

## Synthesis of dihydropyranones and dihydropyrano[2,3-d][1,3]dioxine-diones by cyclization reaction of Meldrum's acid with arylaldehydes and 1,3-dicarbonyls under thermal and ultrasound irradiation

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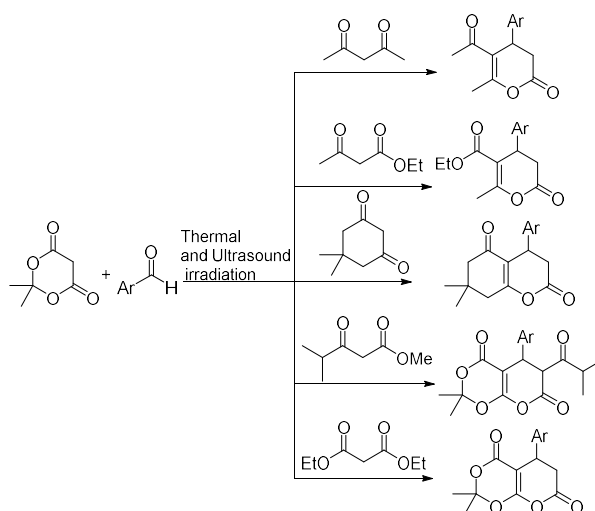
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### Abstract

The present paper deals with the synthesis of novel dihydropyranone and dihydropyrano[2,3-d][1,3]dioxine-dione derivatives *via* one-pot three-component reaction between Meldrum's acid, arylaldehydes, and various 1,3-dicarbonyls in the presence of KOH as a base in H<sub>2</sub>O:EtOH under thermal and ultrasound irradiation. It was observed that ultrasound-assisted method gave 80-94% yields in 30-45 min as against 120-280 min required to get 60-82% yields by thermal method.



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## Introduction

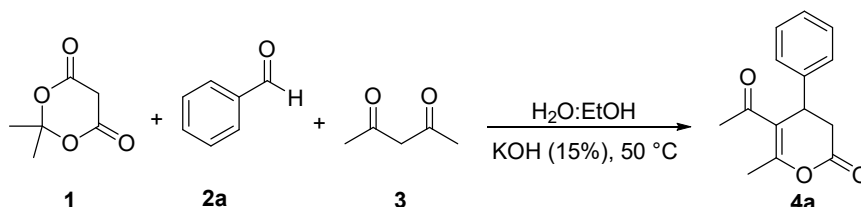
Pyran derivatives represent the key building blocks of many natural products,<sup>1-3</sup> and constitute the core of valuable compounds exhibiting a broad spectrum of biological activities.<sup>4-8</sup> Many of the 2*H*-pyran-2-ones have been used as precursors for the synthesis of pharmacologically active compounds such as HIV protease inhibitors,<sup>9</sup> antifungals,<sup>10</sup> cardiotonics,<sup>11</sup> anticonvulsants,<sup>12</sup> antimicrobials,<sup>13</sup> pheromones,<sup>14</sup> antitumor agents,<sup>15</sup> and plant growth regulators.<sup>16</sup> Also,  $\alpha$ -pyranones are important intermediates for the construction of pyridones,  $\gamma$ -lactones, benzenoid derivatives, and etc.<sup>17-23</sup>

Our literature survey revealed that there are some examples in the synthesis of 3,4-dihydro- $\alpha$ -pyranones by several groups.<sup>24-31</sup> But, little efforts have been paid to the synthesis of dihydropyranone and dihydropyrano[2,3-*d*][1,3]dioxine-dione derivatives.<sup>32-38</sup> To make the synthesis of this kind of compound in a more efficient and in continuation of our studies on one-pot multi-component reactions,<sup>39-41</sup> we report here a one-pot three-component reaction of Meldrum's acid, arylaldehydes, and various 1,3-dicarbonyls in the presence of KOH as a base in H<sub>2</sub>O:EtOH under thermal and ultrasound irradiation.

## Results and Discussion

To find the optimal conditions, we studied the synthesis of 5-acetyl-6-methyl-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-one **4a** from the condensation of Meldrum's acid **1**, benzaldehyde **2a**, and acetylacetone **3** under various reaction conditions (Table 1).

