

Synthesis of Flavones via the Stork-Danheiser reaction

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1. General Information

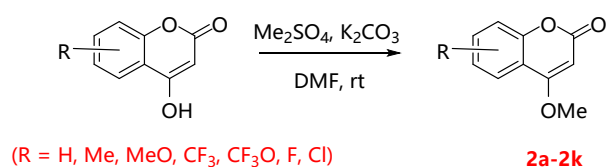
Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed in oven-dried round-bottom flasks under argon atmosphere. DME, Et₂O, THF and toluene were freshly distilled with sodium/benzophenone ketyl under argon atmosphere. All other reagents were used from commercial sources without further purification, unless otherwise noted. The silica gel (200-300 meshes, Anhui LiangChen Silicon Material Co. Ltd., Huoshan, China) was used for column chromatography. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on GF plates (0.25 mm layer thickness, Anhui LiangChen Silicon Material Co. Ltd., Huoshan, China). Visualization was accomplished with UV light (254 nm) and/or by phosphomolybdic acid (50 g/L) in ethanol following heating as developing agents. Yields reported were based on isolated and spectroscopically pure compounds.

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on AVANCE III HD 400, 500 or 600 MHz spectrometers (Bruker, German) using chloroform-d (CDCl₃) as the internal standard (¹H NMR, CHCl₃ at 7.26 ppm; ¹³C NMR, CDCl₃ at 77.16 ppm) at ambient temperature. ¹H NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, sext = sextet, br = broad, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. HRMS (ESI) was taken on Thermo LTQ Orbitrap Discovery. IR spectroscopy was scanned with KBr pellets on Perkin Elmer Spectrum Two™ spectrophotometer. Melting points are obtained with a calibrated digital thermometer probe (using pure naphthalene and ice-water mixture as the references).

2. Synthesis and Characterizations of Substrates

The 4-hydroxycoumarin precursors were commercially available, and the methylated 4-hydroxycoumarin precursors **2a-2k** were prepared according to the literature procedures.¹⁻³

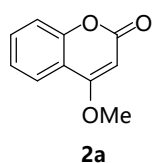
Table S1. Alkylation of 4-hydroxycoumarin



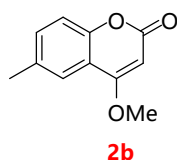
2.1. General procedure for Alkylation of 4-hydroxycoumarin

To a solution of 4-hydroxycoumarin (10 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in 5 mL DMF in the presence of K₂CO₃ (3.45 g, 25 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added dimethyl sulfate (1.94 mL, 20 mmol, 2.0 eq.) dropwise, the solution was stirred at rt. for 2 h. The resulting solution was poured to 50 mL H₂O and let stand for 1 h at 4 °C. Then the suspension was filtered and the solid was washed by H₂O. The solid was dried and recrystallized from ethyl acetate to afford the 4-alkoxycoumarin **2**.

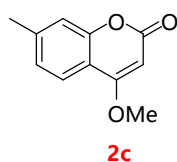
2.2. Characterizations of 4-alkoxycoumarin



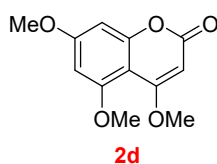
4-methoxy-2H-chromen-2-one (2a): A white needle-like crystal, yield 89%, m.p. 120.9-123.3 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.6 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5 (s), 163.0 (s), 153.4 (s), 132.5 (s), 124.0 (s), 123.1 (s), 116.8 (s), 115.7 (s), 90.2 (s), 56.5 (s). FT-IR(KBr) *v*_{max} cm⁻¹: 3074, 2949, 1734, 1624, 1450, 1392, 1246, 1186, 935, 850, 773. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₀H₉O₃⁺, [M+H]⁺: 177.0546; found: 177.0547.



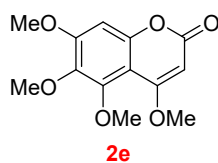
4-methoxy-6-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (2b): An off-white needle-like crystal, yield 89%, m.p. 116.4-118.2 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.6, 163.3, 151.6, 133.8, 133.5, 122.8, 116.6, 115.4, 90.2, 56.4, 21.0. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3074, 2943, 1677, 1624, 1604, 1455, 1212, 1105, 986, 825, 734, 531. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₁H₁₁O₃⁺, [M+H]⁺: 191.0703; found: 191.0702.



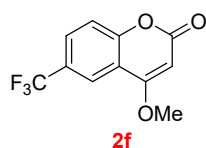
4-methoxy-7-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (2c): A white needle-like crystal, yield 86%, m.p. 179.5-180.0 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.63 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 4H), 2.40 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.7, 163.3, 153.4, 143.6, 125.2, 122.7, 116.9, 113.2, 89.2, 56.3, 21.7. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3074, 1705, 1617, 1558, 1391, 1244, 1163, 960, 840. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₁H₁₁O₃⁺, [M+H]⁺: 191.0703; found: 191.0702.



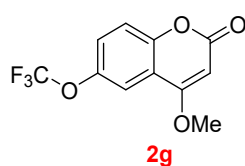
4,5,7-trimethoxy-2H-chromen-2-one (2d). A yellow powder, yield 66%, m.p. 193.7-194.4°C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 6.55 (s, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 171.2, 168.6, 163.0, 161.5, 158.5, 99.6, 95.7, 93.4, 86.4, 56.6, 56.3, 55.8. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3078, 2968, 1722, 1608, 1462, 1386, 1260, 1157, 1112, 1059, 974, 828. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₂H₁₃O₅⁺, [M+H]⁺: 237.0757; found: 254.0757.



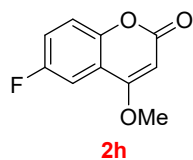
4,5,6,7-tetramethoxy-2H-chromen-2-one (2e). A white powder, yield 85%, m.p. 145.6-146.6 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 6.65 (s, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.3, 163.0, 157.0, 151.5, 151.0, 140.2, 103.8, 96.7, 88.3, 62.3, 61.4, 56.7, 56.4. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3083, 2944, 1717, 1602, 1459, 1376, 1267, 1098, 1024, 973, 822. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₃H₁₅O₆⁺, [M+H]⁺: 267.0863; found: 267.0867.



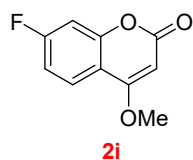
4-methoxy-6-trifluoromethyl-2H-chromen-2-one (2f): A white plate crystal, yield 63%, m.p. 141.2-143.8 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.6, 161.9, 155.2, 129.2 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 126.6 (*J* = 33.9 Hz), 123.7 (q, *J* = 272.6 Hz), 121.2 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 117.7, 116.0, 91.2, 56.8. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 2955, 1716, 1634, 1610, 1465, 1241, 1113, 919, 835. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₀H₈F₃O₃⁺, 245.0420; found: 245.0439.



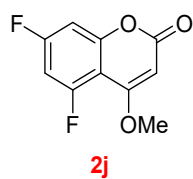
4-methoxy-6-trifluoromethoxy-2H-chromen-2-one (2g): A white needle-like crystal, yield 88%, m.p. 146.0-146.8 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.5, 162.2, 151.5, 145.1 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 125.6, 120.5 (q, *J* = 257.8 Hz), 118.5, 116.7, 115.6, 91.1, 56.7. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3079, 2924, 1713, 1629, 1573, 1453, 1208, 1148, 985, 933, 855. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₀H₈F₃O₄⁺: 261.0369; found: 261.0369.



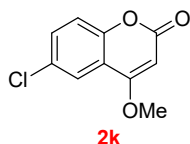
6-fluoro-4-methoxy-2H-chromen-2-one (2h). A white powder, yield 86%, m.p. 162.3-163.0 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.45 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.20 (m, 2H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.7, 162.6, 158.7 (d, $J = 243.8$ Hz), 149.5, 112.0 (d, $J = 24.5$ Hz), 118.5 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 116.6 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 108.94 (d, $J = 25.5$ Hz), 90.9, 56.6. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3075, 1728, 1631, 1579, 1460, 1381, 1263, 1092, 945, 846. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{FO}_3^+$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 195.0452; found: 195.0455.



7-fluoro-4-methoxy-2H-chromen-2-one (2i). A white powder, yield 82%, m.p. 221.2-221.8 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.80 (dd, $J = 8.8, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.09-6.95 (m, 2H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.2, 164.2, 162.8, 154.7, 125.06, 112.3, 112.2, 104.3, 89.29, 56.58. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3079, 1707, 1627, 1445, 1392, 1245, 1142, 966, 856. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{FO}_3^+$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 195.0452; found: 195.0455.



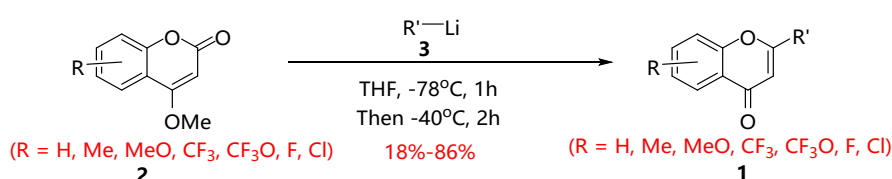
5,7-difluoro-4-methoxy-2H-chromen-2-one (2j). A white powder, yield 64%; m.p. 180.6-181.3 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.31 (dd, $J = 9.5, 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 165.6, 163.6 (dd, $J = 251.0, 15.6$ Hz), 160.6, 158.9 (dd, $J = 260.2, 15.4$ Hz), 154.8 (dd, $J = 16.2, 7.0$ Hz), 101.3 (t, $J = 26.7$ Hz), 100.9 (dd, $J = 25.9, 4.2$ Hz), 89.9, 57.4. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3083, 2958, 1731, 1634, 1441, 1390, 1269, 1139, 1084, 966, 840. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{F}_2\text{O}_3^+$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 213.0358; found: 213.0362.



4-methoxy-6-chloro-2H-chromen-2-one (2k): A white needle-like crystal, yield 53%, m.p. 162.8-165.3 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.75 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.4, 162.3, 151.8, 132.5, 129.6, 122.8, 118.3, 116.9, 90.9, 56.7. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3074, 2922, 1704, 1622, 1604, 1561, 1451, 1368, 1236, 1112, 941, 825. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₀H₈ClO₃⁺: 211.0156; found: 211.0158.

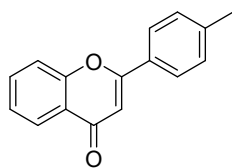
3. Synthesis and Characterizations of Flavones

3.1. General procedure for preparation of flavones:



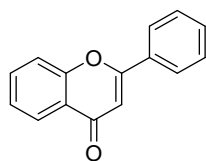
The aryl lithium solution **3** was prepared by lithium-iodine exchange reaction. To aryl iodide **3** (2 mmol, 2.0 eq.) in 10 mL anhydrous THF was added a solution of *t*-BuLi (3.1 mL, 4 mmol, 1.3 M in pentane, 4.0 eq.) at -78 °C, the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78 °C and for another hour under rt and cooled back to -78 °C. Then the solution of the corresponding aryl lithium was added to a solution of coumarin analogs (1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in 5 mL anhydrous THF at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C 1 h and -40 °C for 1-2 h, the reaction was quenched by slowly adding 10 mL 1 M HCl and the resulting solution was vigorously stirred at rt. for 1 h. The mixture was separated, and aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the desired flavone **1aa-1ak**. Compounds **1aq**, **1ar** were prepared by using *n*-BuLi (2.0 M in hexane) and *t*-BuLi (1.3 M in pentane) as the nucleophilic reagents. Compound **1am-1aq**, **1b-1k** were prepared by using 3.0 eq aryl lithium as nucleophilic reagents.

3.2. Characterizations of Flavones



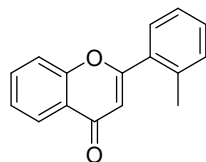
1aa

2-(*p*-tolyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1aa): A white needle-like crystal, yield 49%, m.p. 111.2-113.5 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.22 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (tt, *J* = 7.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.5, 163.7, 156.4, 142.4, 133.7, 129.9, 129.1, 126.3, 125.8, 125.2, 124.1, 118.2, 107.1, 21.6. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3061, 3034, 1639, 1606, 1466, 1372, 1124, 753. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₆H₁₃O₂⁺, [M+H]⁺: 237.0910, found: 237.0893



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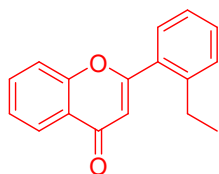
2-phenyl-4H-chromen-4-one (1ab): A slightly yellow solid, yield 51%, m.p. 111.0-113.0 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.6, 163.6, 156.4, 133.9, 132.0, 131.7, 129.2, 126.44, 125.9, 125.4, 124.1, 118.2, 107.8. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3071, 1647, 1606, 1466, 1376, 1129, 769. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₅H₁₁O₂⁺, [M+H]⁺: 223.0754, found: 223.0759.



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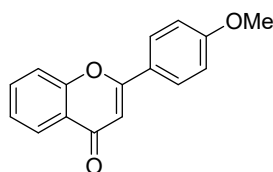
2-(*o*-tolyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1ac): A white needle-like crystal, yield 78%, m.p. 45.6-47.6 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz,

2H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.4, 166.3, 156.7, 137.0, 133.9, 132.8, 131.4, 130.9, 129.4, 126.4, 125.9, 125.4, 124.0, 118.2, 112.1, 20.7. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3059, 1639, 1603, 1466, 1375, 1129, 770. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2^+$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 237.0910, found: 237.0913.



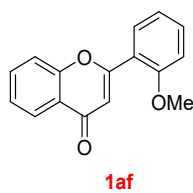
1ad

2-(2-ethylphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1ad): A yellow crystal, yield 86%, m.p. 51.2-52.0 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.27 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (td, $J = 8.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.79 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.4, 166.7, 156.6, 143.2, 133.9, 132.4, 131.0, 129.8, 129.6, 126.3, 125.9, 125.4, 124.0, 118.2, 112.1, 26.9, 15.8. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3067, 2965, 1641, 1608, 1466, 1363, 1210, 1120, 908, 752. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2^+$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 251.1067, found: 251.1066.

