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1. General Information

All chemicals were analytically pure and used directly after purchased. All solvents were used without any particular precautions to extrude moisture. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometer, and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a 100 MHz spectrometer. All spectra were referenced to the solvent peaks (¹H: residual CDCl₃ = 7.26 ppm, ¹³C: CDCl₃ = 77.00 ppm). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were equipped with an ESI source and a TOF detector. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (70-230 mesh ASTM) using the reported eluents. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on 4×15 cm plates with a layer thickness of 0.2 mm (silica gel 60 F254). enaminones^[1] and aryl iodonium ylide ^[2] were synthesized according to the previously reported procedure.

2. Typical procedure for synthesis of 3



To a tube equipped with magnetic stir bar, enaminone (1, 0.20 mmol), iodonium ylides (2, 0.30 mmol), $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$ (2.5 mol %), AgSbF₆ (10 mol%), NaOAc (1 equiv.) and HOAc (1 equiv.) in TFE (2.0 mL) were added and stirred at 80 °C for 16 h under N₂ atmosphere. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (gradient mixture ratio from 10:1 to 1:1) as eluent to afford the corresponding products.

3. Mechanism Experiments

(1) H/D exchange



To a tube equipped with magnetic stir bar, enaminone (1a, 0.20 mmol), $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$ (2.5 mol %), AgSbF₆ (10 mol%), NaOAc (1 equiv.) and CH₃COOD (0.40 mmol, 2 equiv.) in TFE (2.0 mL) were added and stirred at 80 °C for 16 h under N₂ atmosphere. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (gradient

mixture ratio from 10:1 to 1:1) as eluent to afford the corresponding products.



To two separated tube charged with enaminones (1a, 0.20 mmol) or D_5 -1a (0.20 mmol), iodonium ylide (2a, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (2.5 mol %), AgSbF₆ (10 mol%), NaOAc (1 equiv.) and HOAc (1 equiv.) in TFE(2.0 mL) were added and stirred at 80 °C for 2 h under N₂ atmosphere. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (gradient mixture ratio from 20:1 to 4:1) as eluent to afford the corresponding products.

(3) Intermolecular competition reaction with differently substituted enaminones

A suspension of enaminone 1e (41.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1k (48.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), (4,4dimethyl-2,6-dimethylenecyclohexylidene)(phenyl)- λ^3 -iodane 2a (68.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$ (2.5 mol %), AgSbF₆ (10 mol%), NaOAc (1 equiv.) and HOAc (1 equiv.) in TFE(2.0 mL) were added and stirred at 80 °C for 16 h under N₂ atmosphere. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (gradient mixture ratio from 20:1 to 4:1) as eluent to afford the corresponding products **3ea** and **3ka** at a ratio of 1:0.25.



To a tube equipped with magnetic stir bar, acetophenone (0.20 mmol), iodonium ylides (**2a**, 0.30 mmol), $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$ (2.5 mol %), $AgSbF_6$ (10 mol%), NaOAc (1 equiv.) and HOAc (1 equiv.) in TFE (2.0 mL) were added and stirred at 80 °C for 16 h under N_2 atmosphere.



To a tube equipped with magnetic stir bar, benzaldehyde (0.20 mmol), iodonium ylides (**2a**, 0.30 mmol), $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$ (2.5 mol %), AgSbF₆ (10 mol%), NaOAc (1 equiv.) and HOAc (1 equiv.) in TFE (2.0 mL) were added and stirred at 80 °C for 16 h under N₂ atmosphere.

(5) Intermediate detection



To a tube equipped with magnetic stir bar, enaminone (**1a**, 0.20 mmol), iodonium ylides (**2a**, 0.30 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (2.5 mol %), AgSbF₆ (10 mol%), NaOAc (1 equiv.) and HOAc (1 equiv.) in TFE (2.0 mL) were added and stirred at 80 °C for 2 h under N₂ atmosphere. Then we detected the reaction mixture by HRMS.





4. Characterization of compounds 3 3,3-Dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3aa)^[3]



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 38.7 mg, 80% yield, pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 2H), 1.17 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.89, 167.91, 160.67, 135.59, 133.80, 129.53, 128.35, 125.77, 119.71, 110.52, 52.80, 42.49, 31.91, 28.10.

