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Supporting Information

Synthesis of Spiropyrans via Ru(II)-Catalyzed Coupling of 3-aryl-2*H*-benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazines with Benzoquinones

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General information:

Unless otherwise noted, all the reactions were carried out in an nitrogen-filled glove box. Anhydrous solvents were purified and dried by standard procedures. All chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and were used as received unless otherwise noted. Benzoxazines,¹ benzoquinone compounds², N-sulfonyl quinone monoimine³ were prepared by following literature reports. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV 400 spectrometer (400 MHz for ¹H, 101 MHz for ¹³C). All coupling constants were reported in Hz. The residual solvent signals were used as references for ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra and the chemical shifts were converted to the TMS scale (CDCl₃: δ ¹H = 7.26 ppm, δ ¹³C = 77.16 ppm. DMSO-*d*₆: δ ¹H = 2.50 ppm, δ ¹³C = 39.52 ppm. CD₃OD: δ ¹H = 3.31 ppm, δ ¹³C = 49.00 ppm). HRMS data were obtained using a TOF mode. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh) using ethyl acetate (EA)/petroleum ether (PE)/dichloromethane (DCM). The data of CCDC 2302071, CCDC 2302201, CCDC 2302202 can be obtained free of of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif. ⁴

- A. Catalytic results:
- (a) General Procedure for Synthesis of 3.



In a glovebox, Benzoxazines 1 (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), benzoquinone compounds 2 (0.44 mmol, 2.2 equiv), $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$ (4 mol%), AgSbF₆ (16 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and DCE (2.0 mL) were charged into a pressure tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA (15:1) to afford the desired product **3**.

(b) Synthesis of Ruthenium complexes A.



Benzoxazines **1a** (0.11 mmol), [Ru (*p*-cymene)Cl₂]₂ (0.05 mmol) and NaOAc (0.44 mmol) were weighted into a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. EA (2.0 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h under N₂. Afterwards, followed by filtration of any precipitate. The solvent was then removed and the brown product was purified by recrystallization using dichloromethane and diethyl ether to give product complex A. Yield of A: 10.2 mg (0.023 mmol, 23%).



Brown solid 23% (10.2 mg).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.16 (td, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 5.41 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 0.95 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.5, 172.1, 148.0, 142.8, 139.9, 136.9, 130.8, 128.5, 127.0, 126.7, 122.7, 122.6, 115.9, 101.1, 99.9, 92.9, 89.6, 84.4, 83.8, 64.0, 31.0, 22.9, 21.7, 18.8.

HRMS: [M - Cl]⁺ calculated for C₂₄H₂₄NORu⁺: 444.0896, found: 444.0905.



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Brown solid 19% (10.6 mg).

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¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (dd, J = 15.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.5, 172.5, 147.1, 142.5, 140.0, 137.9, 131.2, 131.0, 129.5, 127.5, 122.7, 117.5, 114.5, 102.2, 101.4, 94.1, 89.8, 83.4, 82.0, 64.1, 31.1, 23.3, 21.2, 18.8.
HRMS: [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₄H₂₃BrClNNaORu⁺ : 579.9587, found: 579.9588.



2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3aa)

White solid 83% (52.7 mg), mp: 125 – 126 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m,

1H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 6.83 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.77 –

6.72 (m, 2H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.40 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) *δ* 153.5, 146.3, 144.4, 133.7, 133.4, 132.2, 130.6, 129.5, 126.5, 123.5,

123.4, 122.7, 120.0, 119.9, 117.8, 117.0, 116.6, 110.1, 84.8, 68.6.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{16}NO_3^+$: 318.1125, found: 318.1122.



8-bromo-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3ba)

White solid 73% (57.8 mg), mp: 133 – 134 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.77 - 6.61 (m, 3H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.49 (dd, J = 11.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H).
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.8, 145.3, 140.3, 132.3, 131.4, 130.6, 130.1, 130.1, 128.8, 125.1, 123.8, 122.8, 122.6, 122.1, 119.6, 117.3, 115.0, 110.6, 109.5, 83.4, 68.2.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}BrNO_3^+$: 396.0230, found: 396.0222.



