Supporting Information

Harnessing Visible Light for Metal-Free Trifluoromethylation/Cyclization of Unactivated Alkenes

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1. General comments

Chemicals were purchased from Adamas, Bidepharm., TCI, Aladdin and used as such unless stated otherwise. All solvents like acetonitrile, tetrahydrofuran, N, N-dimethylmethanamide, 1,4-dioxane were purchased from Adamas (Water \leq 30 ppm (by K.F.), 99.9%, SafeDry, with molecular sieves, Safeseal). NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV 400 or Bruker Fourier 300 spectrometer. Chemical shifts (ppm) are given relative to TMS (0.00 ppm) for ¹H and CDCl₃ (77.0 ppm) for ¹³C solvent. Multiplets were assigned as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), p (pentet), dd (doublet of doublet), m (multiplet) and br.s (broad singlet). High-resolution mass spectra HRMS spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Exactive Orbitrap Mass Spectrometer under Electron Spray Ionization conditions preparing sample solution in methanol. The data are given as mass units per charge (m/z). GC yields were calculated using dodecane as an internal standard. Gas chromatography analysis was performed on an Agilent 6820 instrument with an FID detector and HP-5 capillary column (polydimethylsiloxane with 5% phenyl groups, 30 m, 0.32 mm i.d. 0.25 µm film thickness) using nitrogen as carrier gas. The light sources used in the reaction include a 40 W Kessil Blue LEDs with a wavelength of 456 nm, an AC 220 V blue l LEDs (450-460 nm) from Xuzhou Aijia Electronics Technology, an AC 220 V purple LEDs (380-390 nm) from Xuzhou Aijia Electronics Technology, and an AC 220 V green LEDs (530-540 nm) from Xuzhou Aijia Electronics Technology. The products were isolated from the reaction mixture by column chromatography on silica gel., 54-74 µm, 200-300 mesh (Yucheng Chemical CO., LTD, Shanghai). LED lamps were purchased from the Chinese Taobao branded as "JiaDeng". (https://item.taobao.com/item.htm?spm=a1z09.2.0.0.2ad62e8dHqtY75&id=613485925423& u=s 23 m2hbk30f5). Unless otherwise noted, the wavelength of the LEDs used under standard conditions is 530-540 nm. The light intensity on the 4 mL reaction vials is 39 mW/cm². Substrates **1b-1s** were prepared according to previous reports^{1 2 3 4}.

2. General Procedures

2.1 General Procedures for the synthesis of substrate 1b-1n, 1p-1q,1s¹:



To a 50 mL round-bottomed flask with a stir bar was added 2-hydroxyarylaldehyde (5 mmol), DMF (15 mL), then was added potassium carbonate (5.5 mmol), followed by the dropwise addition of allyl bromide (5.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was then stirred for 12 h at room temperature, poured into brine and extracted with EtOAc. The combined extracts were dried over Na₂SO4, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the desired 2-(allyloxy)arylaldehydes.

2.2 General Procedures for the synthesis of substrate 10² ³:



A 50 mL round-bottomed flask with a stir bar was added 2-aminobenzaldehyde (8 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL). Then reaction is cooled to 0 °C, and was added pyridine (17.6 mmol), followed by the addition of tosyl chloride (8.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was then stirred for 16 h, poured into brine and extracted with EtOAc. The residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the N-(2-formylphenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide.



To an ordinary vial with a stir bar was added salicylaldehyde (5 mmol), DMF (15 mL), then was added potassium carbonate (5.5 mmol), followed by the dropwise addition of allyl bromide (5.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was then stirred for 12 h at room temperature, poured into brine and extracted with EtOAc. The combined extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was

purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether /EtOAc) to afford the desired N-allyl-N-(2-formylphenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide.

2.3 General Procedures for the synthesis of substrate 1r⁴:



To a solution of the 2-formylphenylboronic acid and corresponding allyl halide (1.5 equiv) in THF (0.2 M) in a round-bottom flask were added $PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2$ (2.5 mol %). The reaction mixture was heated to 50 °C, then aq Na₂CO₃ (1 M, 2 equiv) solution was added dropwise over a period of 1 h and the heating continued in reflux for 3-4 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with H₂O and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (three times). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether / EtOAc) to afford the desired yellow product.

