

Hetarenocoumarins based on 7-hydroxy-3-(benzothiazol-2-yl)coumarin

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The syntheses of angular hetarenocoumarins, namely chromeno[8,7-*e*][1,3]oxazin-2-ones and furo[2,3-*h*]chromen-2-one, have been accomplished starting from 7-hydroxy-3-(benzothiazol-2-yl)-coumarin using aminomethylation and formylation reactions.

Introduction

Coumarins appear naturally in many plants and find wide use in medicine due to their diverse pharmacological activities [1, 2]. They possess excellent photophysical properties such as high quantum yield, strong fluorescence, and high photostability, and therefore are used as dyes for biosensitization and biomarking [3]. 7-Hydroxycoumarin derivatives proved to be popular fluorescent dyes. Heterocyclic substituents in position 3 cause a bathochromic shift of their maximum absorption, which significantly improves the photophysical properties of coumarins.

3-Benzothiazolylcoumarins are actively used as fluorescent probes for rapid detection of H₂S [4], benzenethiols [5], biothiols [6], selenocysteine [7], catecholamine [8], Cu²⁺ [9], for sequential recognition of Ni²⁺ and CN⁻ [10], hydrazine

[11], superoxides [12], palladium [13], and hydrogen peroxide [14]. Many probes were synthesized based on 7-hydroxy-3-benzothiazolylcoumarin, which itself can serve as a laser dye [15].

In addition, the use of 3-benzothiazolylcoumarin derivatives as potential antitumor agents [16] and MEK1 inhibitors has been suggested [17]. 7-Hydroxy-3-benzothiazolylcoumarin was synthesized by the Knoevenagel reaction *via* interaction of 2,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde with (benzothiazol-2-yl)acetonitrile in ethanol [7, 17, 18] or propanol-2 [19] using piperidine [17-19] or 4% NaOH [3] as a catalyst, followed by hydrolysis with sulfuric [18] or hydrochloric acid [3, 7, 17, 19] or with ethyl 2-benzothiazolyl acetate in pyridine in the presence of aniline as a catalyst [20]. In the second approach, 7-hydroxy-3-benzothiazolylcoumarin was synthesized

from 7-hydroxy-3-cyanocoumarin and 2-aminothiophenol under microwave irradiation in acetic acid or ethanol with a catalytic amount of the HPMo ($\text{H}_3\text{PMo}_{12}\text{O}_3$) [21]. Alkylation and acylation of the hydroxyl group [3, 18], aminomethylation [18, 22, 23], and formylation [23, 24] at position 8 and cyanation at position 4 [17] of 7-hydroxy-3-(benzothiazol-2-yl)coumarin were previously studied.

Experimental part

The reaction progress and identity of obtained compounds were monitored by TLC on Silufol UV-254 plates using CHCl_3 -MeOH (9:1) system. Melting points were determined using a Kofler-type Leica Galen III micro hot stage microscope. NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Mercury 400 spectrometer (spectrometer frequency for ^1H : 400 MHz) using a DMSO residual solvent signal as an internal standard; chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm. Elemental analyses for C, H, and N were performed using Vario micro cube (Elementar Analysensysteme GmbH), their results were found to be in good agreement (0.2%) with the calculated values. Mass spectra were recorded on an Agilent 1100 LC / MSD with chemical ionization (SI).

3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)-8-dimethylamino-methyl-7-hydroxy-2H-2-chromenone 2 was synthesized following a published protocol [18].

