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# **Supporting Information**

## Novel 7-(1*H*-Pyrrol-1-yl)spiro[chromeno[4,3-*b*]quinoline-6,1'-cycloalkanes]: Synthesis, Cross-Coupling Reactions and Photophysical Properties

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### 1. General

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were acquired on Bruker DPX 400 MHz (**3a-g**, **3i-k**) or on a Bruker Avance III 600 MHz (**3h**, **4**, **5**, **6**) spectrometers for one-dimensional experiments, with 5-mm sample tubes, 298 K, and digital resolution of 0.01 ppm, in CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent, and using TMS as the internal reference. All spectra can be found in Figures S1–S33 in the *Supplementary information*. All results are reported with the chemical shift ( $\delta$ ), multiplicity, integration, and coupling constant (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, and dd = double doublet. All NMR chemical shifts were reported in parts per million, which is relative to the internal reference. The CHN elemental analyses were performed on a Perkin–Elmer 2400 CHN elemental analyzer (University of São Paulo, USP, Brazil). The HRMS analyses were performed on a a hybrid highresolution and high-accuracy (5µL/L) micrOTOF-Q mass spectrometer (Bruker Scientific®, Billerica, MA, USA) at (Caxias do Sul University, UCS, Brazil).

For mass spectrometry, the fractions were dissolved in a solution consisting of 50% (v/v) chromatographic grade acetonitrile (Tedia, Fairfild, OH, USA) and 50% (v/v) deionized water, to which 0.1% formic acid and 0.1% ammonium formate had been added, for analysis in positive ESI(+). The individual solutions were infused directly into the ESI source via a syringe pump (Harvard Apparatus, Hamilton, Reno, NV, USA), at a flow rate of 180µL/min. The ESI(+)-and ESI(-) mass spectrometric (MS) and tandem MS-MS profiles were acquired using a hybrid high-resolution and high-accuracy  $(5\mu L/L)$ micrOTOF-Q mass spectrometer (Bruker Scientific®, Billerica, MA, USA) under the following conditions: capillary and cone voltages were set to +3500 and +40V, respectively, with a desolvation temperature of 200°C. The collision-induced dissociation energy (CID) for the ESI (+) MS-MS was optimized for each component. For data acquisition and processing, time-of-flight (TOF) control and data analysis software (Bruker Scientific®) was used. The data were collected in the 70–800 m/z range, at a rate of two scans/s, providing 50,000 full width at half maximum (FWHM) resolution at 200 m/z. No important ions were observed below 90 m/z and above 1000 m/z, so the ESI(+)-MS data are shown for the range of 90–1000 m/z.<sup>1</sup>

Electronic UV-Vis absorption analysis of compounds in CH<sub>3</sub>CN, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and DMSO solutions were done with a Shimadzu UV2600 spectrophotometer (data interval of 1.0 nm) at 250 to 500 nm range. Steady-state emission fluorescence analysis of samples

in CH<sub>3</sub>CN, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and DMSO solutions were measured with a Varian Cary50 fluorescence spectrophotometer (slit of 5.0 mm; em/exc) and corrected according to the manufacturer's instructions. Fluorescence quantum yield values ( $\Phi_{fl}$ ) of the compounds in solution were determined by comparing the corrected fluorescence spectra with that of 9,10-diphenylanthracene (DPA) in chloroform ( $\Phi_{fl} = 0.65$ ,  $\lambda_{ex} = 366$  nm) as the standard for the fluorescence yield. All spectra can be found in Figures S34–S48 in the *Supplementary information*.

### 2. NMR Spectra



Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra at 150 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of compound 1d.







Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H NOESY spectra at 600 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of compound 1d.



































**Figure S31.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra at 150 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of compound **5** 



Figure S33. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra at 150 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of compound 6

## 3. UV-Vis analysis



Figure S34. UV-Vis ([] =  $10^{-5}$  M range) spectra of derivative 1h.



Figure S35. UV-Vis ([] =  $10^{-5}$  M range) spectra of derivative 3h.



**Figure S36.** UV-Vis ([] =  $10^{-5}$  M range) spectra of derivatives **4**, **5**, and **6** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution, respectively.



**Figure S37.** UV-Vis ([] =  $10^{-5}$  M range) spectra of derivatives **4**, **5**, and **6** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, respectively.



**Figure S38.** UV-Vis ([] =  $10^{-5}$  M range) spectra of derivatives 4, 5, and 6 in DMSO solution, respectively.



**Figure S39.** Steady-state emission and excitation spectra ([] =  $10^{-6}$  M range) of derivative **1h** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution.



**Figure S40.** Steady-state emission and excitation spectra ([] =  $10^{-6}$  M range) of derivative **3h** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution.



**Figure S41.** Steady-state emission and excitation spectra ([] =  $10^{-6}$  M range) of derivative **4** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution.



**Figure S42.** Steady-state emission and excitation spectra ([] =  $10^{-6}$  M range) of derivative **5** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution.



**Figure S43.** Steady-state emission and excitation spectra ([] =  $10^{-6}$  M range) of derivative **6** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution.



**Figure S44.** Steady-state emission and excitation spectra ([] =  $10^{-6}$  M range) of derivative **1h** in DMSO solution.



**Figure S45.** Steady-state emission and excitation spectra ([] =  $10^{-6}$  M range) of derivative **3h** in DMSO solution.



**Figure S46.** Steady-state emission and excitation spectra ([] =  $10^{-6}$  M range) of derivative **4** in DMSO solution.



**Figure S47.** Steady-state emission and excitation spectra ([] =  $10^{-6}$  M range) of derivative **5** in DMSO solution.



**Figure S48.** Steady-state emission and excitation spectra ([] =  $10^{-6}$  M range) of derivative **6** in DMSO solution.

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