# Hydroxyl-Directed C–H Carbonylation Enabled by Mono-*N*-Protected Amino Acid Ligands: An Expedient Route to 1-Isochromanones

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#### **General Information**

All solvents were used as received from commercial sources without further purification. Anhydrous solvents were prepared according to standard methods.<sup>1</sup> The preparation of starting materials **1a–1t** has previously been described by our group<sup>2,3</sup> based on earlier literature precedent.<sup>4</sup> **1u** was prepared according to a literature procedure.<sup>5</sup> Reagents used to prepare these alcohol substrates were purchased from Acros, Sigma-Aldrich, TCI and Alfa-Aesar and were used as received without further purification. Commercially available amino acid ligands were purchased from Bachem, EMD, or Novabiochem. (+)-Menthyl(O<sub>2</sub>C)-Leu-OH was prepared according to our group's previous report.<sup>6</sup> Palladium acetate was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used without further purification. Dichloromethane was purchased from Acros and used without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker-AV (400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively) and Bruker-DRX (500 MHz and 125 MHz, respectively) instruments internally referenced to TMS or residual chloroform signals. High resolution mass spectra were recorded at the Center for Mass Spectrometry, The Scripps Research Institute.

## Experimental Section for Hydroxyl-Directed C–H Carbonylation

Me	Me He Me Pd(C C	DAc) <sub>2</sub> (20 mol% <mark>O</mark> (1 atm), solv	), Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1 ent, 80 °C, 4	equiv.) 8 h	Me Me
Entry	Solvent	% Conv. <sup>a</sup>	Entry	Solvent	% Conv. <sup>a</sup>
1	EtOAc	<1	6	MeCN	0
2	<i>t-</i> BuOH	0	7	1,4-dioxane	4
3	DMF	0	8	DCM	12
4	THF	<1	9	$C_6F_6$	<1
5	<i>n</i> -hexanes	5			

Table S1: Solvent screening

<sup>*a*</sup> The conversion was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture using  $CH_2Br_2$  as an internal standard.

**Solvent screening for hydroxyl-directed C–H carbonylation:** To a 50 mL Schlenk-type sealed tube (with a Teflon high pressure valve and side arm) equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, were added Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol), 2-methyl-1-(*m*-tolyl)propan-2-ol (**2c**) (32.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (14.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), solvent (2 mL). The tube was evacuated then back-filled with CO (×3, balloon), capped, and heated to 80 °C for 48 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the conversion was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude material using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as an internal standard.

#### Table S2: Oxidant screening

Me	Me Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1 equiv.) Me				Me Me	
H OH CO (1 atm), DCM, 80 °C, 48 h OH Oxidant						
	Entry	Oxidant (equiv.)	% Conv. <sup>a</sup>	Entry	Oxidant (equiv.)	% Conv. <sup>a</sup>
	1	AgOAc (2)	38	5 <sup>b</sup>	AgOAc (4)	5
	2	AgOAc (3)	35	6	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2) / Cu(OAc)	(2) 0
	3	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	4	7	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2) / Cu(OAc) (	(1) <1
	4	Ag <sub>2</sub> O (2)	9	8	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1) / Cu(OAc)	(1) 0

<sup>*a*</sup> The conversion was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture using  $CH_2Br_2$  as an internal standard. <sup>*b*</sup> CO/N<sub>2</sub> = 1:1.

**Oxidant screening for hydroxyl-directed C–H carbonylation:** To a 50 mL Schlenk-type sealed tube (with a Teflon high pressure valve and side arm) equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, were added  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol), 2-methyl-1-(m-tolyl)propan-2-ol (**2c**) (30.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), oxidant, Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (14.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), dichloromethane (5.0 mL). The tube was evacuated then back-filled with CO (×3, balloon), capped, and heated to 80 °C for 48 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the conversion was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude material using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as an internal standard.