**Table 1.** Optimization of the reaction conditions



Entry	Solvent	Base	Temp. (°C)	Time (min)	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	H <sub>2</sub> O	--	r.t.	120	Trace
2	EtOH	--	r.t.	120	Trace
3	H <sub>2</sub> O	KOH (15%)	r.t.	100	50
4	EtOH	KOH (15%)	r.t.	100	55
5	H <sub>2</sub> O:EtOH	NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	r.t.	90	52
6	H <sub>2</sub> O:EtOH	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (15%)	r.t.	90	55
7	H <sub>2</sub> O:EtOH	KOH (15%)	r.t.	60	60
8	H <sub>2</sub> O:EtOH	KOH (10%)	50	30	78
9	H <sub>2</sub> O:EtOH	KOH (15%)	50	30	92
10	H <sub>2</sub> O:EtOH	KOH (20%)	50	30	90
11	H <sub>2</sub> O:EtOH	KOH (15%)	Reflux	30	65

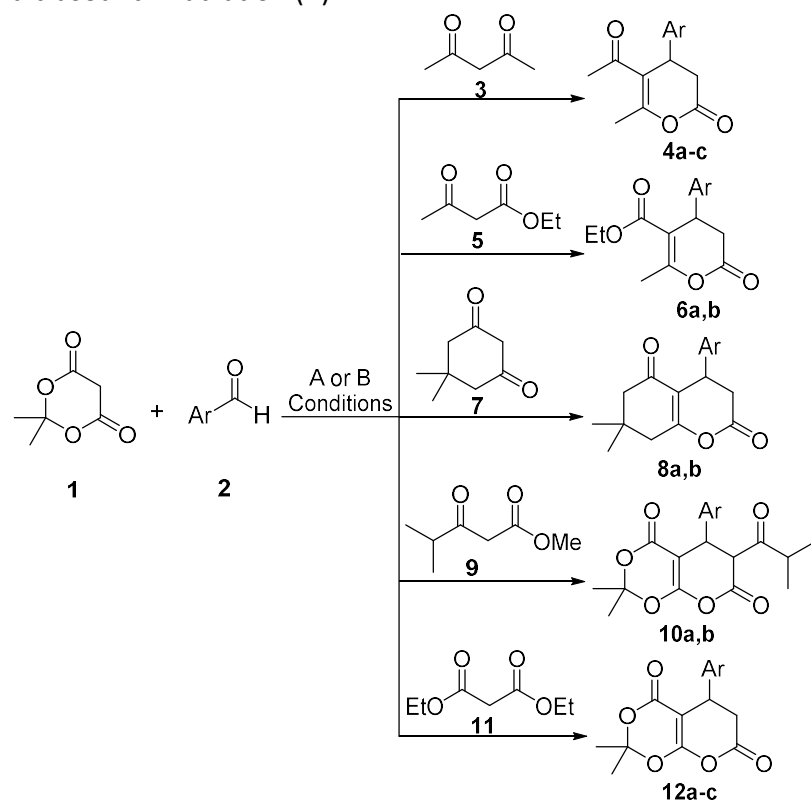
<sup>a</sup>Yields are given for isolated product.

The optimization of the reaction conditions, including the reaction solvent, bases, the reaction temperature, and the time of the reaction were investigated. First, various solvents were examined, the

mixture of water and ethanol was proven to be preeminent solvent for this reaction. Then, we examined this reaction in the absence and presence of several bases (Table 1, entries 1–7). It was found that KOH (15%) increased the yields from a trace to 60%. Also, we examined the influence of different temperatures on this reaction. To our satisfaction, when the reaction was carried out at room temperature in 60 min, the product formed in 60% yield and at 50 °C in 30 min, the product formed in 92% yield. But, under reflux condition in the same time the product was only formed in 65% yield (Table 1, entries 7, 9 and 11). Finally, we observed that the amount of KOH more than and lower than 15% at 50 °C did not improve the yield (Table 1, entries 8-10). A series of experiments were performed to reveal that the optimal results were obtained when the reaction of **1** (1.0 mmol) was conducted with benzaldehyde **2a** (1.0 mmol), and acetylacetone **3** (1.0 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O:EtOH and KOH (15%) at 50 °C in 30 min (Table 1, entry 9). Under these optimized conditions the yield of **4a** reached 92%. These optimized reaction conditions were then used to explore the scope of this novel transformation with various benzaldehydes, Meldrum's acid and acetylacetone to synthesize a series of 5-acetyl-6-methyl-4-aryl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one derivatives **4a–c** (Table 2) in good yields. Then the other 1,3-dicarbonyls such as **5**, **7**, **9** and **11** reacted with Meldrum's acid **1** and arylaldehydes **2** under the same conditions to give the corresponding dihydropyranones and dihydropyrano[2,3-*d*][1,3]dioxine-diones (Table 2).