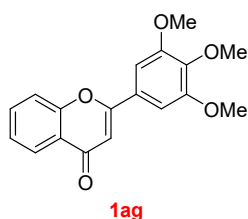


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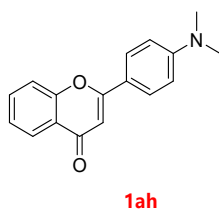
2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1ae): A slightly yellow solid, yield 58%, m.p. 156.1-157.0 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.05 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 8.03 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 177.0, 162.7, 162.2, 155.6, 134.1, 128.2, 125.4, 124.8, 123.3, 118.4, 114.6, 105.5, 55.6. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3050, 1649, 1608, 1466, 1382, 1268, 1124, 827, 768. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3^+$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 253.0859, found 253.0858.



2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1af): A slightly orange solid, yield 56%, m.p. 90.2-93.4 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.23 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.11 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.9, 160.9, 158.0, 156.5, 133.5, 132.4, 129.3, 125.6, 124.9, 123.9, 120.9, 120.8, 118.0, 112.7, 111.8, 55.7. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3076, 1644, 1608, 1469, 1375, 1256, 1127, 1020, 757. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3^+$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 253.0859, found: 253.0864.

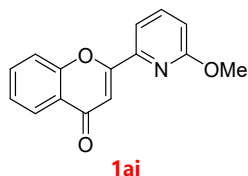


2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1ag): A slightly orange solid, yield 45%, m.p. 127.5-128.8 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.23 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 6H), 3.93 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.4, 163.3, 156.2, 153.6, 141.3, 133.8, 127.0, 125.7, 125.3, 123.9, 118.1, 107.4, 103.8, 61.1, 56.4. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3062, 2942, 1652, 1604, 1466, 1367, 1128, 749. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2^+$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 299.1067, found: 299.1072.

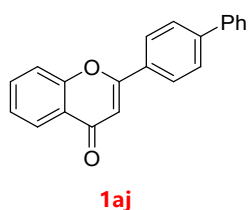


2-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1ah): An orange solid, yield 68%, m.p. 156.0-157.1 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.21 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 3.06 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126

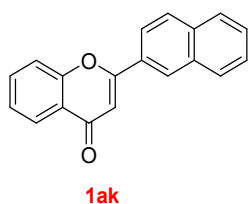
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.4, 156.3, 152.6, 133.3, 127.8, 125.7, 124.9, 118.3, 118.0, 111.7, 104.5, 40.2. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3060, 2901, 1632, 1597, 1521, 1464, 1368, 1201, 822, 754. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆NO₂⁺, [M+H]⁺: 266.1176, Found 266.1174.



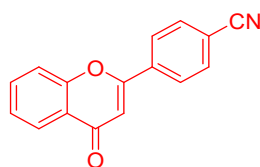
2-(6-methoxypyridin-2-yl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1ai): A white solid, yield 46%, m.p. 163.2-163.8 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.0, 163.9, 161.8, 156.2, 146.7, 139.4, 134.0, 126.0, 125.4, 124.6, 118.2, 114.4, 114.2, 108.6, 53.7. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3070, 3010, 2955, 1652, 1607, 1568, 1466, 1374, 1276, 1028, 878, 805. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₅H₁₂NO₃⁺, [M+H]⁺: 254.0812; found: 254.0814



2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1aj): White flakes, yield 57%, m.p. 155.8-157.4 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.45 (m, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.6, 163.3, 156.4, 144.6, 139.9, 133.9, 130.7, 129.2, 128.4, 127.8, 127.3, 126.9, 125.9, 125.4, 124.2, 118.2, 107.6. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3066, 3019, 1642, 1603, 1471, 1376, 1127, 766, 687. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₂₁H₁₅O₂⁺, [M+H]⁺: 299.1067, found: 299.1072.

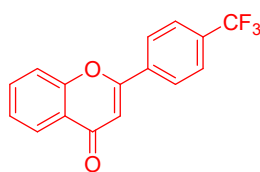


2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1ak): Slightly orange flakes, yield 40%, m.p. 162.8-163.6 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.49 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.6, 163.5, 156.5, 134.8, 133.9, 133.1, 129.2, 129.1, 128.2, 128.0, 127.2, 127.1, 125.9, 125.4, 124.2, 122.7, 118.3, 108.1. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3070, 1636, 1597, 1462, 1376, 1131, 750. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₃O₂⁺ [M+H]⁺: 273.0910, Found 273.0911



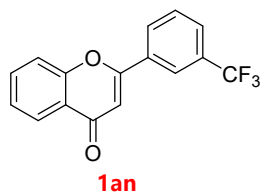
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4-(4-oxo-4H-chromen-2-yl)benzonitrile (1al): A white needle-like crystal, 20% yield, m.p. 198.2-200.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.23 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (td, *J* = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.2, 161.0, 156.3, 136.1, 134.4, 132.9, 126.9, 126.0, 125.8, 124.0, 118.2, 118.1, 115.1, 109.3. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3079, 2924, 164, 1601, 1465, 1377, 1224, 1118, 838, 758, 541. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₆H₁₀NO₂⁺ [M+H]⁺: 248.0706, found: 248.0714.

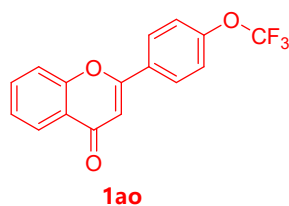


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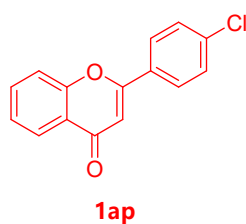
2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1am): A white needle-like crystal, 27% yield, m.p. 130.6-131.4 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.24 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (td, *J* = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.4, 161.8, 156.4, 135.4, 134.3, 133.5, 133.2, 126.8, 126.2 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 126.0, 125.7, 124.1, 123.8 (q, *J* = 273.6 Hz), 118.3, 108.9. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3072, 2921, 1634, 1607, 1467, 1377, 1320, 1168, 1110, 840, 756. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₇H₁₂F₃O₂⁺. [M+H]⁺: 291.0627, found: 291.0632.



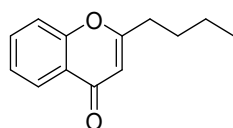
2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1an): A white needle-like crystal, m.p. 142.6-144.4 °C, yield 37%. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.3, 161.7, 156.3, 134.2, 132.9, 131.9 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 33.0 Hz), 129.8, 129.5, 128.8, 128.2 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.5 Hz), 125.9, 125.7, 124.1, 123.8 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 273.0 Hz), 123.2 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 118.3, 108.5. FT-IR(KBr) *v*_{max} cm⁻¹: 3083, 2922, 1662, 1608, 1466, 1383, 1339, 1259, 1118, 779, 696. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₆H₁₀F₃O₂⁺, [M+H]⁺: 291.0627, found: 291.0633.



2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1ao): A white needle-like crystal, yield 42%, m.p. 135.6-136.3 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.21 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (td, *J* = 7.9, 7.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.3, 162.0, 156.3, 151.6 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 134.1, 130.4, 128.2, 125.9, 125.5, 124.0, 121.2, 120.4, (q, *J* = 260.6 Hz), 118.2, 108.0. FT-IR(Neat) *v*_{max} cm⁻¹: 3074, 1641, 1607, 1508, 1469, 1249, 1169, 906, 758. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₆H₁₀F₃O₃⁺, [M+H]⁺: 307.0577, found: 307.0576.

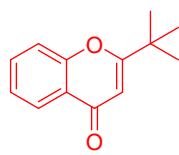


2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1ap): A white needle-like crystal, yield 18%, m.p. 176.4-177.3 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.22 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (td, *J* = 7.9, 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.4, 162.4, 156.3, 138.0, 134.1, 130.4, 129.5, 127.7, 125.9, 125.5, 124.0, 118.2, 107.8. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3091, 2926, 1641, 1606, 1466, 1373, 1090, 827, 771. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₅H₁₀ClO₂⁺, [M+H]⁺: 257.0364, found: 257.0396



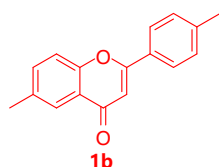
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2-butyl-4H-chromen-4-one (1aq): A slightly yellow solid, yield 68%, m.p. 28.8-29.4 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (p, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (p, *J* = 7.3, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.5, 169.9, 156.6, 133.5, 125.8, 125.0, 123.9, 118.0, 109.9, 34.2, 29.0, 22.2, 13.8. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3065, 2958, 1655, 1607, 1466, 1384, 1221, 1121, 760. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₃H₁₅O₂⁺ [M+H]⁺: 203.1067, found: 203.1067.

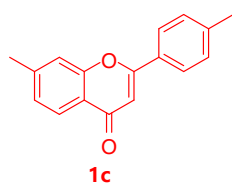


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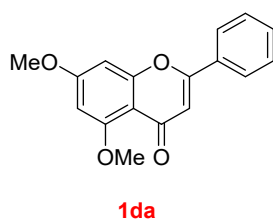
2-(tert-butyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1ar): A slightly yellow solid, yield 64%, m.p. 63.9-65.8 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.17 (td, *J* = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (qd, *J* = 8.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (qd, *J* = 7.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.31 – 6.21 (m, 1H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 179.8, 176.2, 156.6, 133.6, 125.7, 124.9, 123.6, 118.0, 106.8, 36.6, 28.0. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3072, 2961, 1647, 1607, 1466, 1360, 1230, 1134, 938, 757. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₃H₁₅O₂⁺ [M+H]⁺: 203.1067, found: 203.1090.



6-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-4H-chromen-4-one(1b). A white powder, yield 42%, m.p. 134.2-136.0 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.7, 163.6, 154.6, 142.3, 135.2, 135.0, 129.8, 129.2, 126.3, 125.2, 123.7, 117.9, 106.9, 21.7, 21.1. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 2921, 1640, 1613, 1435, 1362, 1223, 1038, 814. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₇H₁₅O₂⁺, [M+H]⁺: 251.1067, found: 251.1068.

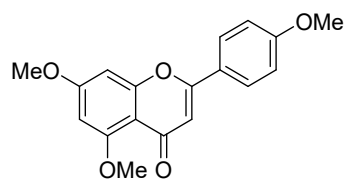


7-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-4H-chromen-4-one(1c): A white powder, yield 48%, m.p. 130.1-131.9 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.5, 163.4, 156.5, 145.1, 142.2, 129.8, 129.2, 126.7, 126.3, 125.5, 121.8, 117.9, 107.0, 21.9, 21.6. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3052, 1635, 1613, 1421, 1368, 1158, 1043, 812. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₇H₁₅O₂⁺, [M+H]⁺: 251.1067, found: 251.1066.



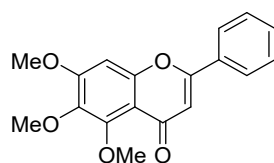
5,7-dimethoxy-2-phenyl-4H-chromen-4-one (1da): A yellow needle-like crystal, yield 47%, m.p. 136.4-138.8 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.87 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 1.7 Hz, 3H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 177.7, 164.2, 161.1, 160.8, 160.1, 131.7, 131.3, 129.1, 126.1, 109.2, 96.3, 93.0, 56.6,

55.9. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3072, 2939, 1650, 1608, 1460, 1347, 1255, 1200, 1118, 821, 764. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_4^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 283.0965, found: 283.0965.



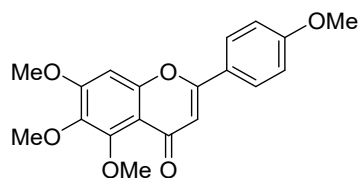
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5,7-dimethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1db): A slightly yellow solid, yield 49%, m.p. 157.2-159.2 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.78 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.52 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 177.7, 164.0, 162.1, 160.9, 160.7, 159.9, 127.7, 123.8, 114.4, 109.2, 107.7, 96.1, 92.8, 56.5, 55.8, 55.6. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3528, 2929, 1643, 1598, 1464, 1351, 1254, 1181, 1031, 829. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_5^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 313.1071, found: 313.1071.



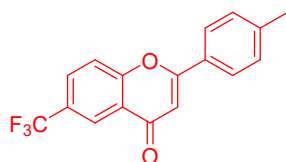
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5,6,7-trimethoxy-2-phenyl-4H-chromen-4-one (1ea): A white needle-like crystal, yield 44%, m.p. 157.3-159.7 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.87 (dd, $J = 7.7, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 177.2, 161.1, 157.8, 154.6, 152.6, 140.4, 131.6, 131.3, 129.0, 126.0, 113.0, 108.4, 96.3, 62.2, 61.6, 56.3. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3068, 2928, 1636, 1602, 1456, 1353, 1200, 1121, 1043, 815, 767. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_5^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 313.1071, found: 313.1071.



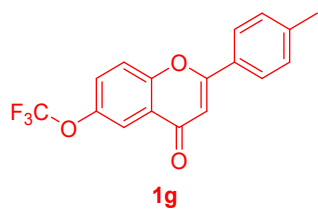
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5,6,7-trimethoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1eb): A slightly yellow needle-like crystal, yield 58%, m.p. 157.6-159.0 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.81 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 177.3, 162.3, 161.3, 157.8, 154.6, 152.7, 140.5, 127.8, 124.0, 114.6, 113.0, 107.2, 96.4, 62.3, 61.6, 56.4, 55.6. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3064, 2936, 1636, 1603, 1457, 1353, 1258, 1207, 1118, 1022, 841. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_6^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 343.1176, found: 343.1175.

