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Supporting Information

A metal-free one-pot cascade synthesis of highly functionalized biaryl-2-carbaldehydes†

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General experimental methods:

All the solvents were used without distillation and all biaryl syntheses were carried out at room temperature under inert-free aerobic atmosphere. Silica gel G-60 F_{254} aluminum TLC plates were used to monitor the reactions with short wavelength ultraviolet light to visualize the spots. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel 230-400 mesh. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 500 and 125 MHz, respectively. Chemical shifts are given in ppm using solvent residual peak of chloroform δ 7.26 ppm as reference, and coupling constants in Hz. ESI- HRMS analysis was recorded using electrospray ionization with ions given in m/z.

General procedure for synthesis of cinnamaldehydes: Cinnamaldehydes were synthesized by following a known procedure employing Wittig reaction.¹ To a 50 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic bar were added toluene (10 mL), pertinent aromatic aldehyde (1.5 mmol), (triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetaldehyde (Wittig reagent) (500 mg, 1 mmol) and the resulting mixture was stirred at 85 °C for overnight. After complete consumption of the Wittig reagent as indicated on TLC, the reaction mixture was concentrated and subjected to flash column chromatography. The product was eluted with DCM/hexane solvent system to afford the desired cinnamaldehyde.

Procedure for synthesis of biaryl 4: To a solution of dienaminodiester **1** (31 mg, 1 eq) in CHCl₃/MeCN (1:1) were added cinnamaldehyde (46.20 μ L, 3 eq), allyl amine (27.5 μ L, 3 eq) and TFA (28.0 μ L, 3 eq) in a sequential manner at room temperature. After immediate addition of TFA, the reaction mixture appears intense red in color indicating the formation of trienamine. After complete consumption of compound **1** as visualized on TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (10 mL) and extracted with DCM (1 x 10 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, concentrated and the crude mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography by eluting with DCM/hexane solvent system to afford

the desired biaryl **4** (24 mg, 60%). This general procedure was followed for the synthesis of the remaining biaryls.

Optimization of reaction conditions:



| S.No | Ratio ^a | Solvent ^b | R ₁ | Yield ^c |
|------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | TFA:2':3" | | | |
| 1 | 1:1:1 | MeCN/DCM (1:2) | Н | 29% |
| 2 | 3:2:2 | МеОН | Н | 27% |
| 3 | 3:2:2 | THF | Н | 26% |
| 4 | 3:2:2 | toluene | Н | 32% |
| 5 | 3:2:2 | MeCN/toluene (1:1) | Н | 44% |
| 6 | 3:3:3 | DMF | Н | 25% |
| 7 | 3:3:3 | DMSO | OMe | trace |
| 8 | 3:3:3 | DME | OMe | nd |
| 9 | 3:3:3 | DMA | OMe | nd |
| 10 | 3:3:3 | MeCN/MeOH(1:1) | OMe | 38% |
| 11 | 2:1.5:2 | MeCN/DCM (1:2) | Н | 31% |
| 12 | 3:1.5:3 | MeCN/DCM (1:2) | Н | 46% |
| 13 | 3:1.5:3 | MeCN/DCM (1:3) | Н | 43% |
| 14 | 2:1.2:1.4 | MeCN/DCM (1:1) | Н | 31% |

^{*a*}equivalents of TFA, **2'** and **3''** respectively, ^{*b*}undistilled solvents, ^{*c*}isolated yields,

DMA = dimethylacetamide, DME = dimethoxyethane, nd = not detected

Diethyl-2-nitro-6-oxo-6H-benzo[c]chromene-8,10-dicarboxylate (8): To a solution of benzopyrone **70** (14 mg, 1 eq) in DCM (1.5 mL) was added Dess-Martin periodinane (46 mg, 3 eq) at room temperature. After complete consumption of **70** as indicated on TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (6 mL) and extracted with DCM (10 mL \times 2). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by flash column chromatography (DCM/hexane 1:1) to afford the desired dibenzopyranone **8** (14 mg) in a quantitative yield: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.46 (m, 6H), 4.49 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.63 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 7.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0), 8.42 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.0, 2.0), 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 9.17 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 14.1, 62.3, 63.4, 116.6, 119.3, 119.8, 122.8, 123.2, 126.6, 131.3, 131.9, 133.8, 136.0, 143.9, 155.3, 158.5, 163.8, 168.2; ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₀H₁₉NO₉Na calcd for m/z 440.0957, found 440.0962.

