
| С | -4.937450000000 | 3.070167000000  | 7.892140000000  |
| 0 | -4.553650000000 | 2.446820000000  | 10.166279000000 |
| 0 | -7.887969000000 | 2.135789000000  | 5.913328000000  |
| 0 | -3.941805000000 | 3.802753000000  | 7.866688000000  |
| Н | -3.461526000000 | 3.581401000000  | 5.856066000000  |



| С  | -6.304123000000 | 3.951349000000 | 4.385237000000 |
|----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| С  | -6.282477000000 | 2.989124000000 | 3.370446000000 |
| С  | -7.160185000000 | 5.049580000000 | 4.269351000000 |
| С  | -7.114791000000 | 3.111537000000 | 2.262239000000 |
| Н  | -5.617373000000 | 2.135840000000 | 3.441972000000 |
| С  | -8.011436000000 | 5.178235000000 | 3.172215000000 |
| Н  | -7.176798000000 | 5.808687000000 | 5.046284000000 |
| С  | -7.979704000000 | 4.203839000000 | 2.177192000000 |
| Н  | -7.100841000000 | 2.367225000000 | 1.474539000000 |
| Н  | -8.681807000000 | 6.025440000000 | 3.086159000000 |
| С  | -5.445559000000 | 3.842725000000 | 5.602046000000 |
| 0  | -4.094988000000 | 3.193910000000 | 5.21063000000  |
| Н  | -5.196520000000 | 4.826027000000 | 6.004707000000 |
| С  | -5.760515000000 | 2.841685000000 | 6.705274000000 |
| Н  | -4.633337000000 | 2.317279000000 | 5.916746000000 |
| Cl | -9.037072000000 | 4.357783000000 | 0.784709000000 |

# Knoevenagel intermediate

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1339.033096 au

| С | -7.218876000000 | 1.305988000000 | 11.240269000000 |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| С | -6.038304000000 | 1.791169000000 | 10.688765000000 |
| С | -5.875488000000 | 1.829643000000 | 9.296322000000  |
| С | -6.906535000000 | 1.376845000000 | 8.451151000000  |
| С | -8.091680000000 | 0.888963000000 | 9.019062000000  |
| С | -8.247143000000 | 0.853736000000 | 10.401675000000 |
| Η | -7.342978000000 | 1.276649000000 | 12.318201000000 |
| Η | -5.224747000000 | 2.145673000000 | 11.312043000000 |
| С | -4.605297000000 | 2.342196000000 | 8.738629000000  |
| С | -6.803058000000 | 1.398489000000 | 6.956736000000  |
| Н | -8.875638000000 | 0.544446000000 | 8.354812000000  |
| Н | -9.169264000000 | 0.474275000000 | 10.83081000000  |
| С | -4.413957000000 | 2.295183000000 | 7.203964000000  |



| 0  | -3.712564000000 | 2.793137000000 | 9.432826000000  |
|----|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 0  | -7.740312000000 | 0.945219000000 | 6.298052000000  |
| 0  | -3.309624000000 | 2.563983000000 | 6.761942000000  |
| С  | -6.086376000000 | 2.136544000000 | 3.746177000000  |
| С  | -5.392970000000 | 2.666609000000 | 2.627861000000  |
| С  | -7.378036000000 | 1.604533000000 | 3.525382000000  |
| С  | -5.950751000000 | 2.681829000000 | 1.357829000000  |
| Н  | -4.397213000000 | 3.075885000000 | 2.769064000000  |
| С  | -7.944480000000 | 1.615243000000 | 2.256239000000  |
| Н  | -7.918134000000 | 1.181085000000 | 4.358466000000  |
| С  | -7.232107000000 | 2.153351000000 | 1.181990000000  |
| Н  | -5.407916000000 | 3.092755000000 | 0.514674000000  |
| Н  | -8.934527000000 | 1.203896000000 | 2.096112000000  |
| С  | -5.363576000000 | 2.210041000000 | 4.999695000000  |
| Н  | -4.361808000000 | 2.613444000000 | 4.856809000000  |
| С  | -5.581758000000 | 1.950284000000 | 6.332976000000  |
| Cl | -7.951209000000 | 2.160894000000 | -0.411008000000 |

