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# **Supporting Information**

Synthesis of Isochromene Derivatives using Intramolecular Benzylic C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-C(sp<sup>2</sup>) Bond

# Forming Heck Reaction on Vinylogous Carbonates

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# Genreral:

Melting points are recorded using Tempo melting point apparatus in capillary tubes and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on Nicolet 6700 spectrophotometer and JASCO FT IR-4100 spectrophotometer. 1H (400 MHz, 500 MHz) and 13C (100 MHz, 125 MHz) NMR spectrums were recorded on Bruker Avance 400 spectrophotometer and Bruker Avance 500 spectrophotometer, respectively. The chemical shifts (ppm) and coupling constants (Hz) are reported in the standard fashion with reference to chloroform. In the 13C NMR spectra, the nature of the carbons (C, CH, CH<sub>2</sub> or CH<sub>3</sub>) was determined by recording the DEPT-135 experiment, and is given in parentheses. High resolution mass measurements were carried out using Micromass Q-ToF instrument using direct inlet mode. Analytical thin-layer chromatographies (TLC) were performed on glass plates ( $7.5 \times 2.5$  and  $9 \times 5.0$  cm) coated with Merck or Acme's silica gel G containing 13% calcium sulfate as binder or on pre-coated 0.2 mm thick Merck 60 F<sub>245</sub> silica plates and various combinations of ethyl acetate and hexanes were used as eluent. Visualization of spots was accomplished by either exposure to iodine vapour or KMnO<sub>4</sub> stain. Acme's silica gel (100-200 mesh) was used for column chromatography (approximately 15-20 g per 1 g of the crude product). All small-scale dry reactions were carried out using standard syringe septum technique. Low temperature reactions were conducted in jullabo. Dry THF and dry ether were obtained by distillation over sodium-benzophenone ketyl. Dry dichloromethane and dry DMF were prepared by distilling over calcium hydride. All the commercial reagents were used as such without further purification.

#### Typical Procedure for the Synthesis of isochromenes in One Pot:

A Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with ethyl propiolate (1.1 mmol), chloroalcohol **15** (1.0 mmol), NMM (1.1 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (15 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hrs at room temperature until completion of starting material (TLC control) and then  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.05 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.10 mmol), was added to the above Schlenk tube. The reaction vessel was placed in an oil bath and heated at 100 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 2h. Reaction was quenched with sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and extracted with EtOAc (3x 10 mL) and dried (anhyd. Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Combined organic layer was concentrated under reduced

pressure and purification of residue on a silica gel column using EtOAc/Hexanes (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochromene derivative 6a (62%) as a colourless oil.

#### **Representative experimental procedures:**

#### *Ethyl 2-(1H-isochromen-3-yl)acetate (6a):*

To chloro vinylogous carbonate **5a** (50 mg, 0.196 mmol) in a sealed reaction tube were added  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2 mg, 5 mol%) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (6 mg, 10 mol%) under nitrogen atmosphere. This reaction tube was evacuated for some time. To this reaction tube, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.4 mL, 2.94 mmol) and dry DMF (2 mL) were added and it was heated to 100 °C with vigorous stirring. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC until disappearance of starting material. Reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (20 mL) and dried (anhyd. Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Evaporation of the solvent and purification of residue on a silica gel column using EtOAc/Hexanes (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochromene derivative **6a** (37 mg, 86%) as a colourless oil.

Physical appearance: colourless liquid.



**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.4 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**IR (neat):** 3542, 2982, 1730, 1647, 1475, 1375, 1200, 1045, 764, 672 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 169.9 (C), 151.1 (C), 131.3 (C), 128.3 (CH), 127.5 (C), 126.6 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 123.1 (CH), 104.5 (CH), 69.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 61.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**LRMS (ESI, M+ Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z 241.

**HRMS (ESI, M+Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> 241.0841, found 241.0832.

(E)-ethyl 3-(2-(acetoxymethyl)benzyloxy)acrylate (7):

Physical appearance: viscous liquid.

OAc O\_CO<sub>2</sub>Et

**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.8 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**IR (neat):** 2928, 2852, 1742, 1711, 1643, 1626, 1458, 1382, 1324, 1234, 1134, 1045 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.66 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 4H), 5.33 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.98 (s, 2H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, 3H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 170.8 (C), 167.7 (C), 161.8 (CH), 134.5 (C), 133.9 (C), 130.2 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 97.8 (CH), 70.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 63.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

LRMS (ESI, M+ Na<sup>+</sup>): m/z 301.