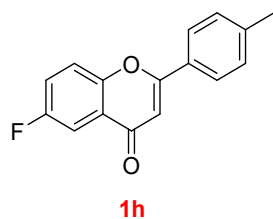


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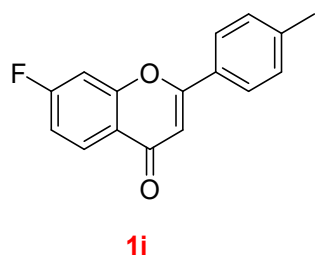
2-(p-tolyl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1f): A slightly yellow needle-like crystal, yield 54%, m.p. 198.4-201.3 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.53 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 177.5, 164.3, 157.8, 143.0, 130.2 (q, J = 3.1 Hz), 130.0, 128.4, 128.0 (q, J = 77.8 Hz), 127.6, 126.4, 124.0 (q, J = 3.93 Hz), 123.7, (q, J = 272.5 Hz) 119.3, 115.3, 107.3, 21.7. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3069, 2924, 1645, 1615, 1510, 1452, 1323, 1261, 1113, 817, 607. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2^+$. $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 305.0784, found: 305.0812



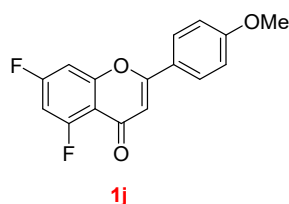
2-(*p*-tolyl)-6-(trifluoromethoxy)-4H-chromen-4-one (1g): A slightly yellow needle-like crystal, yield 50%, m.p. 164.2-164.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 177.4, 164.1, 154.2, 146.1 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 142.8, 130.0, 128.6, 127.0, 126.4, 125.0, 120.6 (q, *J* = 258.8 Hz), 120.2, 117.4, 106.7, 21.6. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3079, 2962, 1634, 1616, 1480, 1252, 1159, 820, 737. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: C₁₇H₁₂F₃O₃⁺. [M+H]⁺: 321.0733, found: 321.0760.



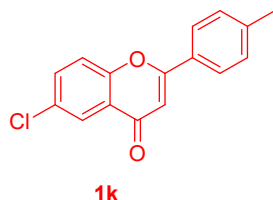
6-fluoro-2-(*p*-tolyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1h): A yellow solid, yield 48%, m.p. 149.8-151.2 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.87 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, *J* = 9.1, 7.6, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 177.7, 164.0, 159.7 (d, ¹*J*_{CF} = 247.0 Hz), 152.6, 142.6, 130.0, 128.8, 126.4, 125.3 (d, ³*J*_{CF} = 7.2 Hz), 121.9 (d, ²*J*_{CF} = 25.2 Hz), 120.2 (d, ³*J*_{CF} = 7.6 Hz), 110.8 (d, ²*J*_{CF} = 23.7 Hz), 106.4, 21.7. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3070, 2920, 1640, 1583, 1480, 1384, 1179, 816. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂FO₂⁺ [M+H]⁺: 255.0816, found: 255.0816.



7-fluoro-2-(p-tolyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1i): A white crystal, yield 51%, m.p. 153.8-156.6 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.22 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 6.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (tt, *J* = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 177.6, 165.7 (d, ¹*J*_{CF} = 254.6 Hz), 164.0, 157.3 (d, ³*J*_{CF} = 13.3 Hz), 142.6, 129.9, 128.6, 128.27 (d, ³*J*_{CF} = 10.7 Hz), 126.3, 120.9, 114.0 (d, ²*J*_{CF} = 22.4 Hz), 107.1, 104.9 (d, ²*J*_{CF} = 25.1 Hz), 21.7. FT-IR(KBr) *v*_{max} cm⁻¹: 3071, 1643, 1624, 1442, 1366, 1252, 1149, 814. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂FO₂⁺ [M+H]⁺: 255.0816, found: 255.0814.



5,7-difluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1j): A white needle-like crystal, yield 45%, m.p. 257.3-259.9 °C. ¹H NMR [500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*/CF₃COOH (one drop)] δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dt, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (ddd, *J* = 10.9, 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃/CF₃COOH(one drop)) δ 178.8, 167.0, 166.2 (dd, *J* = 259.7, 14.9 Hz), 164.3, 162.7 (dd, *J* = 265.1 Hz, 14.1 Hz), 158.2 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 5.5 Hz), 129.3, 121.6, 115.2, 109.6 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 5.4 Hz), 104.8, 103.5 (t, *J* = 24.9 Hz), 101.8 (dd, *J* = 24.8, 5.1 Hz), 55.9. FT-IR(KBr) *v*_{max} cm⁻¹: 3081, 1640, 1616, 1515, 1426, 1381, 1300, 1143, 1028, 827. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁F₂O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺: 289.0671, found: 289.0670.

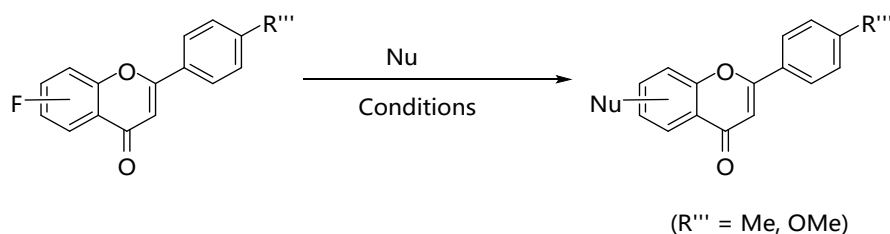


6-methyl-2-(p-tolyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1k). A white powder, yield 56%, m.p. 185.0-186.4 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 177.3, 164.0, 154.6, 142.7, 133.9, 131.2, 130.0, 128.6, 126.4, 125.2, 125.0, 119.9, 106.9, 21.7.

FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 2921, 1635, 1612, 1567, 1436, 1358, 1115, 1035, 814. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClO}_2^+$. $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 271.0520, found: 271.0519.

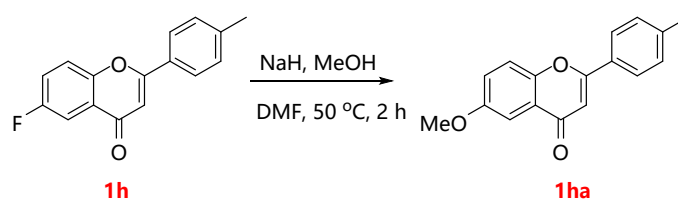
4. Derivatization of fluoroflavone

Table S2. Derivatization of fluoroflavone



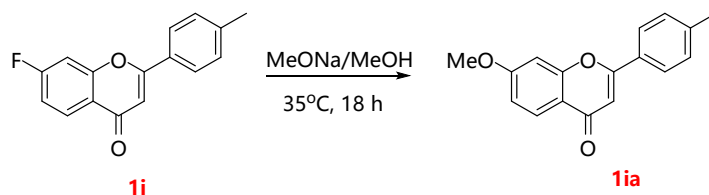
4.1. Alcoholysis of **1h**, **1i**, **1j**

Alcoholysis of **1h**:



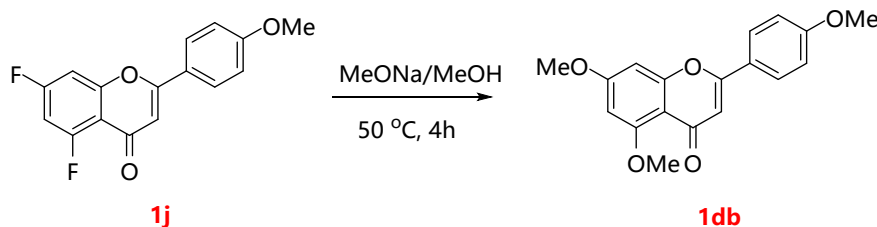
MeOH (0.18 mL, 4.5 mmol, 10.0 eq.) and NaH [72 mg (60 wt%, mineral oil dispersion), 1.8 mmol, 4.0 eq.] were added to a solution of fluoroflavone **1h** (115 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in 3 mL DMF. The solution was stirred for 2 h at 50 °C. The reaction mixture was acidified by adding 10 mL 1 M HCl. The mixture was separated, and aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate 3:1 v/v) to afford 60 mg **1ha** as a yellow solid, yield 50%, m.p. 144.6-146.9 °C, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, $J = 9.1, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.5, 163.5, 157.1, 151.2, 142.3, 129., 129.2, 126.3, 124.7, 123.8, 119.6, 106.4, 105.0, 56.1, 21.7. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 2925, 1635, 1616, 1487, 1357, 1024, 826. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 267.1016, found: 267.1014.

Alcoholysis of **1i**:



A solution of fluoroflavone **1i** (150 mg, 0.59 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was stirred in the presence of NaOMe (320 mg, 5.9 mmol, 10.0 eq.) at 35 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate 3:1 v/v) to afford 108 mg **1ia** as a slightly yellow needle-like crystal, yield 69%, m.p. 128.8-130.6 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.0, 164.2, 163.3, 158.0, 142.1, 129.8, 129.1, 127.1, 126.2, 117.9, 114.4, 107.0, 100.5, 55.9, 21.6. FT-IR(KBr) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3029, 2955, 1652, 1605, 1439, 1376, 1273, 1160, 1022, 812. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺: 267.1016, found: 267.1016.

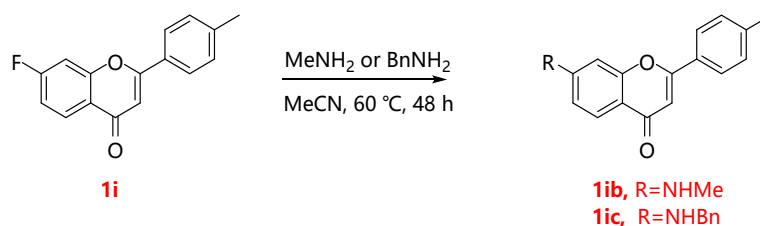
Alcoholysis of **1j**:



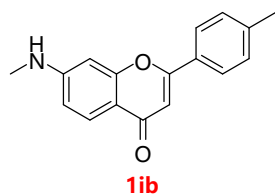
A solution of fluoroflavone **1j** (80 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was stirred in the presence of NaOMe (159 mg, 2.8 mmol, 10 eq.) at 50 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate 2:1 v/v) to afford 72 mg of **1db** as a slightly yellow solid, yield 83% m.p. 146.0-148.4 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 177.9, 164.0, 162.1, 160.9, 160.8, 159.9, 127.7, 123.8, 114.4, 109.2, 107.6, 96.1, 92.8, 56.5, 55.8, 55.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇O₅⁺ [M+H]⁺: 313.1071, found: 313.1070.

4.2. Aminolysis, Mercaptolysis and azidation of **1i**

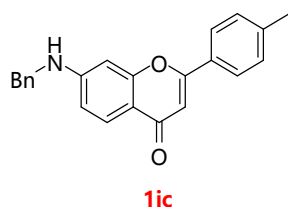
Aminolysis of **1i**:



General procedure: A solution of fluoroflavone **1i** (40 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was stirred in the presence of amine (1.6 mmol, 10 eq.) at 60 °C for 48 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate 1:1 v/v) to afford **1ib** or **1ic**.



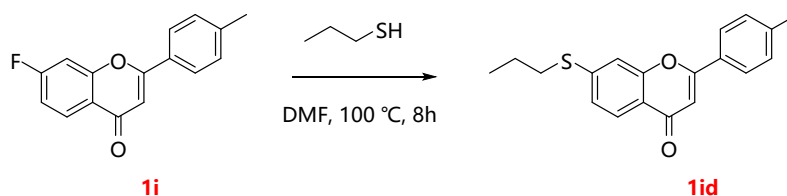
7-(methylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1ib). A yellow solid, yield 73%, m.p. 152.0-153.4 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.63 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (s, 1H), 2.95 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.0, 162.6, 159.0, 154.0, 141.7, 129.8, 129.6, 126.8, 126.1, 114.9, 112.8, 106.9, 96.4, 30.4, 21.6. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3306, 2920, 2852, 1622, 1581, 1412, 1370, 1250, 1186, 1098, 908, 816, 480. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆NO₂⁺, 266.1174, found: 266.1176.



7-(benzylamino)-2-(p-tolyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (1ic). A yellow powder, yield 86%, m.p. 172.0-174.2 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃/DMSO-*d*₆ 3:1) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s,

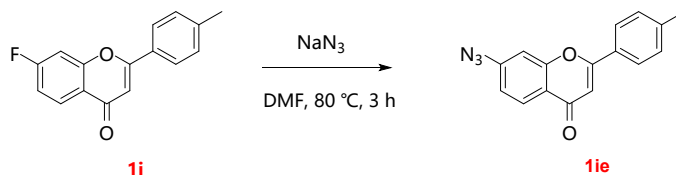
3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 176.7, 161.5, 158.0, 153.0, 140.9, 137.7, 129.0, 128.5, 128.0, 126.7, 126.7, 125.4, 125.2, 113.4, 112.5, 105.7, 95.7, 46.5, 20.8. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3265, 2920, 2853, 1609, 1558, 1434, 1380, 1251, 1151, 809, 714, 584, 474. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2^+$, 342.1489, found: 342.1487.

Mercaptolysis of **1i**:



A solution of fluoroflavone **1i** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in 1.0 ml DMF was stirred in the presence of propanethiol (22 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.) at 100 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate 5:1 v/v) to afford 38 mg **1id** as a white powder, yield 62%, m.p. 117.6-119.0 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 3.00 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.84-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 177.9, 163.2, 156.6, 146.2, 142.2, 129.8, 128.9, 126.2, 125.7, 123.8, 121.0, 114.3, 107.1, 34.1, 22.1, 21.1, 13.6. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3067, 2962, 2922, 1628, 1591, 1417, 1370, 1040, 912, 816. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{SO}_2^+$, 311.1100, found: 311.1109.