#### Table S3: Ligand screening

	Me Me H OH AgO 2a Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ( Ligand (2 Ac (3.0 equ (1.0 equiv.)	10 mol <sup>6</sup> 0 mol% iv.), <b>CC</b> , DCM,	%), b) (1 atm), 80 °C, 48 h	Me Me 0 3a
Entry	Ligand	% Conv. <sup>a</sup>	Entry	Ligand	% Conv. <sup>a</sup>
1	_	35	9	Boc-Acpc-OH	53
2	Boc-Ile-OH-0.5 H	<sub>2</sub> O 46	10	Boc-tert-Leu-Oł	H 7
3	Boc-Ala-OH	27	11	Boc-Leu-OH·H <sub>2</sub>	O 66
4	Boc-Phe-OH	26	12	Ac-Leu-OH	35
5	Boc-Ser-OH	5	13	Fmoc-Leu-OH	20
6	Boc-Nva-OH	54	14	Bz-Leu-OH	12
7	Boc-Nle-OH	34	15	(+)-Men-Leu-OF	H 67
8	Boc-α-Me-Ala-Oł	H 5			

<sup>*a*</sup> The conversion was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture using  $CH_2Br_2$  as an internal standard. (+)-Men-Leu-OH = (+)-Menthyl(O<sub>2</sub>C)-Leu-OH.

**Ligand screening for hydroxyl-directed C–H carbonylation:** To a 50 mL Schlenk-type sealed tube (with a Teflon high pressure valve and side arm) equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, were added  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (4.5 mg, 0.02mmol, 10 mol%), 2-methyl-1-phenylpropan-2-ol (**2a**) (30.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), ligand (0.04 mmol), AgOAc (100.1 mg, 0.60 mmol), Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (14.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), dichloromethane (5.0mL). The tube was evacuated then back-filled with CO (×3, balloon), capped, and heated to 80 °C for 48 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the conversion was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude material using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as an internal standard.

Me	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), (+)-Men-Leu-OH (20 mol%), AgOAc (3 equiv.)	MeO Me		
MeO H OH	Ei <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1 equiv.), CO (1 atm), DCM, Temp., 48 h	MeO		
Entry	Temp. [°C]	% Conv. <sup>a</sup>		
1	80	59		
2	90	93		
3	110	95		

#### Table S4: Temperature screening

<sup>*a*</sup> The conversion was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture using  $CH_2Br_2$  as an internal standard. (+)-Men-Leu-OH = (+)-Menthyl(O<sub>2</sub>C)-Leu-OH.

**Temperature screening for hydroxyl-directed C–H carbonylation:** To a 50 mL Schlenk-type sealed tube (with a Teflon high pressure valve and side arm) equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, were added  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), 1-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropan-2-ol (**2h**) (30.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), (+)-Men-Leu-OH (12.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), AgOAc (100.1 mg, 0.60 mmol), Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (14.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), dichloromethane (5.0 mL). The tube was evacuated then back-filled with CO (×3, balloon), capped, and heated to different temperatures for 48 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the conversion was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude material using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as an internal standard.

## **General procedures**

General procedure for hydroxyl-directed C-H carbonylation: A 50 mL Schlenk-type sealed tube (with a Teflon high pressure valve and side arm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the phenethyl alcohol 2 (0.20 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol), Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (73.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), (+)-Menthyl(O<sub>2</sub>C)-Leu-OH (12.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), AgOAc (100.1 mg, 0.60 mmol), and dichloromethane (5.0 mL). The tube was evacuated then back-filled with CO (×3, balloon), capped, and heated to 110 °C for 48 hours. *A note of caution: these reactions were performed at a temperature that is well above the boiling point of DCM (approximately 40 °C), leading to substantial pressure build-up in the sealed reaction vessel. As such, proper precautions (including the use of a blast shield) should be taken when performing these experiments. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated <i>in vacuo*, and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc as the eluent.

Characterization of new compounds

3,3-Dimethylisochroman-1-one (3a):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (td, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.03 (s, 2 H), 1.47 (s, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 165.08, 138.05, 133.74, 130.06, 127.91, 127.51, 124.81, 80.66, 39.47, 27.55 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 177.0910, found 177.0907.

# 3,3,5-Trimethylisochroman-1-one (3b):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.94 (s, 2 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 1.47 (s, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 165.47, 136.50, 135.53, 135.11, 127.89, 126.83, 124.75, 79.84, 36.39, 27.79, 18.88 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 191.1067, found 191.1069.

## **3,3,6-Trimethylisochroman-1-one (3c)**:



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.02 (s, 1 H), 2.97 (s, 2 H), 2.40 (s, 3 H), 1.45 (s, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 165.20, 144.65, 138.06, 128.46, 128.33, 122.09, 80.49, 39.42, 27.52, 21.69 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 191.1067, found 191.1069.