7-fluoro-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3ca)

White solid 69% (46.2 mg), mp: 207-208 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CD₃OD) *δ* 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz,

1H), 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 6.86 – 6.65 (m, 3H), 6.63 – 6.44 (m, 2H), 4.28 (d, J =

11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H). (two signals were missing).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 157.7 (d, J = 234.8 Hz), 153.5, 146.2, 144.9 (d, J = 11.5 Hz), 133.4, 132.1, 130.6, 129.7 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 129.5, 126.5, 123.4, 123.4, 119.9, 117.8, 116.7 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 110.13, 108.6 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 104.3 (d, J = 26.0 Hz), 84.5, 68.7.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}FNO_3^+$: 336.1030, found: 336.1028.



7-chloro-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3da)

White solid 81% (56.9 mg), mp: 188 - 189 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.21 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 6.95 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.81 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 6.72 – 6.65 (m, 1H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 152.3, 143.9, 143.1, 131.4, 131.4, 130.2, 129.8, 128.4, 125.5, 122.4,

121.6, 121.3, 121.2, 118.5, 117.0, 116.1, 115.6, 109.3, 82.5, 67.2.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}CINO_3^+$: 352.0735, found: 352.0729.



7-bromo-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3ea)

White solid 83% (65.5 mg), mp: 208 – 209 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.75 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 1H),

7.23 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.70 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 4.28 (d, J

= 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 153.5, 146.1, 145.2, 133.2, 132.9, 132.1, 130.7, 129.5, 126.4, 125.3,

123.4, 123.4, 119.9, 119.8, 117.9, 117.7, 110.9, 110.1, 84.3, 68.7.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}BrNO_3^+$: 396.0230, found: 396.0232.



7-methyl-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3fa)

White solid 78% (51.7 mg), mp: 129 – 130 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.21 – 9.14 (m, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 6.77 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 6.72 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 6.63 – 6.59 (m, 2H), 4.24 – 4.20 (m, 1H), 3.75 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.41 – 3.37 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 153.4, 146.3, 144.2, 133.8, 132.1, 130.7, 130.5, 129.6, 129.4, 126.5, 123.5, 123.3, 123.2, 119.9, 117.8, 117.5, 116.6, 110.1, 84.9, 68.6, 20.7. **HRMS**: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₁H₁₈NO₃⁺: 332.1281, found: 332.1282.



6,8-dichloro-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3ga)

White solid 37% (28.6 mg), mp: 125 – 126 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H),

7.22 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H),

4.95 (s, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 4.51 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.0, 145.2, 138.3, 133.0, 131.1, 130.3, 129.0, 126.4, 125.0, 122.9,

122.1, 122.0, 120.5, 119.6, 117.3, 114.2, 109.6, 82.9, 68.2.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{14}Cl_2NO_3 + : 386.0345$, found: 386.0345.



6-fluoro-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3ha)

White solid 75% (50.3 mg), mp: 196 – 197 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.27 – 9.17 (m, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.84 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 6.75 – 6.66 (m, 1H), 6.65 – 6.52 (m, 1H), 6.49 – 6.38 (m, 1H), 4.27 – 4.23 (m, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H).

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¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 157.3 (d, *J* = 234.4 Hz), 152.4, 143.9, 138.6, 133.4 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz),
131.4, 130.3, 129.8, 128.4, 125.4, 122.4, 121.6, 118.6, 117.0, 116.4 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 109.3, 103.8 (d, *J* = 23.3 Hz), 101.5 (d, *J* = 27.0 Hz), 82.5, 67.1.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}FNO_3^+$: 336.1030, found: 336.1033.



6-chloro-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3ia)

White solid 84% (59.0 mg), mp: 212 – 213 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.21 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.84 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 – 6.64 (m, 2H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 152.4, 143.8, 141.3, 133.7, 131.3, 130.2, 129.8, 128.5, 125.4, 125.1,

122.4, 121.6, 118.6, 117.6, 117.1, 117.0, 114.3, 109.3, 82.4, 67.1.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}CINO_3^+$: 352.0735, found: 352.0740.