2.4 General Procedures for the synthesis of 3



An oven-dried ordinary vial (5 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, Substrate 1 (0.05 mmol), Togni's Reagent II 2 (2 equiv, 0.1 mmol), Rhodamine B (10 mol%). 2mL DMSO was added with syringe under Ar. Then the vial was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. The vial was placed

exposed to green light bulb (530-540 nm) at room temperature. Meanwhile, a fan was placed next to the reaction apparatus to help dissipate heat from the light bulb. After the reaction was finished, DMSO was washed by using 10 volumes of brine and the organic product was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layers were combined together and the organic solvent was removed under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc) on silica gel to obtain the desired product 3.

2.5 Unsuccessful examples



2.6 Large-scale synthesis and further functional groups transformations



An oven-dried flask (100 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, Substrate 1a (1 mmol), Togni's Reagent II 2 (1.5 equiv, 2 mmol), Rhodamine B (10 mol%). 50 mL DMSO was added with syringe under Ar. Then the vial was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. The vial was placed exposed to green light bulb (530-540 nm) at room temperature. Meanwhile, a fan was placed next to the reaction apparatus to help dissipate heat from the light bulb. After 24 hours, another 0.5 equivalent of Togni's Reagent II was added to the reaction mixture to achieve full conversion of substrate **1a**. When the reaction was finished, DMSO was washed by using 10 volumes of brine and the organic product was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layers were combined together and the organic solvent was removed under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc) on silica gel to obtain the desired product **3a** (0.143 g, 62%).



To a suspension of compound $3\mathbf{k}$ (0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq) in MeOH (2.0 mL) and water (0.5 ml) was added NHCl₄ (2.0 mmol, 10 eq) and iron powder (2 mmol, 10 eq). The reaction was stirred at reflux for 2 hours. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was partitioned between water and EtOAC, and filtered through celite. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the crude product. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to provide $3\mathbf{k}$ ' in 72% yield.



Add NaBH₄ (0.3 mmol) to a cooled methanolic solution of **3h** (0.2 mmol) at 0°C. Stir the mixture for an hour until the disappearance of the starting material is monitored by the TLC. Later, add 3 drops of concentrated AcOH to quench the reaction mixture. Evaporate the methanol under vacuum. Extract the reaction mass in EtOAc (10 mL x 3). Dry the combined organic layers over Na₂SO₄ and concentrate the combined organic layers under a vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to provide **3h'** in 88% yield.

2.7 Radical trapping experiment





3. Optimization of reaction conditions

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3.1 Optimization of the concentration of substrate 1a and photocatalysts

Entry	1a	Photocatalyst	Solvents	Yield (%)
1ª	0.1 M	Eosin Y	DMSO / $H_2O = 1/1$ (mL)	10.2
2ª	0.1 M	4CZIPN	DMSO / $H_2O = 1/1$ (mL)	0
3ª	0.1 M	3CzClIPN	DMSO / $H_2O = 1/1$ (mL)	3.9
4 ^a	0.1 M	$g-C_3N_4$	DMSO / $H_2O = 1/1$ (mL)	6.3
5ª	0.1 M	TPPTFB	DMSO / $H_2O = 1/1 (mL)$	22.7
6 ^b	0.1 M	TPPTFB	DMSO = 2 mL	32.8
7 ^b	0.05 M	TPPTFB	DMSO = 2 mL	34.2
8 ^b	0.025 M	TPPTFB	DMSO = 2 mL	37.2
9°	0.025 M	Eosin B	DMSO = 2 mL	23.8
10 ^c	0.025 M	AQ	DMSO = 2 mL	33.2
11°	0.025 M	FL	DMSO = 2 mL	33.4
12 ^d	0.025 M	Rh 6G	DMSO = 2 mL	18.6
13 ^d	0.025 M	RhB	DMSO = 2 mL	48.2

(Reaction conditions a: **1a** (32 μ L, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equivalent), **2a** (126.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equivalent), photocatalyst (3 mol%), blue LEDs (450-460 nm) and DMSO / H₂O = 1/1 (2 mL), r.t., under Ar, 16 h, GC yields. Reaction conditions b: **1a** (1.0 equivalent), **2a** (2.0 equivalent), TPPTFB (3 mol%), blue LEDs (450-460 nm) and DMSO = 2 mL, r.t., under Ar, 16 h, GC yields.

