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Metal-free synthesis of nitrile based partially reduced thia- and oxa-

thia[5]helicenes: Conformation and dynamics

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3a: 1-Methylsulfanyl-3-oxo-3H,10H-4-oxa-9-thiaphenanthrene-2-carbonitrile





3b: 6-Chloro-1-methylsulfanyl-3-oxo-3H,10H-4-oxa-9-thiaphenanthrene-2-carbonitrile



4a: 2-Oxo-4-(piperidin-1-yl)-2,5-dihydrothiochromeno[4,3-b]pyran-3-carbonitrile



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4c: 4-Morpholino-2-oxo-2,5-dihydrothiochromeno[4,3-b]pyran-3-carbonitrile



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4d: 9-Chloro-4-morpholino-2-oxo-2,5-dihydrothiochromeno[4,3-b]pyran-3-carbonitrile





4e: 2-Oxo-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2,5-dihydrothiochromeno[4,3-b]pyran-3-carbonitrile





6a: (Z)-2-(5,6-Dihydrobenzo[f]thiochromeno[3,4-c]chromen-3(2H)-ylidene)acetonitrile





6b: (Z)-2-(12-Chloro-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]thiochromeno[3,4-c]chromen-3(2H)-ylidene)- acetonitrile



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6c: (Z)-2-(8-Methoxy-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]thiochromeno[3,4-c]chromen-3(2H)-ylidene)acetonitrile











6e: (Z)-2-(9-Methoxy-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]thiochromeno[3,4-c]chromen-3(2H)-ylidene)acetonitrile











7a: 9-Methoxy-3-(piperidin-1-yl)-5,6-dihydro-2*H*-phenanthro[3,4-*c*]thiochromene-4-carbonitrile





7b: 9-Methoxy-3-(morpholin-4-yl)-5,6-dihydro-2*H*-phenanthro[3,4-*c*]thiochromene-4-carbonitrile



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Quantum Chemical Calculation detail of 7a:



Figure S1: The optimized structures for the ground (left) and transition (right) states for 7.

	Ground	Transition
	state	state
Dihedral angle (°)		
C17-C31-C35-C36	33.38878	33.33793
C31-C35-C36-C41	18.16384	18.36053
C35-C36-C41-C53	38.47154	38.61200
C38-C25-S13-C26	59.83068	59.63594
C25-S13-C26-C28	-37.44048	-37.53963
C25-C13-C26-C41	-37.44048	-37.53963
C36-C38-C25-C13	-42.21962	-41.81075
Bond angle (°)		
C25-S13-C26	94.65063	94.70556
Non-bonding distance (Å)		
H14…H56	3.25237	3.25967
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XYZ Coordinate Ground State

1	1	0	6.811991 0.615942 2.366734
2	1	0	-5.989097 -0.309305 2.530820
3	1	0	6.515204 -1.139977 2.337541
4	1	0	-5.257606 1.186191 1.947092
5	6	0	6.408695 -0.204880 1.776042
6	1	0	-3.502126 -0.508625 2.225394
7	6	0	-5.492786 0.152163 1.671294
8	8	0	5.044551 0.115658 1.548396
9	1	0	6.966988 -0.280833 0.836010
10	6	0	-4.191011 -0.601336 1.382256
11	1	0	-7.321113 0.720769 0.642203

12	1	0	-4.418243 -1.669619 1.255388
13	16	0	-0.601322 3.184219 0.974209
14	1	0	2.624999 0.544642 1.093518
15	6	0	4.284323 -0.757415 0.825648
16	6	0	-6.415010 0.139785 0.445922
17	6	0	2.949085 -0.386262 0.649114
18	1	0	5.779295 -2.265553 0.400031
19	1	0	-6.736691 -0.890141 0.247240
20	1	0	-2.709390 2.167295 0.445371
21	1	0	1.519965 4.930585 0.119098
22	6	0	4.750169 -1.955535 0.280768
23	1	0	0.454714 -3.724149 0.641039
24	7	0	-3.534264 -0.024831 0.196193
25	6	0	-1.733008 2.150933 -0.032675
26	6	0	0.813156 2.913041 -0.074264
27	6	0	-2.152789 -0.326502 0.001900
28	6	0	1.686313 3.968096 -0.350309
29	1	0	-5.473377 1.754561 -0.642660