**HRMS (ESI, M+Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub> 301.1052, found 301.1045.

# *Ethyl 2-(6,7-dimethoxy-1H-isochromen-3-yl)acetate (6b):*

The chloro vinylogous carbonate **5b** (45 mg, 0.15 mmol) was treated with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (4 mg, 10 mol%) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.3 mL, 2.24 mmol) in dry DMF (3 mL) as

described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/Hexanes (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochromene derivative **6b** (31 mg, 74 %) as a viscous liquid.



Physical appearance: viscous liquid.

**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.6 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**IR (neat):** 2978, 2835, 1737, 1653, 1609, 1511, 1465, 1456, 1391, 1284, 1249, 1232, 1121, 1039, 999, 861, 837, 753 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 6H), 3.20 (s, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 170.0 (C), 149.5 (C), 148.9 (C), 147.9 (C), 124.3 (C), 119.7 (C), 108.0 (CH), 107.2 (CH), 104.2 (CH), 68.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 61.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 56.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 39.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

LRMS (ESI, M+ H<sup>+</sup>): m/z 279.

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 279.1232, found 279.1241.

#### Ethyl 2-(1-methyl-1H-isochromen-3-yl)acetate (6c):

The chloro vinylogous carbonate **5c** (51 mg, 0.19 mmol) was treated with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5 mg, 10 mol%) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.4 mL, 2.86 mmol) in dry DMF (3 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/Hexanes (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochromene derivative **6c** (32 mg, 72 %) as a viscous liquid.

Physical appearance: viscous liquid.

**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.4 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

IR (neat): 3442, 2983, 1736, 1657, 1375, 1338, 1282, 1190, 1132, 1030, 762 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 5.28 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (s, 2H), 1.56 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 169.8 (C), 149.2 (C), 132.0 (C), 130.5 (C), 127.9 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 123.4 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 103.6 (CH), 74.7 (CH), 61.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**LRMS (ESI, M+ Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z 255.

**HRMS (ESI, M+Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na 255.0997, found 255.1003.

Ethyl 2-(1-butyl-1H-isochromen-3-yl)acetate (6d):



The chloro vinylogous carbonate **5d** (88 mg, 0.28 mmol) was treated with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (3 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (8 mg, 10 mol%) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.6 mL, 4.25 mmol) in dry DMF (4 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/Hexanes (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochromene derivative **6d** (52 mg, 67 %) as a viscous liquid.

Physical appearance: viscous liquid.



**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.4 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**IR (neat):** 2956, 2932, 2859, 1740, 1656, 1488, 1457, 1385, 1251, 1149, 1034, 751 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 5.11 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (s, 2H), 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.71 (dddd, *J* = 14.8, 9.6, 4.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.40-1.50 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.35 (m, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 169.8 (C), 148.8 (C), 130.9 (C), 130.3 (C), 127.7 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 103.2 (CH), 78.6 (CH), 61.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**LRMS (ESI, M+ H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z 275.

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 275.1647, found 275.1635.

# Ethyl 2-(1-isopropyl-1H-isochromen-3-yl)acetate (6e):

The chloro vinylogous carbonate **5e** (62 mg, 0.21 mmol) was treated with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (6 mg, 10 mol%), and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.4 mL, 3.12 mmol) in dry DMF (4 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography

using EtOAc/Hexanes (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochromene derivative **6e** (38 mg, 70 %) as a viscous liquid.

Physical appearance: viscous liquid.



**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.4 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

IR (neat): 2975, 2962, 2927, 1740, 1656, 1489, 1468, 1455, 1383, 1367, 1149, 1015 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 4.85 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (s, 2H), 2.25-2.15 (m, 1H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.01 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 169.8 (C), 149.2 (C), 130.8 (C), 129.3 (C), 127.8 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 103.0 (CH), 83.9 (CH), 61.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.9 (CH), 19.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**LRMS (ESI, M+ H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z 261.

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 261.1491, found 261.1488.