Reaction conditions c: **1a** (8 μ L, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equivalent), **2a** (31.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2.0 equivalent), photocatalyst (3 mol%), blue LEDs (450-460 nm) and DMSO = 2 mL, r.t., under Ar, 16 h, GC yields.

Reaction conditions d: **1a** (8 μ L, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equivalent), **2a** (31.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2.0 equivalent), photocatalyst (3 mol%), green LEDs (530-540 nm) and DMSO = 2 mL, r.t., under Ar, 16 h, GC yields.

TPPTFB: 2,4,6-triphenylpyrylium tetrafluoroborate, AQ: Anthraquinone, FL: Fluorescein, Rh 6G: Rhodamine 6G, RhB: Rhodamine B.)

3.2 Optimization of the equivalents of substrate 2a and light source

H O 1a	+	CF ₃ CF ₃ CF ₃ CF ₃	r, r.t.	CF ₃
	Entry	Togni II (eq)	Yield (%)	_
	1ª	1	Trace	_
	2ª	1.5	Trace	
	3ª	2	59.7	
	4 ^a	2.5	58.5	
	5 ^a	3	51.2	
	6 ^b	2	47.2	
	7°	2	Trace	

(Reaction conditions a: 1a (8 μL, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equivalent), 2a (Togni's Reagent II), RhB (5 mol%), green LEDs (530-540 nm) and DMSO (2 mL), r.t., under Ar, 18 h, GC yields; RhB: Rhodamine B.
Reaction conditions b: 1a (8 μL, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equivalent), 2a (Togni's Reagent II), RhB (5 mol%), blue LEDs (450-460 nm) and DMSO (2 mL), r.t., under Ar, 18 h, GC yields; RhB: Rhodamine B.
Reaction conditions c: 1a (8 μL, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equivalent), 2a (Togni's Reagent II), RhB (5 mol%), purple LEDs (380-390 nm) and DMSO (2 mL), r.t., under Ar, 18 h, GC yields; RhB: Rhodamine B.

3.3 Optimization of the amount of photocatalyst and the influence of air



Entry	RhB (mol %)	Yield (%)
1 ^a	1	Trace
2ª	4	52.9
3ª	5	58.3
4 ^a	6	62.2

5 ^a	8	63.5
6ª	10	67.9
7ª	12	60.5
8 ^b	10	51.7

(Reaction conditions a: 1a (8 μ L, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equivalent), 2a (31.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2.0 equivalent), RhB (Rhodamine B), green LEDs (530-540 nm) and DMSO (2 mL), r.t., under Ar, 24 h, GC yields. Reaction conditions b: 1a (8 μ L, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equivalent), 2a (31.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2.0 equivalent), RhB (Rhodamine B), green LEDs (530-540 nm) and DMSO (2 mL), r.t., under air, 24 h, GC yields.)

3.4 Control Experiment



(Reaction conditions: **1a** (8 µL, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equivalent), **2a** (31.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2.0 equivalent), RhB (10 mol%), green LEDs (530-540 nm) and DMSO (2 mL), r.t., under Ar, 24 h, GC yields; RhB: Rhodamine B, n.r.: no reaction.)

3.5 Optimization of the reaction solvents



Entry	Solvents	Yield (%)
1	DCM	22.7
2	Toluene	n.r.
3	EA	29.0
4	NMP	15.1

5	DMAC	32.6
6	DMSO	68.2
7	DMSO / DMF = 4/1	trace
8	DMSO / DMAC = 4/1	47.8
9	DMSO / THF =4 /1	trace
10	DMSO / dixoane = $4/1$	55.6
11	DMSO / dixoane = $5/1$	58.4
12	DMSO / dixoane = $9/1$	60.3
13	DMSO / $CH_3CN = 4/1$	56.7
14	DMSO / Kpi buffer = 1.9/0.1	34.9
15	DMSO / Kpi buffer = 1.8/0.2	49.1
16	DMSO / Kpi buffer = 1.7/0.3	57.0
17	DMSO / Kpi buffer = 1.5/0.5	37.4
18	DMSO / $H_2O = 1.9/0.1$	24.3
19	DMSO / H ₂ O= 1.8/0.2	60.3
20	DMSO / H ₂ O= 1.7/0.3	46.5
21	DMSO / H ₂ O= 1.6/0.4	37.6