3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)-7-hydroxy-2H-2-chromenone 1. 2 Drops of piperidine were added to a solution of 2,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde (1.38 g, 10 mmol) and (benzothiazole-2-yl)acetonitrile (1.74 g, 10 mmol) in EtOH (30 mL) and kept for 2 days at room temperature. Then the precipitate was filtered off and refluxed for 5 h in 50 mL of acetic acid. The mixture was cooled and the precipitate was filtered off. Yield 2.6 g, 88 %. Yellow solid, $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_3\text{S}$, mp 308°C (AcOH) (lit. [18] 295°C, [19] 305°C). ^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 - CCl_4), δ , ppm (J , Hz): 6.79 (1H, d, $J=2.0$, H-8), 6.66 (1H, dd, $J_{6,5}=8.8$, $J_{6,8}=2.0$, H-6), 7.38 (1H, t, $J=8.0$, H-6'), 7.48 (1H, t, $J=8.0$, H-5'), 7.77 (1H, d, $J=8.8$, H-5), 7.96 (1H, d, $J=8.0$, H-4'), 8.02 (1H, d, $J=8.0$, H-7'), 9.09 (1H, s, H-4), 10.84 (1H, s, OH).

General procedure for the preparation of 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-9-R-9,10-dihydro-2H,8H-chromeno[8,7-e][1,3]oxazin-2-ones 3a-c. The corresponding benzylamine (0.2 mL, 2 mmol) and 37% formalin (4 mL) were added to 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-7-hydroxy-2H-2-chromenone **1** (0.32 g, 1 mmol) in 10 mL of dioxane and refluxed for 3 h (TLC control). The solution was cooled and the resulting precipitate was filtered off and washed with dioxane.

3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)-9-benzyl-9,10-dihydro-2H,8H-chromeno[8,7-e][1,3]-oxazin-2-one **3a**. Yield 0.26 g, 62 %. Yellow solid, C₂₅H₁₈N₂O₃S, mp 196-197°C (dioxane). ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆-CCl₄), δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 3.90 (2H, s, PhCH₂), 4.16 (2H, s, 10-CH₂), 4.98 (2H, s, 8-CH₂), 6.84 (1H, d, *J*= 8.8, H-6), 7.26-7.39 (6H, m, H-6', Ph), 7.47 (1H, t, *J*= 8.0, H-5'), 7.73 (1H, d, *J*=8.8, H-5), 7.96 (1H, d, *J*=8.4, H-4'), 7.99 (1H, d, *J*= 8.4, H-7'), 9.08 (1H, s, H-4). MS (*m/z*, CI): 415 [MH⁺-12].

3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)-9-(4-methoxybenzyl)-9,10-dihydro-2H,8H-chromeno[8,7-e][1,3]oxazin-2-one **3b**. Yield 0.34 g, 74 %. Yellow solid, C₂₆H₂₀N₂O₄S, mp 203-204°C (dioxane). ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆-CCl₄), δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 3.77 (3H, s, CH₃O), 3.81 (2H, s, PhCH₂), 4.13 (2H, s, 10-CH₂), 4.97 (2H, s, 8-CH₂), 6.85 (3H, d, *J*= 8.4, H-6, H-3'',5''), 7.23 (2H, d, *J*= 8.0, H-2'',6''), 7.39 (1H, t, *J*= 8.0, H-6'), 7.49 (1H, t, *J*= 8.0, H-5'), 7.77 (1H, d, *J*=8.4, H-5), 7.97 (1H, d, *J*=8.0, H-4'), 8.01 (1H, d, *J*= 8.0, H-7'), 9.11 (1H, s, H-4). MS (*m/z*, CI): 444.9 [MH⁺-12].

3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)-9-(1-phenylethyl)-9,10-dihydro-2H,8H-chromeno[8,7-e][1,3]oxazin-2-one **3c**. Yield 0.35 g, 79 %. Yellow solid, C₂₆H₂₀N₂O₃S,

mp 104-105°C (dioxane). ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆-CCl₄), δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.45 (3H, d, *J*=7.2, CH₃), 3.91 (1H, k, *J*=7.2, CHCH₃), 3.97 (1H, d, *J*=17.2, 10-CH_α), 4.26 (1H, d, *J*=17.2, 10-CH_β), 4.96 (1H, d, *J*=10.4, 8-CH_α), 5.20 (1H, d, *J*=10.4, 8-CH_β), 6.83 (1H, d, *J*= 8.8, H-6), 7.26-7.33 (5H, m, Ph), 7.38 (1H, t, *J*= 8.0, H-6'), 7.49 (1H, t, *J*= 8.0, H-5'), 7.74 (1H, d, *J*=8.8, H-5), 7.97 (1H, d, *J*=8.0, H-4'), 8.01 (1H, d, *J*= 8.0, H-7'), 9.01 (1H, s, H-4). MS (*m/z*, CI): 429 [MH⁺-12].