# Ethyl 2-(3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-1H-isochromen-1-yl)-2-methylpropanoate (6f):

The chloro vinylogous carbonate **5f** (100 mg, 0.27 mmol) was treated with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (3 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (7 mg, 10 mol%) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.6 mL, 4.07 mmol) in dry DMF (4 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/Hexanes (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochromene derivative **6f** (60 mg, 67 %) as a viscous liquid.

Physical appearance: viscous liquid.

**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.6 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**IR (neat):** 2980, 1738, 1662, 1625, 1578, 1491, 1388, 1367, 1254, 1174, 1031, 946, 894, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

6f

CO<sub>2</sub>Et

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.18 (td, *J* = 12.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, *J* = 12.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 2H), 4.18 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (s, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 175.8 (C), 169.5 (C), 149.6 (C), 131.5 (C), 128.4 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 125.8 (C), 123.5 (CH), 102.5 (CH), 82.6 (CH), 61.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.7 (C), 40.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**LRMS (ESI, M+ Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z 355.

**HRMS (ESI, M+Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na 355.1521, found 355.1505.

#### Methyl-1-(3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-1H-isochromen-1-yl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (6g):

The chloro vinylogous carbonate **5g** (90 mg, 0.23 mmol) was treated with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (3 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (6 mg, 10 mol%) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.5 mL, 4.03 mmol) in dry DMF (4 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/Hexanes (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochromene derivative **6g** (59 mg, 72 %) as a viscous liquid.

6g ℃O₂Me

Physical appearance: viscous liquid.

**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.7 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

IR (neat): 2998, 1742, 1662, 1487, 1448, 1385, 1371, 1305, 1213, 1013, 943, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.17 (AB quart., *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (dd, *J* = 20, 13.2 Hz, 2H), 1.65-1.55 (m, 5H), 1.40-1.15 (m, 5H), 1.05-1.00 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 174.5 (C), 169.4 (C), 149.9 (C), 131.4 (C), 128.5 (CH), 126.5 (C), 125.9 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 102.6 (CH), 84.3 (CH), 61.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.7 (C), 51.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**LRMS (ESI, M+ H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z 359.

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 359.1858, found 359.1843.

#### Ethyl 2-(1-phenyl-1H-isochromen-3-yl)acetate (6i):

The chloro vinylogous carbonate **5i** (87 mg, 0.246 mmol) was treated with Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (3 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (7 mg, 10 mol%) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.5 mL, 3.70 mmol) in dry DMF (4 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/Hexanes (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochromene derivative **6i** (65 mg, 88 %) as a viscous liquid.

Physical appearance: viscous liquid.



**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.5 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**IR (neat):** 2921, 2850, 2358, 1733, 1598, 1453, 1374, 1189, 1050, 1027, 933, 758, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.36 (s, 5H), 7.22 (td, *J* = 6.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, *J* = 6.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 4.15-4.00 (m, 2H), 3.21 (AB quart., *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 169.6 (C), 149.7 (C), 139.9 (C), 131.1 (C), 129.89 (C), 128.5 (3xCH), 128.3 (2xCH), 126.7 (2xCH), 125.5 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 104.2 (CH), 80.6 (CH), 61.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

LRMS (ESI, M+ H<sup>+</sup>): m/z 295.

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 295.1334, found 295.1322.

#### Ethyl 2-(1-(p-tolyl)-1H-isochromen-3-yl)acetate (6j):

The chloro vinylogous carbonate **5j** (95 mg, 0.276 mmol) was treated with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (3 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (7 mg, 10 mol%) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.6 mL, 4.140 mmol) in dry DMF (4 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/Pet ether (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochromene derivative **6j** (70 mg, 82 %) as a colourless liquid.

Physical appearance: colourless liquid.



**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.5 (1:9, EtOAc:Pet ether).

IR (neat): 2982, 1738, 1654, 1483, 1371, 1254, 1149, 1032, 912, 802, 753 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.25 (bt, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.20 (bt, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (bd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (bd, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 4.20-4.00 (m, 2H), 3.22 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 169.6 (C), 149.7 (C), 138.2 (C), 136.9 (C), 131.1 (C), 130.0 (C), 129.1 (2xCH), 128.2 (3xCH), 126.6 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 104.1 (CH), 80.4 (CH), 61.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

LRMS (ESI, M+ Na<sup>+</sup>): m/z 331.