(Reaction conditions: **1a** (8 μ L, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equivalent), **2a** (31.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2.0 equivalent), RhB (10 mol%), green LEDs (530-540 nm) and solvents (2 mL), r.t., under Ar, 24 h, GC yields; RhB: Rhodamine B, Kpi buffer: K₂HPO₄, KH₂PO₄ and H₂O (0.1 M, pH = 7.5), n.r.: no reaction)

3.6 Optimization of the additives



4	ⁿ Bu ₄ NNO ₃ 2.0 eq	51.6
5	ⁿ Bu ₄ OAc 2.0 eq	39.8
6	Et ₄ NCl 2.0 eq	53.3
7	Et ₄ NBr 2.0 eq	59.7
8	Me ₄ NCl 2.0 eq	43.7
9	ZnBr ₂ 3.0 eq	52.9
10	$ZnBr_2 2.0 eq$	60.4
11	ZnBr ₂ 1.0 eq	55.8
12	AgBF ₄ 2.0 eq	54.5
13	LiBF ₄ 3.0 eq	66.0
14	LiBF ₄ 2.0 eq	60.8
15	TFA 2.0 eq	58.8
16	PTSA 2.0 eq	46.6
17	HOAc 1.0 eq	60.4
18	Salicylic acid 2.0 eq	61.6
19	KH ₂ PO ₄ 1.0 eq	53.9
20	K ₂ CO ₃ 1.0 eq	44.7
21	$Cs_2CO_3 2.0 eq$	19.7
22	tBuOK 2.0 eq	25.8
23	NaF 2.0 eq	53.8
24	DBU 2.0 eq	40.3
25	Et ₃ N 2.0 eq	41.7
26	Et ₃ N 1.0 eq	58.0
27	DIPEA 1.0 eq	51.0
28	Pyridine 2.0 eq	43.1
29	Pyridine 1.0 eq	54.9
30	$PhI(OA)_2 2.0 eq$	48.0
31	tBuOOH 2.0 eq	28.3
32	$K_2S_2O_82.0$ eq	50.9

33	BQ 1.0 eq	n.r.

(Reaction conditions: **1a** (8 µL, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equivalent), **2a** (31.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2.0 equivalent), RhB (10 mol%), green LEDs (530-540 nm) and DMSO (2 mL), additive, r.t., under Ar, 24 h, GC yields; RhB: Rhodamine B, n.r.: no reaction)

4. "On/off" irradiation experiments for the reaction

1a (0.2 mmol), 2a (0.4 mmol), Rhodamine B (10 mol%, 0.02 mmol) and DMSO (8 mL) were placed in a glass tube. The tube was evacuated and back-filled with argon. The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature under green LEDs irradiation. Once the mixture was stirred for 2 hours, 20 μ L of the reaction mixture was taken out via syring. The mixture was monitored by GC yields using dodecane as an internal standard. The resulting mixture in the tube continued to react at dark for 2h, and 20 μ L of the reaction mixture was taken out via syring. The mixture was monitored by GC yields using dodecane as an internal standard. The above process was repeated for several times. The results showed that the yield of 3a was obviously increased upon irradiating the reaction with green LEDs. In contrast, the increase of the yield of 3a was not observed upon performing the reaction in the dark. These results indicated the necessity of continuous visible light irradiation for photoredox-catalyzed.



5. Stern-Volmer fluorescence quenching experiment

In the Stern-Volmer fluorescence quenching experiments, the DMSO was degassed by argon for 30 minutes , which was used to prepare the Rhodamine B solution (1 mM) and quenchers 2-(allyloxy) arylaldehydes (1a) and Togni's Reagent II (2a) with the concentrations of 1 mM, 2 mM, 4 mM, and 6 mM. All solutions were excited at 500 nm and the emission intensity was collected at 510-800 nm. The solution of samples was stirred for 3-5 minutes before testing, and the corresponding emission spectra of the samples were collected. The results showed that 2a efficiently quenches photoexcited Rhodamine B, while 1a has no quenching effect.