General procedure for the preparation of 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-8-chromenylmethyl-(*R*)ammonium chlorides **4a-c**. HCl (0.1 mL) was added to the solution of 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-9-*R*-9,10-dihydro-2H,8H-chromeno[8,7-e][1,3]oxazin-2-one **3a-c** (0.3 mmol) in dioxane (3 mL) and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 h, then it was cooled and the resulted precipitate was filtered off and washed with dioxane.

3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)-7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-8-chromenylmethyl(benzyl)ammonium chloride **4a**. Yield 0.09 g, 67 %. Yellow solid, C₂₄H₁₉ClN₂O₃S, mp 268-269°C (dioxane). ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆-CCl₄), δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 4.20 (2H, s, PhCH₂), 4.24 (2H, s, CH₂), 7.23

(1H, d, $J=8.4$, H-6), 7.36-7.39 (4H, m, H-6',3'',4'',5''), 7.48 (1H, t, $J=7.6$, H-5'), 7.62 (2H, d, $J=7.2$, H-2'',6''), 7.85 (1H, d, $J=8.4$, H-5), 7.96 (1H, d, $J=7.6$, H-4'), 8.02 (1H, d, $J=8.4$, H-7'), 9.11 (1H, s, H-4), 9.63 (2H, s, NH₂), 12.11 (1H, s, OH). MS (m/z , CI): 415 [MH⁺-36.5].

3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)-7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-8-chromenylmethyl(4-methoxybenzyl)ammonium chloride 4b. Yield 0.11 g, 78 %. Yellow solid, C₂₅H₂₁ClN₂O₄S, mp 263-264°C (dioxane). ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆-CCl₄), δ , ppm (J , Hz): 3.76 (3H, s, CH₃O), 4.13 (2H, s, PhCH₂), 4.22 (2H, s, CH₂), 6.89 (2H, d, $J=8.4$, H-3'',5''), 7.22 (1H, d, $J=8.8$, H-6), 7.39 (1H, t, $J=8.0$, H-6'), 7.47-7.52 (3H, m, H-5',2'',6''), 7.86 (1H, d, $J=8.8$, H-5), 7.97 (1H, d, $J=8.0$, H-4'), 8.03 (1H, d, $J=8.0$, H-7'), 9.12 (1H, s, H-4), 9.46 (2H, s, NH₂), 12.08 (2H, s, OH). MS (m/z , CI): 445 [M⁺-36.5].

3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)-7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-8-chromenylmethyl(1-phenylethyl)ammonium chloride 4c. Yield 0.12 g, 86 %. Yellow solid, C₂₅H₂₁ClN₂O₃S, mp 222-223°C (dioxane). ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆-CCl₄), δ , ppm (J , Hz): 1.68 (3H, d, $J=6.0$, CH₃), 3.96 (1H, br s, PhCH), 4.11 (2H, br s, CH₂), 7.19 (1H, d, $J=$

8, H-6), 7.33-7.39 (4H, m, H-6',3'',4'',5''), 7.46 (1H, t, $J=8.0$, H-5'), 7.63 (2H, d, $J=7.2$, H-2'',6''), 7.79 (1H, d, $J=8$, H-5), 7.94 (1H, d, $J=8.0$, H-4'), 8.02 (1H, d, $J=8.0$, H-7'), 9.06 (1H, s, H-4), 9.36 (1H, s, NH), 9.89 (1H, s, NH), 12.03 (1H, s, OH). MS (m/z , CI): 429 [MH⁺-36.5].