**HRMS (ESI, M+Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> 331.1301, found 331.1307.

# *Ethyl 2-(1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-1H-isochromen-3-yl)acetate (6k):*

The chloro vinylogous carbonate **5k** (105 mg, 0.293 mmol) was treated with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (4 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (8 mg, 10 mol%) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.6 mL, 4.396 mmol) in dry DMF (4 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/Pet ether (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochromene derivative **6k** (68 mg, 72 %) as a colourless liquid.

Physical appearance: colourless liquid.

**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.5 (1:9, EtOAc:Pet ether).

**IR (neat):** 3012, 1738, 1655, 1602, 1483, 1455, 1339, 1251, 1151, 1032, 917, 809, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.22 (bt, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (bd, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 4.20-4.05 (m, 2H), 3.25 (AB, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 169.7 (C), 150.5 (C), 137.0 (C), 135.5 (C), 134.0 (C), 131.7 (C), 130.7 (CH), 129.8 (C), 129.6 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 123.1 (CH), 104.2 (CH), 78.9 (CH), 61.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**LRMS (ESI, M+ Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z 345.

**HRMS (ESI, M+Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> 345.1461, found 345.1462.

# ethyl 2-(6-nitro-1H-isochromen-3-yl)acetate (6l):

The chloro vinylogous carbonate **5l** (80 mg, 0.27 mmol) was treated with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (4 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (8 mg, 10 mol%) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.56 mL, 4 mmol) in dry DMF (3 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/Hexanes (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochromene derivative **6l** (46 mg, 65 %) as a viscous liquid.

Physical appearance: viscous liquid.

**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.8 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

**IR (neat):** 2950, 1736, 1526, 1349, 1258, 1155, 1038, 911, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.99 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (s, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 169.3 (C), 153.6 (C), 148.4 (C), 133.8 (C), 133.0 (C), 124.8 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 117.5 (CH), 103.4 (CH), 68.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 61.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**LRMS (ESI, M+ H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z 264.

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> 264.0866, found 264.0861.



### 2-(isochroman-3-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (10a):

The chloro vinylogous ester **9a** (65 mg, 0.227 mmol) was treated with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (3 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (6 mg, 10 mol%) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.5 mL, 3.40 mmol) in dry DMF (3 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/Pet ether (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochroman derivative **10a** (30 mg, 52 %) as a colourless liquid.

Physical appearance: colourless liquid.



**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.4 (1:9, EtOAc:Pet ether).

IR (neat): 3061,2925, 1686, 1597. 1495, 1448, 1372, 1297, 1204, 1096, 1036, 1001, 910, 825, 747, 690, 650 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.01 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (tt, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (AB, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 2H), 4.40-4.35 (m, 1H), 3.50 (ABX, *J* = 16.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (ABX, *J* = 16.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.95-2.80 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 198.0 (C), 137.2 (C), 134.6 (C), 133.4 (CH), 133.0 (C), 129.0 (CH), 128.8 (2xCH), 128.4 (2xCH), 126.6 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 71.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

**LRMS (ESI, M+ Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z 275.

**HRMS (ESI, M+Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> 275.1043, found 275.1040.

#### 2-((1S,3S)-1-butylisochroman-3-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (10b):

The chloro vinylogous ester **9b** (55 mg, 0.161 mmol) was treated with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (4 mg, 10 mol%) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.4 mL, 2.411 mmol) in dry DMF (2 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography

using EtOAc/Pet ether (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochroman derivative **10b** (35 mg, 71 %, combined with **11b**) as a colourless liquid.

Physical appearance: colourless liquid.

**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.4 (1:9, EtOAc:Pet ether).

**IR (neat):** 2931, 1687, 1597, 1450, 1365, 1254, 1109, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.02 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.05 (m, 2H), 4.77 (bd, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.35-4.30 (m, 1H), 3.50 (ABX, J = 16.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (ABX, J = 16.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.90-2.85 (m, 2H), 2.00-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.35-1.25 (m, 4H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 198.7 (C), 138.4 (C), 137.5 (C), 134.0 (C), 133.2 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.7 (2xCH), 128.5 (2xCH), 126.3 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 76.8 (CH), 71.3 (CH), 45.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>).
LRMS (ESI, M+ Na<sup>+</sup>): m/z 331.