Also, same reactions were performed under ultrasonic irradiation conditions. For example, the model reaction in H<sub>2</sub>O:EtOH at 50 °C gave **4a** in 72% yield after 120 min, whereas the ultrasonic irradiation was rapid yielding **4a** in 89% only within 30 min. As shown in Table 2, the synthesis of dihydropyranones and dihydropyrano[2,3-*d*][1,3]dioxine-diones *via* the reaction of appropriate 1,3-dicarbonyls, Meldrum's acid with arylaldehydes were carried out in 80–94% yield within 30-45 min under ultrasound irradiation, while without ultrasonic irradiation the products were obtained in 60–82% yield within 120-280 min under thermal conditions. It is apparent that ultrasonic irradiation accelerates these transformations. Also, to investigate the effect of irradiation power on the yields and times of reactions, the model reaction was sonicated at 100, 200 and 300 W. The results indicated that for the three power of ultrasound irradiation examined, there is no difference in the reaction yield and time. Therefore, 100 W of ultrasonic irradiation was sufficient to push the reaction forward.

The products **4a**, **4b**, and **6a** are known and their structures were characterised by comparing their physical and spectral data with those of authentic samples.<sup>32-34</sup> The other compounds are unknown to the best of our knowledge and were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, IR and elemental analysis. For instance, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the compound **4c** consisted of two singlet at  $\delta = 2.10$  and 2.34 ppm for the two methyl protons. Two doublet at  $\delta = 2.67$  ppm with coupling constants of 2.2 and 15.8 Hz for the methylene protons was observed. In addition, two doublet at  $\delta = 3.15$  ppm with coupling constants of 7.0 and 15.8 Hz for another methylene protons was also observed. In addition, a doublet at  $\delta = 4.29$  ppm with a coupling constant of 6.4 Hz for the methine proton was also observed. A multiplet at  $\delta = 7.14$ -7.41 ppm for the aromatic protons of the phenyl ring were also observed. The <sup>1</sup>H decoupled <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **4c** showed 14 distinct signals in agreement with the proposed structure. Partial assignment of these resonances for the other products is given in the experimental section.