Diethyl-4-(4,6-bis(ethoxycarbonyl)biphenyl-2-yl)-1-p-tolyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5dicarboxylate (9): To a solution of biaryl-2-carbaldehyde 4 (24 mg, 1 eq) in MeCN (1.5 mL) were added ethyl 3-(allylamino)acrylate (23 mg, 2 eq), *p*-toluidine (8 mg, 1 eq) and TFA (5.68 μ L, 1 eq) in a sequential manner at room temperature. After complete consumption of biaryl **4** as indicated on TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL × 2). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/DCM 2:1) to produce the desired 1,4-DHP **9** (19 mg, 42%): ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.89 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.15 (t, 6H, *J* = 7.0), 1.39 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 2.38 (s, 3H), 3.89 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.05 (m, 4H), 4.39 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 5.24 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 7.22 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.32 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.5), 7.36 (s, 2H), 7.45 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.5), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.6, 14.2, 14.3, 20.8, 29.6, 60.1, 61.0, 61.1, 110.2, 120.7, 126.8, 127.2, 128.1, 129.0, 130.1, 130.3, 134.9, 136.2, 136.9, 138.2, 140.4, 144.7, 165.8, 166.6, 168.8; ESI-HRMS $[M+Na]^+$ C₃₆H₃₇NO₈Na calcd for m/z 634.2416, found 634.2425.

Diethyl-2-(4,6-bis(ethoxycarbonyl)biphenyl-2-yl)-1-p-tolyl-1,2-dihydropyridine-3,5-

dicarboxylate (10): To a solution of biaryl-2-carbaldehyde **4** (24.3 mg, 1.2 eq) in MeCN (2 mL) were added dienaminodiester **1** (15.7 mg, 1 eq), *p*-toluidine (8 mg, 1.2 eq) and TFA (5 μ L, 1 eq) in a sequential order at room temperature under aerobic atmosphere. After complete consumption of dienaminodiester **1** as observed on TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (8 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (15 mL × 2). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated, and the crude mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography (hexane/DCM/EtOAc 4:2:0.2) to afford the desired 1,2-DHP **10** (19 mg, 50%): ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.77 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.31 (m, 6H), 1.39 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 2.31 (s, 3H), 3.80 (m, 2H), 4.20 (m, 4H), 4.40 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 5.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5), 6.25 (s, 1H), 6.47 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0), 6.80 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5), 7.98 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 8.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.4, 13.6, 14.3, 14.5, 22.6, 58.2, 59.8, 60.3, 61.0, 61.1, 115.4, 125.1, 126.9, 127.1, 127.2, 128.9, 129.5, 130.0, 130.1, 130.2, 130.7, 133.7, 133.8, 136.9, 137.3, 140.1, 141.3, 143.3, 165.4, 165.5, 165.7, 168.4; ESI-HRMS [M+Na]⁺ C₃₆H₃₇NO₈Na calcd for m/z 634.2416, found 634.2421.

Diethyl-9-phenyl-9H-fluorene-2,4-dicarboxylate (11): To a solution of biaryl-2carbaldehyde 4 (11 mg, 1 eq) in THF (1 mL) was added phenylmagnesium bromide (3M in ether, 56.2 μ L, 5 eq) at 0 °C under argon atmosphere. The reaction was allowed to attain room temperature slowly and after complete consumption of biaryl 4 as indicated on TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (15 mL), 1M HCl (5 mL), and then extracted with EtOAc (10 mL × 2). The solvent was evaporated and the crude residue was directly treated with catalytic amount of *p*-TsOH in toluene (1.5 mL) under reflux conditions. After complete consumption of starting material as indicated on TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL × 2). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/DCM 4:1.5) to afford the desired fluorene **11** (13.6 mg) in a quantitative yield: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.37 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.49 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 4.30 (m, 2H), 4.55 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 5.06 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.5), 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.40 (m, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5), 8.46 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.3, 54.1, 61.3, 61.6, 125.2, 125.5, 126.8, 127.2, 127.5, 128.4, 128.6, 128.9, 129.1, 130.7, 138.4, 140.3, 144.1, 149.8, 149.9, 165.9, 167.7; ESI-HRMS [M+1]⁺ C₂₅H₂₃O₄ calcd for m/z 387.1596, found 387.1587.