**HRMS (ESI, M+Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> 331.1669, found 331.1668.

# 2-(1-butyl-1H-isochromen-3-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (11b):

The chloro vinylogous ester **9b** (55 mg, 0.161 mmol) was treated with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (4 mg, 10 mol%) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.4 mL, 2.411 mmol) in dry DMF (2 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/Pet ether (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochromene derivative **11b** (35 mg, 71 %, combined with **10b**) as a colourless liquid.

Physical appearance: colourless liquid.

**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.4 (1:9, EtOAc:Pet ether).

IR (neat): 3048, 2931, 1687, 1597, 1450, 1365, 1254, 1109, 1000, 910, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



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11b <sup>n</sup>Bu

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.05-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.93 (bd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 5.08 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 2.00-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.35-1.25 (m, 4H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 196.1 (C), 136.7 (C), 133.4 (C), 130.9 (C), 130.5 (C), 128.8 (2xCH), 128.7 (2xCH), 127.9 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 103.6 (CH), 78.7 (CH), 44.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). LRMS (ESI, M+ Na<sup>+</sup>): m/z 329.

**HRMS (ESI, M+Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> 329.1512, found 329.1510.

# 2-((1S,3S)-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)isochroman-3-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (10c):

The chloro vinylogous ester 9c (50 mg, 0.128 mmol) was treated with Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (4 mg, 10 mol%) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.3 mL, 1.922 mmol) in dry DMF (2 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/Pet ether (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochroman derivative **10c** (25 mg, 78 % combined with **11c**) as a Yellowish liquid.

Physical appearance: Yellowish liquid.

**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.6 (1:9, EtOAc:Pet ether).

**IR (neat):** 2923, 1687, 1450, 1334, 1268, 1210, 1152, 988, 907, 811 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.99 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.00 (m, 6H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 4.65-4.60 (m, 1H), 3.57 (ABX, *J* = 17.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (ABX, *J* = 17.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.05-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 197.8 (C), 137.8 (C), 136.9 (C), 135.5 (C), 135.5 (C), 133.8 (C), 133.3 (CH), 131.0 (C), 130.7 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.7 (2xCH),

128.6 (CH), 128.3 (2xCH), 126.6 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 78.8 (CH), 71.8 (CH), 45.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

LRMS (ESI, M+ Na<sup>+</sup>): m/z 379.

HRMS (ESI, M+Na<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> 379.1669, found 379.1662.

# 2-(1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-1H-isochromen-3-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (11c):

The chloro vinylogous ester **9c** (50 mg, 0.128 mmol) was treated with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (4 mg, 10 mol%) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.3 mL, 1.922 mmol) in dry DMF (2 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/Pet ether (1:19) as eluent furnished the isochromene derivative **11c** (25 mg, 78 % combined with **10c**) as a Yellowish liquid.

Physical appearance: Yellowish liquid.

**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.6 (1:9, EtOAc:Pet ether).

IR (neat): 3044, 2923, 1687, 1600, 1450, 1334, 1210, 1153, 1106, 988, 907, 811, 751cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.94 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.10 (m, 6H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 3.85 (AB quart., *J* = 15.7 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 195.8 (C), 151.2 (C), 139.6 (C), 137.2 (C), 136.5 (C), 134.0 (CH), 133.9 (C), 131.8 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 129.8 (C), 129.2 (CH), 128.7 (2xCH), 128.6 (2xCH), 128.2 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 125.0 (C), 124.8 (CH), 104.7 (CH) 78.0 (CH), 44.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**LRMS (ESI, M+ Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z 377.

**HRMS (ESI, M+Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> 377.1512, found 377.1517.

(E)-ethyl 3-(3-methylene-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yloxy)acrylate (14):



The chloro vinylogous carbonate **5m** (79 mg, 0.27 mmol) was treated with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (3.0 mg, 5 mol %), PPh<sub>3</sub> (7.05 mg, 10 mol%), and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.561 mL, 4.03 mmol) in dry DMF (4 mL) as described for compound **6a** followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/Hexanes (1:19) as eluent furnished the tetrahydronaphthalene derivative **14** (50 mg, 72 %) as a viscous liquid.

Physical appearance: viscous liquid.