Azidation of **1i**:



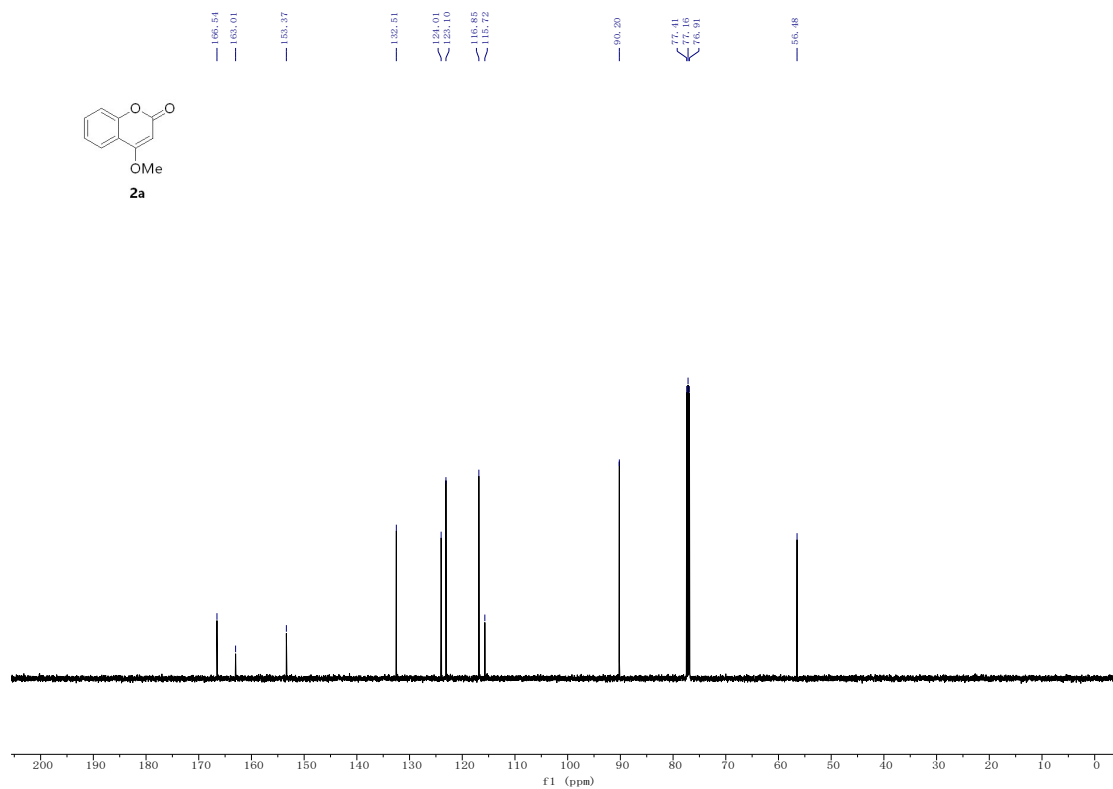
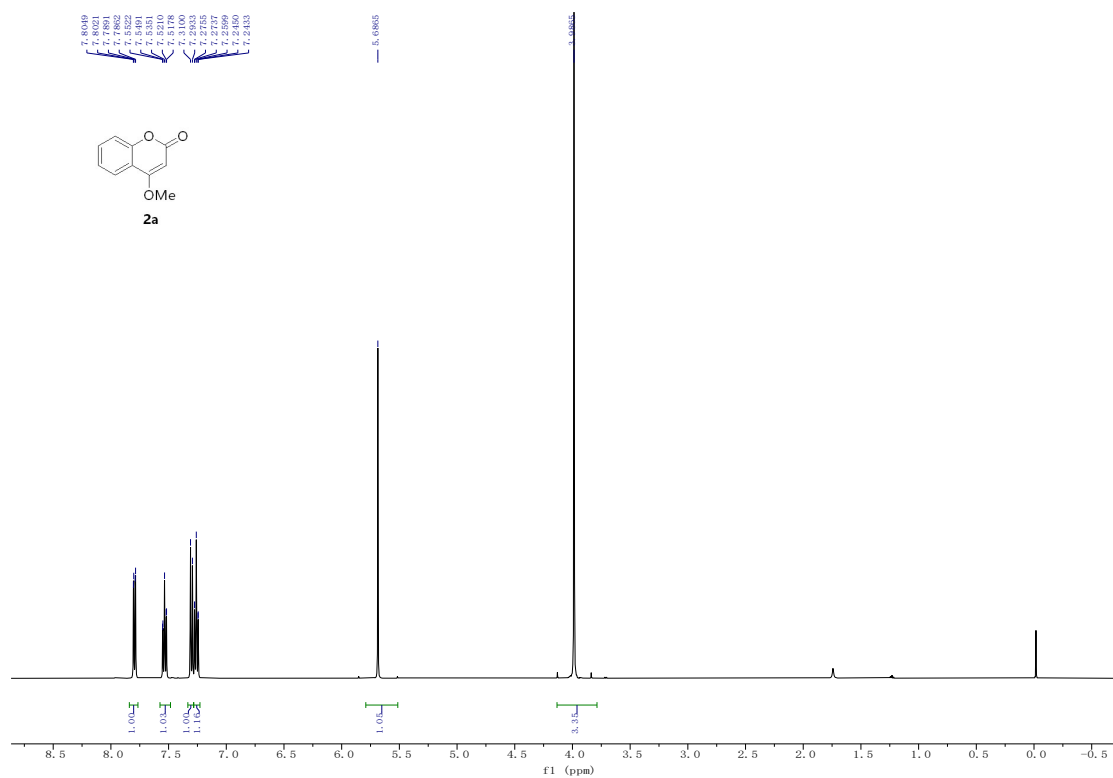
A solution of fluoroflavone **1i** (40 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in 1.0 ml DMF was stirred in the presence of NaN_3 (1.6 mmol, 10 eq.) at 80 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate 5:1 v/v) to afford **1ie** as an off-white powder, yield 90%, m.p. 138.0-139.4 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.0$ Hz, 1H),

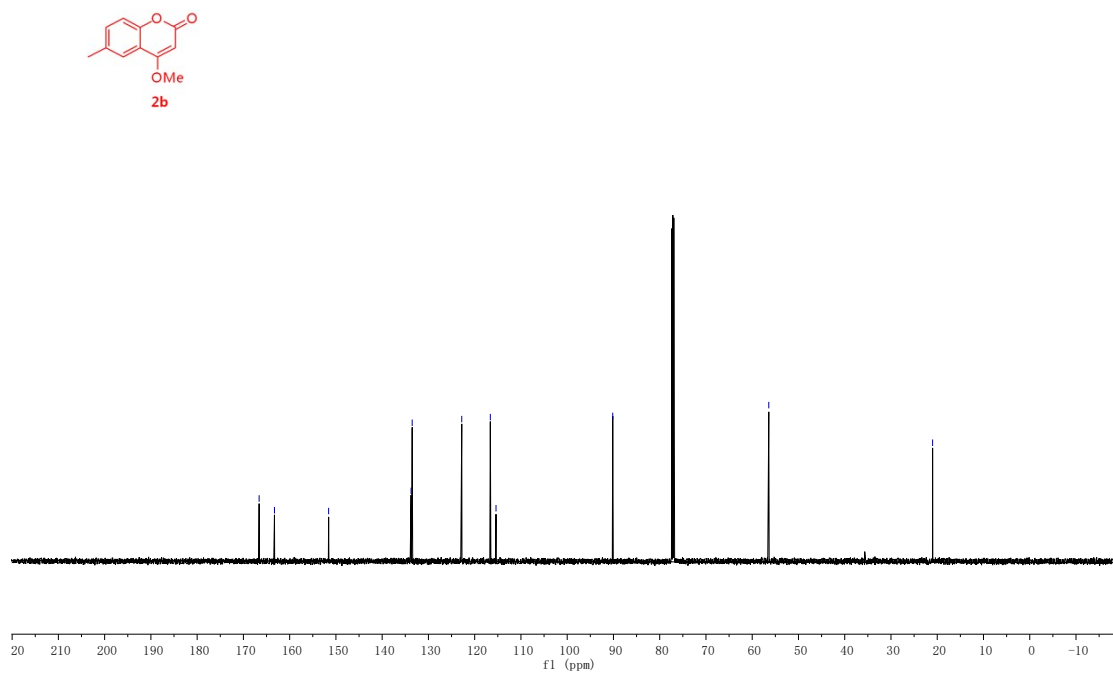
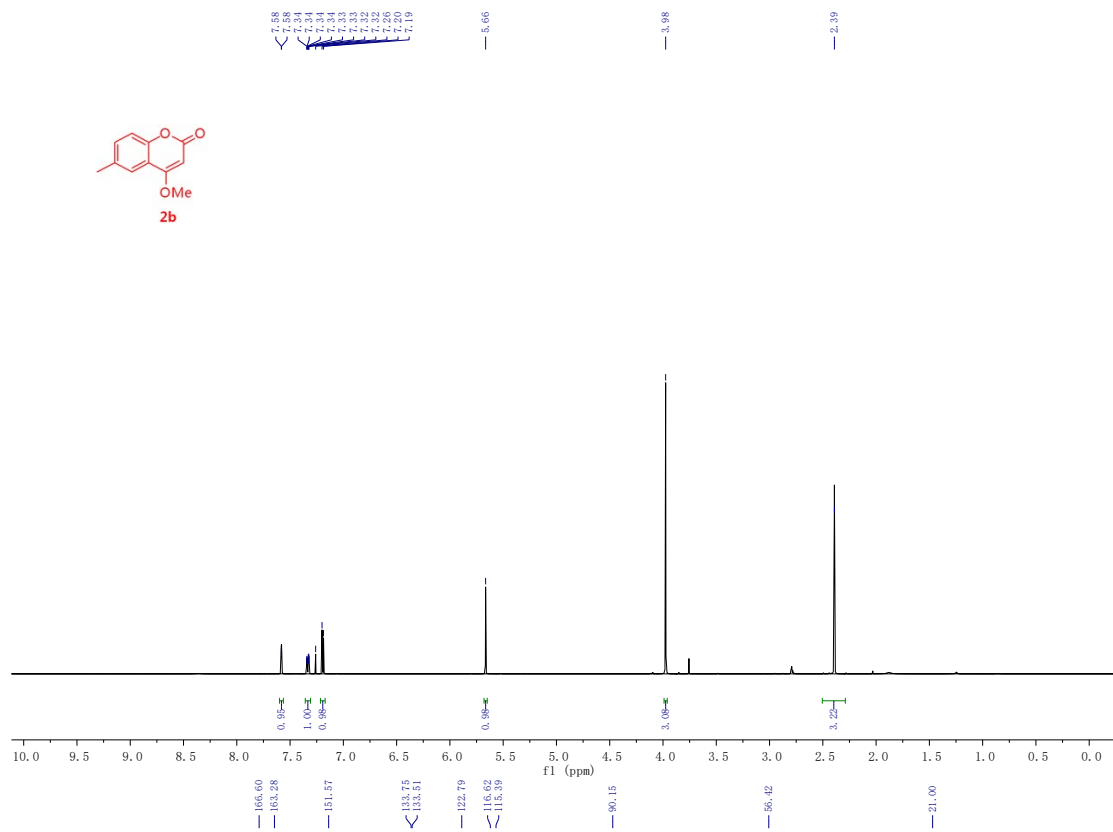
6.75 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 177.6, 163.7, 157.3, 145.9, 142.6, 130.0, 128.8, 127.8, 126.3, 121.2, 116.8, 107.7, 107.2, 21.7. FT-IR(Neat) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3064, 2918, 2115, 1645, 1601, 1442, 1373, 1287, 1037, 812. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂N₃O₂⁺, 278.0924, found: 278.0927.