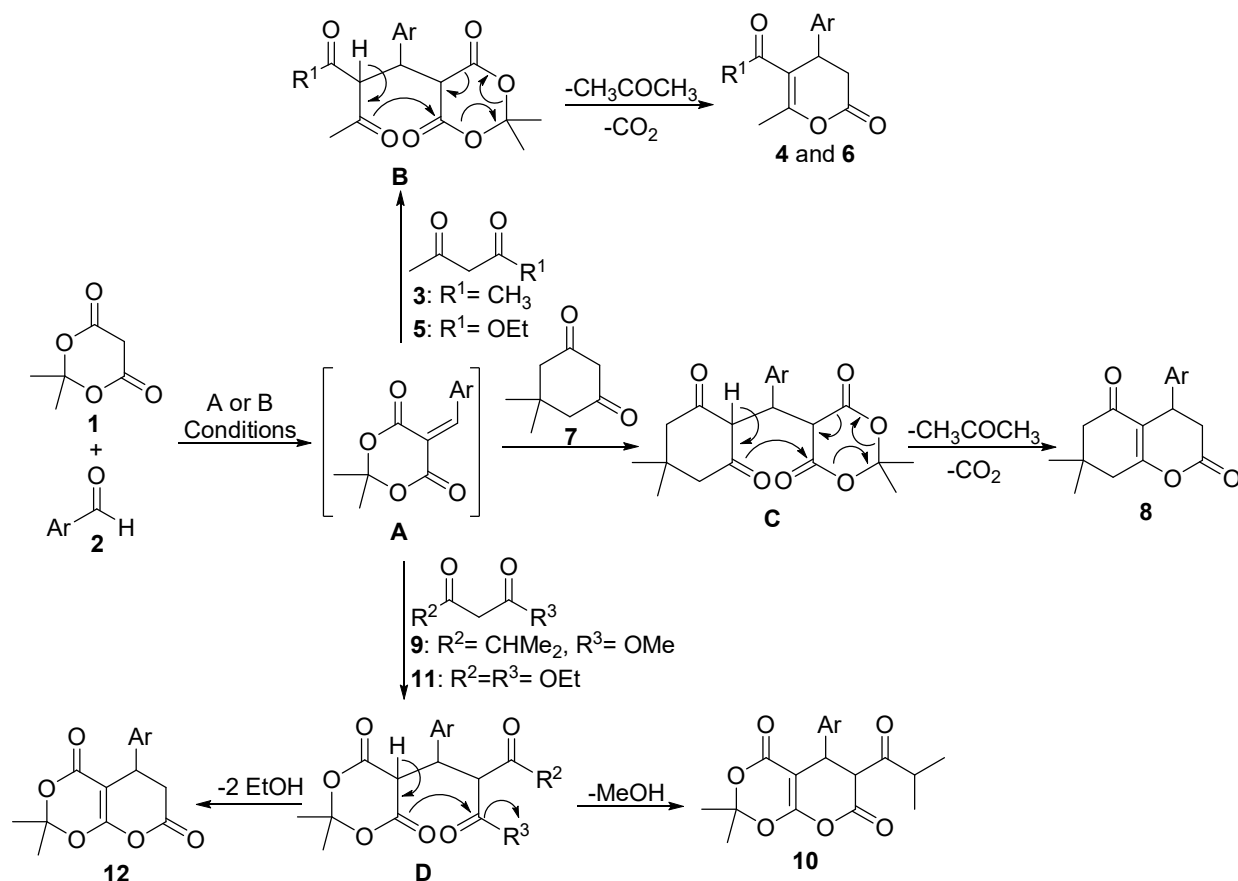
**Table 2.** Synthesis of dihydropyranones and dihydropyrano[2,3-d][1,3]dioxine-diones under thermal (A) and ultrasound irradiation (B)

Product	R	Thermal conditions (A)		Ultrasonic conditions (B)	
		Time (min)	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	Time (min)	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
<b>4a</b>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	120	72	30	89
<b>4b</b>	2-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	120	69	30	80
<b>4c</b>	3-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	120	75	30	85
<b>6a</b>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	160	69	30	87
<b>6b</b>	4-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	180	78	40	85
<b>8a</b>	3-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	120	80	35	90
<b>8b</b>	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	120	82	35	94
<b>10a</b>	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	180	60	30	90
<b>10b</b>	4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	180	60	30	92
<b>12a</b>	4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	280	70	45	89
<b>12b</b>	4-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	240	80	40	80
<b>12c</b>	3-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	240	70	40	80

<sup>a</sup>Yields are given for isolated product.

The possible mechanism for the synthesis of dihydropyranone and dihydropyrano[2,3-d][1,3]dioxine-dione derivatives is illustrated in Scheme 1. This conversion involves the initial reaction of Meldrum's acid **1** with arylaldehyde **2** to form the arylidene Meldrum's acid **A**. The arylidene Meldrum's acid **A** and 1,3-dicarbonyls such as **3**, **5**, **7**, **9** and **11** produce the intermediates **B**, **C**, and **D** by a Michael nucleophilic addition. For 1,3-dicarbonyls such as acetylacetone **3** and ethyl acetoacetate **5**, the intermediate **B** then cyclises, eliminating acetone and carbon dioxide, in stages, affording 3,4-dihydropyranones **4** and **6**. For the dimedone **7**, the