6. Characterization data of products



3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one(3a): (30.6 mg, coloress oil, yield: 67 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.98 (dd, 1H), 4.71 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (t, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.17 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.13 – 2.03 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.7, 161.5, 136.4, 127.6, 126.6 (q, $J_{CF} = 276.3$ Hz), 121.8, 120.0, 117.9, 69.7(q, $J_{CF} = 1.5$ Hz), 40.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.2$ Hz), 29.6 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.2$ Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁵.



6-fluoro-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one(3b): (22.8 mg, white solid, m.p. = 65-67 °C, yield: 46 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (t, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18 – 3.01 (m, 2H), 2.14 – 2.02 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.0 (d, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 157.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 1.7$ Hz), 157.3 (d, $J_{CF} = 242.5$ Hz), 126.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 277.8$ Hz), 124.0 (d, $J_{CF} = 24.6$ Hz), 120.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 6.6$ Hz), 119.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 7.4$ Hz), 112.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 23.5$ Hz), 69.9 (q, $J_{CF} = 1.9$ Hz), 40.4 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 29.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.1$ Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.1, -120.8.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁵.



5-chloro-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one(3c): (31.5 mg, coloress oil, yield: 60 %) H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.22 – 3.01 (m, 2H), 2.16 – 2.01 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.8, 162.8, 135.1, 134.6, 127.0 (q, $J_{CF} = 277.9$ Hz), 124.9, 117.3, 116.9, 69.2 (q, $J_{CF} = 1.9$ Hz), 41.0 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.2$ Hz), 29.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.1$ Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁵.



6-chloro-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one(3d): (25.3 mg, white solid, m.p. = 60-62 °C, yield: 48 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.13 – 2.03 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.6, 160.0, 136.2, 127.4, 126.8, 126.5(q, $J_{CF} = 277.8$ Hz), 120.8, 119.6, 69.8 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 40.3 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 29.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.3$ Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁵.



7-chloro-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one(3e): (26.5 mg, white solid, m.p. = 55-57 °C, yield: 50 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (dd, 1H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 4.73 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (t, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.12 – 2.01 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.6, 161.8, 142.3, 128.8, 126.5 (q, J_{CF} = 277.8 Hz), 122.6, 118.6,

118.0, 70.0 (q, J_{CF} = 2.0 Hz), 40.3 (q, J_{CF} = 2.0 Hz), 29.4 (q, J_{CF} = 30.3 Hz).

 ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁵.



8-chloro-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one(3f): (26.2 mg, white solid, m.p. = 77-79 °C yield: 50 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.25 – 3.04 (m, 2H), 2.16 – 2.05 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.9, 157.0, 136.4, 126.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 276.7$ Hz), 126.1, 122.7, 121.9, 121.3, 70.2 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 40.2 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 29.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.3$ Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁶.



6,8-dichloro-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one(3g): (33.1 mg, white solid, m.p. = 81-83 °C, yield: 55 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.24 – 3.01 (m, 2H), 2.18 – 2.03 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.8, 155.7, 135.9, 127.1, 126.1 (q, $J_{CF} = 277.8$ Hz), 125.6, 123.9, 121.5, 70.3 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 40.1 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 29.4 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.3$ Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calc. for C₁₁H₈O₂Cl₂F₃ [M+H]+: 298.9853; found: 298.9847.



6-bromo-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one(3h): (33.8 mg, white solid, m.p. = 56-58 °C yield: 55 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.18 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.13 – 2.02 (m, 1H)

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.5, 160.4, 139.0, 130.0, 126.5(q, $J_{CF} = 276.7$ Hz), 121.3, 120.0, 114.5, 69.8 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 40.3 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 29.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.3$ Hz).

 ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁵.



7-bromo-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one(3i): (34.3 mg, white solid, m.p. = 68-70 °C, yield: 55 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 4.73 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 2.99 (m, 2H), 2.12 – 1.98 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.8, 161.7, 130.9, 128.7, 126.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 276.7$ Hz), 125.5, 121.1, 118.9, 70.0 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 40.3 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 29.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.3$ Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁵.



