Supplementary Material

Tf₂O-Mediated mild synthesis of 6H-chromeno[4,3-

b]quinolines

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The structures of all amides used

1. Preparation of amides 6

Amides **6** were prepared according to the procedures described in the literatures.^{1,2} Amides **6a**,³ **6b**,⁴ **6c**,⁵ **6i**,⁵ **6j**,⁵ **6k**,⁵ **6l**,⁵ **6m**,⁵ **6n**,⁴ **6o**⁶ have been previously reported, and their spectroscopic data matched those reported in the literatures. All new amides have been characterized by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and HRMS.



Scheme S1 The synthesis of N-phenyl ortho-propynyloxy benzamides 6

1.1 General Procedure A for the synthesis of *ortho*-propynyloxy benzoic acid methyl ester



A mixture of the salicylate **S1** (10 mmol), K_2CO_3 (15 mmol) and the propargylic bromide (12 mmol) in acetone (20 mL) was stirred at 50 °C for 24 h. Then the reaction was diluted with water (20 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL × 3). The organic phases were combined and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (300-400 mesh) eluting with ethyl EtOAc/petroleum ether to give the desired product **S2**.

1.2 General Procedure B for the synthesis ortho-propynyloxy benzoic acid



A mixture of the ester **S2** (9 mmol), LiOH (13.5 mmol) in THF : H_2O (1:1, 18 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Then the reaction mixture was acidified to pH

= 3 using 2 N HCl and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL × 3). The organic phases were combined and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (300-400 mesh) eluting with ethyl EtOAc/petroleum ether to give the desired product.

1.3 General Procedure C for the synthesis of amides



To a solution of the acid **S3** (5 mmol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, 1.0 mmol) and *N*-ethyl-*N*-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDCI, 6.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10.0 mL) aniline was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. To the reaction mixture CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and water (50 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and washed successively with 1 N HCl (50 mL \times 3), and sat. aqueous NaHCO₃ (50 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL \times 3). The organic phases were combined and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (300-400 mesh) eluting with ethyl EtOAc/petroleum ether to to give the desired amide **6**.

N-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzamide.



Following general procedure C, amide **6d** was obtained as a white solid (1.35 g, 82%). Mp: 124-126 °C; IR (film) v_{max} : 3358, 3290, 2918, 1660, 1600, 1544, 1488, 1395, 821, 748 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.81 (s, 1H), 8.29 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.06, 155.54, 137.75, 133.57, 132.97, 132.14 (2C), 122.94, 122.38, 121.97 (2C), 116.83, 113.10, 77.41 (2C), 57.63 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₆H₁₃BrNO₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 330.0124, found: 330.0124.

N-(4-Iodophenyl)-2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzamide.



Following general procedure C, amide **6e** was obtained as a green-yellow solid (1.49 g, 79%). Mp: 142-144 °C; IR (film) ν_{max} : 3357, 3284, 2955, 1660, 1594, 1538, 1485, 1011, 821, 806, 749 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.79 (s, 1H), 8.25 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.02, 155.45, 138.37, 138.00 (2C), 133.52, 132.80, 122.78, 122.21 (3C), 113.01, 87.35, 77.38, 77.17, 57.54 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₆H₁₃INO₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 377.9986, found: 377.9985.

N-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzamide.



Following general procedure C, amide **6f** was obtained as a white gummy solid (1.32 g, 83%). Mp: 172-174 °C; IR (film) v_{max} : 3344, 3300, 2925, 1665, 1592, 1475, 1222, 1006, 855, 749 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.87 (s, 1H), 8.28 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H)

ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.13, 155.57, 138.16, 133.80, 132.99, 132.91, 130.68, 127.34, 123.01, 122.02 (2C), 119.60, 113.12, 77.44, 77.14, 57.70 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₆H₁₂Cl₂NO₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 320.0240, found: 320.0240.

2-(Prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)-N-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)benzamide.