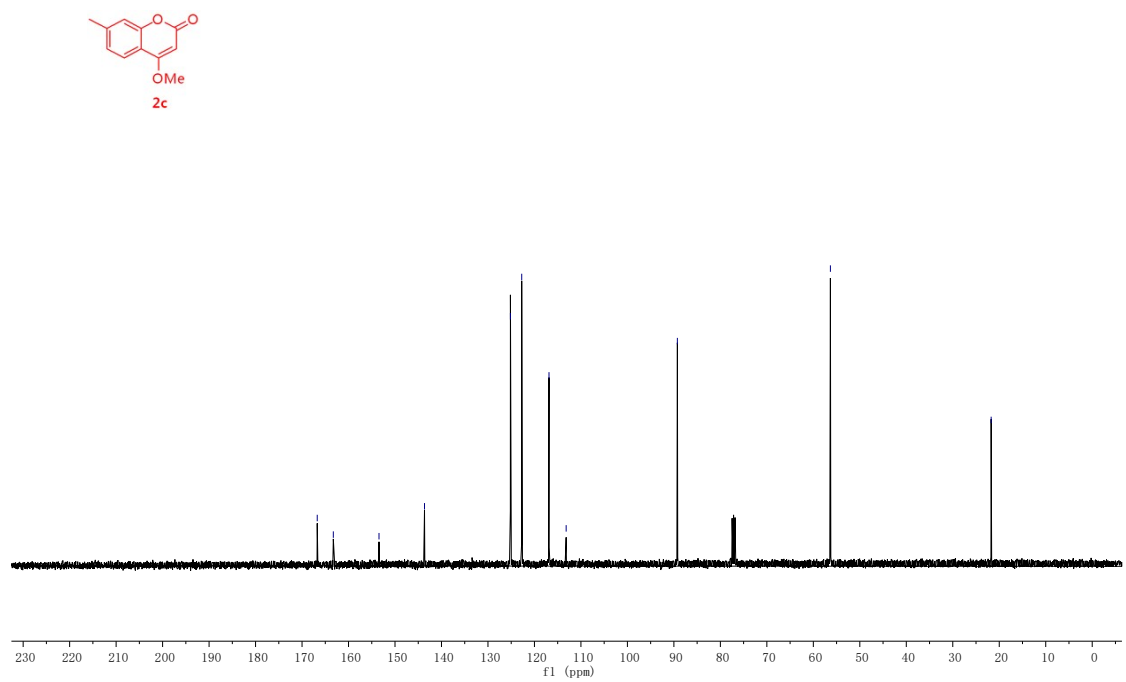
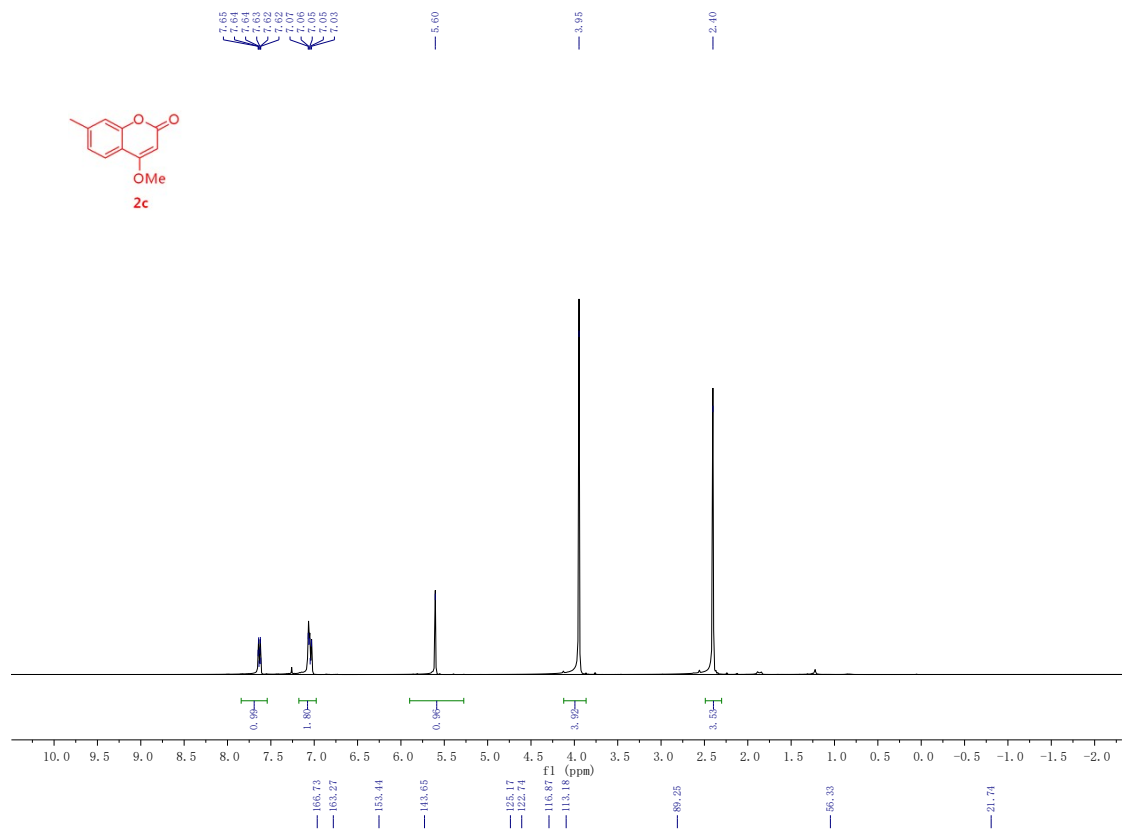
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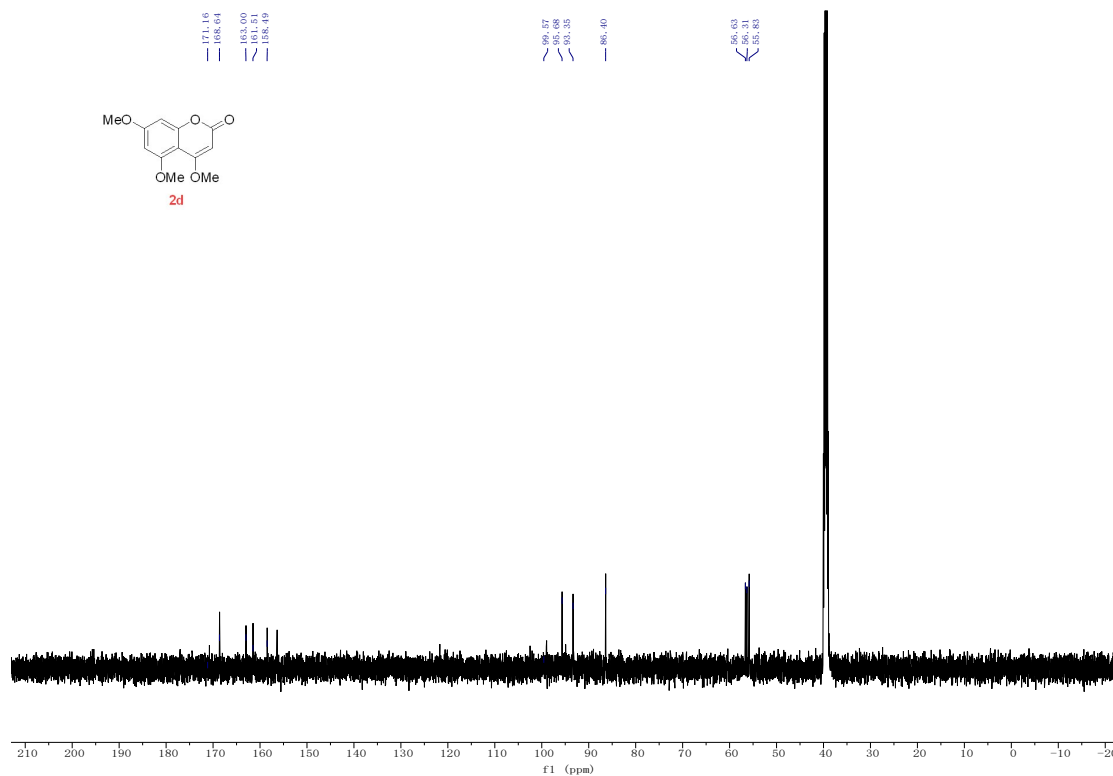
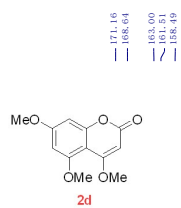
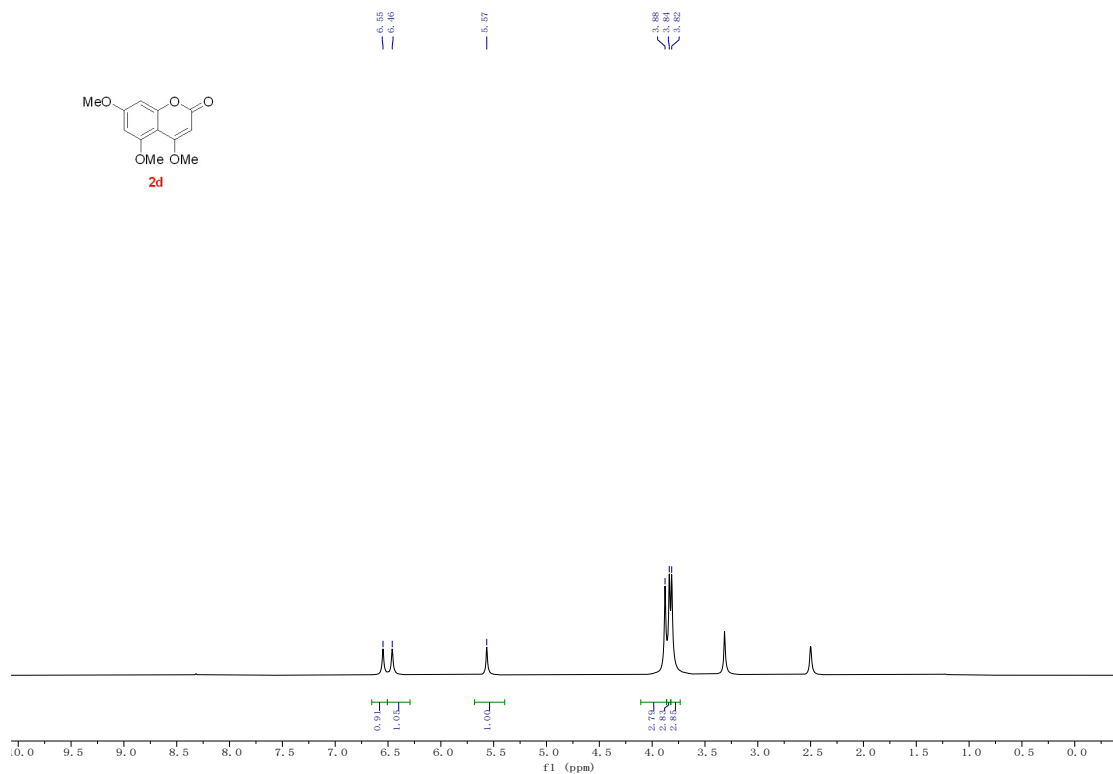
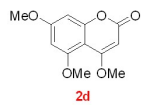
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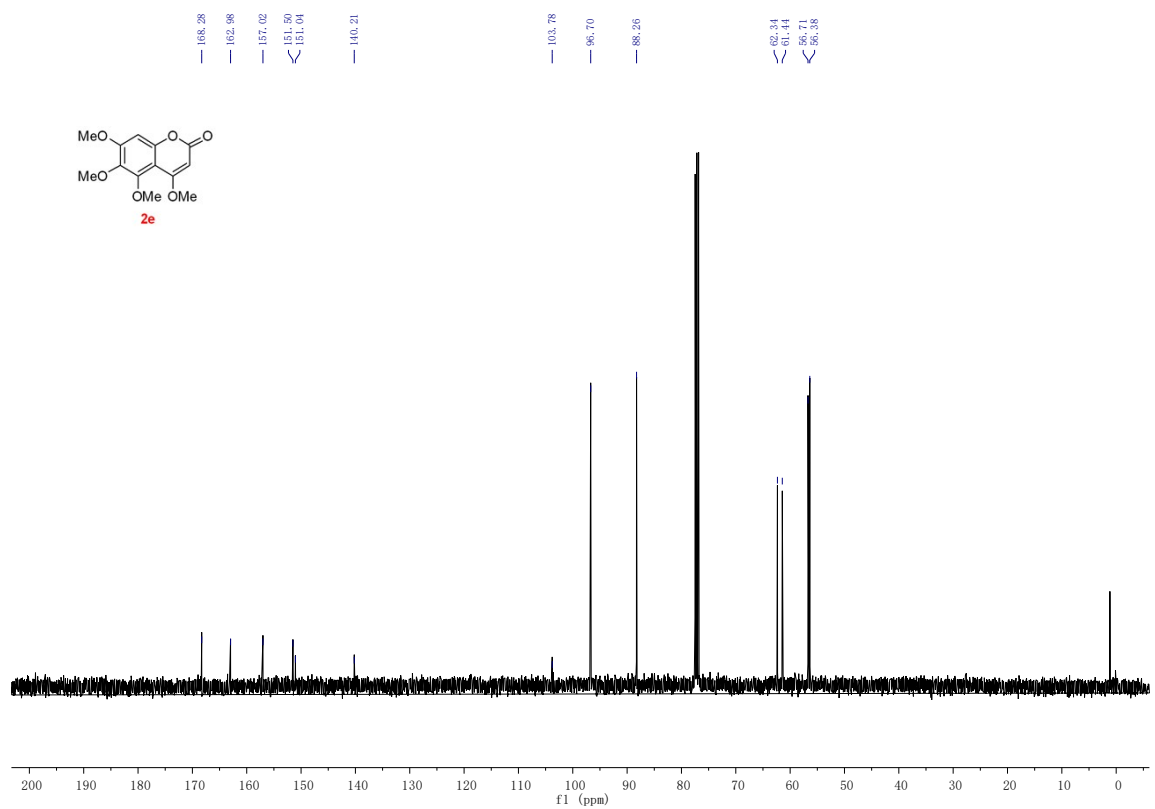
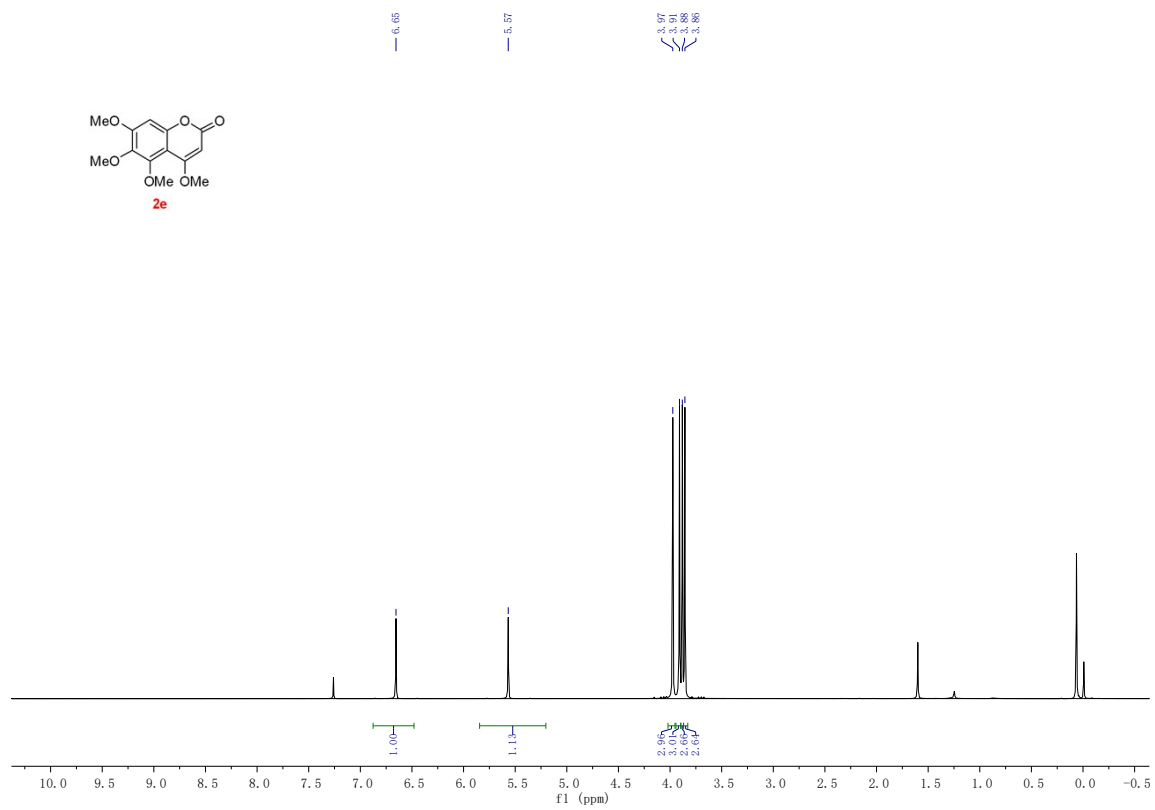
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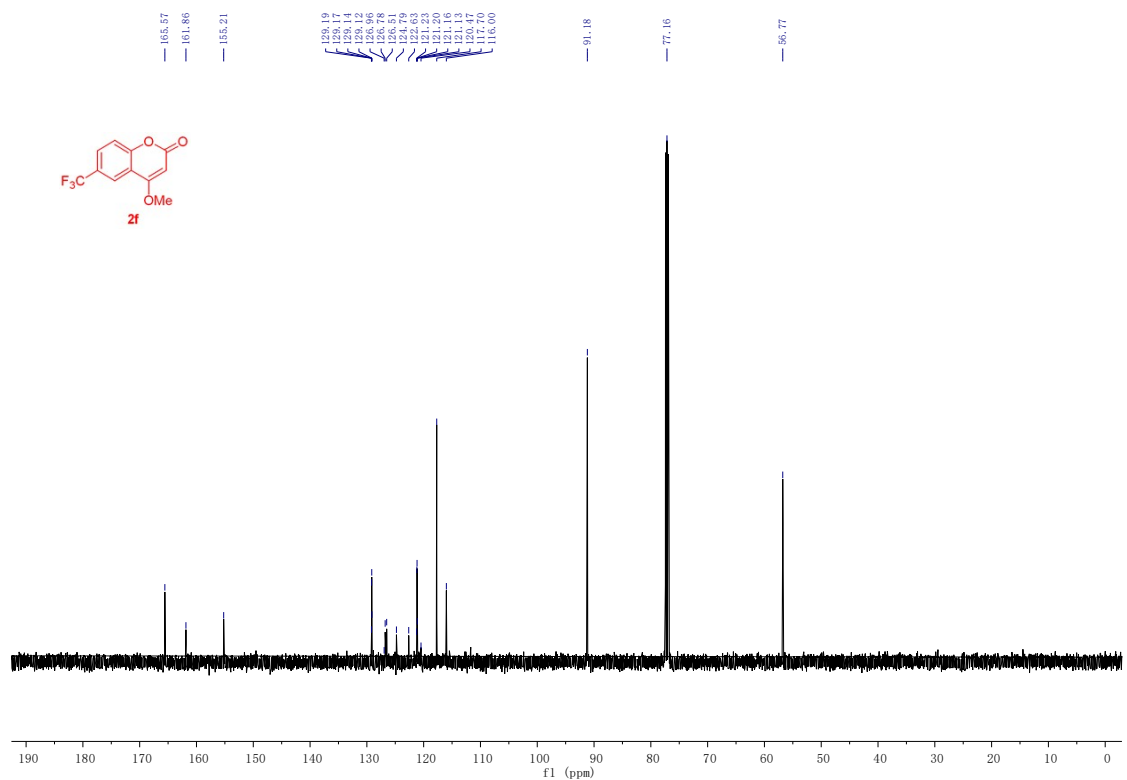
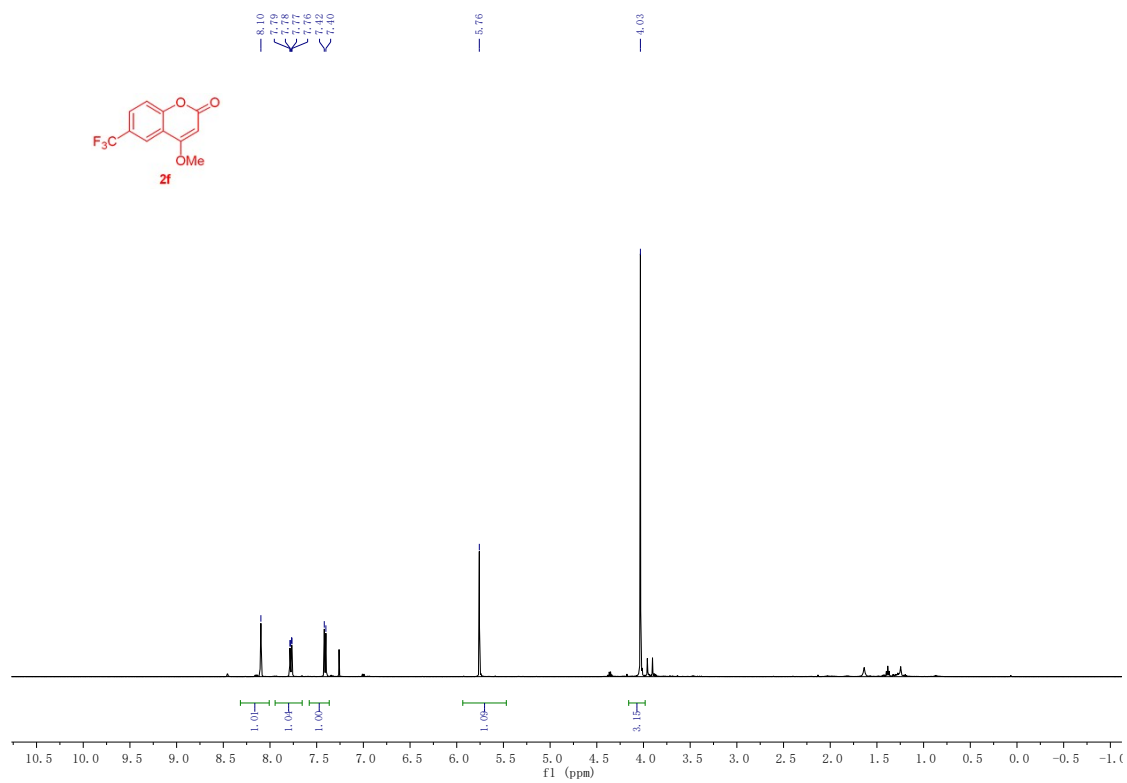