**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.5 (1:9, EtOAc:Hexanes).

IR (neat): 2982, 2930, 1705, 1640, 1456, 1371, 1199, 1128, 1044, 955, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (AB quart., *J* = 18.8 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 168.2 (C), 161.4 (CH), 139.5 (C), 136.8 (C), 133.8 (C), 129.1 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 122.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 98.3 (CH), 80.2 (CH), 59.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**LRMS (ESI, M+ Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z 281.

**HRMS (ESI, M+Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na 281.1148, found 281.1147.

# ethyl 2-((1S,3S)-1-methylisochroman-3-yl)acetate (16):

Isochromene derivative **6c** (54 mg, 0.232mmol) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (8 ml) in a flame dried RB flask. Then 10% Pd/C (10.8 mg, 20% W/W) was added and stirred under hydrogen atmosphere (H<sub>2</sub> balloon). Once starting material was consumed (TLC control), reaction mixture was filtered through celite pad. Resulting solution was concentrated and

purified by sílica gel column chromatography using ethyl acetate-Pet ether (1:9) to furnish ischroman derivative **16** (43 mg, 80%) as colourless liquid.

Physical appearance: colourless liquid.



**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.4 (1:9, EtOAc:Pet ether).

IR (neat): 3065, 2981, 2933, 1733, 1493, 1450, 1399, 1338, 1219, 1150, 1104, 1042, 1027, 948, 857, 764 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.10 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.15 (m, 3H), 2.85-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.74 (ABX, *J* = 15.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (ABX, *J* = 15.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 171.2 (C), 139.3 (C), 133.1 (C), 128.8 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 73.5 (CH), 71.2 (CH), 60.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

LRMS (ESI, M+ H<sup>+</sup>): m/z 235.

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 235.1334, found 235.1345.

## 3,3a,5,9b-tetrahydro-2H-furo[3,2-c]isochromen-2-one (17):

To a stirred solution of isochromene **6a** (120 mg, 0.550 mmol) in dry  $CH_2Cl_2$ , *m*-CPBA (123 mg, 0.7151 mmol) was added at 0 °C. Resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature until disappearance of starting material. Reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . Combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. This crude reaction mixture was dissolved in freshly distilled dry  $CH_2Cl_2$ , cooled to 0 °C and triethylsilane (96 µl, 0.605 mmol) and TMSOTf (109 µl, 0.605 mmol) were successively added. Reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C until complete consumption of starting material (TLC control). Reaction was quenched with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . Combined organic layer was dried (anhyd. Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and

(4:6) to furnish lactone **17** (65 mg, 62%) as a white solid.

Physical appearance: White solid.

**R**<sub>f</sub>: 0.3 (4:6, EtOAc:Pet ether).

M.P.: 76-78 °C.

**IR (neat):** 2916, 2873, 1780, 1766, 1599, 1340, 1268, 1192, 1156, 1089, 948, 885, 948 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.50 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT):** δ 174.8 (C), 135.2 (C), 130.8 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.7 (C), 124.5 (CH), 75.6 (CH), 73.4 (CH), 66.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

**LRMS (ESI, M+ H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z 191.

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 191.0708, found 191.0714.

# 3,3a-dihydro-2H-furo[3,2-c]isochromene-2,5(9bH)-dione (18):

To the solution of lactone derivative 17 (45 mg, 0.236 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$ , PCC (152 mg, 0.710 mmol) was added portion wise under inert atmosphere. Reaction mixture was heated at 60 °C. Once starting material was consumed (TLC control), reaction mixture was passed through celite pad. Resulting solution was concentrated and the residue was purified by sílica gel coloumn chromatography using ethyl acetate-Pet ether (5:5) to give bis-lactone derivative 18 (28 mg, 58%) as a white solid.

Physical appearance: White solid.

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.2 (5:5, EtOAc:Pet ether) **M.P.:** 148-150 °C.

**IR (neat):** 2917, 2849, 1780, 1721, 1460, 1391, 1354, 1277, 1263, 1116, 1095, 766 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (q, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DEPT): δ 173.0 (C), 161.9 (C), 135.0 (CH), 131.7 (CH), 131.5 (C), 130.9 (CH), 130.3 (CH), 123.9 (C), 76.0 (CH), 73.8 (CH), 38.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

**LRMS (ESI, M+ Na<sup>+</sup>):** m/z 205.

**HRMS (ESI, M+H<sup>+</sup>):** m/z calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 205.0501, found 205.0511.



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