3,3,9-Trimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3ba)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 48.1 mg, 94% yield, pale yellow solid. m.p. 142-144 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 2H), 2.49 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.98, 168.02, 160.63, 146.88, 133.72, 129.52, 129.46, 125.73, 117.15, 110.40, 52.82, 42.48, 31.84, 28.04, 22.41. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆O₃ [M+H]⁺: 257.1172; found: 257.1171

9-Ethyl-3,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3ca)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 51.3 mg, 95% yield, yellow solid. m.p. 100-102 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.81 – 2.73 (m, 4H), 2.49 (s, 2H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.02, 167.99, 160.64, 152.98, 133.88, 129.61, 128.40, 124.72, 117.36, 110.49, 52.84, 42.48, 31.85, 29.61, 28.05, 15.13. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈O₃ [M+H]⁺: 271.1329; found: 271.1329

9-(Tert-butyl)-3,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1H-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2H)-dione



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 49.5 mg, 83% yield, white solid. m.p. 160-162 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.11 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.16 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.13, 167.98, 160.60, 159.72, 133.74, 129.30, 126.01, 122.34, 117.13, 110.67, 52.92, 42.52, 35.72, 31.89, 30.97, 28.07. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₉H₂₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 299.1642; found: 299.1639

9-Methoxy-3,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1H-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2H)-dione (3ea)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1), 52.2 mg, 96% yield, pale yellow solid. m.p. 124-126 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.76 (s, 2H), 2.49 (s, 2H), 1.15 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.12, 168.87, 165.34, 160.27, 136.16, 131.53, 116.92, 112.47, 110.20, 107.87, 55.64, 52.79, 42.53, 31.82, 28.04. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆O₄ [M+H]⁺: 273.1121; found: 273.1120

9-Fluoro-3,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3fa)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 45.8 mg, 88% yield, yellow solid. m.p. 119-121 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td, *J* = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 2H), 1.16 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.49, 169.13, 167.18 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 256.1 Hz), 159.66, 136.47 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 12.3 Hz), 132.62 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 10.6 Hz), 116.56 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 23.6 Hz), 116.14 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.3 Hz), 112.34 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 26.2 Hz), 109.89 (d, *J*_{C-F})

= 3.1 Hz), 52.54, 42.45, 31.86, 28.06. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -98.88. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₅H₁₃FO₃ [M+H]⁺: 261.0921; found: 261.0921

9-Chloro-3,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3ga)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 40.3 mg, 73% yield, white solid. m.p. 157-159 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.07 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 2H), 1.16 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.43, 169.06, 159.83, 142.65, 134.99, 130.95, 128.86, 125.65, 117.96, 109.65, 52.58, 42.49, 31.86, 28.06. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₅H₁₃ClO₃ [M+H]⁺: 277.0626; found: 277.0624

9-Bromo-3,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3ha)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 49.3 mg, 77% yield, white solid. m.p. 167-169 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.23 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 2H), 1.16 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.40, 169.02, 159.97, 134.98, 131.75, 131.61, 130.87, 128.66, 118.32, 109.51, 52.57, 42.49, 31.85, 28.05. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₅H₁₃BrO₃ [M+H]⁺: 321.0121; found: 321.0210

9-Iodo-3,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3ia)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 55.2 mg, 75% yield, white solid. m.p. 178-180 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.42 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (s, 2H), 2.49 (s, 2H), 1.15 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.35, 168.83, 160.16, 137.54, 134.68, 134.58,

130.43, 118.72, 109.23, 104.87, 52.55, 42.46, 31.81, 28.03. **HRMS (ESI)**: Calcd for C₁₅H₁₃IO₃ [M+H]⁺: 368.9982; found: 368.9981

3,3-Dimethyl-9-nitro-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3ja)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1), 28.1 mg, 49% yield, yellow solid. m.p. 167-169 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.92 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (s, 2H), 2.56 (s, 2H), 1.20 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.06, 169.67, 158.95, 152.10, 135.11, 131.21, 123.76, 122.39, 121.38, 109.64, 52.40, 42.45, 31.96, 28.08. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 310.0686; found: 310.0682