3,3,7-Trimethylisochroman-1-one (3d):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.91 (s, 1 H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.98 (s, 2 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 1.45 (s, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 165.35, 137.30, 135.04, 134.56, 130.30, 127.79, 124.48, 80.70, 39.07, 27.50, 20.95 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 191.1067, found 191.1069.

#### 3,3,6,8-Tetramethylisochroman-1-one (3e):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 6.99$  (s, 1 H), 6.84 (s, 1 H), 2.93 (s, 2 H), 2.64 (s, 3 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 1.41 (s, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 164.51$ , 143.30, 142.63, 139.11, 131.77, 126.50, 120.57, 79.30, 40.50, 27.23, 21.36 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 205.1223, found 205.1219.

# 6-Methoxy-3,3-dipropylisochroman-1-one (3f):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.87 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 2.98 (s, 2 H), 1.45 (s, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 164.97, 163.85, 140.35, 132.28, 117.27, 113.03, 112.80, 80.24, 55.44, 39.72, 27.46 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 207.1016, found 207.1021.

7-Methoxy-3,3-dimethylisochroman-1-one (3g):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.60 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 2.96 (s, 2 H), 1.46 (s, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 165.15, 158.85, 130.24, 129.03, 125.51, 121.51, 112.81, 81.02, 55.55, 38.63, 27.46 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 207.1016, found 207.1017.

6,7-Dimethoxy-3,3-dimethylisochroman-1-one (3h):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.56 (s, 1 H), 6.66 (s, 1 H), 3.95 (s, 3 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 2.95 (s, 2 H), 1.47 (s, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 165.06, 153.64, 148.21, 132.30, 116.79, 111.62, 109.79, 80.56, 56.07, 39.02, 27.46 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 237.1121, found 237.1123.

# 5-Fluoro-3,3-dimethylisochroman-1-one (3i):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 1 H),7.30 (td, *J*<sub>*I*</sub> = 8.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.04 (s, 2 H), 1.49 (s, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 163.91 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 159.43 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 245.5 Hz), 128.24 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.8 Hz), 126.61 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.4 Hz), 125.71 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.5 Hz), 125.11 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.9 Hz), 120.30 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.3 Hz), 80.66,

32.16 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.2$  Hz), 27.68 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for  $C_{11}H_{12}FO_2$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 195.0816, found 195.0818.

## 7-Fluoro-3,3-dimethylisochroman-1-one (3j):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.78 (dd,  $J_I$  = 8.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.27–7.20 (m, 2 H), 3.00 (s, 2 H), 1.46 (s, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 164.01 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 2.5 Hz), 161.76 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 245.4 Hz),133.72 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.1 Hz), 129.66 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 7.4 Hz), 126.48 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 7.5 Hz), 121.03 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 21.8 Hz), 116.52 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 23.0 Hz), 81.11, 38.73, 27.47 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FO<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 195.0816, found 195.0821.

# 5-Chloro-3,3-dimethylisochroman-1-one (3k):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.05 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 0.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.61 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 0.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (t,  $J_1$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 0.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.12 (s, 2 H), 1.49 (s, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 164.13, 136.00, 134.17, 133.28, 128.62, 128.10, 126.66, 80.27, 36.62, 27.71 ppm; HRMS(ESI) *m*/*z* Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 211.0526, [(M+H)+2]<sup>+</sup> 213.0496, found 211.0522, 213.0495, (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: [(M+2)+H]<sup>+</sup>= 3:1.

6-Chloro-3,3-dimethylisochroman-1-one (3l):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.04$  (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.36 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.00 (s, 2 H), 1.47 (s, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 164.18$ , 140.09, 139.75, 131.60, 128.00, 123.27, 80.74, 39.23, 27.51 ppm; HRMS(ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 211.0526, found 211.0528.

## 7-Chloro-3,3-dimethylisochroman-1-one (3m):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.08 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.00 (s, 2 H), 1.46 (s, 6 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 163.86, 136.29, 133.54, 129.38, 126.30, 80.97, 38.90, 27.51; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 211.0526, found 211.0522.