Following general procedure C, amide **6g** was obtained as a pale-yellow crystalline solid (1.15 g, 72%). Mp: 139-142 °C; IR (film) ν_{max} : 3353, 3319, 2920, 1670, 1603, 1335, 1227, 1106, 839, 750 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.98 (s, 1H), 8.28 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 –7.48 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.30, 155.57, 141.71, 133.78, 132.94, 126.39 (q, $J_{C-F} = 4.0$ Hz, 2C) , 125.91 (q, $J_{C-F} = 33.0$ Hz), 124.39 (q, $J_{C-F} = 270.0$ Hz), 122.89, 121.93, 119.98 (2C), 113.05, 77.43, 77.13, 57.62 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₇H₁₃F₃NO₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 320.0893, found: 320.0891.

Ethyl 4-(2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzamido)benzoate.



Following general procedure C, amide **6h** was obtained as a pale-yellow solid (1.49 g, 92%). Mp: 149-152 °C; IR (film) v_{max} : 3328, 2995, 2938, 1700, 1656, 1600, 1276, 1223, 998, 765 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.00 (s, 1H), 8.30 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

166.42, 163.22, 155.57, 142.75, 133.73, 132.99, 130.97 (2C), 125.96, 122.91, 122.22, 119.49 (2C), 113.07, 77.48, 77.15, 61.00, 57.64, 14.57 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO₄⁺ [M + H]⁺: 324.1230, found: 324.1230.

4-Fluoro-N-phenyl-2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzamide.



Following general procedure C, amide **6p** was obtained as a white gummy solid (1.18 g, 88%). Mp: 120-121 °C; IR (film) v_{max} : 3370, 3300, 3055, 2925, 1661, 1603, 1555, 1279, 966, 759 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.58 (s, 1H), 8.31 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.79 (dd, J = 10.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.51 (d, $J_{C-F} = 252.0$ Hz), 162.15, 156.64 (d, $J_{C-F} = 10.6$ Hz), 138.45, 134.94 (d, $J_{C-F} = 10.3$ Hz), 129.20, 124.47, 120.50, 118.91 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.9$ Hz), 109.74 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.1$ Hz), 101.15 (d, $J_{C-F} = 26.3$ Hz), 77.90, 76.61, 57.78 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₆H₁₃FNO₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 270.0925, found: 270.0924.

4-Chloro-N-phenyl-2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzamide.



Following general procedure C, amide **6q** was obtained as a white solid (1.24 g, 87%). Mp: 92-95 °C; IR (film) ν_{max} : 3368, 3299, 3100, 1660, 1556, 1445, 1403, 1229, 907, 751 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.60 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.5, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.07, 155.71, 138.89, 138.37, 134.01, 129.20 (2C), 124.54, 123.06, 121.23, 120.47 (2C), 113.64, 77.90, 76.61, 57.84 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}CINO_2^+[M + H]^+: 286.0629$, found: 286.0629.

4-Bromo-N-phenyl-2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzamide.



Following general procedure C, amide **6r** was obtained as a white gummy solid (1.5 g, 91%). Mp: 84-86 °C; IR (film) ν_{max} : 3367, 3298, 2914, 1661, 1587, 1542, 1442, 1403, 892, 751 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.14, 155.62, 138.34, 134.10, 129.19 (2C), 127.09, 126.06, 124.54, 121.67, 120.46 (2C), 116.53, 77.90, 76.60, 57.87 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₆H₁₃BrNO₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 330.0124, found: 330.0124.

N-Phenyl-2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide.



Following general procedure C, amide **6s** was obtained as a white solid (1.48 g, 93%). Mp: 96-97 °C; IR (film) ν_{max} : 3352, 3229, 2934, 1670, 1446, 1333, 1131, 1006, 853, 770 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.63 (s, 1H), 8.41 – 8.37 (m, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.70, 155.33, 138.17, 134.75 (q, J_{C-F} = 33.0 Hz), 133.71, 129.26 (2C), 125.92, 124.80, 123.46 (q, J_{C-F} = 274.0 Hz), 120.55 (2C), 119.41 (q, J_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz), 110.23 (q, J_{C-F} = 4.0 Hz), 78.09, 76.45, 57.92 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₇H₁₃F₃NO₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 320.0893, found: 320.0891.

4-Methyl-N-phenyl-2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzamide.



