Supplementary Information

A metal-free one-pot synthesis of benzo[*c*]chromen-6-ones from 3, 4- dichlorocoumarin and butadiene by tandem photo-thermal-photo reactions

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1. The synthesis details of starting materials.

a) The syntheses of 3, 4-dichlorocoumarins 1



The syntheses of 3, 4-dichlorocoumarins are carried out as descripted in lit 1. The reaction started from phenols and hexachloropropene catalyzed by $AlCl_3$ in CS_2 and the solvent was removed. The residue was put in cold dilute H_2SO_4 and filtered, oven dried. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography. The proton NMR for the dichlorocoumarins are given below:



3, 4-dichlorocoumarin (3, 4-dichloro-2H-chromen-2-one) White needles, m.p. 106-108 °C (Acetone/PE, 2/1, V/V) ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H).



2b

3, 4-dichloro-6-fluoro-2H-chromen-2-one White needle crystal m.p. 106-108 °C (Acetone/PE, 2/1, V/V) ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.34 (m, 1H).



2c

3, 4, 6-trichloro-2H-chromen-2-one White needles, m.p. 130-132 °C (Acetone/PE, 2/1, V/V) ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H).



2d

6-bromo-3,4-dichloro-2H-chromen-2-one Yellow needles, m.p. 144-146 °C (Acetone/PE, 2/1, V/V) ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 1.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H).



2e

3, *4*-*dichloro*-6-*methyl*-2*H*-*chromen*-2-*one* White needles, m.p. 160-164 °C (Acetone/PE, 2/1, V/V) ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 4H).



2f

3, 4-dichloro-6-phenyl-2H-chromen-2-one

White needles, m.p. 146-148 °C (Acetone/PE, 2/1, V/V)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 - 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.52 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 - 7.40 (m, 1H).



2g

3, 4-dichloro-8-phenyl-2H-chromen-2-one

White flocculent solid, m.p. 148-150 °C (Acetone/PE, 2/1, V/V)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dt, J = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (ddd, J = 7.8, 6.0, 2.5 Hz, 3H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 1H).



3, 4, 6, 8-tetrachloro-2H-chromen-2-one

Yellow block crystals, m.p. 158-160 $^{\circ}$ C (Acetone/PE, 2/1, V/V) ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H).

b) The synthesis of 2, 3-dimethoxy-1, 3-butadiene 2 (**3b**)



The synthesis of **3b** is carried out as descripted in the Supporting Information of lit 2: A mixture of biacetyl (17.20 g, 0.20 mol), absolute methanol (25 ml, 1.25 mol), trimethyl orthoformate (63.60 g, 0.60 mol) and concentrated sulfuric acid (5 drops) was refluxed for 10h. The excess of reagents were distilled of and the remaining liquid was vacuum-distilled. Ammonium dihydrogenphosphate (25 mg) and a few crystals of hydroquinone were added and the liquid was heated at 100°C to 110°C. Methanol slowly distilled over, together with some remaining orthoformate. The temperature was raised (160 °C to 170 °C) and the colorless oily liquid collected between 129°C and 132°C (17.30 g or 76% of crude diene). Redistillation gave 2, 3-dimethoxy-1, 3butadiene (15.50 g, 68%), b. p. 132-132.5 °C.

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2. The NMR charts of compounds



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	295.0274	4.07	9.0	$C_{13}H_{11}ON_3Cl_2$



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3. The crystal data

Crystal data for **1d** (Fig. 2): C15H11BrO2, M = 303.15, yellow needle, Bruker CCD diffractometer, Mo-K α radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å), 0.32 × 0.26 × 0.14mm, T = 293(2) K. Triclinic, space group *P*-1, a = 7.8650(11) Å, b = 8.6070(11) Å, c = 10.2615(15) Å, α = 92.788(6)°, β = 112.186(6)°, γ = 105.046(4)°, V = 612.75(15) Å³, Z = 2, Dc = 1.643 g cm⁻³, μ = 3.344 mm⁻¹, F(000) = 304. The structure was solved by direct method (SHELXL 97) and refined on F2 by full-matrix least-squares method. A total of 2718 independent reflections [R (int) = 0.0366] were used in the refinement, which converged with R1 = 0.0564 and wR2 = 0.1076 (GOF = 1.020).



Fig. 1 ORTEP drawing of 1d, ellipsoids are drawn at 30 % probability level.

Crystal data for **4i** (Fig. 1): C15H14Cl2O4, M = 329.16, colorless blocks, Bruker CCD diffractometer, Mo-K α radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å), 0.32 × 0.28 × 0.26mm, T = 296(2) K. Monoclinic, space group *P*21/*c*, a = 13.0766(3) Å, b = 8.0857(2) Å, c = 14.0760(4) Å, α = 90.00°, β = 90.350(2)°, γ = 90.00°, V = 1488.28(7) Å³, Z = 4, Dc = 1.478 g cm⁻³, μ = 0.448 mm⁻¹, F(000) = 688. The structure was solved by direct method (SHELXL 97) and refined on F2 by full-matrix least-squares method. A total of 3393 independent reflections [R (int) = 0.0389] were used in the refinement, which converged with R1 = 0.0442 and wR2 = 0.1007 (GOF = 1.046).



Fig. 2 ORTEP drawing of 4i, ellipsoids are drawn at 30 % probability level.