General procedure for the preparation of 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-8-R-aminomethyl-7-hydroxy-2H-2-chromenones 5a-c. A mixture of 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-8-dimethylaminomethyl-7-hydroxy-2H-2-chromenone **3** (0.35 g, 1 mmol) and substituted benzylamine (2 mmol) was refluxed in 3 mL of dioxane for 2 h (TLC control). The solution was cooled and the resulting precipitate was filtered off and washed with dioxane.

3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)-8-benzylaminomethyl-7-hydroxy-2H-2-chromenone 5a. Yield 0.20 g, 49 %. Yellow solid, C₂₄H₁₈N₂O₃S, mp 242-243°C (dioxane). ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆-CCl₄), δ , ppm (J , Hz): 3.92 (2H, s, PhCH₂), 4.21 (2H, s, NHCH₂), 6.61 (1H, d, $J=8.4$, H-6), 7.29-7.46 (7H, m, H-5',6', Ph), 7.56 (1H, d, $J=8.4$, H-5), 7.90 (1H, d, $J=8.0$, H-4'), 7.96 (1H, d, $J=8.0$, H-7'), 8.94 (1H, s, H-4), OH and NH exchanged with D₂O). MS (m/z , CI): 415 [MH⁺].

3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)-7-hydroxy-8-(4-methoxybenzylaminomethyl)-2H-2-chromenone **5b**. Yield 0.22 g, 50 %. Yellow solid, C₂₅H₂₀N₂O₄S, mp 257-258°C (dioxane). ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆-CCl₄), δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 3.77 (3H, s, CH₃O), 3.91 (2H, s, PhCH₂), 4.17 (2H, s, NHCH₂), 6.54 (1H, d, *J*= 8.4, H-6), 6.88 (2H, d, *J*= 8.4, H-3'',5''), 7.29-7.35 (3H, m, H-6',2'',6''), 7.43 (1H, t, *J*= 8.0, H-5'), 7.53 (1H, d, *J*= 8.4, H-5), 7.89 (1H, d, *J*=8.0, H-4'), 7.96 (1H, d, *J*= 8.0, H-7'), 8.90 (1H, s, H-4), OH and NH exchanged with D₂O). MS (*m/z*, CI): 445 [MH]⁺.

3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)-7-hydroxy-8-(1-phenylethylaminomethyl)-2H-2-chromenone **5c**. Yield 0.23 g, 54 %. Yellow solid, C₂₅H₂₀N₂O₃S, mp 189-190°C (dioxane). ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆-CCl₄), δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.48 (3H, d, *J*=6.0, CH₃), 3.93-4.07 (3H, m, CH₃CH₂NHCH₂), 6.61 (1H, d, *J*= 8.4, H-6), 7.6 - 7.46 (7H, m, H-5',6', Ph), 7.57 (1H, d, *J*= 8.4, H-5), 7.91 (1H, d, *J*=8.0, H-4'), 7.97 (1H, d, *J*= 8.0, H-7'), 8.94 (1H, s, H-4), OH and NH exchanged with D₂O). MS (*m/z*, CI): 429 [MH]⁺.

3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)-7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-8-chromenecarbaldehyde **6**.

Method A. A solution of 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-7-hydroxy-2H-2-chromenone **1** (1.48 g, 5 mmol) and of hexamethylenetetramine (7 g, 50 mmol) in 20 mL of AcOH was heated on a water bath for 6 h. The hot solution was poured into a hot mixture of HCl-H₂O (1:1, 24 mL) and then was diluted with 40 mL of H₂O. After 1 h at room temperature, the precipitate was filtered off and recrystallized from AcOH. Yield 1.39 g, 85 %.