30	6	0	-1.241270 0.730206 -0.121265
31	6	0	2.069121 -1.190088 -0.075557
32	6	0	-1.662562 -1.646046 -0.125971
33	6	0	-2.575000 -2.748195 -0.171600
34	7	0	-3.292054 -3.652698 -0.230843
35	6	0	0.628853 -0.836984 -0.236407
36	6	0	0.134818 0.488086 -0.325779
37	6	0	-5.683645 0.688643 -0.785593
38	6	0	-0.286650 -1.907818 -0.231554
39	6	0	3.856426 -2.781187 -0.402197
40	6	0	0.233810 -3.323459 -0.357053
41	6	0	1.009145 1.645313 -0.661048
42	6	0	2.523987 -2.429141 -0.577163
43	1	0	4.209350 -3.730853 -0.791171
44	1	0	-1.815491 2.617566 -1.018543
45	6	0	-4.365114 -0.052988 -1.019841
46	6	0	2.730230 3.796496 -1.250940
47	1	0	3.398966 4.622415 -1.464868

48	1	0	-0.534550	-3.966155	-0.790071
49	1	0	-6.310025	0.598248	-1.678728
50	1	0	-4.576627	-1.088027	-1.334793
51	6	0	1.510698	-3.350005	-1.205625
52	1	0	1.905360	-4.366474	-1.271737
53	6	0	2.030405	1.521010	-1.617180
54	1	0	-3.801557	0.421830	-1.827058
55	6	0	2.881965	2.576950	-1.910376
56	1	0	2.161993	0.574455	-2.125585
57	1	0	1.268245	-3.030733	-2.227712
58	1	0	3.663677	2.448607	-2.649804

XYZ Coordinate Transition State

1	1	0	6.793261	0.650883	2.391507
2	1	0	-5.993027	-0.422457	2.518616
3	1	0	6.506156	-1.106565	2.361383
4	1	0	-5.213579	1.084289	2.033394

5	6	0	6.398161 -0.172336 1.798602
6	1	0	-3.515582 -0.685677 2.193911
7	6	0	-5.482435 0.078967 1.690365
8	8	0	5.034053 0.140613 1.561808
9	1	0	6.963344 -0.245735 0.862418
10	6	0	-4.206160 -0.695030 1.347355
11	1	0	-7.292166 0.773153 0.704421
12	1	0	-4.469438 -1.742838 1.145005
13	16	0	-0.615078 3.169251 0.976818
14	1	0	2.613745 0.553905 1.095092
15	6	0	4.282716 -0.737347 0.835464
16	6	0	-6.405713 0.176604 0.468955
17	6	0	2.946026 -0.374748 0.652157
18	1	0	5.789135 -2.236280 0.418423
19	1	0	-6.761742 -0.827294 0.205683
20	1	0	-2.717435 2.139169 0.462819
21	1	0	1.490796 4.930287 0.113984
22	6	0	4.758788 -1.932825 0.293680

23	1	0	0.472394 -3.731633 0.630709
24	7	0	-3.531544 -0.056892 0.204677
25	6	0	-1.746058 2.131510 -0.025987
26	6	0	0.796270 2.908401 -0.077843
27	6	0	-2.152140 -0.348998 -0.002429
28	6	0	1.661972 3.968996 -0.355898
29	1	0	-5.417642 1.827596 -0.519798
30	6	0	-1.246542 0.714082 -0.124557
31	6	0	2.074685 -1.184697 -0.076211
32	6	0	-1.653896 -1.664919 -0.139581
33	6	0	-2.560213 -2.769648 -0.209945
34	7	0	-3.273158 -3.676273 -0.293955
35	6	0	0.632751 -0.841811 -0.242012
36	6	0	0.130118 0.480283 -0.331355
37	6	0	-5.658383 0.778942 -0.727936
38	6	0	-0.275757 -1.918194 -0.241016
39	6	0	3.873797 -2.764352 -0.393678
40	6	0	0.254144 -3.330194 -0.367724

41	6	0	0.998120	1.642280	-0.665855
42	6	0	2.540043	-2.420763	-0.575641
43	1	0	4.234754	-3.711761	-0.780517
44	1	0	-1.841371	2.602503	-1.008589
45	6	0	-4.360405	0.017598	-1.010024
46	6	0	2.705068	3.803815	-1.258803
47	1	0	3.368151	4.633810	-1.474148
48	1	0	-0.508069	-3.976699	-0.805999
49	1	0	-6.287415	0.762432	-1.623701
50	1	0	-4.597556	-0.990646	-1.388891
51	6	0	1.535591	-3.347358	-1.209943
52	1	0	1.936956	-4.361274	-1.275473
53	6	0	2.018685	1.523902	-1.623478
54	1	0	-3.783657	0.525717	-1.786897
55	6	0	2.863418	2.585030	-1.918087
56	1	0	2.154929	0.578145	-2.132040
57	1	0	1.296090	-3.028253	-2.232827

58 1 0 3.644795 2.461327 -2.658543