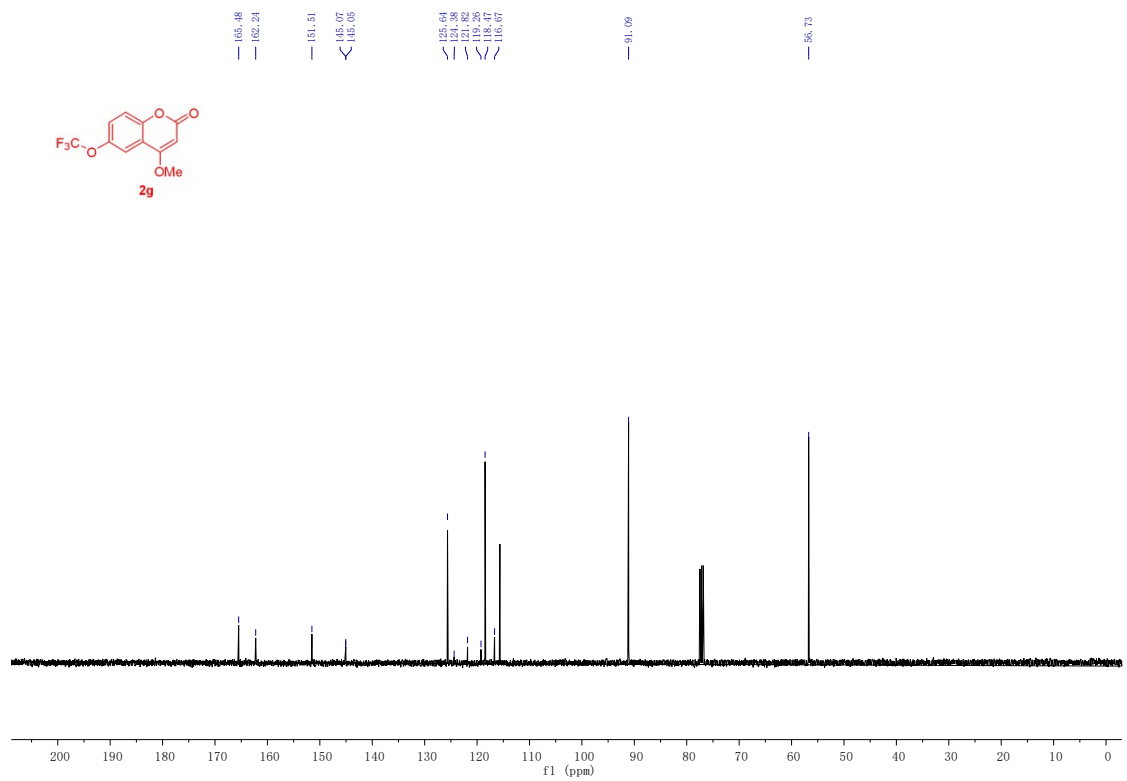
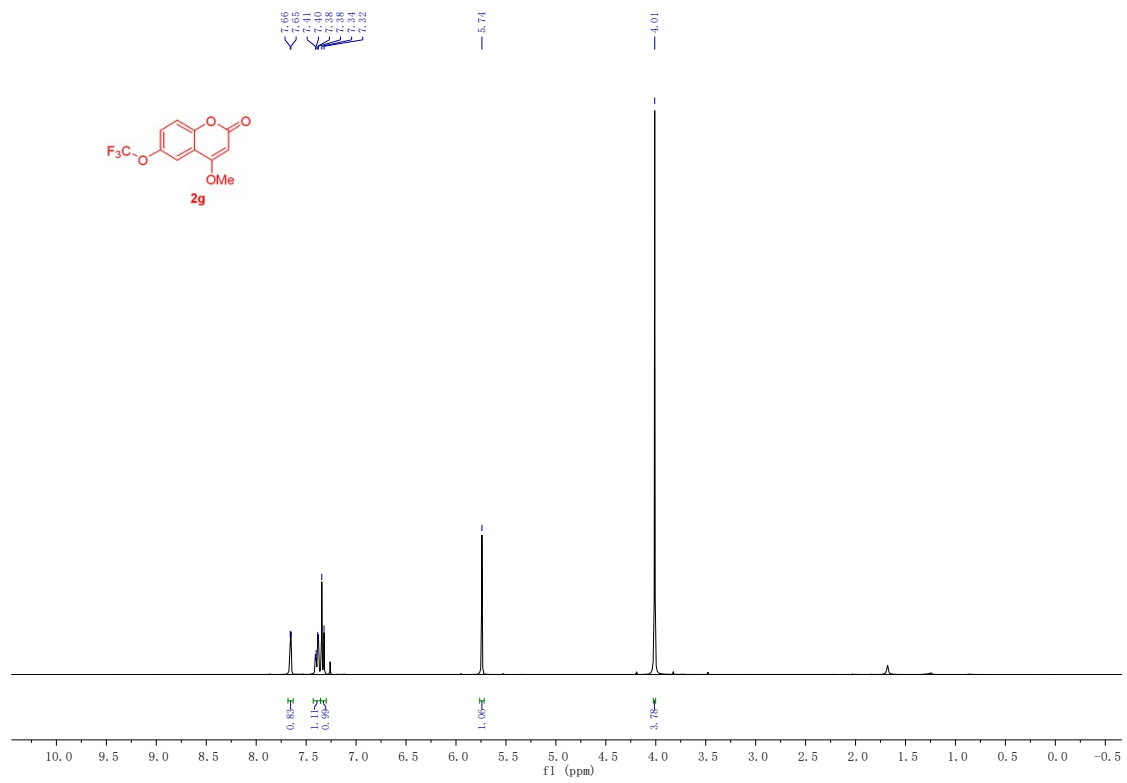