6-bromo-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3ja)

White solid 86% (67.9 mg), mp: 229 – 230 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.78 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H),

7.26 - 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.95 - 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.84 - 6.74 (m, 2H), 6.74 - 6.64 (m, 2H), 4.31 (d, J = 11.2

Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 153.6, 146.1, 143.6, 135.2, 133.2, 132.1, 130.7, 130.7, 129.5, 126.4,

123.4, 123.4, 122.4, 119.9, 118.9, 118.4, 117.9, 114.5, 110.1, 84.3, 68.6.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}BrNO_3^+$: 396.0230, found: 396.0233



6-methyl-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3ka)

White solid 75% (49.7 mg), mp: 220 – 221 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.72 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 153.4, 146.3, 142.2, 133.7, 132.9, 132.2, 130.5, 129.4, 126.5, 123.4, 120.5, 119.9, 117.8, 117.1, 116.7, 110.1, 84.9, 68.6, 20.9. (one signal was missing due to overlap.)
HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₁H₁₈NO₃⁺ : 332.1281, found: 332.1283.



6-phenyl-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3la)

White solid 32% (25.2 mg), mp: 88 – 89 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.33

- 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.22 - 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.05 - 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.96 - 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 - 6.70 (m, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.42 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 150.9, 145.5, 143.0, 141.1, 135.4, 132.0, 131.2, 130.7, 130.0, 128.8,

128.8, 126.9, 126.9, 125.3, 122.7, 122.2, 119.5, 119.2, 117.3, 117.0, 114.6, 109.6, 83.7, 67.9.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{26}H_{20}NO_3^+$: 394.1438, found: 394.1439.



6-methoxy-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3ma)

White solid 43% (29.9 mg), mp: 175 – 176 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 7.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.68 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.35 (dd, J = 11.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H).

 $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.8, 150.9, 145.4, 137.4, 132.0, 131.7, 130.6, 129.9, 128.7, 125.1,

122.7, 122.2, 119.4, 117.2, 117.0, 109.6, 105.1, 101.9, 83.7, 67.8, 55.8.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{18}NO_4^+$: 348.1230, found: 348.1237.



5-fluoro-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3na)

White solid 61% (40.9 mg), mp: 166 – 167 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 1H),

7.43 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.77 – 6.69 (m, 4H), 4.98 (s,

1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.42 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.9 (d, J = 239.0 Hz), 150.9, 145.5, 144.7 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 131.7,

130.7, 130.1, 128.9, 125.4, 122.7, 122.3, 120.4 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 119.5, 118.7 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 117.3,

112.1 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 109.6, 108.3 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz), 82.7, 67.8.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}FNO_3^+$: 336.1030, found: 336.1027.



8'-chloro-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (30a)

White solid 64% (45.0 mg), mp: 205 – 206 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.8

Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 – 6.88 (m, 3H), 6.86 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.79 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 4.77

(s, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.9, 145.6, 143.4, 134.7, 133.8, 130.8, 130.1, 129.3, 125.7, 124.2,

122.2, 121.4, 120.6, 119.7, 117.6, 116.8, 116.2, 109.5, 83.5, 67.4.

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}CINO_3^+ = 352.0735$, found: 352.0740.



8'-bromo-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3pa)

White solid 69% (54.7 mg), mp: 148 – 149 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.4

Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95 - 6.85 (m, 3H), 6.84 - 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.78 - 6.70 (m, 2H), 4.91

(s, 1H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.9, 145.5, 143.3, 133.9, 133.0, 130.8, 129.7, 128.6, 124.4, 122.7,

122.2, 121.4, 120.6, 119.7, 117.7, 116.8, 116.2, 109.4, 83.4, 67.4.

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}BrNO_3^+$: 396.0230, found: 396.0224.



8'-phenyl-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3qa)

White solid 41% (32.3 mg), mp: 194 – 195 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.87 (m, 3H), 6.85 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.80 – 6.71 (m, 2H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.43 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.8, 145.7, 143.5, 141.7, 140.1, 132.7, 131.1, 129.7, 129.1, 128.5, 128.0, 127.1, 124.0, 123.3, 122.1, 120.4, 119.5, 117.2, 116.8, 116.1, 109.5, 83.9, 67.8.

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{26}H_{20}NO_3^+$: 394.1438, found: 394.1447.