Diethyl-6-(di(1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)biphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (12): Catalytic amount of *p*-TsOH was added to a stirred solution of biaryl-2-carbaldehyde **4** (23.1 mg, 1 eq) and indole (16.5 mg, 2 eq) in ethanol (3 mL). The reaction mixture was kept at reflux temperature and stirred overnight. After complete consumption of biaryl **4** as indicated on TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (2 x 5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL × 2). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated, and the crude mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography (hexane/DCM/EtOAc 4:2:1) to afford the desired BIM **12** (30.0 mg, 79%): ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.91 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.36 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 4.00 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.36 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 5.68 (s, 1H), 6.35 (s, 2H), 6.93 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 7.06 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0), 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.24 (m, 5H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 8.16 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 8.31 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.6, 14.2, 36.3, 61.1, 61.5, 111.1, 118.9, 119.5,

121.7, 124.2, 126.5, 127.5, 127.8, 128.1, 128.5, 129.2, 132.6, 133.3, 136.7, 138.6, 144.0, 145.1, 166.5, 168.4; ESI-HRMS [M+Na]⁺ C₃₅H₃₀O₄N₂Na calcd for m/z 565.2103, found 565.2104.

Spectral data of Trienamine A & A', Biaryl B', 4-6 & 7a-7r

Diethyl 2-(4-nitrostyryl)-1-*p*-tolyl-1,2-dihyropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (Trienamine A):

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.25 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.37 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 2.28 (s, 3H), 4.16 (m, 2H), 4.30 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 5.11 (s, 1H), 6.55 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.5), 6.74 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0), 7.08 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0), 7.23 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.5), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 7.72 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 13.8, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 20.6, 21.0, 29.6, 40.7, 60.5, 60.6, 61.6, 61.8, 112.9, 114.9, 115.7, 120.8, 123.3, 123.6, 124.1, 128.5, 129.8, 130.2, 130.3, 132.5, 132.9, 133.5, 135.7, 136.9, 139.5, 143.3, 147.0, 150.3, 155.0, 165.7, 166.4; ESI-HRMS [M+Na]⁺ C₂₆H₂₆N₂O₆Na calcd for m/z 485.1688, found 485.1698.

Dimethyl 6-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-((prop-2-ynylamino)methylene)cyclohexa-1,3-diene-1,3dicarboxylate (Trienamine A'):

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.35 (app t, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.90 (m, 2H), 4.78 (m, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.5), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.0), 7.68 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 37.5, 40.5, 51.6, 74.1, 77.9, 111.2, 113.2, 122.6, 123.9, 128.5, 132.8, 144.2, 146.9, 147.2, 150.3, 166.2, 166.9.

Dimethyl 6-formyl-4'-nitrobiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (Biaryl B'):

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.71 (s, 3H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 7.47 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 8.34 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 8.80 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 8.84 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 9.71 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 52.6, 52.9, 123.2, 123.3, 130.1, 131.2, 132.0, 132.2, 135.0, 135.8, 142.4, 146.7, 147.9, 164.8, 165.5, 189.1.

Diethyl 6-formyl-biphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (4): Yield: 24.0 mg (60%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.98 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.44 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 4.07 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.45 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.46 (m, 3H), 8.68 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 8.74 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 9.77 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.6, 14.3, 61.5, 61.7, 128.1, 128.5, 129.3, 130.4, 130.9, 133.8, 134.9, 135.0, 135.2, 148.6, 164.8, 166.7, 190.8. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₀H₂₂O₆Na calcd for m/z 381.1314, found 381.1318.

Diethyl 6-formyl-4'-methoxybiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (5): Yield: 32.8 mg (55%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.06 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.43 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 3.87 (s, 3H), 4.12 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.44 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 6.98 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 7.19 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.0), 8.63 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 8.71 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 9.80 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8, 14.3, 55.3, 61.5, 61.7, 113.6, 127.1, 130.1, 130.7, 130.8, 134.1, 134.7, 135.3, 148.3, 159.9, 164.8, 166.9, 191.0. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₁H₂₄O₇Na calcd for m/z 411.1419, found 411.1422.

