Supporting Information

for

Tandem aldehyde–alkyne–amine coupling/cycloisomerization: A new synthesis of coumarins

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General Information. All reagents were commercial and were used without further purification unless otherwise noted. Infrared spectra were recorded with FTIR as a thin film and are expressed in cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (200 or 300 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (50 or 75 MHz) spectra were recorded by using CDCl₃/DMSO as solvents and TMS as internal standard. Mass spectra were obtained on an ESI mass spectrometer and HR/ESI mass spectra were obtained on high resolution ESI mass spectrometer.

Experimental Section:

General Procedure for the synthesis of Coumarins [1]:

To a screw-cap vial containing a stir bar, 122 mg (1 mmol) of salicylaldehyde, 0.35 mL of ethoxyacetylene (40% by weight in hexanes, ca. 2 mmol), CuI (10 mol %), CH₃CN (2 ml) and pyrrolidine (25 mol %) were added. The reaction vial was fitted with a cap and heated at 100 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and filtered through a plug of silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (8–10% EtOAc in hexanes) to obtain pure **2a** in 62% yield (0.090 g).



2*H***-Chromen-2-one (2a) [2]:** (using general procedure, 94 mg of **2a** was obtained from 122 mg (1 mmol of **1a**) 65% yield; light brown solid, mp 81–83 °C; $R_f = 0.4$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 4:6); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.7 (d, 1H, J = 9.4 Hz); 7.56 (d, 1H, J = 2.9 Hz); 7.51 (t, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz); 7.3 (d, 1H, J = 2.9 Hz); 7.27 (t, 1H, J = 2.9 Hz); 6.43 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ :160.7, 154.0, 143.5, 131.8, 127.9, 124.4, 118.8, 116.8, 116.6; IR (KBr) v: 2924, 1709, 1449, 1105, 759; ESIMS m/z [M + H]⁺: 147.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₉H₆O₂ [M + H]⁺: 147.0401, found:147.0456.



8-Methyl-2*H***-chromen-2-one (2b) [3]:** (using general procedure, 108 mg of **2b** was obtained from 136 mg (1 mmol) of **1b**) 68% yield; white solid, mp 111–113 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 3:7); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.6 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz); 7.37 (d, 1H, J = 6.9 Hz); 7.3 (d, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz); 7.1 (t, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz); 6.4 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz); 2.4 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 160.9, 152.4, 143.7, 133.1, 126.3, 125.5, 123.9, 118.5, 116.2, 15.3.



7-Methyl-2*H***-chromen-2-one (2c) [4]:** (using general procedure, 124 mg of **2c** was obtained from 136 mg (1 mmol of **1c**) 78% yield; white solid, mp 165–167 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 3:7); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.6 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz); 7.3 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz); 7.1 (s, 1H); 7.0 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz); 6.3 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz); 2.4 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 161.1, 154.1, 143.4, 143.0, 127.5, 125.6, 116.9, 116.4, 115.3, 21.7.



8-Ethyl-2*H***-chromen-2-one (2d):** (using general procedure, 130 mg of **2d** was obtained from 150 mg (1 mmol of **1d**) 75% yield; light yellow oil; $R_f = 0.4$ (EtOAc/hexanes =2:8); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.7 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz); 7.4 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz); 7.3 (d, 1H, J = 6.8 Hz); 7.2 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz); 6.4 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz); 2.9 (q, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz); 1.2 (t, 3H, J = 7.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 161.0, 151.8, 144.0, 132.1, 131.6, 125.6, 124.2, 118.5, 116.1, 22.4,14.1.



8-Propyl-2*H***-chromen-2-one (2e):** (using general procedure, 150 mg of **2e** was obtained from 164 mg (1 mmol of **1e**) 80% yield; colorless oil; $R_{\rm f} = 0.5$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 2:8); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.7 (d, 1H, J = 9.7 Hz); 7.3 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz); 7.3 (d, 1H, J = 7.1 Hz); 7.2 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz); 6.4 (d, 1H, J = 9.7 Hz); 2.8 (t, 2H, J = 7.3 Hz); 1.7 (m, 2H); 0.9 (t, 3H, J = 7.3 Hz); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 160.9, 151.9, 144.0, 132.4, 130.5, 125.7, 124.0, 118.6, 116.0, 31.1, 22.8, 13.8.



8-Isopropyl-2*H***-chromen-2-one (2f):** (using general procedure, 154 mg of **2f** was obtained from 164 mg (1 mmol of **1f**) 82% yield; Colorless oil; $R_{\rm f} = 0.5$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 3:7); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.7 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz); 7.4 (d, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz); 7.3 (d, 1H, J = 6.4 Hz); 7.2 (t, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz); 6.4 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz); 3.6 (m, 1H); 1.3 (d, 6H, J = 6.9 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 160.8, 151.3, 144.0, 136.5, 128.9, 125.5, 124.2, 118.6, 116.0, 26.4, 22.5.



8-*tert*-**Butyl-***2H*-**chromen-2-one (2g) [3]:** (using general procedure, 101 mg of **2g** was obtained from 202 mg (1 mmol of **1g**) 50 % yield; brown oil; $R_f = 0.4$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 2:8); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.6 (d, 1H, J = 9.7 Hz); 7.5 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz); 7.3 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz); 7.2 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz); 6.4 (d, 1H, J = 9.7 Hz); 1.5 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 159.4, 152.1, 145.1, 136.6, 129.1, 126.9, 124.0, 119.1, 115.2, 34.4, 29.4; IR (KBr) v: 2926, 1640, 1219, 770, 671; ESIMS m/z [M + H]⁺: 203.2; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₄O₂ [M + H]⁺: 203.1027, found: 203.1036.