## **5.3 MICHAEL PATHWAY**



**Figure S82**: Michael reaction pathway starting from Knoevenagel intermediate to Michael product formation.

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1949.306861 au

| С | -5.372914000000 | -2.202274000000 | 7.845453000000 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| С | -5.304293000000 | -0.896498000000 | 8.327791000000 |
| С | -4.932492000000 | 0.148101000000  | 7.473487000000 |
| С | -4.631021000000 | -0.121440000000 | 6.123848000000 |
| С | -4.689883000000 | -1.434780000000 | 5.649494000000 |
| С | -5.062242000000 | -2.470244000000 | 6.507199000000 |
| Н | -5.661177000000 | -3.011056000000 | 8.509511000000 |
| н | -5.525595000000 | -0.663691000000 | 9.363851000000 |
| С | -4.821400000000 | 1.529603000000  | 8.008738000000 |
| С | -4.260172000000 | 0.976962000000  | 5.192078000000 |
| Н | -4.439374000000 | -1.623176000000 | 4.611703000000 |
| н | -5.109074000000 | -3.488356000000 | 6.133239000000 |
| С | -4.294523000000 | 2.633121000000  | 7.055958000000 |
| 0 | -5.113026000000 | 1.818107000000  | 9.155473000000 |
| 0 | -3.858928000000 | 0.697209000000  | 4.026466000000 |
| 0 | -3.942776000000 | 3.712331000000  | 7.531025000000 |
| С | -4.702271000000 | 3.728805000000  | 3.484722000000 |
| С | -5.291160000000 | 2.788614000000  | 2.621416000000 |
| С | -4.827096000000 | 5.092488000000  | 3.161935000000 |
| С | -5.957013000000 | 3.195140000000  | 1.468859000000 |
| Н | -5.195237000000 | 1.733835000000  | 2.830323000000 |
| С | -5.486955000000 | 5.512957000000  | 2.010407000000 |
| н | -4.382789000000 | 5.838149000000  | 3.812958000000 |
| С | -6.036977000000 | 4.553208000000  | 1.162715000000 |
| н | -6.394106000000 | 2.461036000000  | 0.801935000000 |
| н | -5.565783000000 | 6.567052000000  | 1.770878000000 |
| С | -3.931358000000 | 3.411651000000  | 4.727906000000 |
| Η | -3.790577000000 | 4.322229000000  | 5.307883000000 |
| С | -4.260019000000 | 2.325815000000  | 5.633826000000 |
| С | -2.093347000000 | 1.881363000000  | 1.642929000000 |



| С  | -2.204559000000 | 3.285589000000  | 1.696988000000  |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| С  | -2.567431000000 | 4.003987000000  | 0.554545000000  |
| С  | -2.859305000000 | 3.324616000000  | -0.625678000000 |
| С  | -2.756450000000 | 1.928490000000  | -0.678799000000 |
| С  | -2.356057000000 | 1.209183000000  | 0.445510000000  |
| Н  | -2.641328000000 | 5.083182000000  | 0.618534000000  |
| Н  | -3.170876000000 | 3.879465000000  | -1.504671000000 |
| Н  | -2.984455000000 | 1.404303000000  | -1.601440000000 |
| Н  | -2.250129000000 | 0.130295000000  | 0.419339000000  |
| С  | -1.648233000000 | 1.106365000000  | 2.827985000000  |
| С  | -1.957208000000 | 4.006485000000  | 2.970865000000  |
| 0  | -1.183362000000 | -0.018573000000 | 2.772921000000  |
| 0  | -1.690310000000 | 5.196634000000  | 3.028780000000  |
| С  | -1.764849000000 | 1.832327000000  | 4.135867000000  |
| 0  | -1.363929000000 | 1.168284000000  | 5.197060000000  |
| Н  | -1.449625000000 | 1.708514000000  | 6.000241000000  |
| С  | -2.127234000000 | 3.206248000000  | 4.232738000000  |
| Н  | -1.690600000000 | 3.715556000000  | 5.092707000000  |
| Cl | -6.828885000000 | 5.059668000000  | -0.317841000000 |