Diethyl 6-formyl-4'-nitrobiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (6): Yield: 25.0 mg (50%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.11 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.46 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 4.14 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.47 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 7.48 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 8.34 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 8.78 (s, 1H), 8.81 (s, 1H), 9.72 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8, 14.2, 61.9, 62.0, 123.3, 130.2, 131.6, 132.0, 132.6, 134.9, 135.7, 142.6, 146.2, 147.8, 164.4, 165.3, 189.3. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₀H₂₁NO₈Na calcd for m/z 426.1164, found 426.1171.

Diethyl 6-formyl-4'-methylbiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (7a): Yield: 40.0 mg (60%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.03 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.43 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 2.43 (s, 3H), 4.10 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.44 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0), 7.27 (bs, 2H), 8.65 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 8.72 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 9.78 (s,1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.6, 14.3, 21.2, 29.6, 61.5, 61.7, 128.8,

129.3, 130.2, 130.8, 132.0, 133.9, 134.7, 135.1, 138.5, 148.8, 164.8, 166.7, 190.9. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₁H₂₄O₆Na calcd for m/z 395.1470, found 395.1471.

Diethyl 6-formyl-4'-chlorobiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (7b): Yield: 29 mg (63%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.07 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.44 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 4.12 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.46 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 7.24 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 7.46 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 8.70 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 8.74 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 9.76 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.7, 14.3, 61.7, 61.8, 128.4, 130.6, 130.8, 131.2, 133.5, 133.7, 134.8, 135.1, 135.2, 147.3, 164.6, 166.2, 190.2. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₀H₂₁ClO₆Na calcd for m/z 415.0924, found 415.0929.

Diethyl 6-formyl-4'-bromobiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (7c): Yield: 88.5 mg (84%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.07 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.44 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 4.11 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.46 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 7.16 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 7.60 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5), 8.71 (s, 1H), 8.74 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 9.76 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.7, 14.3, 61.7, 61.8, 123.0, 130.8, 130.9, 131.2, 131.3, 133.4, 134.2, 135.0, 135.2, 147.3, 164.6, 166.2, 190.2. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₀H₂₁BrO₆Na calcd for m/z 459.0419, found 459.0417.

Diethyl 6-formyl-4'-cyanobiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (7d): Yield: 38.6 mg (86%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.08 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.45 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 4.13 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.48 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 7.43 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0), 7.78 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0), 8.77 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 8.79 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 9.70 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.7, 14.2, 61.8, 62.0, 112.5, 118.2, 130.0, 131.4, 131.8, 132.7, 134.8, 135.6, 140.6, 146.5, 164.4, 165.5, 189.4. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₁H₂₁NO₆Na calcd for m/z 406.1266, found 406.1271.

Diethyl 4',6-diformylbiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (7e): Yield: 20.6 mg (56%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.05 (t, 3H, J = 7.0), 1.45 (t, 3H, J = 7.0), 4.11 (q, 2H, J = 7.0), 4.47 (q, 2H, J = 7.0), 7.48 (d, 2H, J = 8.0), 8.01 (d, 1H, J = 8.5), 8.78 (s, 2H), 9.73 (s, 1H), 10.12

(s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.7, 14.3, 61.7, 61.9, 129.3, 130.0, 131.2, 131.5, 132.9, 134.9, 135.5, 136.1, 141.9, 147.3, 164.5, 165.8, 189.8, 191.4. ESI-HRMS [M+2MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₂H₂₆O₈Na calcd for m/z 441.1525, found 441.1520.

Diethyl 6-formyl-2'-bromobiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (7f): Yield: 47.4 mg (74%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.05 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.44 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 4.11 (m, 2H), 4.47 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 7.23 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 1.0), 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.69 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 0.5), 8.80 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 8.86 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 9.66 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.6, 14.3, 61.5, 61.8, 123.3, 127.1, 130.0, 130.6, 131.1, 131.5, 132.4, 132.6, 134.9, 135.9, 136.8, 147.3, 164.6, 165.3, 190.0. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₀H₂₁BrO₆Na calcd for m/z 459.0419, found 459.0426.