intermediate **C** then cyclises, eliminating acetone and carbon dioxide, in stages, affording 4,6,7,8-tetrahydrochromene-2,5-dione **8**. But, the methyl isobutyrylacetate **9** undergoes Michael type addition to arylidene Meldrum's acid **A** to give intermediate **D** which undergoes cyclization with loss of methanol to affording 5,6-dihydropyrano[2,3-d][1,3]dioxine-4,7-dione **10**. Subsequently the diethyl malonate **11** undergoes Michael type addition to arylidene Meldrum's acid **A** to give intermediate **D** which undergoes cyclization with loss of ethanol and carbon dioxide to affording 5,6-dihydropyrano[2,3-d][1,3]dioxine-4,7-dione **12**.



**Scheme 1.** Proposed mechanism for the synthesis of dihydropyrano[2,3-d][1,3]dioxine-diones.

## Conclusions

We have developed an efficient and facile method for the synthesis of dihydropyrano[2,3-d][1,3]dioxine-dione derivatives by the reaction of Meldrum's acid, arylaldehydes, and various 1,3-dicarbonyls under thermal and ultrasound irradiation conditions. The mild reaction conditions, low cost of the starting materials, operational simplicity and good yields are advantages of the protocol.

## Experimental Section

**General.** All chemicals were purchased from Aldrich and Merck with high-grade quality, and used without any purification. All melting points were obtained by Bamslead Electrothermal 9200 apparatus and are uncorrected. The reactions were monitored by TLC and all yields refer to isolated products. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR

spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on a Bruker 300 MHz spectrometer. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bruker FT-IR Equinax-55 spectrophotometer in KBr with absorption in Cm<sup>-1</sup>. Elemental analyses were performed using a Carlo Erba EA 1108 instrument. All products were characterized by their spectra and physical data.

#### General procedure for the synthesis of dihydropyranone and dihydropyrano[2,3-d][1,3]dioxine-dione derivatives

**Thermal conditions.** A mixture of the appropriate Meldrum's acid **1** (1.0 mmol), arylaldehydes **2** (1.0 mmol), and various 1,3-dicarbonyls (1.0 mmol) were stirred in H<sub>2</sub>O:EtOH (4 mL) in the presence of KOH (15%) as a base at 50 °C for an appropriate time. After completion of the reaction, determined by TLC, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the resulting crude product was recrystallized from ethanol to give the pure compounds as a white solid.

**Ultrasonic-irradiation conditions.** A mixture of the appropriate Meldrum's acid **1** (1.0 mmol), arylaldehydes **2** (1.0 mmol), and various 1,3-dicarbonyls (1.0 mmol) in 2 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O:EtOH was irradiated under an ultrasonic processor at 25 ± 1°C and 100 W. After completion of the reaction, determined by TLC, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the resulting crude product was recrystallized from ethanol to give the pure compounds as a white solid.

**5-Acetyl-6-methyl-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one (4a).** Mp 101-103 °C (102-104 °C, Lit.<sup>34</sup>). IR  $\nu$ /cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr): 1724, 1690, 1442, 1358, 1270, 1226, 1186, 1147. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.10 (s, 3H, COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.68 (dd, *J* 2.1 and 15.7 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.18 (dd, *J* 7.2 and 15.7 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.31 (d, *J* 6.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.16-7.36 (m, 5H, ArH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  18.64, 29.70, 36.84, 37.33, 126.67, 127.35, 128.31, 129.07, 140.61, 159.62, 166.30, 197.62 ppm.

**5-Acetyl-6-methyl-4-(*o*-tolyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one (4b).** Mp 138-140 (137-139 °C, Lit.<sup>34</sup>). IR  $\nu$ /cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr): 1772, 1693, 1622, 1425, 1380, 1353, 1343, 1247, 1192. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.10 (s, 3H, COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.27 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.67 (dd, *J* 2.2 and 15.7 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.16 (dd, *J* 7.2 and 15.7 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.27 (d, *J* 6.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.93-7.24 (m, 4H, ArH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  18.58, 21.00, 29.64, 36.83, 37.35, 117.24, 123.55, 127.28, 128.03, 128.90, 138.26, 140.57, 159.51, 166.25, 197.59 ppm.