3,3-Dimethyl-9-(trifluoromethyl)-3,4-dihydro-1*H***-benzo**[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3ka)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 52.1 mg, 84% yield, white solid. m.p. 175-177 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.39 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (s, 2H), 2.53 (s, 2H), 1.18 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.44, 169.07, 159.50, 136.75 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 32.7 Hz), 134.30, 130.28, 124.66 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 3.4 Hz), 123.78 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 248.1 Hz), 123.26 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 4.1 Hz), 122.15, 109.83, 52.55, 42.45, 31.91, 28.04. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.39. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃F₃O₃ [M+Na]⁺: 333.0709; found: 333.0707

3,3-Dimethyl-1,6-dioxo-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-9-carbonitrile (3la)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1), 27.2 mg, 51% yield, white solid. m.p. 144-146 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.45 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (s, 2H), 2.54 (s, 2H), 1.18 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.29, 169.49, 159.13, 134.29, 130.68, 130.26, 130.26, 122.44, 118.97, 117.59, 109.29, 52.45, 42.46, 31.93, 28.06. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃NO₃ [M+Na]⁺: 290.0788; found: 290.0785

3,3-Dimethyl-9-(trifluoromethoxy)-3,4-dihydro-1*H***-benzo**[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3ma)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 43.7 mg, 67% yield, yellow solid. m.p. 99-101 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 2H), 1.17 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.46, 169.29, 159.51, 154.54, 135.96, 131.99, 120.23, 120.20 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 259.8 Hz), 117.78, 116.90, 109.78, 52.55, 42.49, 31.90, 28.06. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.41. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃F₃O₄ [M+H]⁺: 327.0839; found: 327.0842

3,3-Dimethyl-9-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3na)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 55.4 mg, 87% yield, pale yellow solid. m.p. 158-160 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (s, 2H), 2.53 (s, 2H), 1.18 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.96, 168.31, 160.58, 148.18, 139.52, 134.26, 130.09, 128.97, 128.66, 127.54, 127.11, 124.07, 118.30, 110.54, 52.85, 42.54, 31.91, 28.10. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈O₃ [M+H]⁺: 319.1329; found: 319.1328

3,3,7-Trimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (30a)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 19.5 mg, 38% yield, white solid. m.p. 127-129 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (s, 3H), 2.76 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 2H), 1.16 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.82, 167.86, 159.71, 143.36, 135.29, 134.78, 131.40, 123.57, 118.15, 110.55, 53.07, 42.46, 31.81, 28.10, 23.73. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆O₃ [M+H]⁺: 257.1172; found: 257.1169

8-Chloro-3,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3pa)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 11.6 mg, 21% yield, white solid. m.p. 170-172 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.03 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 2H), 1.18 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.66, 168.05, 159.58, 135.79, 134.40, 132.23, 128.90, 127.62, 121.22, 110.12, 52.69, 42.45, 31.95, 28.12. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₅H₁₃ClO₃ [M+H]⁺: 277.0626; found: 277.0624

3,3-Dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-naphtho[2,3-c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3qa)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 43.2 mg, 74% yield, white solid. m.p. 181-183 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.48 (s, 1H), 8.86 (s, 1H), 7.97 (t, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (s, 2H), 2.55 (s, 2H), 1.19 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.24, 166.76, 160.90, 136.79, 131.90, 131.67, 129.45, 129.15, 128.92, 127.68, 127.14, 125.30, 117.92, 110.51, 52.84, 42.50, 31.90, 28.14. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₉H₁₆O₃ [M+H]⁺: 293.1172; found: 293.1169

3,3-Dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)dione (3ra)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1), 30.9 mg, 54% yield, yellow solid. m.p. 163-165 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 2H), 2.73 (s, 2H), 2.53 (s, 2H), 1.16 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.90, 165.82, 160.03, 154.13, 142.26, 126.93, 115.33, 114.58, 111.05, 109.61, 102.04, 52.31, 42.31, 32.45, 28.29. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O₅ [M+H]⁺: 287.0914; found: 287.0911

