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## Facile acid-catalyzed condensation of 2-hydroxy-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone with phenols, methoxyaromatic systems and enols

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**Abstract**—Various phenols, methoxy aromatic compounds, 3- and 4-hydroxycoumarins and enols smoothly condense with 2-hydroxy-2,2'biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone **1** in an acid medium producing 2-aryl/alkyl-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrones in high yields. The adducts of resorcinol, 1,3,5-trihydroxybenzene and  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -naphthols of **1** preferably remain in the intramolecular hemi-ketal form, confirmed by X-ray diffraction studies. On the other hand *para* and *meta* substituted phenols condense with **1** in an acid medium to produce 6 or 7 substituted 2',4-spiro(1',3'-indanedion)-indeno[3,2-*b*]chromenes in good yields. © 2004 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

1. Introduction

The mechanistic details of the formation of Ruhemann's Purple from the reaction of ninhydrin with amino acids is not fully understood, but it is accepted that the formation of 2,2'-dihydroxy-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, popularly known as hydrindantin, is a critical step in the whole process.<sup>1</sup> Although hydrindantin is structurally similar to

ninhydrin, the instability of the former in acid medium prevents the study of its electrophilic chemistry towards various phenols and enolic substrates.<sup>1d,2</sup> On the other hand, the partially reduced derivative of hydrindantin, viz., 2-hydroxy-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone **1** (Scheme 1), which can be easily generated by the acid catalyzed condensation of ninhydrin with 1,3-indanedione,<sup>3</sup> is found to be quite stable in acid medium and therefore creates an



Scheme 1.

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Entry	Substrates	Products	Reaction time (h)	Yields (%) <sup>a</sup>	Mp (°C) <sup>b</sup>
Scheme 2					
1	Phenol	<b>4</b> a	6.0	73	272-273
2	o-Cresol	4b	5.0	69	248-250
3	Guaiacol	4c	5.0	62	243-245
4	o-Chlorophenol	<b>4d</b>	7.0	72	236-237
5	Thymol	<b>4</b> e	5.0	68	228-230
6	2,6-Dihydroxyacetophenone	<b>4f</b>	4.0	70	320-322
7	Catechol	4g	24.0	55	264-265
8	Resorcinol	5a	24.0	65	256-258
9	Orcinol	5b	24.0	60	268-269
10	1,3,5-Trihydroxybenzene	5c	20.0	61	280-281
11	α-Naphthol	5d	3.5	70	264-265
12	β-Naphthol	5e	3.5	72	255-256
Scheme 3					
13	<i>p</i> -Cresol	9a	5.0	82	285-286
14	<i>m</i> -Cresol	9b	6.0	73	254-255
15	<i>p</i> -Methoxyphenol	9c	6.0	68	298-299
16	<i>p</i> -Chlorophenol	9d	6.0	72	276-278
17	<i>p</i> -Bromophenol	9e	8.0	76	304-306
18	<i>m</i> -Iodophenol	9f	8.0	65	330-332
19	p-Chloro-m-cresol	9g	5.0	70	321-322
20	Ethyl <i>p</i> -hydroxybenzoate	9ĥ	30.0	62	225-226
21	Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate	9i	32.0	65	258-259

Table 1. Preparation of 2-aryl 2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrones and chromenes by condensation of phenols with 1 in acid medium

<sup>a</sup> Yields refer to pure isolated products.

<sup>b</sup> Mps are uncorrected.

opportunity to study its electrophilic chemistry towards phenols, enols and aromatic substrates.

Various reports established that the C-2 position of ninhydrin is reactive to nitrogen-, sulfur-, oxygen-, and carbon-based nucleophiles.<sup>4</sup> Acid catalysed condensation of ninhydrin with various phenols, enols and aromatic substrates has been studied extensively.<sup>5–10</sup> In all these cases the protonation of the hydroxy group of ninhydrin is

followed by elimination of water to produce the C-2 carbocation **2a** (Scheme 1) which then undergoes nucleophilic attack from various phenols, enols and aromatic substrates.<sup>9</sup> Likewise **1** can potentially generate a C-2 carbocation **2b** (Scheme 1) in acid medium. So far no efforts have been made to examine the electrophilic chemistry of **1** towards various substrates. In this paper we have carried out an extensive study to explore the electrophilic chemistry of **1**.