**5-Acetyl-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one (4c).** Mp 188-190 °C. IR  $\nu$ /cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr): 1762, 1728, 1594, 1572, 1477, 1436, 1392, 1302, 1284, 1201. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.10 (s, 3H, COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.67 (dd, *J* 2.2 and 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.15 (dd, *J* 7.0 and 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.29 (d, *J* 6.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.14-7.41 (m, 4H, ArH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 18.61, 29.70, 36.86, 37.31, 117.14, 123.42, 127.32, 128.06, 128.88, 138.22, 140.59, 159.58, 166.28, 197.60 ppm. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub> (264.71): C, 63.53; H, 4.95. Found: C, 63.79; H, 4.97 %.

**Ethyl 6-methyl-2-oxo-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-5-carboxylate (6a).** Mp 178-180 °C (Yellow oil, Lit.<sup>33</sup>). IR  $\nu$ /cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr): 1729, 1610, 1583, 1458, 1514, 1377, 1391, 1289, 1201, 1183. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.08 (t, *J* 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.40 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.68 (dd, *J* 2.1 and 15.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.20 (dd, *J* 7.5 and 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.05 (q, *J* 6.9 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.22 (d, *J* 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.12-7.33 (m, 5H, ArH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  13.88, 18.43, 36.22, 37.01, 60.37, 126.44, 127.13, 127.99, 128.84, 141.04, 160.98, 165.52, 166.39 ppm.

**Ethyl 6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran-5-carboxylate (6b)** Mp 192-194 °C. IR  $\nu$ /cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr): 1733, 1712, 1619, 1465, 1376, 1331, 1246, 1160, 1118. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.10 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.48 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.70 (dd, *J* 2.1 and 15.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.23 (dd, *J* 7.5 and 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.08 (q, *J* 6.9 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.25 (d, *J* 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.53 (d, *J* 8.1 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.66 (d, *J* 8.1 Hz, 2H, ArH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  13.91, 19.03, 36.16, 37.01, 61.35, 124.13, 125.94, 126.83, 128.09, 128.64, 140.14, 161.48, 165.48, 166.41 ppm. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (328.29): C, 58.54; H, 4.61. Found: C, 58.39; H, 4.58 %.

**7,7-Dimethyl-4-(*m*-tolyl)-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-chromene-2,5(3H)-dione (8a).** Mp 118-120 °C. IR  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$  (KBr): 1786, 1655, 1373, 1294, 1158, 1147, 1112.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.06 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.08 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.24 (d,  $J$  16.0 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.27 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.33 (d,  $J$  16.0 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.51 (d,  $J$  17.8 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.62 (d,  $J$  17.8 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.70 (dd,  $J$  1.3 and 15.9 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.22 (dd,  $J$  7.8 and 15.9 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.14 (d,  $J$  7.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.87-7.20 (m, 4H, ArH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.03, 27.66, 27.83, 32.22, 33.14, 36.58, 49.96, 115.07, 123.24, 127.19, 127.72, 128.70, 137.98, 141.147, 166.18, 166.41, 195.81 ppm. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3$  (284.36): C, 76.03; H, 7.09. Found: C, 75.90; H, 7.08 %.

**4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-chromene-2,5(3H)-dione (8b).** Mp 150-152 °C. IR  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$  (KBr): 1772, 1655, 1490, 1373, 1212, 1112.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.04 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.07 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.23 (d,  $J$  16.0 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.31 (d,  $J$  16.0 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.56 (d,  $J$  17.8 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.61 (d,  $J$  17.8 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.71 (dd,  $J$  1.3 and 16.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.26 (dd,  $J$  7.9 and 16.1 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.18 (d,  $J$  7.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.13 (d,  $J$  7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.36 (d,  $J$  7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  27.71, 27.79, 32.19, 32.60, 36.21, 49.87, 114.71, 128.36, 128.77, 131.68, 140.20, 166.24, 166.44, 195.83 ppm. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClO}_3$  (304.77): C, 67.00; H, 5.62. Found: C, 67.12; H, 5.65 %.