## Keto-Michael

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1949.338949 au

| С | -6.007754000000 | -1.092893000000 | 8.725885000000 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| С | -5.731226000000 | 0.267276000000  | 8.822650000000 |
| С | -5.130053000000 | 0.939287000000  | 7.749278000000 |
| С | -4.816358000000 | 0.233694000000  | 6.568272000000 |
| С | -5.104278000000 | -1.134347000000 | 6.477933000000 |
| С | -5.694148000000 | -1.793661000000 | 7.552875000000 |
| Η | -6.468313000000 | -1.611805000000 | 9.560486000000 |
| Η | -5.972944000000 | 0.832057000000  | 9.716374000000 |
| С | -4.874033000000 | 2.394520000000  | 7.864807000000 |



| С | -4.171923000000 | 0.897689000000  | 5.404606000000  |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| н | -4.848688000000 | -1.658320000000 | 5.563736000000  |
| н | -5.909591000000 | -2.854979000000 | 7.481741000000  |
| С | -4.316735000000 | 3.109255000000  | 6.612808000000  |
| 0 | -5.078515000000 | 3.036937000000  | 8.877993000000  |
| 0 | -4.128782000000 | 0.351522000000  | 4.314425000000  |
| 0 | -4.493585000000 | 4.295158000000  | 6.457757000000  |
| С | -4.094458000000 | 3.501779000000  | 3.412191000000  |
| С | -4.215051000000 | 4.881315000000  | 3.185381000000  |
| С | -4.867233000000 | 2.640166000000  | 2.619675000000  |
| С | -5.048649000000 | 5.393237000000  | 2.192841000000  |
| н | -3.635025000000 | 5.572334000000  | 3.787927000000  |
| С | -5.709264000000 | 3.134018000000  | 1.623908000000  |
| н | -4.798467000000 | 1.571047000000  | 2.751469000000  |
| С | -5.784705000000 | 4.507659000000  | 1.409211000000  |
| н | -5.120156000000 | 6.462084000000  | 2.027432000000  |
| н | -6.285821000000 | 2.452911000000  | 1.008605000000  |
| С | -3.035740000000 | 3.062750000000  | 4.420756000000  |
| н | -2.682675000000 | 3.998684000000  | 4.858259000000  |
| С | -3.501020000000 | 2.249532000000  | 5.645378000000  |
| С | -2.321164000000 | 1.374847000000  | 1.111508000000  |
| С | -1.981904000000 | 2.738473000000  | 1.242002000000  |
| С | -2.210404000000 | 3.619053000000  | 0.178578000000  |
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| С | -3.123730000000 | 1.799905000000  | -1.132003000000 |
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| н | -3.576103000000 | 1.442029000000  | -2.051530000000 |
| н | -3.114616000000 | -0.141769000000 | -0.175008000000 |
| С | -2.093294000000 | 0.403061000000  | 2.212962000000  |
| С | -1.429798000000 | 3.278714000000  | 2.512702000000  |
| 0 | -2.239435000000 | -0.797204000000 | 2.080863000000  |
| 0 | -0.844414000000 | 4.348236000000  | 2.571961000000  |

| С  | -1.634496000000 | 0.980113000000 | 3.570459000000 |
|----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0  | -1.160346000000 | 0.253851000000 | 4.420171000000 |
| Н  | -2.601375000000 | 1.973925000000 | 6.227279000000 |
| С  | -1.705755000000 | 2.482559000000 | 3.783143000000 |
| н  | -0.910444000000 | 2.713874000000 | 4.497624000000 |
| Cl | -6.813574000000 | 5.129468000000 | 0.128388000000 |

## **Enol-Michael**

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1949.369959 au

| С | -4.227826000000 | -2.134657000000 | 8.611394000000 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| С | -3.608053000000 | -0.900996000000 | 8.813798000000 |
| С | -3.488179000000 | -0.001378000000 | 7.751675000000 |
| С | -3.987647000000 | -0.339098000000 | 6.482242000000 |
| С | -4.600754000000 | -1.579012000000 | 6.282421000000 |
| С | -4.723758000000 | -2.472294000000 | 7.347742000000 |
| Η | -4.321973000000 | -2.833614000000 | 9.436376000000 |
| Η | -3.209467000000 | -0.619366000000 | 9.78224000000  |
| С | -2.817365000000 | 1.306121000000  | 7.965143000000 |
| С | -3.863553000000 | 0.615170000000  | 5.350803000000 |
| Η | -4.975890000000 | -1.822591000000 | 5.295033000000 |
| Η | -5.205346000000 | -3.432564000000 | 7.192693000000 |
| С | -2.743448000000 | 2.248665000000  | 6.783844000000 |
| 0 | -2.353175000000 | 1.636904000000  | 9.043227000000 |
| 0 | -4.220998000000 | 0.248042000000  | 4.212712000000 |
| 0 | -2.094244000000 | 3.363829000000  | 7.059116000000 |
| С | -4.831300000000 | 3.129406000000  | 3.857994000000 |
| С | -5.972029000000 | 2.869597000000  | 4.627926000000 |
| С | -5.010627000000 | 3.632890000000  | 2.565641000000 |
| С | -7.253785000000 | 3.075573000000  | 4.121499000000 |
| Н | -5.867900000000 | 2.500766000000  | 5.643214000000 |