8-bromo-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one(3j): (35.7 mg, white solid, m.p. = 91-93 °C, yield:

58%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.23 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.09 (dt, *J* = 15.6, 10.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.9, 157.9, 139.6, 126.9, 126.4 (q, $J_{CF} = 277.8$ Hz), 122.5, 121.3, 111.5, 70.3 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 40.1 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 29.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.3$ Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁶.



6-nitro-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one(3k): (37.8 mg, white solid, m.p. = 105-107 °C, yield: 69 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.74 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.28 – 3.06 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 2.05 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.7, 165.3, 142.3, 130.6, 126.3 (q, $J_{CF} = 277.8$ Hz), 124.0, 119.6, 119.3, 70.1 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 40.2 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 29.3 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.3$ Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0.



methyl 4-oxo-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chromane-6-carboxylate(31): (24 mg, white solid, m.p. = 124-126 °C, yield: 42 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dd, J = 11.6, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (t, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.24 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.15 – 2.04 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.7, 165.7, 164.4, 136.9, 129.9, 126.4 (q, $J_{CF} = 276.7$ Hz), 124.0, 119.5, 118.2, 69.8 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 52.2, 40.2 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 29.4 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.3$ Hz).

 ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -64.0.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁶.



6-methyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one(3m): (16.4 mg, coloress oil, yield: 34 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (dd, J = 11.3, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.16 – 3.01 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.15 – 2.00 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.9, 159.6, 137.4, 131.3, 127.0, 126.6 (q, $J_{CF} = 277.8$ Hz), 119.6, 117.6, 69.7 (q, $J_{CF} = 1.9$ Hz), 40.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.1$ Hz), 29.6 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.1$ Hz), 20.4. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0. The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁵.



7-methyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one(3n): (11.8 mg, white solid, m.p. = 64-66 °C, yield: 24 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 4.69 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.14 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.11 – 2.00 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.4, 161.6, 148.0, 128.0, 127.4, 125.3, 123.2, 117.8, 69.8 (q, *J* _{CF} = 2.0 Hz), 40.4 (q, *J* _{CF} = 2.0 Hz), 29.4 (q, *J* _{CF} = 30.3 Hz), 21.9.

 ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁵.



1-tosyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-2,3-dihydroquinolin-4(1H)-one (30) : (25.7 mg, white solid, m.p. = 120-122 °C, yield: 34 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 4.74 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 3.05 – 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.52 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.94 – 1.81 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.5, 144.9, 142.1, 136.5, 135.1, 130.2, 128.2, 126.8, 126.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 276.7$ Hz), 125.6, 124.3, 124.0, 50.0 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 39.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 30.7 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.3$ Hz), 21.5.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.8.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁵.



1-tosyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-2,3-dihydroquinolin-4(1H)-one(3p): (18.1 mg, white solid, m.p. = 93-95 °C, yield: 32 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.39 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (dd, J = 11.3, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (t, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.25 – 3.09 (m, 2H), 2.21 – 2.11 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.4, 163.5, 137.9, 131.5, 129.9, 129.2, 128.5, 126.8 (q, $J_{CF} = 277.8$ Hz), 125.6, 125.1, 118.4, 111.7, 69.6 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 40.9 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 29.9 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.3$ Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.9.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁵.



1-methyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one(3q): (29.0 mg, coloress oil, yield: 59 %) H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.9, 160.8, 136.2, 128.1, 126.8 (q, J_{CF} = 278.8 Hz), 122.0, 118.8, 117.7, 73.9 (q, J_{CF} = 2.0 Hz), 42.6 (q, J_{CF} = 2.0 Hz), 36.2 (q, J_{CF} = 30.3 Hz), 18.5 (q, J_{CF} = 2.0 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -59.5.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁵.



2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one(3r): (18.1 mg, coloress oil, yield: 42 %)

H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.03 – 2.89 (m, 3H), 2.16 – 2.05 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.9, 153.0, 135.5, 135.3, 127.8, 127.0 (q, J_{CF} = 277.8 Hz), 126.5, 124.2, 41.8 (q, J_{CF} = 2.0 Hz), 34.9 (q, J_{CF} = 30.3 Hz), 33.1.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.8.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature⁵.