#### 5-Bromo-3,3-dimethylisochroman-1-one (3n):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.09$  (dd,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 0.5$  Hz, 1 H), 7.78 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.5$  Hz, 1 H), 7.28 (td,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 0.5$  Hz, 1 H), 3.11 (s, 2 H), 1.49 (s, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 164.16$ , 137.79, 137.43, 129.29, 128.53, 126.83, 123.52, 80.23, 39.40, 27.68 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 255.0015, [(M+H)+2]<sup>+</sup> 257.0000, found 255.0022, 2557.0002, (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: [(M+2)+H]<sup>+</sup>= 1:1.

7-Bromo-3,3-dimethylisochroman-1-one (30):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.24 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (dd, *J<sub>I</sub>* = 8.0 Hz, *J<sub>2</sub>* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.98 (s, 2 H), 1.46 (s, 6 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 163.72, 136.78, 136.66, 132.87, 129.62, 126.52, 121.17, 80.93, 38.95, 27.51; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 255.0015, [(M+H)+2]<sup>+</sup> 257.0000, found 255.0017, 256.9995, (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: [(M+2)+H]<sup>+</sup>= 1:1.

#### **3-Benzyl-3-methylisochroman-1-one (3p)**:



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (td, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 2 H), 7.27–7.23 (m, 1 H), 7.21–7.18 (m, 3 H), 3.09–2.85 (m, 4 H), 1.41 (s, 3 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 164.84, 137.89, 135.86, 133.88, 130.54, 130.06, 128.30, 127.99, 127.52, 126.94, 125.03, 82.76, 46.26, 36.84, 25.46 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 253.1223, found 253.1224.

#### 3-iso-butyl-6,7-dimethoxy-3-methylisochroman-1-one (3q):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.56 (s, 1 H), 6.64 (s, 1 H), 3.94 (s, 3 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 3.03 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.87 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.95–1.87 (m, 1 H), 1.70 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.5$  Hz,  $J_2 = 6.5$  Hz, 2 H), 1.59 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.5$  Hz,  $J_2 = 5.5$  Hz, 2 H), 1.44 (s, 3 H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3 H), 0.96

(d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 164.99$ , 153.62, 148.17, 132.28, 117.06, 111.60, 109.83, 83.13, 56.08, 48.62, 38.17, 25.42, 24.51, 24.32, 24.08 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 279.1591, found 279.1588.

# 6-Methoxy-3,3-dipropylisochroman-1-one (3r):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz,1 H), 6.86 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 2.95 (s, 2 H), 1.73–1.59 (m, 2 H), 1.48–1.32 (m, 2 H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 164.97, 163.82, 140.31, 132.16, 117.72, 112.88, 112.81, 84.56, 55.43, 39.67, 36.04, 16.88, 14.32 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 263.1642, found 263.164.

## Spiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-isochroman]-1'-one (3s):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (td, *J*<sub>1</sub>= 7.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.01 (s, 2 H), 1.92–1.88 (m, 2 H), 1.82–1.74 (m, 2 H), 1.63–1.46 (m, 5 H), 1.41–1.33 (m, 1 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 165.00, 137.69, 133.68, 129.92, 128.00, 127.36, 125.19, 81.77, 38.15, 36.07, 25.28, 21.62 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 217.1223, found 217.1219.

#### **3,3,4-Trimethylisochroman-1-one (3t)**:



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.08 (dd,  $J_I$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.55 (t,  $J_I$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (td,  $J_I$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.98 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 1.43 (s, 3 H), 1.39 (s, 3 H), 1.32 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 164.96, 144.12, 133.93, 129.91, 127.20, 126.63, 124.13, 83.06, 41.23, 27.64, 23.89, 16.38 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 190.0994, found 190.0995.

#### tert-Butyl 1-oxospiro[isochroman-3,4'-piperidine]-1'-carboxylate (3u):



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.08$  (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.57–7.54 (m, 1 H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.85 (br, 2 H), 3.32 (br, 2 H), 3.03 (s, 2 H), 1.92 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 2 H), 1.68–1.62 (m, 2 H), 1.46 (s, 9 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 164.22$ , 154.53, 136.81, 133.98, 129.96, 128.01, 127.59, 124.68, 79.59, 79.22, 40.0–38.5 (br, 1 C), 38.40, 35.31, 28.27 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Na (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 340.1519, found 340.1520.

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