### 2. Results and discussion

In the present study it has been noted that 2-hydroxy-2,2'biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone 1 like ninhydrin, condenses with various phenols (Table 1, entries 1–5), polyhydroxy benzenes (entries 6–10) as well as  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -naphthols (entries 11 and 12). This is done simply by stirring in a solution of acetic acid and few drops of conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> at room temperature for a period varying from 2.5 to 24 h to produce the adducts 2-aryl-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrones 4 in high yield (Scheme 2). In general, **1** is found to be slightly less reactive than ninhydin in acid medium<sup>5</sup> because the carbocation 2b generated from 1 is comparatively less stable and more sterically crowded than that of the oxonium ion 2a derived from ninhydrin (Scheme 1).<sup>9a</sup> As a result, **1** needs a few drops of conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> as catalyst in the reaction, and longer reaction time for adduct formation. The electrophilic attack to phenols generally takes place at the *para* position with respect to the hydroxy groups, producing the adducts 2-aryl-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrones **4a**–e. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for most of the adducts 4a-e display a symmetrical pattern for two 1,3-dioxoindane moieties indicating tetraketo structures with a plane of symmetry.

In the case of substrates like resorcinol, orcinol, 1,3,5-trihydroxybenzene as well as  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -naphthols the electrophilic attack of carbocation 2b takes place at the ortho position with respect to the hydroxy groups. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of these adducts 4h-l show an unsymmetrical structure formation. This observation indicates that they preferably remain in the intramolecular hemi-ketal form 5 (Scheme 2). Further X-ray studies of the adducts 5c and 5e derived by the condensation of 1 with 1,3,5-trihydroxybenzene and β-naphthol, respectively, confirm the hemi-ketal structures with the cis geometry of the vicinal -OH and 1,3-indanedionyl moiety at the bridgehead of the bicyclo[3.3.0] system (Figs. 1 and 2).<sup>11</sup> In the case of catechol, the newly formed C-C bond does not have any ortho hydroxy group for the formation of a hemi-ketal, and as a result it produces a symmetrical adduct 4g. 2,6-Dihydroxyacetophenone (entry 6) also undergoes the reaction as with other polyhydroxy benzenes (entries 7-10) to produce adduct **4f**, in contrast to the earlier



Figure 1. X-ray crystal structure of hemi-ketal 5c.



Figure 2. X-ray crystal structure of hemi-ketal 5e.

report<sup>7a</sup> that the acid catalyzed condensation with ninhydrin generally fails if an electron-withdrawing group like  $-NO_2$ , -CHO,  $-CO_2Et$  etc. is attached to the benzene ring of the phenolic substrate **3**. It is found by NMR study that in spite of having an *ortho* hydroxy group with respect to the newly formed C–C bond in the adduct **4f**, hemi-ketal formation does not occur, probably due to the electron-withdrawing effect of the acetyl group.

Interestingly it was observed that para or meta substituted phenols **6a–i** such as *p*-cresol, *m*-cresol, *p*-methoxyphenol, *p*-bromophenol, *m*-iodophenol etc. condense with **1** in acid medium to furnish 6 or 7 substituted 2',4-spiro(1',3'indanedion)-indeno[3,2-b]chromenes<sup>12</sup> 9a-i as yellow precipitates in fairly good yields (Table 1, Scheme 3). In these reactions initially the arylated intermediates 2-aryl-2,2'biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrones 7a-i are formed by the nucleophilic attack of phenols 6a-i to the carbocation 2b in the acetic acid and conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> mixture (Scheme 3). Subsequently, the arylated intermediates 7a-i undergo an intramolecular nucleophilic attack by the phenolic hydroxy group to either of the carbonyl groups at  $C_{1'}$  or  $C_{3'}$ , followed by dehydration to furnish chromenes 9a-i. The para or meta substituted phenols **6a–i** are required for the reaction which ensure the initial formation of adducts only ortho to the phenolic hydroxy group. The intermediates 7a-i and 8a-i were not isolated. Ethyl and methyl p-hydroxy benzoates **6h**, **i** are found to take a longer time for chromene formation than the phenols **6a-g** due to the electron-withdrawing effect of the ethyl and methyl carboxylate groups (Table 1).

All the chromenes **9a–i** were thoroughly characterized by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR studies and confirmed for **9a** by two dimensional <sup>13</sup>C–<sup>1</sup>H correlation studies. The solid state structure of **9b** was determined by single crystal X-ray diffraction study. The result is shown in Figure 3.

It has also been observed that various methoxy aromatic systems such as anisole, veratrole, 1,3-dimethoxy-, 1,4-dimethoxy- and 1,2,3-trimethoxybenzene (Table 2, entries 22–26) react with 1 in acetic acid and few drops of conc.  $H_2SO_4$  at room temperature to furnish the adduct 2-aryl-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrones **10a–e** in high yields



#### Scheme 3.



Figure 3. Diamond-plot of chromene 9b with thermal ellipsoids (50% probability) and atom numbering scheme.