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ethyl 4-methyl-2-(4-oxo-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-6-yl)thiazole-5-carboxylate(3s): (25.2 mg, white solid, m.p. = 116-118 °C, yield: 33 %)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.33 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.29 (m, 2H), 4.26 (t, 1H), 3.22 – 3.04 (m, 2H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 2.14 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.7, 167.8, 163.0, 162.0, 160.9, 134.0, 127.0, 126.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 277.8$ Hz), 126.0, 121.7, 119.9, 118.7, 69.8 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 61.2, 40.3 (q, $J_{CF} = 2.0$ Hz), 29.4 (q, $J_{CF} = 30.3$ Hz), 17.3, 14.2.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calc. for C₁₈H₁₇N₄F₃S [M+H]⁺: 400.0830; found: 400.0834



6-Bromo-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-ol (3h'): (54.6 mg, colorless liquid, yield: 88 %) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.52 - 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.72 - 4.23 (m, 2H), 4.16 – 3.99 (m, 1H), 2.31 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 2.01 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 153.1, 133.01, 132.5, 126.6 (q, *J* _{CF} = 277.8 Hz), 124.2, 119.0, 113.1, 67.1, 64.9, 34.1, 32.3 (q, *J* _{CF} = 30.3 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.0. GC-MS: 312 (68), 310 (67), 202 (87), 201 (60), 200 (100), 200 (59).



6-Amino-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)chroman-4-one (3k'): (35.3 mg, yellow solid, yield: 72 %) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.13 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 4.61 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 2H), 3.17 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.22 – 1.92 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 191.1, 154.9, 140.9, 126.7 (q, *J* _{CF} = 277.8 Hz), 124.8, 120.2, 118.6, 111.1, 69.8, 40.7, 29.7 (q, *J* _{CF} = 30.3 Hz).. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -64.00, -64.03, -64.06.

GC-MS:246 (20), 245 (100), 135 (68), 107 (25), 79 (40).

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Figure S1 ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3a

Figure S3 ¹⁹F NMR spectrum for compound 3a



Figure S4 ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3b





Figure S5 ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 3b

Figure S6¹⁹F NMR spectrum for compound 3b

YZP-1.9-3.10.fid



Figure S7 $^1\!\mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum for compound 3c

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Figure S9¹⁹F NMR spectrum for compound 3c



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Figure S13 ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3e











Figure S22 ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3h YZP-11.7-27.10.fid 4. 75 4. 73 4. 72 4. 70 2, 200 2, 50 1, 50 1, 50 1, 50 1, 28 6.91 6.89 6.89 6.89 7 6.89 7 3.15 3.14 3.14 3.10 3.09 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 Br 3h ᇞ **F**00'1 **F**90'1 1.034 ۲₈ Foi. 2.15 **T**80'1 9.0 8.0 7.0 4.5 f1 (ppm) 8.5 7.5 6.5 6.0 2.0 0.5 0.0 -C 5.5 5.0 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 1.5 1.0 Figure S23 ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 3h $\underbrace{<}^{77.32}_{76.68} \underbrace{}^{70.22}_{76.68} \underbrace{}^{70.23}_{66.13} \\ <\underbrace{<}^{69.80}_{69.78} \\ \underbrace{<}^{69.80}_{69.78} \\$ ____160.42 119.97 119.97 119.97 119.97 114.47 189.52 139. 02 $< \frac{40.28}{40.26}$ 29.95 29.65 29.35 29.05 3h 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 f1 (ppm) 90 80 70 50 40 30 10 60 20



Figure S25 ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3i





Figure S26 ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 3i

Figure S27 ¹⁹F NMR spectrum for compound 3i



Figure S29 ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 3j



Figure S31 ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3k





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Figure S40 ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3n



Figure S42 ¹⁹F NMR spectrum for compound 3n



Figure S43 ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 30



Figure S44 ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 30



Figure S46 ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3p





Figure S48 ¹⁹F NMR spectrum for compound 3p

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Figure S49 ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3q



Figure S50 ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 3q



Figure S52 ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3r





Figure S53 ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 3r



Figure S54 ¹⁹F NMR spectrum for compound 3r



Figure S55 ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3s



Figure S56 ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 3s





Figure S58 ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3h'





Figure S59¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 3h'

Figure S60 ¹⁹F NMR spectrum for compound 3h'





Figure S61 ¹H NMR spectrum for compound 3k'

Figure S62 ¹³C NMR spectrum for compound 3k'



Figure S63¹⁹F NMR spectrum for compound 3k'