7,7-Dimethyl-7,8-dihydro-4H-thieno[2,3-c]chromene-4,9(6H)-dione (3sa)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 42.2 mg, 85% yield, white solid. m.p. 125-127 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 2H), 1.16 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.99, 169.29, 156.70, 143.41, 137.69, 125.94, 122.75, 111.32, 51.43, 41.71, 32.35, 28.15. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₃H₁₂O₃S [M+H]⁺: 249.0580; found: 249.0576

7,7-Dimethyl-7,8-dihydro-4*H*-furo[2,3-c]chromene-4,9(6*H*)-dione (3ta)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1), 17.2 mg, 37% yield, white solid. m.p. 148-150 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 2H), 1.17 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.02, 168.98, 151.34, 136.82, 132.47, 110.12, 109.10, 99.95, 50.97, 41.60, 32.85, 28.24. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₃H₁₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 233.0808; found: 233.0807

8,9-Dichloro-3,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3ua)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 18.6 mg, 30% yield, yellow solid. m.p. 163-165 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.24 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 2.79 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 2H), 1.18 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.30, 169.07, 158.91, 141.00, 132.96, 132.92, 130.81, 127.87, 119.34, 109.31, 52.51, 42.49, 31.93, 28.09. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₅H₁₂Cl₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 311.0236; found: 311.0235

7,7-Dimethyl-4-phenyl-7,8-dihydro-2*H*-chromene-2,5(6*H*)-dione (3va)



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 29.5 mg, 55% yield, yellow liquid. m.p. 110-112 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 2.81 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 2H), 1.16 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.31, 173.37, 159.77, 156.35, 136.99, 128.88, 127.87, 127.07, 114.15, 113.18, 52.21, 42.71, 32.01, 28.15. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O₃ [M+H]⁺: 269.1172; found: 269.1172

3,4-Dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3ab)^[3]



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 31.3 mg, 73% yield, pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.01 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.26 – 2.04 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.83, 169.40, 160.37, 135.54, 133.95, 129.47, 128.33, 125.95, 119.78, 111.49, 38.87, 28.90, 19.92.

3-Methyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3ac)^[3]



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 36.9 mg, 81% yield, yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.02 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.80 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.52 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.83, 168.84, 160.45, 135.54, 133.86, 129.48, 128.33, 125.82, 119.71, 111.04, 47.07, 36.76, 27.62, 20.71.

3-Isopropyl-3,4-dihydro-1H-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2H)-dione (3ad)^[4]



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 40.9 mg, 80% yield, white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.99 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, J = 18.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.76 - 2.63 (m, 2H), 2.36 (dd, J = 15.8, 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (qd, J = 11.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (dq, J = 13.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.20, 169.42, 160.40, 135.50, 133.80, 129.44, 128.28, 125.73, 119.62, 110.98, 43.02, 38.69, 32.72, 31.73, 19.41, 19.35.

3-Phenyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2*H*)-dione (3ae)^[3]



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 48.1 mg, 83% yield, yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.08 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 3.56 (s, 1H), 3.27 – 3.00 (m, 2H), 3.03 – 2.76 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.99, 168.55, 160.34, 141.36, 135.69, 133.75, 129.61, 129.00, 128.54, 127.47, 126.53, 125.92, 119.78, 111.29, 45.84, 37.91, 36.30.

3-(p-tolyl)-3,4-dihydro-1H-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2H)-dione (3af)^[5]



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 31.0 mg, 51% yield, white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.08 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.60 – 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.20 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 2.98 – 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.13, 168.63, 160.37, 138.39, 137.15, 135.67, 133.77, 129.62, 129.59, 128.50, 126.39, 125.91, 119.76, 111.25, 45.96, 37.55, 36.43, 21.00.

2,3-Dihydrocyclopenta[c]isochromene-1,5-dione (3ag)^[3]



silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1), 23.6 mg, 59% yield, white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 2H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.32, 180.41, 161.05, 135.83, 131.84, 130.39, 129.04, 123.21, 118.57, 114.51, 34.56, 25.76.

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