8'-methoxy-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3ra)

White solid 68% (47.2 mg), mp: 220 – 221 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 2.7 Hz,

1H), 7.04 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.84 - 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.80 - 6.74 (m, 2H), 6.72 - 6.66 (m, 1H), 6.64

(dd, J = 8.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.72 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H). (two

signals are missing).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 161.6, 153.5, 145.6, 144.4, 135.3, 133.4, 125.0, 124.9, 123.7, 122.7,

120.0, 119.7, 117.0, 116.7, 116.7, 116.3, 111.7, 109.6, 84.8, 68.4, 55.9.

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{18}NO_4^+$: 348.1230, found: 348.1230.



9'-phenyl-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3sa)

White solid 65% (51.1 mg), mp: 159 – 160 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.40 (m 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.92 (m 2H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.79 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.43 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.8, 145.9, 143.5, 143.0, 140.5, 131.1, 129.1, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3, 125.9, 122.2, 122.1, 121.5, 120.3, 119.6, 117.4, 116.8, 116.0, 109.6, 83.7, 67.8.

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{26}H_{20}NO_3^+$: 394.1438, found: 394.1438.



9'-methyl-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3ta)

White solid 65% (43.08 mg), mp: 106 – 107 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.82 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.37 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.7, 145.8, 143.4, 139.8, 131.2, 130.5, 129.6, 129.4, 125.2, 123.3,

122.0, 120.2, 119.5, 117.1, 116.7, 115.9, 109.5, 83.7, 67.9, 21.6.

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{18}NO_3^+$: 332.1281, found: 332.1280.



9'-(trifluoromethyl)-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3ua) White solid 64% (49.3 mg), mp: 185 – 186 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.69 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.91 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.79 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.0, 145.7, 143.3, 135.3, 132.2 (q, J = 32 Hz), 131.6, 130.7, 126.2,
125.2 (q, J = 2.5 Hz), 122.6 (q, J = 270 Hz), 122.3, 121.0, 120.7, 119.8, 119.61 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 118.3,
116.8, 116.2, 109.6, 83.7, 67.4.

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{15}F_3NO_3^+$: 386.0999, found: 368.1001.



9'-methoxy-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3va)

White solid 33% (22.9 mg), mp: 207 – 208 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.04 – 6.84 (m, 4H), 6.82 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.75 – 6.71 (m, 2H), 4.35 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.82 (d, J = 11.3 Hz,

1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 146.0, 143.4, 132.2, 131.2, 126.8, 124.7, 124.7, 122.1, 122.0,

120.2, 119.5, 117.3, 116.7, 115.9, 115.9, 114.2, 108.0, 83.6, 68.0, 55.6.

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{18}NO_4^+ = 348.1230$, found: 348.1228.



2-phenyl-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3wa and 3w'a') White solid 39%, mp: 139 – 140 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 – 7.53 (m, 2.4H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 3.8H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 1.4H), 7.07 – 7.02 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1.4H), 7.02 – 6.79 (m, 18H), 6.75 – 6.65 (m, 8H), 6.52 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1.4H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1.4H), 4.91 (s, 1.4H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.8, 149.2, 147.1, 145.7, 143.8, 143.6, 137.4, 134.3, 131.7, 131.0, 130.9, 130.7, 130.6, 130.3, 129.6, 129.4, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 122.6, 122.1, 122.0, 121.4, 121.0, 119.9, 119.6, 119.4, 117.7, 117.1, 116.7, 116.2, 116.0, 115.3, 109.5, 108.5, 86.1, 84.9, 82.7. (two signals are missing due to overlap).

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{26}H_{20}NO_3^+$: 394.1438, found: 394.1450.



4'-chloro-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3ab)

White solid 20% (14.1 mg), mp : 197 – 198 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.96 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.85 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 1.7, 1H), 4.38 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.8, 145.6, 143.3, 131.9, 130.8, 130.1, 130.0, 129.1, 125.4, 122.8,

122.1, 121.8, 120.7, 120.5, 118.8, 116.8, 116.0, 110.0, 84.1, 67.7.

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}CINO_3^+$: 352.0735, found: 352.0752.