**5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-(1-hydroxy-2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H,7H-pyrano[2,3-*d*][1,3]dioxine-4,7-dione (10a).** Mp 188-190 °C. IR  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$  (KBr): 1758, 1731, 1605, 1587, 1491, 1391, 1377, 1303, 1285, 1114.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.54 (s, 6H, 2 $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.25 (s, 6H, 2 $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.44 (m, 1H, CH), 3.44 (d,  $J$  15.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.01 (d,  $J$  15.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.92-7.27 (m, 4H, ArH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  18.56, 20.95, 27.61, 42.32, 48.73, 59.78, 105.90, 125.30, 128.73, 128.89, 129.00, 137.36, 138.21, 164.78, 167.51, 206.54 ppm. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClO}_6$  (378.81): C, 60.24; H, 5.06. Found: C, 60.18; H, 5.03 %.

**5-(4-Bromophenyl)-6-(1-hydroxy-2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H,7H-pyrano[2,3-*d*][1,3]dioxine-4,7-dione (10b).** Mp 166-168 °C. IR  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$  (KBr): 1754, 1725, 1514, 1394, 1382, 1362, 1287, 1194.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.53 (s, 6H, 2 $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.23 (s, 6H, 2 $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.41 (m, 1H, CH), 3.46 (d,  $J$  14.7 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.00 (d,  $J$  14.7 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.02 (d,  $J$  7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.16 (d,  $J$  7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  19.04, 20.50, 27.72, 48.42, 59.98, 105.85, 128.04, 129.42, 134.27, 137.81, 138.19, 164.76, 167.61, 206.56 ppm. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrO}_6$  (423.26): C, 53.92; H, 4.52. Found: C, 53.80; H, 4.51 %.

**5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,2-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H,7H-pyrano[2,3-*d*][1,3]dioxine-4,7-dione (12a).** Mp 181-183 °C. IR  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$  (KBr): 1762, 1728, 1610, 1514, 1458, 1391, 1377, 1315, 1289, 1252, 1183.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.58 (s, 6H, 2 $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.43 (dd,  $J$  4.4 and 31.5 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.41 (dd,  $J$  14.1 and 31.3 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.69 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.12 (dd,  $J$  4.3 and 13.9 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.91 (d,  $J$  8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.05 (d,  $J$  8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  27.87, 42.56, 47.99, 55.19, 60.35, 105.90, 114.33, 117.41, 129.32, 159.22, 164.89, 167.84, 206.71 ppm. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_6$  (304.30): C, 63.15; H, 5.30. Found: C, 63.27; H, 5.33 %.

**2,2-Dimethyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H,7H-pyrano[2,3-*d*][1,3]dioxine-4,7-dione (12b).** Mp 218-220 °C. IR  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$  (KBr): 1731, 1621, 1428, 1394, 1328, 1280, 1171, 1121.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.50 (s, 6H, 2 $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.42 (dd,  $J$  4.2 and 31.0 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.42 (dd,  $J$  15.1 and 31.5 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.00 (dd,  $J$  4.2 and 13.7 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.39 (d,  $J$  8.1 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.78 (d,  $J$  8.1 Hz, 2H, ArH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  27.57, 41.71, 48.33, 106.18, 122.09, 126.06, 129.04, 129.40, 155.79, 164.41, 167.22, 205.51 ppm. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{O}_5$  (342.27): C, 56.15; H, 3.83. Found: C, 56.21; H, 3.79 %.

**5-(3-Fluorophenyl)-2,2-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H,7H-pyrano[2,3-*d*][1,3]dioxine-4,7-dione (12c).** Mp 173-175 °C. IR  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$  (KBr): 1733, 1570, 1475, 1434, 1395, 1304, 1200, 1110.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.53 (s, 6H, 2 $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.44 (dd,  $J$  4.2 and 31.1 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.43 (dd,  $J$  15.0 and 31.4 Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.98 (dd,  $J$  4.4 and 13.7 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.13-7.23 (m, 4H, ArH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  27.75, 41.94, 48.22, 106.17, 115.32, 124.60, 131.31, 140.01, 160.57, 163.82, 164.51, 167.43, 205.79 ppm. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{FO}_5$  (292.26): C, 61.64; H, 4.48. Found: C, 61.57; H, 4.45 %.

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