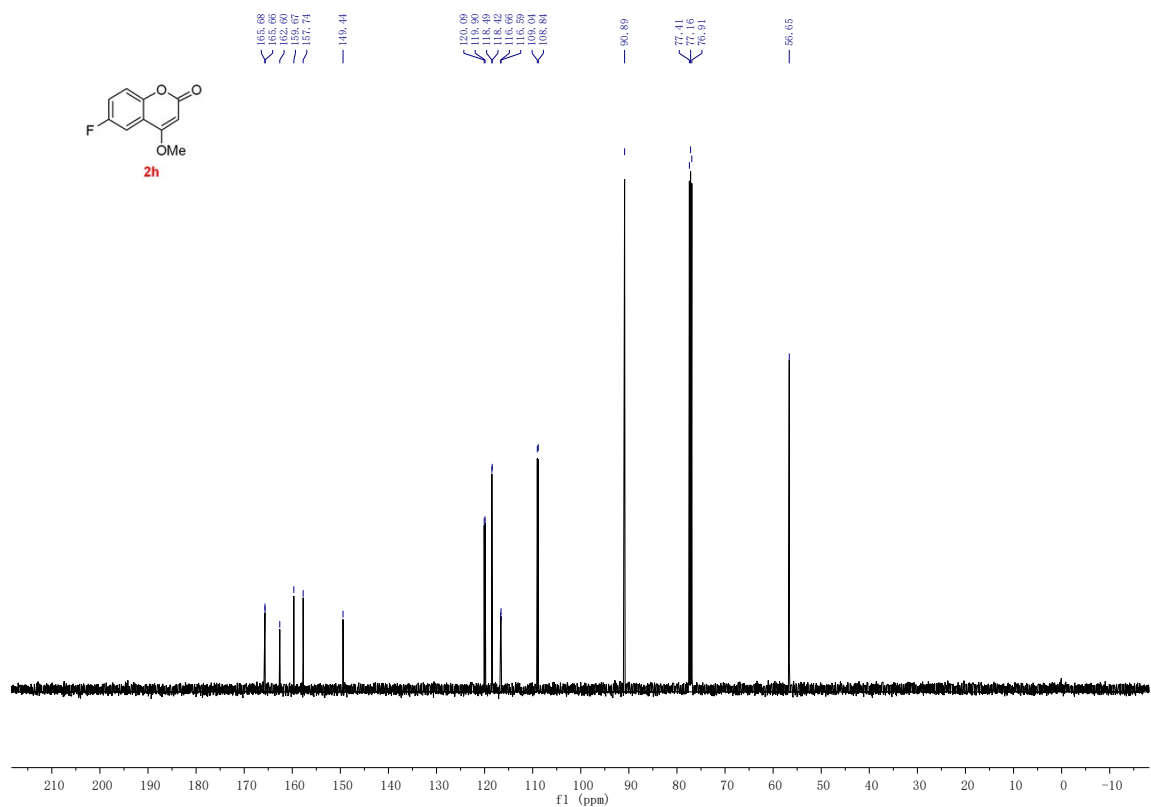
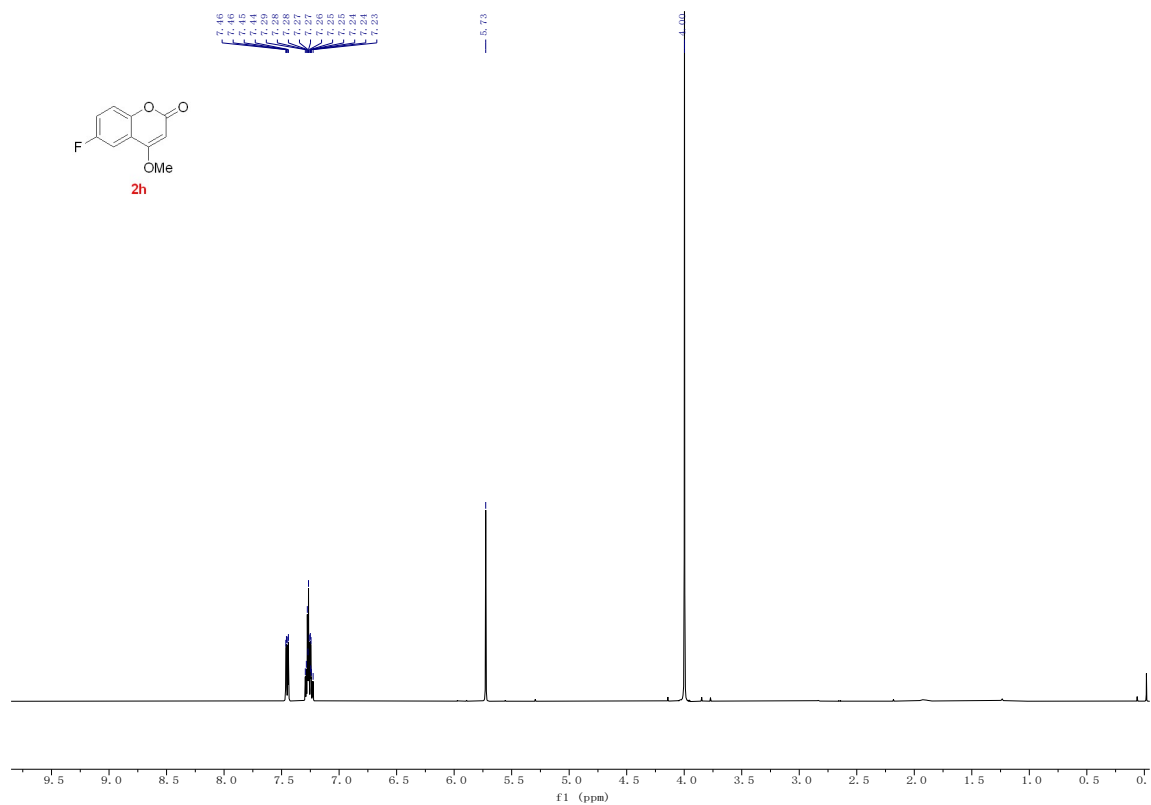


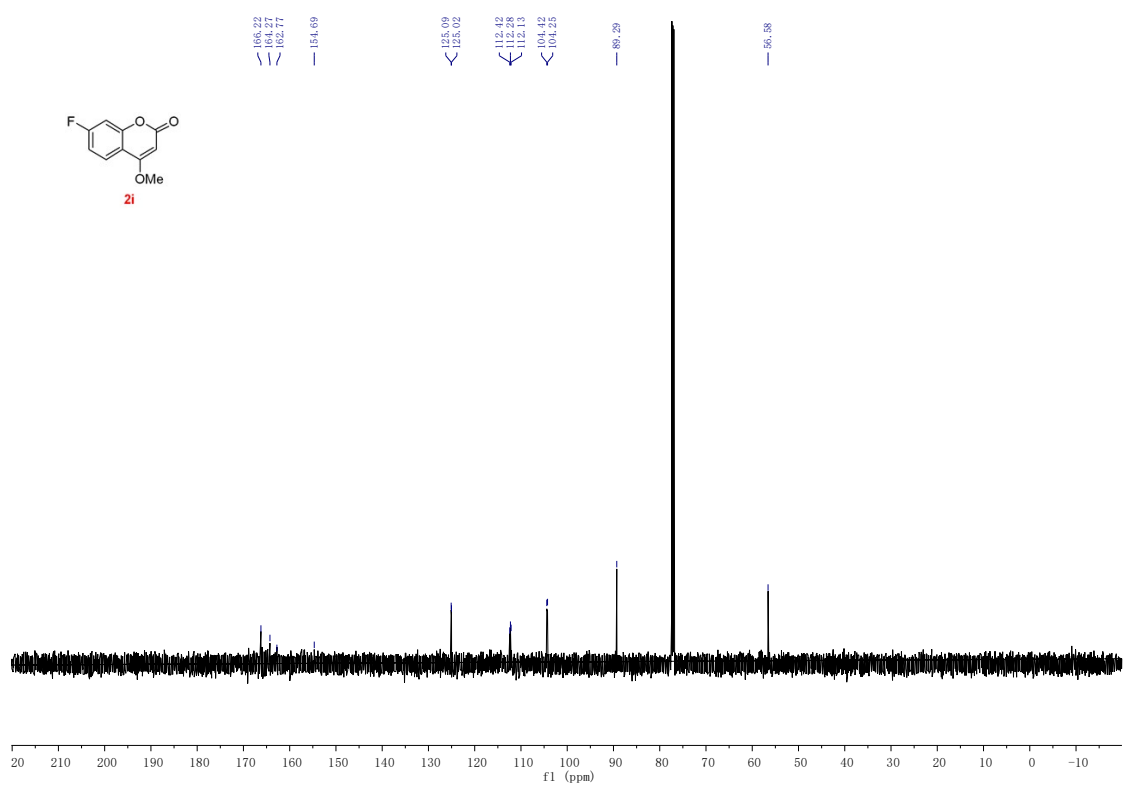
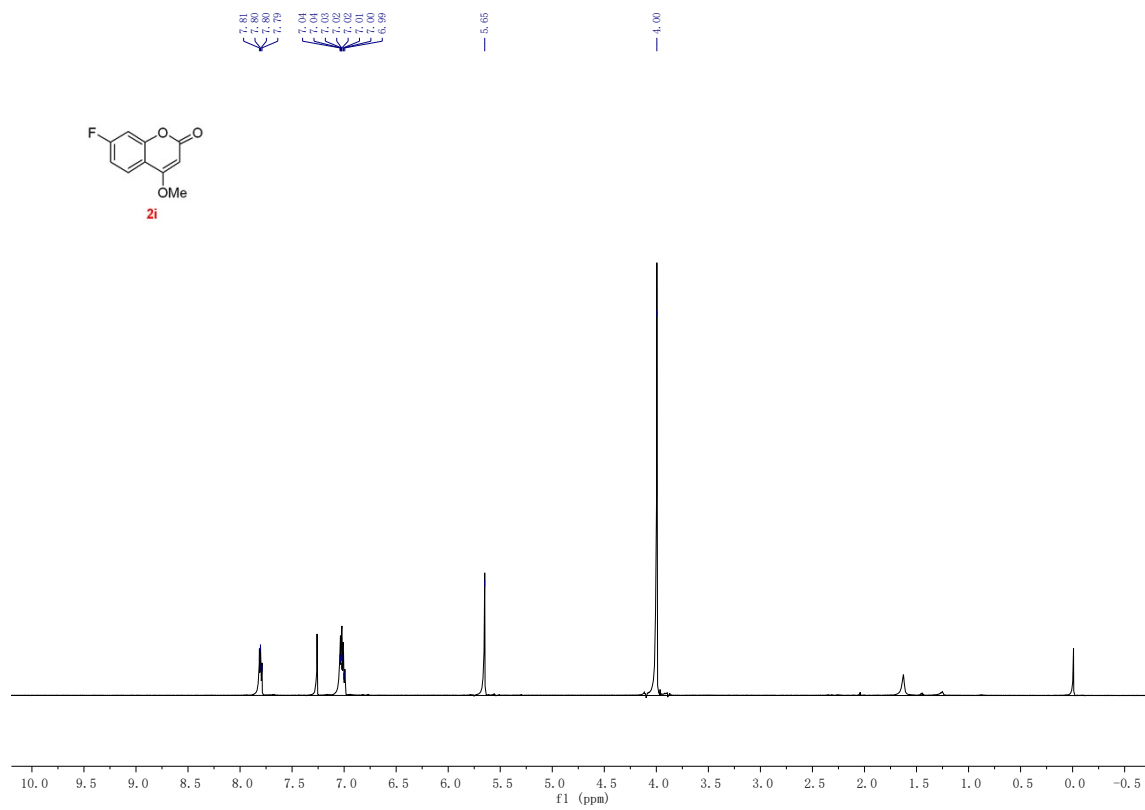


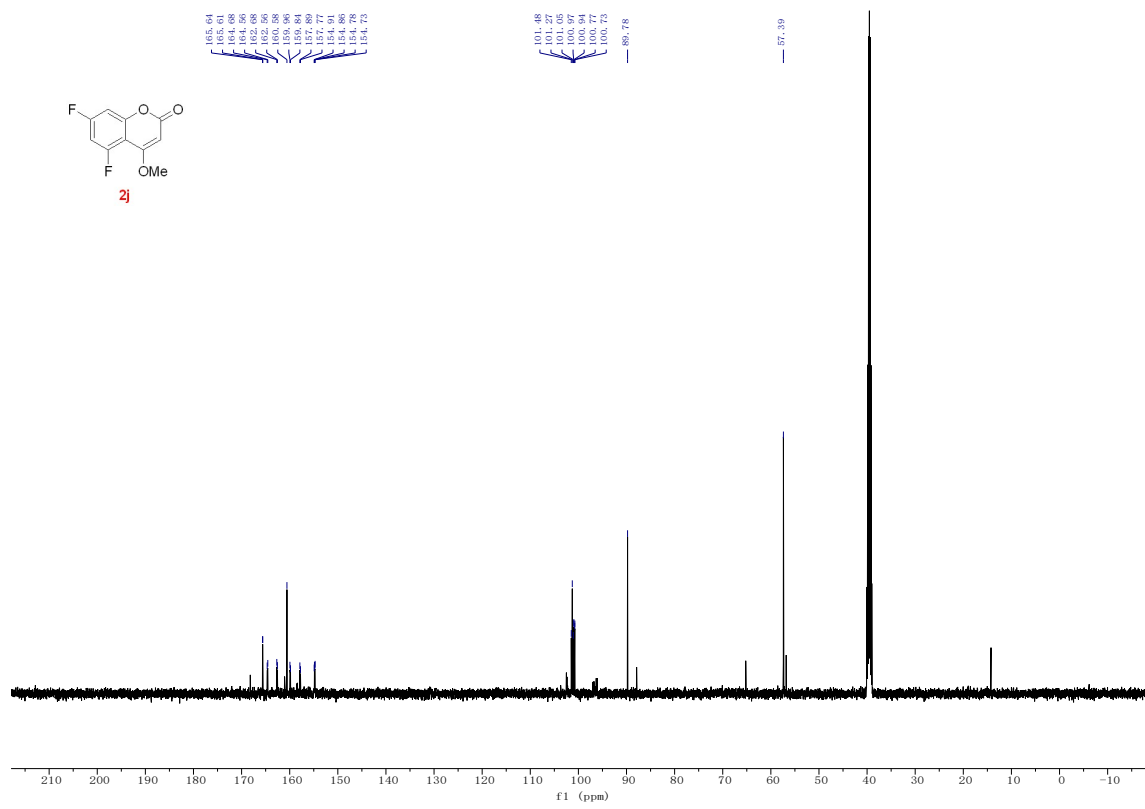
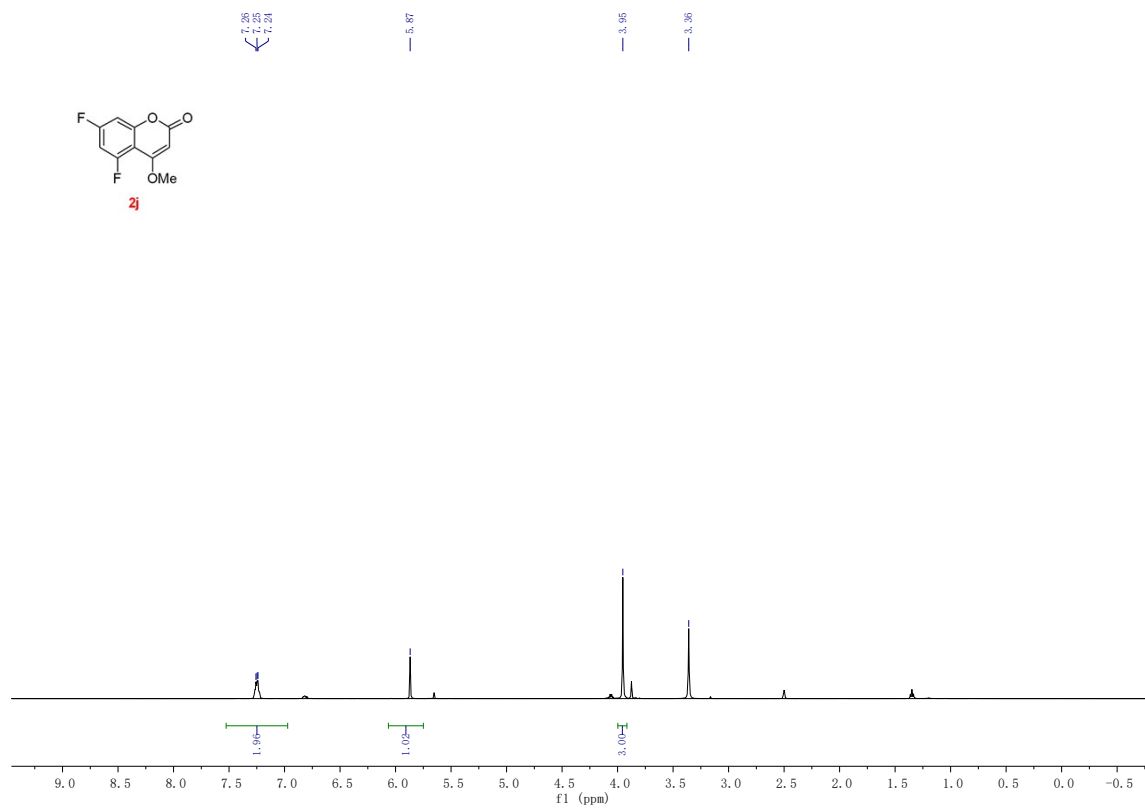