3'-chloro-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3ab')

White solid 19% (13.4 mg), mp: 148 – 149 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 1H),

7.44 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.80 (m, 3H), 6.77 (dd,

1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.4, 143.7, 142.0, 132.4, 130.8, 130.2, 130.1, 129.4, 125.3, 124.3,

123.8, 123.1, 121.9, 120.5, 117.7, 116.7, 116.2, 108.5, 84.7, 67.6.

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}CINO_3^+$: 352.0735, found: 352.0752.



4'-methyl-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3ac)

White solid 23% (15.2 mg), mp: 220 – 221 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.83 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 4.40 (dd, J = 11.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.1, 145.5, 143.5, 131.9, 131.2, 130.9, 129.9, 128.3, 126.5, 125.3,

122.3, 122.0, 120.6, 120.2, 119.9, 116.7, 116.0, 109.1, 83.6, 67.8, 16.1.

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{18}NO_3^+ = 332.1281$, found: 332.1283.



3'-methyl-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3ac')

White solid 23% (15.2 mg), mp: 125 – 126 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H),

7.38 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.89 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.83 – 6.79

(m, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 4.34 (dd, J = 11.2,

2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.1, 143.8, 143.6, 132.4, 131.3, 131.1, 129.8, 128.6, 125.0, 122.9,

122.1, 121.8, 120.3, 118.4, 116.5, 116.2, 107.0, 83.6, 67.6, 15.8. (one signal was missing due to overlap).

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{18}NO_3^+$: 332.1281, found: 332.1283.



4'-(tert-butyl)-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3ad)

White solid 23% (17.2 mg), mp: 124 – 125 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.96 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.91 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.84 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.76

(dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.43 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.4, 145.4, 143.3, 139.3, 131.7, 131.2, 130.5, 129.8, 128.3, 125.4, 122.1, 122.1, 120.2, 119.1, 117.3, 116.8, 115.9, 110.3, 83.7, 68.0, 34.9, 29.6.

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{24}H_{24}NO_3^+$: 374.1751, found: 374.1758.



3'-(tert-butyl)-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3ad')

White solid 23% (17.2 mg), mp: 118 - 119 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.13

(d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.75 (m, 4H), 6.70 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J

= 11.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.7, 144.4, 143.2, 141.7, 131.8, 131.3, 131.0, 129.8, 128.5, 124.5,

 $123.2,\,122.3,\,121.8,\,120.2,\,116.7,\,115.6,\,115.6,\,107.1,\,83.1,\,68.0,\,35.0,\,29.8.$

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{24}H_{24}NO_3^+$: 374.1751, found: 374.1758.



4'-phenyl-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3ae)

White solid 14 % (11.0 mg), mp: 101 – 102 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 5H),

7.43 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.94 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.82 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz,

1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.7, 145.6, 143.4, 136.5, 132.2, 131.1, 130.6, 130.0, 129.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3, 125.4, 122.8, 122.0, 121.9, 120.3, 119.7, 116.7, 116.0, 110.0, 83.7, 67.9.
HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H₂₀NO₃⁺ : 394.1438, found: 394.1451.



3'-phenyl-2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-ol (3ae')

White solid 13% (10.2 mg), mp : 120-121 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.97 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 – 6.75 (m, 3H), 6.50 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.55 (dd, J = 11.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.4, 143.3, 142.6, 136.9, 133.1, 131.8, 131.1, 130.7, 129.8, 129.6, 128.8, 128.1, 127.3, 124.9, 123.1, 123.0, 121.9, 120.4, 118.3, 116.4, 116.4, 108.8, 83.6, 67.8.
HRMS [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H₂₀NO₃⁺ : 394.1438, found: 394.1451.



3'-methoxy-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3af)

White solid 61% (42.4 mg), mp: 163 – 164 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.83 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.44 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.1, 145.6, 143.4, 141.1, 131.1, 131.0, 130.9, 129.9, 127.7, 125.1,

122.1, 122.0, 120.2, 116.7, 115.9, 113.9, 108.3, 101.7, 83.9, 67.8, 56.2.

HRMS $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{18}NO_4^+$: 348.1230, found: 348.1230.