Method B. A solution of 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-8-dimethylaminomethyl-7-hydroxy-2H-2-chromenone **3** (0.53 g, 1.5 mmol) and hexamethylenetetramine 0.42 g (3 mmol) in 5 mL of acetic acid was refluxed for 1 h. The hot solution was poured into a hot mixture of HCl-H₂O (1:1, 3 mL) and then was diluted with 15 mL of H₂O. After 1 h at room temperature, the precipitate was filtered off and recrystallized from AcOH. Yield 0.35 g, 73 %. Orange solid, C₁₇H₉NO₄S, mp 234-235°C (AcOH). ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆-CCl₄), δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 7.02 (1H, d, *J*= 8.8, H-6), 7.36 (1H, t, *J*= 7.6, H-6'), 7.46 (1H, t, *J*=7.6, H-5'), 7.94 (1H, d, *J*=7.6, H-4'), 7.98 (1H, d, *J*= 7.6, H-7'), 8.08 (1H, d, *J*= 8.8, H-5), 9.09 (1H, s, H-4), 10.48 (1H, s, CHO),

12.19 (1H, s, OH). MS (*m/z*, CI): 324 [MH]⁺.

3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)-8-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-2H-furo[2,3-h]chromen-2-one

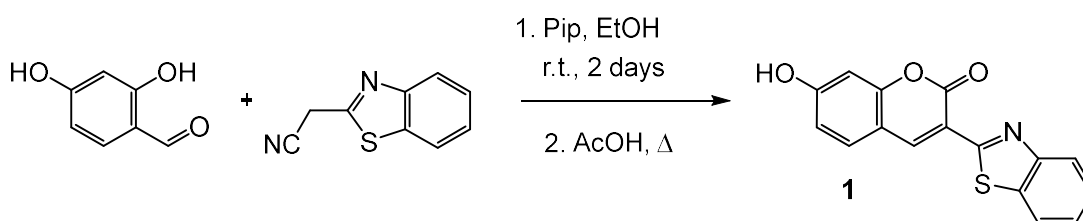
7. K₂CO₃ (0.14 g, 1 mmol) was added to a solution of 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-8-chromenecarbaldehyde **6** (0.32 g, 1 mmol) and 4-nitrophenacyl bromide (0.24 g, 1 mmol) in 2 mL of DMF. The reaction mixture was stirred under heating (100°C) for 5 h, then cooled, diluted with H₂O (20 mL), neutralized with HCl. The resulting residue was filtered off and recrystallized from dioxane. Yield 0.15 g, 32 %. Pale yellow solid, C₂₅H₁₂N₂O₆S, mp > 300°C (dioxane). ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆), δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 7.45 (1H, t, *J*=8.0, H-6'), 7.55 (1H, t, *J*=8.0, H-5'), 7.90 (1H, d, *J*= 8.0, H-5), 8.05 (1H, d, *J*=

8.0, H-6), 8.15 (5H, m, H-4',7',9,2'',6''), 8.42 (2H, d, *J*= 7.6, H-3'',5''), 9.38 (1H, s, H-4). MS (*m/z*, CI): 469 [MH]⁺.

Results and discussion

As part of our ongoing research into the reactivity of 7-hydroxy-3-(benzothiazol-2-yl)coumarin, in this work we explored the construction of hetarenocoumarins based on 7-hydroxy-3-(benzothiazol-2-yl)coumarin and its functional derivatives.

The Knoevenagel methodology [18] was utilized to synthesize 7-hydroxy-3-(benzothiazol-2-yl)coumarin **1**, but the hydrolysis of the reaction mixture was performed in refluxing acetic acid (**Scheme 1**).



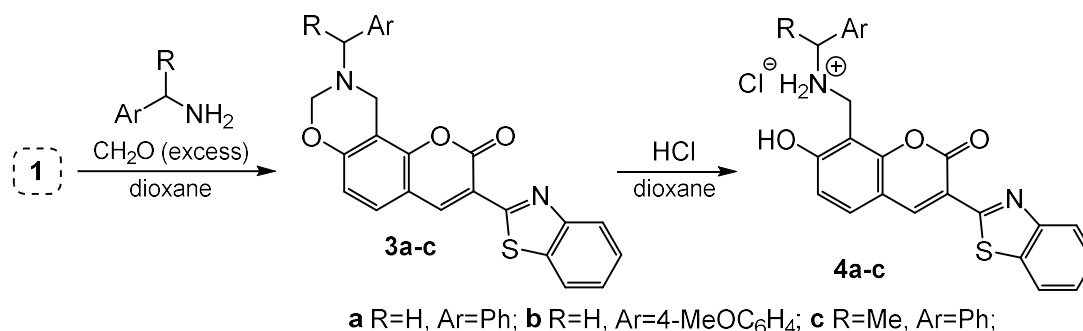
Scheme 1. The synthesis of 7-hydroxy-3-(benzothiazol-2-yl)coumarin