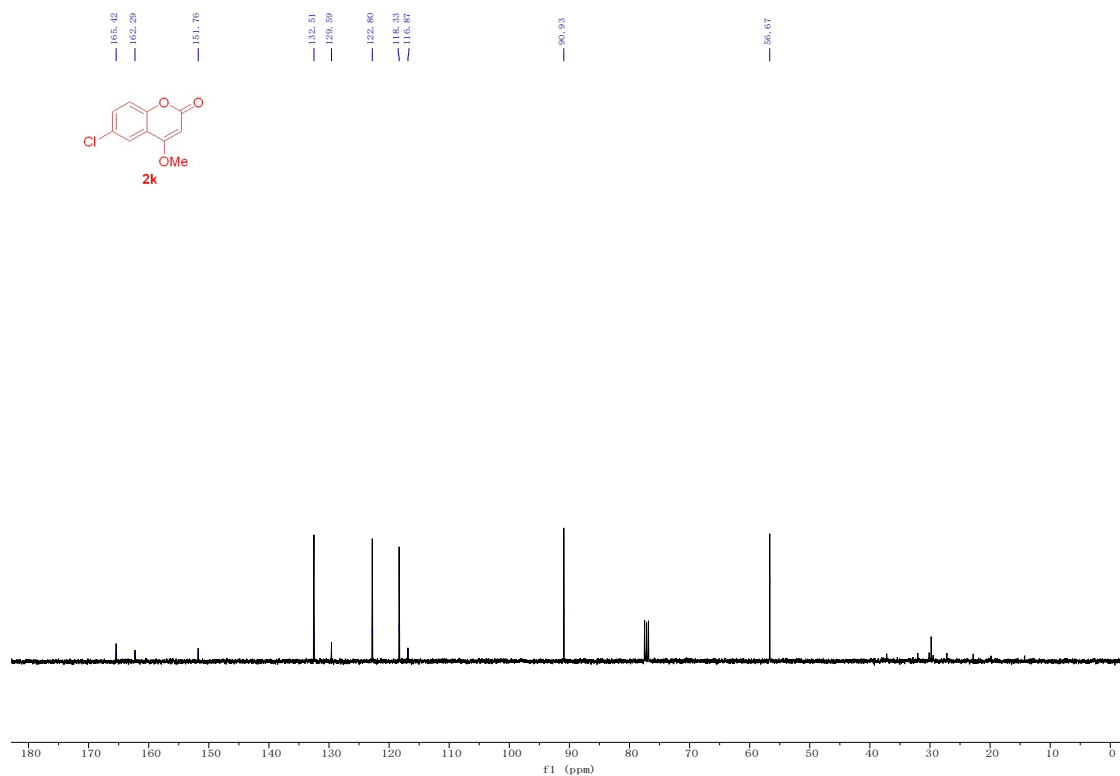
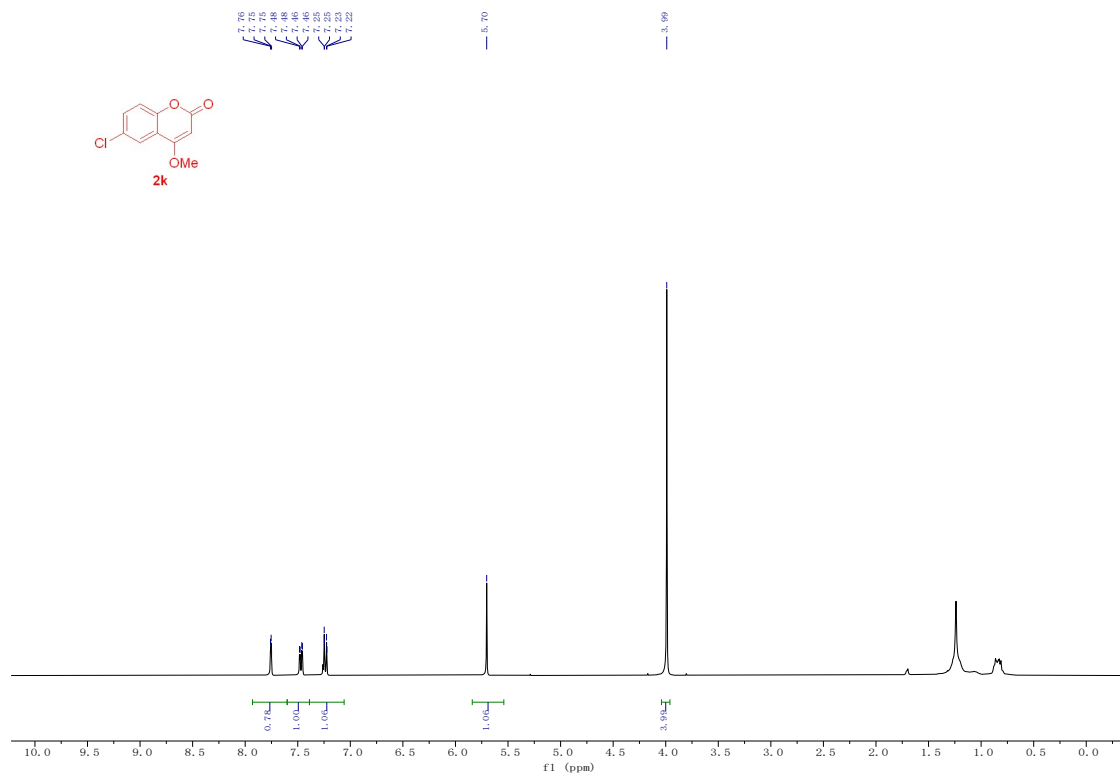


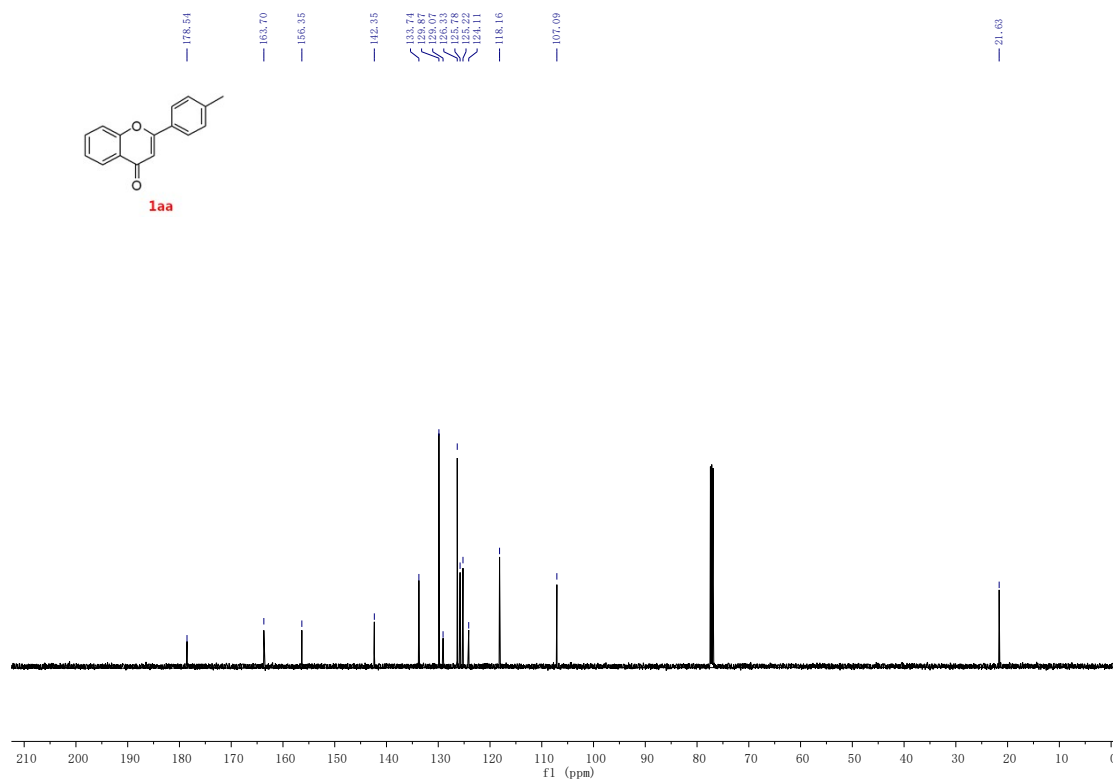
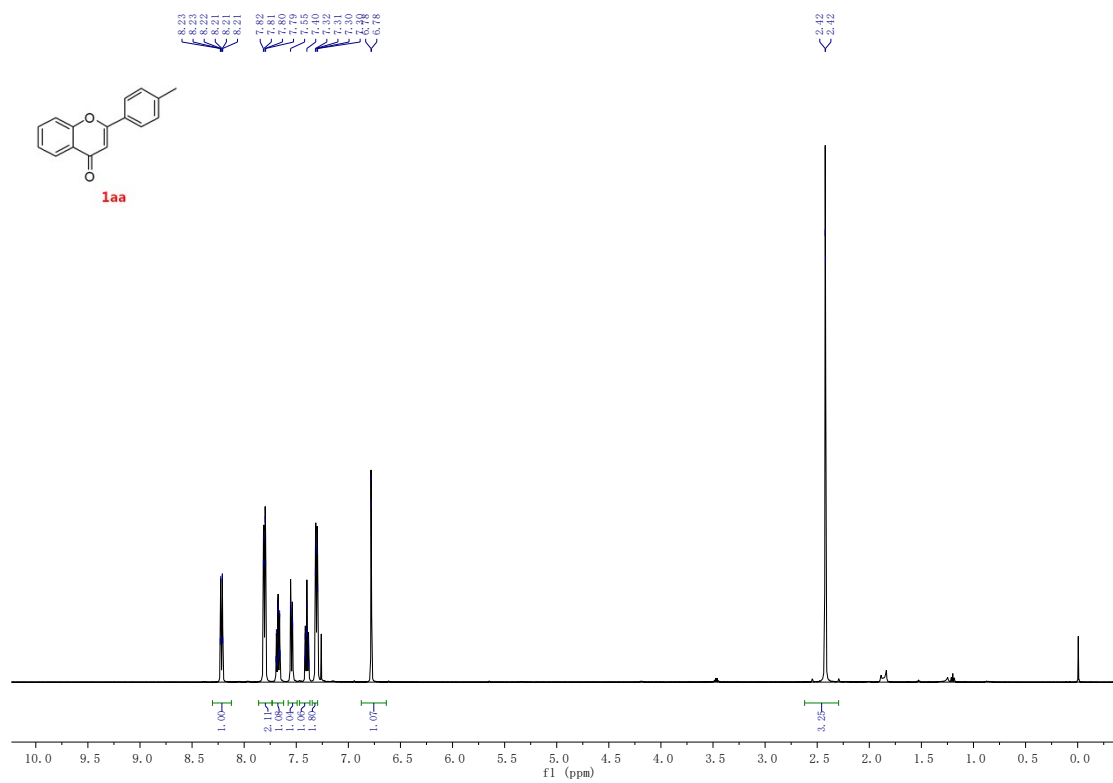


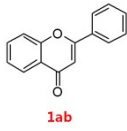




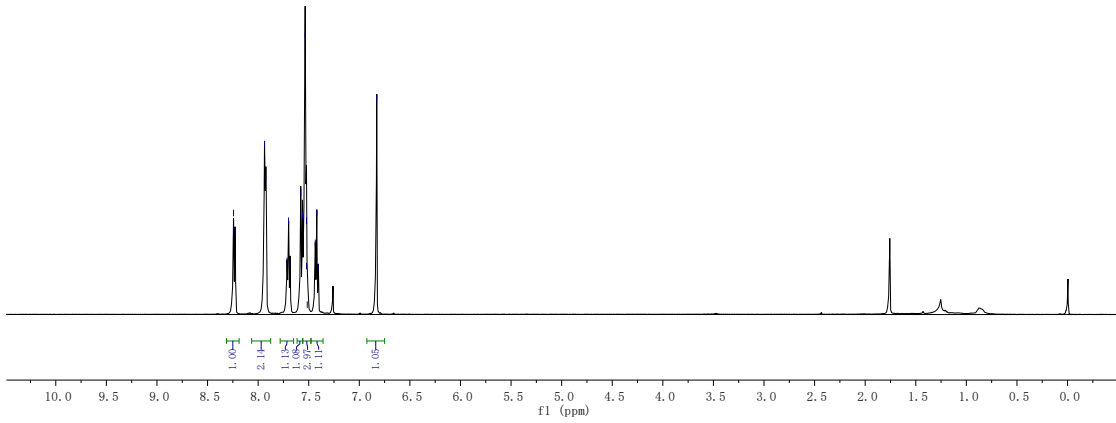








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