3',4'-dimethyl-2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (3ag)

White solid 45% (31.1 mg), mp: 185 – 186 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.95 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.84 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.53 (s, 1H), 4.35

(dd, *J* = 11.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.7, 143.7, 143.7, 132.3, 131.4, 131.4, 129.8, 128.3, 128.2, 125.2,

125.0, 122.6, 121.8, 120.3, 119.4, 116.5, 116.2, 106.5, 83.6, 67.6, 12.3, 12.1.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{22}H_{20}NO_3^+$: 346.1438, found: 346.1441.



N-(2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-yl)ethanesulfonamide (3ah) White solid 32% (26.1 mg), mp: 172 – 173 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.85 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.77 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 4.84 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, J = 11.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 143.3, 131.7, 130.9, 130.8, 130.2, 130.0, 129.3, 125.4, 124.4, 122.9, 122.4, 122.1, 120.4, 119.6, 117.8, 116.8, 116.0, 84.2, 68.0, 45.8, 8.4. **HRMS** $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{22}H_{20}N_2NaO_4S^+$: 431.1036, found: 431.1042.



N-(2*H*,4*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[*c*]chromen]-2'-yl)benzenesulfonamide (3ai) White solid 21% (19.2 mg), mp: 153 – 154 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.37 (m, 7H), 6.94 – 6.77 (m, 5H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.1, 143.3, 139.0, 133.2, 131.6, 130.9, 130.4, 130.1, 130.0, 129.2,

 $127.4,\,125.6,\,125.4,\,122.8,\,122.1,\,122.1,\,120.4,\,119.3,\,119.1,\,116.7,\,115.9,\,84.1,\,68.0.$

HRMS: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{26}H_{20}N_2NaO_4S^+$: 479.1036, found: 479.1043.



4-chloro-N-(2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-yl)benzenesulfonamide

(3aj)

White solid 16% (15.7 mg), mp: 125 – 126 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 – 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.56 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.45

-7.38 (m, 3H), 6.94 - 6.85 (m, 3H), 6.85 - 6.78 (m, 2H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H),

4.82 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.3, 143.3, 139.8, 137.5, 131.6, 130.8, 130.2, 130.0, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 125.6, 125.5, 122.8, 122.2, 122.2, 120.4, 119.5, 119.2, 116.8, 115.9, 84.2, 68.0.
HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H₂₀ClN₂O₄S⁺ : 491.0827, found: 491.0826.



4-methyl-N-(2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-

yl)benzenesulfonamide (3ak)

White solid 22% (20.7 mg), mp: 88-89 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 3H), 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.34

(d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.80 - 6.76 (m, 3H), 6.67 - 6.62 (m,

1H), 4.18 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 148.6, 143.3, 142.4, 136.7, 132.0, 131.8, 131.4, 130.0, 129.7, 129.4,

128.9, 126.9, 125.8, 123.6, 122.1, 121.7, 121.3, 118.6, 118.5, 116.6, 115.9, 115.3, 83.6, 67.3, 21.0.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{27}H_{23}N_2O_4S^+$: 471.1373, found: 471.1382.



4-methoxy-N-(2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-

yl)benzenesulfonamide (3al)

White solid 37% (36.0 mg), mp: 180 - 181 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.58 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.41

 $(t, J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 6.94 - 6.84 \text{ (m, 5H)}, 6.84 - 6.73 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 6.52 \text{ (s, 1H)}, 4.80 \text{ (d, } J = 2.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.80 \text{ (d, } J = 2.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{Hz}), 3.80 \text{ (d, } J = 2.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{Hz}), 3.80 \text{ (d, } J = 2.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{Hz}), 3.80 \text{ (d, } J = 2.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{Hz}), 3.80 \text$

4.32 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.3, 150.0, 143.3, 131.6, 130.9, 130.7, 130.6, 130.1, 130.1, 129.6,

 $129.2,\,125.5,\,125.4,\,122.9,\,122.1,\,122.0,\,120.4,\,119.3,\,119.0,\,116.7,\,115.9,\,114.3,\,84.1,\,68.0,\,55.7.$

HRMS: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{27}H_{22}N_2NaO_5S^+$: 509.1142, found: 509.1140.