It is known that aminomethylation of 7-hydroxycoumarin **1** with bisdimethylaminomethane in dioxane produces 8-dimethylaminomethyl derivative **2** [18].

Aminomethylation of 7-hydroxycoumarin **1** under classical conditions using benzylamines and an excess of 37% formalin in dioxane led to the annelation of the dihydrooxazine cycle to the coumarin ring and the formation of 3-(1,3-

benzothiazol-2-yl)-9-benzyl-9,10-dihydro-2*H*,8*H*-chromeno[8,7-*e*][1,3]oxazin-2-ones **3a-c** (Scheme 2). It should be noted that the addition of HCl to the refluxing solution of **3a-c** in dioxane resulted in the opening of

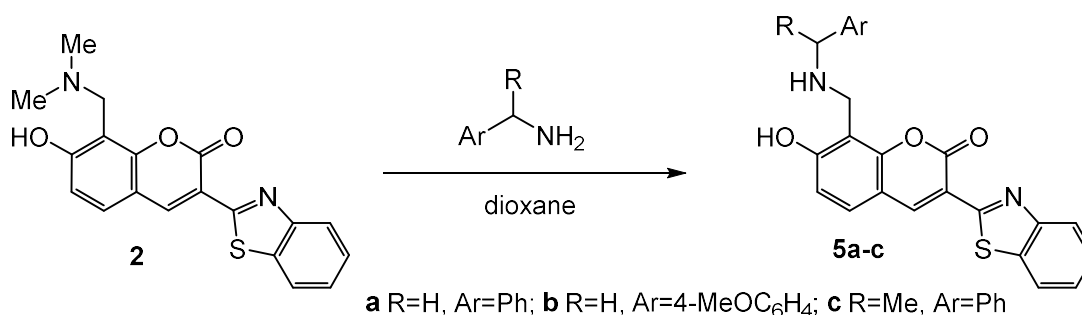
the oxazine cycle and the formation of Mannich bases hydrochlorides **4a-c** (Scheme 2).



Scheme 2. The synthesis of 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-9-*R*-9,10-dihydro-2*H*,8*H*-chromeno[8,7-*e*][1,3]oxazin-2-ones **3a-c** and 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-8-*R*-aminomethyl-7-hydroxy-2*H*-2-chromenons' hydrochlorides **4a-c**

The corresponding Mannich bases **4a-c** were obtained *via* interaction of 8-dimethylaminomethyl derivative **2** with

benzylamines in dioxane at reflux for 2 hours (Scheme 3).



Scheme 3. The synthesis of 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-8-*R*-aminomethyl-7-hydroxy-2*H*-2-chromenons **5a-c**

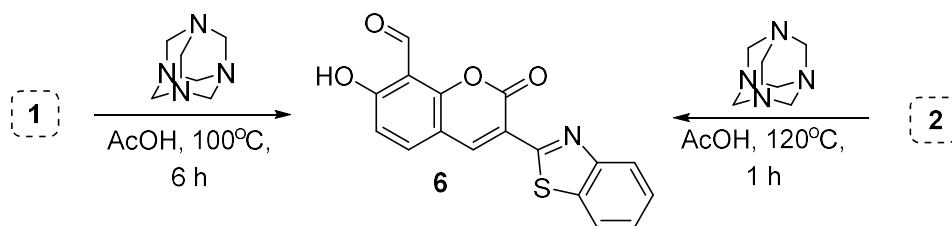
The ¹H NMR spectra of chromeno[8,7-*e*][1,3]oxazin-2-ones **3a,b** revealed the presence of three two-proton singlets at 3.81-3.90 ppm (ArCH₂), 4.13-