Diethyl 6-formyl-2'-ethynylbiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (7g): Yield: 30.7 mg (69%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.04 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.45 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 2.94 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.46 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.64 (m, 2H), 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.83 (s, 1H), 9.70 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.6, 14.3, 61.4, 61.7, 81.3, 82.1, 122.1, 128.4, 128.5, 129.4, 130.8, 131.2, 132.5, 133.1, 135.2, 135.6, 138.7, 147.4, 164.8, 165.8, 190.2. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₂H₂₂O₆Na calcd for m/z 405.1314, found 405.1310.

Diethyl 6-formyl-3',5'-dimethoxybiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (7h): Yield: 50.0 mg (67%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.06 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.43 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 3.80 (s, 6H), 4.13 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.44 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 6.42 (d, 2H, *J* = 2.0), 6.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 8.64 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 8.72 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 9.81 (s,1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.7, 14.3, 55.4, 61.5, 61.7, 100.3, 105.5, 107.9, 130.4, 130.6, 133.6, 134.7, 134.9, 137.0, 148.3, 160.5, 164.7, 166.6, 190.8. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₂H₂₆O₈Na calcd for m/z 441.1525, found 441.1520.

Diethyl 6-formyl-5'-bromo-2'-methoxybiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (7i): Yield: 60.2 mg (85%) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.09 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.43 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 3.71 (s, 3H), 4.15 (m, 2H), 4.46 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 6.86 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0), 7.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 7.55 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 9.0), 8.75 (s, 2H), 9.73 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8, 14.3, 55.8, 61.5, 61.7, 112.1, 112.8, 126.3, 130.8, 131.0, 132.9, 133.0, 133.5, 135.0, 135.5, 143.8, 155.7, 164.7, 166.0, 190.5. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₁H₂₃BrO₇Na calcd for m/z 489.0524, found 489.0535.

Diethyl 6-formyl-4'-chloro-2'-fluorobiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (7j): Yield: 21.2 mg (68%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.15 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.45 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 4.18 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.46 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 7.15 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.0), 7.26 (m, 2H), 8.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 8.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 9.79 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.0); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.7, 14.3, 61.8, 61.9, 116.2, 116.4, 124.5, 131.5, 131.7, 131.9, 133.2, 135.3, 135.8, 141.2, 160.3, 164.5, 165.4, 189.3. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₀H₂₀ClFO₆Na calcd for m/z 433.0830, found 433.0831.

Diethyl 6-formyl-2',6'-difluorobiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (7k): Yield: 53 mg (68%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.15 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.45 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 4.21 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.47 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 7.04 (m, 2H), 7.47 (m, 1H), 8.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 8.93 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0), 9.83 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.7, 14.3, 30.9, 61.7, 61.9, 111.1-111.3, 112.6, 130.9, 131.0, 131.1, 131.8, 132.2, 133.1, 135.4, 136.0, 136.2, 158.7, 160.7, 164.5, 165.0, 189.5. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₀H₂₀F₂O₆Na calcd for m/z 417.1125, found 417.1114.

Diethyl 6-formyl-3'-bromo-4'-hydroxy-5'-methoxybiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylate (7l): Yield: 19 mg (38%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.11 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.44 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 3.89 (s, 3H), 4.16 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.46 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 6.12 (bs, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 8.64 (s, 1H), 8.71 (s, 1H), 9.83 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8, 14.2, 56.5, 61.7, 108.2,

111.3, 125.6, 127.5, 130.6, 130.9, 134.0, 134.8, 135.2, 143.5, 146.7, 164.6, 166.4, 190.5. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₂₁H₂₃BrO₈Na calcd for m/z 505.0474, found 505.0470.

Diethyl 4-(5-bromothiophene-2-yl)-5-formylisophthalate (7m): Yield: 54 mg (49%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.19 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.43 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 4.23 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.46 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 6.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.5), 7.11 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.0), 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.71 (s, 1H), 9.98 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8, 14.2, 61.9, 114.7, 130.0, 130.2, 130.9, 131.6, 134.8, 134.9, 136.3, 139.4, 164.4, 166.0, 189.8. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₁₈H₁₉BrO₆SNa calcd for m/z 464.9983, found 464.9978.