N-(2H,4H-spiro[benzo[b][1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-yl)-2-

(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (3am)

White solid 26%(27.3 mg), mp: 149-150 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.74 (m, 3H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.4, 143.2, 137.4, 133.2, 132.6, 132.4, 131.5, 130.8, 130.2, 129.8, 129.7, 129.3, 128.6 (q, J = 6.3 Hz), 127.7 (d, J = 32.9 Hz), 125.5, 125.5, 123.2 (d, J = 273.9 Hz), 122.8, 122.2, 122.1, 120.4, 119.3, 119.3, 116.7, 115.9, 84.2, 68.0.

HRMS: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{27}H_{19}F_3N_2NaO_4S^+$: 547.0910, found: 547.0917.



4-((3-phenyl-2*H*-benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazin-2-yl)oxy)phenol (4aa)

Pale yellow solid 50% (31.7 mg), mp: 155 – 156 °C.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.63 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.48 (m, 3H),

7.31 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.86 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.9, 152.0, 150.4, 143.2, 135.2, 132.9, 131.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.3,

127.2, 123.2, 119.6, 116.8, 116.4, 90.5.

HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{16}NO_3^+$: 318.1125, found: 318.1137.

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- B. Scale-up Reaction.



3-phenyl-2*H*-benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine (1.0 mmol), benzoquinone (2.2 mmol), [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl₂] (2 mol%), AgSbF₆ (8 mol %), Cu(OAc)₂ (2.0 mmol) and DCE (10 mL) were charged into a pressure tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude reaction mixture was directly purified

through column chromatography on silica gel using PE/EA (15:1) as eluent to obtain 2H,4Hspiro[benzo[b]- [1,4]oxazine-3,6'-benzo[c]chromen]-2'-ol (**3aa**) in 75% yield (0.24 g).

C. Mechanistic studies :

(a) H/D exchange.



1a (0.10 mmol), 2a (0.22 mmol), [Ru (p-cymene)Cl₂]₂ (4 mol%), AgSbF₆ (16 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.20 mmol), 50 µL D₂O and DCE (2.0 mL) were charged into a pressure tube, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. 7% H/D exchange was observed on the basis of ¹H NMR analysis, indicating that the C-H activation was largely irreversible in the catalytic system.





(b) KIE measurements of reaction for 3-phenyl-2*H*-benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine.



Suspensions of 3-phenyl-2*H*-benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine **1a** (0.1 mmol) and **1a**- d_5 (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.44 mmol), [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)]₂ (4 mol%), AgSbF₆ (16 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.40 mmol) and DCE (2.0 mL) were stirred side-by-side at room temperature for 3 h under N₂. The reaction were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography with 26.3 mg of **3aa** and **3aa**- d_4 were recoverd. KIE value (k_H/k_D = 1.5:1) was determined on the basis of ¹H NMR analysis of **3aa** and **3aa**- d_4 .



(c) Procedure for competitive experiment between Benzoquinone



Suspensions of 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2*H*-benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine **3v** (0.1 mmol) and 3-(4-(trifluoro methyl)phenyl)-2*H*-benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazine **3u** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.44 mmol), $[RuCl_2(p-cymene)]_2$ (4 mol%), AgSbF₆ (16 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.40 mmol) and DCE (2.0 mL) were stirred side-by-side at room temperature for 4 h under N₂. The reaction were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography. The ratio of 3wa and 3va (1 : 0.6) was determined on the basis of ¹H NMR analysis of **3va** and **3ua**.



- D. Crystal structure.
- (a) Crystal structure of complex A', CCDC Number = 2302201

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Figure S1 Crystal structure of 3db with thermal ellipsoids at 50% probability.