4.16 ppm (10-CH₂), and 4.97-4.98 ppm (8-CH₂) assigned to the benzyl group and two methylene groups of the dihydrooxazine ring correspondingly, while the ¹H NMR spectra

of **4a,b** and **5a,b** showed two two-proton singlets at 4.17-4.24 ppm (8-CH₂) and 3.91-4.20 ppm (CH₂Ar). The signals of dihydrooxazine ring protons in the ¹H NMR spectrum of 9-(1-phenylethyl) derivative **3c** are not equivalent due to their proximity to the asymmetric center.

Taking into account that *o*-hydroxy-formyl coumarins are convenient building blocks for the synthesis of condensed coumarins [25, 26], we targeted 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-8-

chromenecarbaldehyde **6** as an appropriate substrate for the synthesis of hetarenocoumarins. Previously, 8-formyl derivative **6** was synthesized from 7-hydroxy-3-(benzothiazol-2-yl)coumarin **1** by its interaction with hexamethylenetetramine in trifluoroacetic acid *via* the Duff reaction [23, 24]. Replacing trifluoroacetic acid with acetic acid as a solvent in this reaction allowed us to obtain product **6** in good yield and reduce the above protocol's cost (Scheme 4).

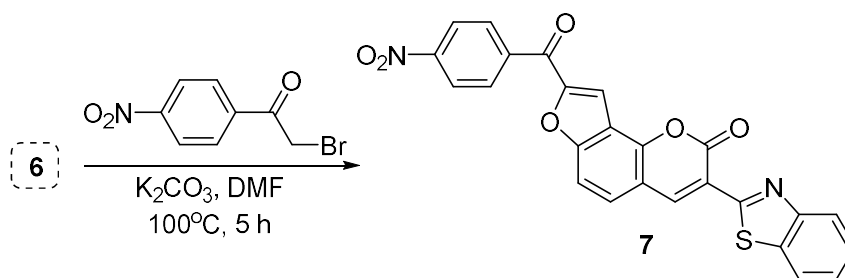


Scheme 4. The syntheses of 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-8-chromenecarbaldehyde (**6**)

3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)-8-dimethylamino-methyl-7-hydroxy-2*H*-2-chromenone **2** can also be a starting material in the synthesis of 8-formylcoumarin **6** *via* the Duff reaction. Treatment of **2** with hexamethylenetetramine in acetic acid at reflux for 1 h followed by hydrolysis with HCl gave **5** in 73% yield.

7-Hydroxy-8-formylcoumarin **6** was introduced into a reaction with 4-nitrophenacyl bromide upon heating in dimethylformamide at 100°C in the presence

of K₂CO₃. Ring closure proceeded *via* alkylation of the hydroxyl group followed by the condensation of active methylene and carbonyl groups, forming the furan fragment and leading to the formation of 3-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-8-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-2*H*-furo[2,3-*h*]chromen-2-one **7** (Scheme 5). The presence of a singlet at 8.19 ppm for the H-3 proton in the ¹H NMR spectrum of this compound is consistent with the formation of a furochromene system.



Scheme 5. The syntheses of furo[2,3-h]coumarin 7

Conclusions

In conclusion, we have performed the synthesis of angular hetarenocoumarins, namely chromeno[8,7-*e*][1,3]oxazin-2-ones based on 7-hydroxy-3-(benzothiazol-2-yl)coumarin *via* aminomethylation under classical Mannich reaction conditions using an excess of formalin. The furo[2,3-*h*]chromen-2-one system was formed starting from the 8-formyl derivative of 7-hydroxy-3-(benzothiazol-2-yl)coumarin under the Duff reaction conditions with 4-nitrophenacyl bromide. The proposed approaches are simple and effective and will contribute to further unlocking the potential of coumarins.

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