Diethyl 4-(5-iodofuran-2-yl)-5-formylisophthalate (7n): Yield: 38.0 mg (55%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.26 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.43 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 4.28 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 4.44 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 6.52 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.5), 6.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.0), 8.63 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 8.71 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 10.06 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 14.2, 24.6, 36.6, 61.9, 62.1, 90.5, 116.9, 122.2, 131.2, 131.4, 134.0, 134.6, 134.9, 135.0, 151.4, 162,4, 166.5, 189.9. ESI-HRMS [M+MeOH+Na]⁺ C₁₈H₁₉IO₇Na calcd for m/z 497.0073, found 497.0072.

Diethyl 6-hydroxy-2-nitro-6H-benzo[c]chromene-8,10-dicarboxylate (70): Yield: 36.6 mg (68%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.36 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.43 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 3.85 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.0), 4.44 (m, 3H), 4.55 (m, 1H), 6.52 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.5), 7.28 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.0), 8.25 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.0, 2.5), 8.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 8.52 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.5); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 14.2, 61.8, 62.7, 93.1, 119.8, 119.9, 120.7, 123.2, 126.0, 128.6, 129.2, 130.4, 130.6, 131.5, 133.5, 142.4, 156.8, 164.7, 168.7. ESI-HRMS [M+Na]⁺ C₁₉H₁₇NO₈Na calcd for m/z 410.0851, found 410.0848.

Diethyl 4-bromo-6-hydroxy-2-methoxy-6H-benzo[c]chromene-8,10-dicarboxylate (7p): Yield: 18.4 mg (77%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.34 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.41 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 3.49 (bs, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 4.41 (m, 4H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 8.28 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 14.2, 30.9, 56.4, 61.6, 62.3, 92.8, 114.0, 116.1, 121.6, 121.9, 129.1, 129.9, 130.3, 131.2, 133.9, 140.2, 150.7, 164.9, 169.2. ESI-HRMS [M+Na]⁺ C₂₀H₁₉BrO₇Na calcd for m/z 473.0211, found 473.0206.

Diethyl 2,6-dimethoxy-6H-benzo[c]chromene-8,10-dicarboxylate (7q): Yield: 20 mg (60%) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.32 (t, 3H, J = 7.0), 1.42 (t, 3H, J = 7.0), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.40 (m, 4H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 6.94 (dd, 1H, J = 9.0, 3.5), 7.07 (d, 1H, J = 3.0), 7.12 (d, 1H, J = 9.0), 8.10 (d, 1H, J = 1.5), 8.25 (d, 1H, J = 1.5); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 14.3, 30.9, 55.7, 61.4, 62.0, 98.7, 111.9, 117.2, 119.3, 120.6, 129.2, 129.3, 130.0, 131.1, 131.5, 133.4, 145.3, 154.5, 165.1, 169.5. ESI-HRMS [M+Na]⁺ C₂₁H₂₂O₇Na calcd for m/z 409.1263, found 409.1260.

Diethyl 6-butoxy-2-methoxy-6H-benzo[c]chromene-8,10-dicarboxylate (7r): Yield: 15.2 mg (66%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.84 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.25 (m, 3H), 1.32 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.42 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.51 (m, 2H), 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.84 (m, 1H), 4.42 (m, 4H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 6.92 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.0, 3.0), 7.06 (m, 2H), 8.08 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 8.23 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 14.3, 19.1, 22.6, 29.6, 31.3, 55.7, 61.4, 61.9, 68.5, 97.7, 111.8, 117.1, 119.3, 120.6, 129.1, 129.2, 130.0, 130.9, 131.6, 133.7, 145.6, 154.3, 165.2, 169.6. ESI-HRMS [M+Na]⁺ C₂₄H₂₈O₇Na calcd for m/z 451.1732, found 451.1732.

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(A) COSY correlation for Trienamine A:





(B) HSQC correlation for Trienamine A with only one olefinic proton























(c) NH proton exchange experiment by addition of a drop of D₂O in CDCl₃ for trienamine A':

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