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Bond precision: C-C = 0.0082 A
                                          Wavelength=1.54184
Cell:
                 a=10.2824(2)
                                  b=9.8025(2)
                                                      c=26.5730(5)
                 alpha=90
                                  beta=98.437(2)
                                                      gamma=90
                 293 K
Temperature:
                Calculated
                                            Reported
Volume
                2649.39(9)
                                            2649.39(10)
Space group
                P 21/n
                                            P 1 21/n 1
                                            -P 2yn
Hall group
                -P 2yn
                C24 H23 Br Cl N O Ru, C H2 C24 H23 Br Cl N O Ru, C H2
Moiety formula
                C12
                                            C12
Sum formula
                C25 H25 Br C13 N O Ru
                                            C25 H25 Br C13 N O Ru
                642.78
                                            642.79
Mr
Dx,g cm-3
                1.612
                                           1.612
Z
                4
                                            4
                9.476
                                           9.476
Mu (mm-1)
F000
                1280.0
                                           1280.0
F000'
                1284.17
h,k,lmax
                12,11,31
                                           12,11,31
Nref
                4731
                                            4718
Tmin, Tmax
                0.262,0.388
                                            0.592,1.000
Tmin'
                0.174
Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.592 Tmax=1.000
AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN
Data completeness= 0.997 Theta(max) = 67.078
                                                      wR2(reflections)=
R(reflections) = 0.0478( 3951)
                                                      0.1332( 4718)
S = 1.057
                          Npar= 302
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(b) Crystal structure of 3ag, CCDC Number = 2302071



Figure S2 Crystal structure of 3db with thermal ellipsoids at 50% probability.

Datablock: exp_11188

Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0050 A	Wavelength=0.71073	
Cell:	a=6.8063(9)	b=14.985(2)	c=17.161(3)
Temperature:	alpha=90 293 K	beta=90	gamma=90
	Calculated	Reported	
Volume	1750.3(4)	1750.4(4))
Space group	P 21/c	P 1 21/c	1
Hall group	-P 2ybc	-P 2ybc	
Moiety formula	C21 H17 N O4	C21 H17 1	N 04
Sum formula	C21 H17 N O4	C21 H17 1	N 04
Mr	347.36	347.36	
Dx,g cm-3	1.318	1.318	
Z	4	4	
Mu (mm-1)	0.092	0.092	
F000	728.0	728.0	
F000'	728.37		
h,k,lmax	9,20,23	9,20,23	
Nref	4869	4126	
Tmin, Tmax	0.957,0.973	0.966,1.	000
Tmin'	0.929		
Correction meth AbsCorr = MULTI	od= # Reported T Li -SCAN	mits: Tmin=0.966 Th	max=1.000
Data completene	ss= 0.847	Theta(max) = 29.46	58
R(reflections)=	0.0759(1969)		wR2(reflections)= 0.2049(4126)
S = 1.038	Npar= 2	37	

(c) Crystal structure of 3ah, CCDC Number = 2302202



Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0054 A	Wavelength=1.54184	
Cell:	a=9.6568(6)	b=10.2090(6)	=13.0889(11)
	alpha=87.571(6)	beta=71.911(7) g	amma=80.248(5)
Temperature:	293 K		
	Calculated	Reported	
Volume	1208.81(15)	1208.82(1	6)
Space group	P -1	P -1	
Hall group	-P 1	-P 1	
Moiety formula	C22 H20 N2 O4 S	[+ solvent] C22 H20 N	2 04 S
Sum formula	C22 H20 N2 O4 S	[+ solvent] C22 H20 N	2 04 S
Mr	408.46	408.46	
Dx,g cm-3	1.122	1.122	
Z	2	2	
Mu (mm-1)	1.410	1.410	
F000	428.0	428.0	
F000'	429.92		
h,k,lmax	11,12,15	11,12,15	
Nref	4321	4320	
Tmin, Tmax	0.803,0.868	0.924,1.0	00
Tmin'	0.787		
Correction meth AbsCorr = MULTI	od= # Reported T L -SCAN	imits: Tmin=0.924 Tm	ax=1.000
Data completene	ss= 1.000	Theta(max) = 67.07	5
R(reflections)=	0.0587(2985)		wR2(reflections)=
S = 0.992	Npar= 2	271	0.1920(1920)

E. NMR spectra :

¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of compound A





¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3aa



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ba



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¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ca



S35

¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3da


¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ea



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3fa



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ga



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ha



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ia



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ja



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ka



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3la







¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 30a



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3pa



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3qa



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ra



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3sa



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ta



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ua



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3va



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3wa and 3w'a'



100 f1 (ppm) 110

¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ab



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ab'



110 100 f1 (ppm)

¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ac



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ac'



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ad



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ad'



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ae



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ae'

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¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3af



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ag



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ah



100 f1 (ppm)

¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3ai



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3aj







f1 (ppm)





¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3am



¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of 4aa

ΌΗ Ph

4aa 400 MHz, CDCl₃