Following general procedure C, amide **6t** was obtained as a white floppy solid (1.19 g, 90%). Mp: 114-116 °C; IR (film) ν_{max} : 3439, 3354, 2923, 1657, 1601, 1549, 1445, 1402, 910, 891 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.77 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.12, 155.50, 144.35, 138.79, 132.86, 129.16 (2C), 124.19, 123.69, 120.41 (2C), 119.95, 113.73, 77.38, 57.51, 21.96 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₇H₁₆NO₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 266.1176, found: 266.1175.

4-Methoxy-N-phenyl-2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzamide.



Following general procedure C, amide **6u** was obtained as a white solid (1.29 g, 92%). Mp: 123-125 °C; IR (film) ν_{max} : 3377, 3254, 3059, 2977, 2120, 1597, 1446, 1251, 838, 753 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.65 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.61 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.70 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.56, 162.76, 156.62, 138.76, 134.19, 128.96, 128.96, 123.86, 120.13, 120.13, 115.03, 106.73, 99.74, 77.26, 77.08, 57.27, 55.60 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₁₇H₁₆NO₃⁺ [M + H]⁺: 282.1125, found: 282.1125.





¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 6e



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 6f



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 6g



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 6h



$^1\mathrm{H}$ and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of compound 6p





¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 6q



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 6r

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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 6s





¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 6t





¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 6u

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 7a





¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 7b





¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 7c



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 7d





¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 7e









$^1\mathrm{H}$ and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of compound 7g



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 7j



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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 7n



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 7l



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 7m





¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 7k

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 70

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110 100 90 80 70 60 fl (ppm)

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$^1\mathrm{H}$ and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of compound 7p

$^1\mathrm{H}$ and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of compound 7q

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 7r

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 7s

CCDC 2335879, 2335878 contain the crystallographic data for compounds **7g**, **7u**. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures.

Single crystals of $C_{17}H_{10}F_3NO$ [**7g**] were obtained by slow evaporation of an CH_2Cl_2 /petroleum ether solution of 7g. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a XtaLAB Synergy, Dualflex, HyPix diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 100.0(3) K during data collection. Using Olex2, the structure was solved with the olex2.solve structure solution program using Charge Flipping and refined with the olex2.refine refinement package using Gauss-Newton minimisation.

Crystal Data for C₁₇H₁₀F₃NO [**7g**, **CCDC 2335879**] (*M* =301.270 g/mol): monoclinic, space group P2₁/c (no. 14), *a* = 14.2286(3) Å, *b* = 6.9712(1) Å, *c* = 13.7710(3) Å, β = 108.636(2)°, *V* = 1294.33(5) Å³, *Z* = 4, *T* = 100.0(3) K, μ (Cu K α) = 1.083 mm⁻¹, *Dcalc* = 1.546 g/cm³, 13628 reflections measured (6.56° ≤ 2 Θ ≤ 155.04°), 2694 unique (R_{int} = 0.0339, R_{sigma} = 0.0266) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0428 (I>=2u(I)) and wR_2 was 0.1250 (all data).

Figure S1. The single crystal X-ray structure of compound **7g** [**CCDC 2335879**]. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

Single crystals of $C_{17}H_{13}NO_2$ [7u] were obtained by slow evaporation of an CH_2Cl_2 /petroleum ether solution of 7u. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a XtaLAB Synergy, Dualflex, HyPix diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 128(20) K during data collection. Using Olex2, the structure was solved with the olex2.solve structure solution program using Charge Flipping and refined with the olex2.refine refinement package using Gauss-Newton minimisation.

Crystal Data for $C_{17}H_{13}NO_2$ [**7u**, **CCDC 2335878**] (*M* =263.298 g/mol): monoclinic, space group P2₁/c (no. 14), *a* = 10.8552(5) Å, *b* = 12.8645(4) Å, *c* = 9.6121(4) Å, β = 107.657(5)°, *V* = 1279.06(10) Å³, *Z* = 4, *T* = 128(20) K, μ (Cu K α) = 0.725 mm⁻¹, *Dcalc* = 1.367 g/cm³, 7370 reflections measured (8.54° ≤ 2 Θ ≤ 154.42°), 2550 unique (R_{int} = 0.0397, R_{sigma} = 0.0338) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0626 (I>=2u(I)) and wR_2 was 0.2063 (all data).

Figure S2. The single crystal X-ray structure of compound **7u** [CCDC 2335878]. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

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