| С  | -6.285774000000 | 3.845808000000 | 2.040027000000  |
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| н  | -6.409275000000 | 4.229806000000 | 1.033830000000  |
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| н  | -3.293803000000 | 3.959081000000 | 4.987425000000  |
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| С  | -1.132445000000 | 2.199711000000 | 1.384918000000  |
| С  | -1.155776000000 | 1.381521000000 | 0.250156000000  |
| С  | -0.144099000000 | 1.485293000000 | -0.707573000000 |
| С  | 0.900264000000  | 2.398224000000 | -0.539703000000 |
| С  | 0.932769000000  | 3.213281000000 | 0.592313000000  |
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| С  | -2.275708000000 | 2.940496000000 | 3.494820000000  |
| н  | -3.680219000000 | 0.938635000000 | 2.916418000000  |
| Cl | -9.011472000000 | 3.815062000000 | 2.168876000000  |



Thermal Free Energies= -225.261842 au

| Ν | -4.595143000000 | 0.924114000000  | -0.395423000000 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Н | -4.018256000000 | 1.743943000000  | -0.269204000000 |
| Н | -4.113321000000 | 0.041430000000  | -0.300679000000 |
| Ν | -6.448335000000 | 2.174423000000  | 0.258031000000  |
| Η | -6.164807000000 | 2.900147000000  | -0.385232000000 |
| Η | -7.436139000000 | 2.148228000000  | 0.467359000000  |
| С | -5.872514000000 | 0.919192000000  | 0.142088000000  |
| 0 | -6.444152000000 | -0.107598000000 | 0.485590000000  |
|   |                 |                 |                 |



Thermal Free Energies= -1219.164899 au

| С | -8.209976000000  | -2.805175000000 | 7.310745000000 |
|---|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| С | -6.926077000000  | -2.434697000000 | 6.919699000000 |
| С | -6.702928000000  | -1.175602000000 | 6.346966000000 |
| С | -7.773363000000  | -0.282572000000 | 6.162495000000 |
| С | -9.060361000000  | -0.665371000000 | 6.553239000000 |
| С | -9.277490000000  | -1.917695000000 | 7.126747000000 |
| н | -8.382311000000  | -3.780298000000 | 7.755783000000 |
| н | -6.080286000000  | -3.101834000000 | 7.046538000000 |
| С | -5.331583000000  | -0.797322000000 | 5.930281000000 |
| С | -7.586069000000  | 1.079749000000  | 5.548564000000 |
| н | -9.872208000000  | 0.036349000000  | 6.398750000000 |
| Н | -10.279628000000 | -2.205014000000 | 7.43061000000  |
| С | -6.231374000000  | 1.500005000000  | 5.242488000000 |
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| С | -5.837850000000  | 2.850623000000  | 4.831380000000 |
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| 0 | -3.986807000000  | 0.878592000000  | 4.883232000000 |
| Н | -5.021094000000  | 1.686429000000  | 3.080634000000 |
| Ν | -5.253724000000  | 2.679977000000  | 3.138112000000 |
| Н | -6.023172000000  | 2.934490000000  | 2.520243000000 |
| С | -4.091845000000  | 3.524665000000  | 2.826369000000 |
| Ν | -2.981858000000  | 3.062646000000  | 3.427441000000 |
| н | -3.039049000000  | 2.244424000000  | 4.041818000000 |
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| С | -6.168710000000  | 5.209021000000  | 5.467255000000 |



| С | -7.892491000000 | 4.195460000000 | 4.124732000000 |
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| Н | -9.514082000000 | 5.496750000000 | 3.560478000000 |
| 0 | -8.821655000000 | 7.648815000000 | 4.694076000000 |
| С | -8.359157000000 | 8.820699000000 | 5.357525000000 |
| Н | -9.109293000000 | 9.587009000000 | 5.162573000000 |
| Н | -8.275401000000 | 8.656365000000 | 6.438466000000 |
| н | -7.390956000000 | 9.145391000000 | 4.958102000000 |

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