6-Methoxy-2*H***-chromen-2-one (2h) [5]:** (using general procedure, 149 mg of **2h** was obtained from 152 mg (1 mmol of **1h**) 85% yield; brown oil; $R_{\rm f} = 0.3$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 2:8); ¹H NMR (300 MHz CDCl₃) δ : 7.6 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz); 7.2 (d, 1H, J = 2.7 Hz); 7.1 (dd, 1H, J = 9.04, 2.7 Hz); 6.9 (d, 1H, J = 2.7 Hz); 6.4 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz); 3.8 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 160.0, 155.5, 147.8, 143.9, 119.3, 119.1, 117.2, 116.5, 110.6, 55.6; IR (KBr) v: ESIMS m/z [M + H]⁺: 177.1; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₀H₈O₃ [M + H]⁺: 177.0507, found: 177.0536.



6-Chloro-2*H***-chromen-2-one (2i) [6]:** (using general procedure, 110 mg of **2i** was obtained from 155 mg (1 mmol of **1i**) 62% yield; yellow solid, mp 148–150 °C; $R_f = 0.4$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 2:8); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.6 (d, 1H, J = 9.7 Hz); 7.5 (d, 1H, J = 2.6 Hz); 7.4 (d, 1H, J = 9.7 Hz); 7.29 (d, 1H, J = 9.59 Hz); 6.47 (d, 1H, J = 9.59 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 159.4, 152.1, 142.9, 131.4, 128.2, 127.4, 120.6, 118.2, 117.3; IR (KBr) v: 2899, 1726, 1216, 768; ESIMS m/z [M + H]⁺: 181.0; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₉H₅ClO₂ [M + H]⁺: 181.0012, found:181.0055.



6-Bromo-2*H***-chromen-2-one (2j) [7]:** (using general procedure, 138 mg of **2j** was obtained from 199 mg (1 mmol of **1j**) 62% yield; white solid, mp 168–170 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 2:8); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.65–7.60 (m, 3H); 7.2 (d, 1H, J = 9.4 Hz); 6.8 (d, 1H, J = 9.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 159.9, 152.9, 142.1, 134.6, 130.2, 120.3, 118.6, 117.8, 117.0; ESIMS m/z [M + H]⁺: 225.1.



6,8-Dichloro-2*H***-chromen-2-one (2k) [8]:** (using general procedure, 127 mg of **2k** was obtained from 189 mg (1 mmol of **1k**) 60% yield; light brown solid, mp 148–150 °C; $R_f = 0.4$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 2:8); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 8.0 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz); 7.9 (d, 1H, J = 2.3 Hz); 7.8 (d, 1H, J = 2.3 Hz); 6.6 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 158.3, 147.8, 142.7, 130.9, 128.1, 126.66, 121.0, 120.8, 118.0; IR(KBr) v: 2260, 1738, 1646, 1216, 1027, 997, 761; ESIMS m/z [M + H]⁺: 214.



6,8-Dibromo-2*H***-chromen-2-one (2l) [9]:** (using general procedure, 195 mg of **2l** was obtained from 277 mg (1 mmol of **1l**) 65% yield; light yellow solid, mp 164–165 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 2:8); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 8.3(d, 1H, J = 2.06 Hz); 8.03 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz); 8.01 (d, 1H, J = 2.06 Hz); 6.6 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 158.6, 149.4, 142.8, 136.3, 130.2, 121.5, 117.9, 116.1, 110.3; IR (KBr) v: 3019, 1742, 1639, 1361, 1217, 764.



6-Phenyl-2*H***-chromen-2-one (2m) [10]:** (using general procedure, 168 mg of **2m** was obtained from 198 mg (1 mmol of **1m**) 76% yield; white solid, mp 112–114 °C; $R_f = 0.4$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 2:8); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.7 (m, 2H); 7.6 (s, 1H); 7.5 (d, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz); 7.4 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz); 7.4 (d, 2H, J = 9.5 Hz); 6.4 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 160.7, 153.3, 143.5, 139.3, 137.7, 130.7, 129.0, 127.8, 127.0, 126.0, 119.0, 117.2, 116.9.



3H-Benzo[*f*]**chromen-3-one** (**2n**) [**11**]: (using general procedure, 127 mg of **2n** was obtained from 172 mg (1 mmol) of **1n**) 65% yield; white solid, mp 110–111 °C; $R_f = 0.7$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 2:8); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.8 (m, 2H); 7.7 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz); 7.5 (d, 1H, J = 1.3 Hz); 7.4 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 151.6, 134.1, 130.3, 129.8, 127.7, 127.3, 126.6, 124.9, 119.6, 113.2, 111.1.



6-Acetyl-2*H***-chromen-2-one (20):** (using general procedure, 157 mg of **20** was obtained from 164 mg (1 mmol) of **10**) 84% yield; Colorless oil; $R_{\rm f} = 0.4$ (EtOAc/hexanes = 2:8); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.1(d, 2H, J = 6 Hz); 7.8 (d, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz); 7.4 (d, 1H, J = 9 Hz); 6.4 (d, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz); 2.6 (s, 3H).

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