#### Scheme 4.

(Scheme 4). In the case of anisole, the preferred electrophilic attack is at the *para* position with respect to the methoxy group. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the adducts **10a–e** indicate the formation of symmetrical tetrone structures. X-ray structure of the adduct **10e** derived from **1** and 1,2,3-trimethoxybenzene shows the preferred conformation of the molecule in the solid state (Fig. 4).<sup>11</sup>

Table 2.	. Prep	paration of	2-aryl/alky	12,2'	-biindan-1,	1',3,3	'-tetrones by	condensation	of methoxy	y aromatic s	systems	and enols	with	1 in ac	id med	ium
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Entry	Substrates	Products	Reaction time (hr)	Yields (%) <sup>a</sup>	Mp (°C) <sup>b</sup>
Scheme 4					
22	Anisole	10a	3.0	75	239-240
23	1,2-Dimethoxybenzene	10b	4.0	72	225-226
24	1,3-Dimethoxybenzene	10c	2.5	75	230-231
25	1,4-Dimethoxybenzene	10d	4.0	70	217-218
26	1,2,3-Trimethoxybenzene	10e	4.5	67	221-222
Scheme 5					
27	4-Hydroxycoumarin	11a	4.0	68	296-298
28	3-Hydroxycoumarin	11b	4.0	65	259-260
29	1,3-Indanedione	11c	5.0	62	Ref. <sup>13</sup>
30	1,3-Cyclohexadione	11d	4.5	60	288-290

<sup>a</sup> Yields refer to pure isolated products.

<sup>b</sup> Mps are uncorrected.



Figure 4. X-ray crystal structure of 10e.

4- and 3-Hydroxycoumarins (Table 2, entries 27 and 28) behave like enolic compounds and react with 1 in AcOH/ $H_2SO_4$  to produce adducts **11a** and **11b** when stirred for about 4 h at room temperature (Scheme 5). 1,3-Indanedione and 1,3-cyclohexadione, which preferably remain in enolic form, also react with 1 to furnish the products **11c** and **11d**, respectively. The biologically active trisindanedione **11c** was also synthesized previously from ninhydrin.<sup>13</sup> The adducts **11a–d** display somewhat symmetrical <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for the two 1,3-dioxoindane parts, and thus prefer to remain in the tetraketo form in contrast to adducts



Scheme 5.



Figure 5. X-ray crystal structure of trisindanedione 11c.

**4h–l** which stay mainly in the hemi-ketal form **5a–e** (Scheme 2). X-ray study of the adduct **11c** derived from **1** and 1,3-indanedione shows a structure with a  $C_2$  axis of symmetry (Fig. 5).<sup>11</sup>

In summary, efficient routes to 2-aryl/alkyl-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrones and some hemi-ketals of the bicyclo-[3.3.0]octano system have been derived through facile condensation of 2-hydroxy-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone with hydroxy- and methoxy aromatic systems as well as with enols under acid catalysis. The study has also led to the development of a new and facile method for the preparation of 6 or 7 substituted 2',4-spiro(1', 3'-indanedion)-indeno-[3,2-*b*]chromenes from readily available ninhydrin.

#### 3. Experimental

Melting points were determined in open capillary tubes. IR spectra were examined in KBr disc on a Perkin–Elmer-782 spectrophotometer. Proton magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) and carbon magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) were recorded on Bruker AM 300L (300 MHz) or a Bruker DRX-500 (500 MHz) spectrometers in the solvents indicated. Chromatography was performed on Merck silica gel 60. TLC analyses were run on Merck silica gel (60F-254) plates (0.25 mm), precoated with a fluorescent indicator.

## 3.1. Preparation of 2-hydroxy-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'tetrone 1

The substrate 1,3-indanedione (0.61 g, 4.2 mmol) was added to a solution of ninhydrin (0.25 g, 1.4 mmol) in acetic acid (10 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The white solid product **1** was filtered out and washed thoroughly with acetic acid and then with water. The product **1** was purified by silica-gel column chromatography using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as the eluent (yield ~ 87%).

**3.1.1 2-Hydroxy-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone 1.** White solid, mp 189–191 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3428, 1704, 1586, 1264; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.02–7.83 (8H, m), 5.46 (1H, s), 3.97 (1H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 197.3 (2C), 196.2 (2C), 142.2 (2C), 141.2 (2C), 136.6 (d, 2C), 136.3 (d, 2C), 124.3 (d, 2C), 123.6 (d, 2C), 76.3, 53.4 (d). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 70.59; H, 3.29. Found: C, 70.64; H, 3.35%.

# **3.2.** General procedure for preparation of 2-aryl/alkyl-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrones (entries 1–30)

A mixture of 2-hydroxy-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone **1** (0.43 g, 1.4 mmol) in acetic acid (8 mL) was warmed to make a clear solution. The appropriate substrates such as phenols (**3** and **6**), methoxybenzenes (Ar-H), enols (R-H) etc. (4.2 mmol) and 0.5–1.0 mL conc.  $H_2SO_4$  were then added (for catechol, resorcinol, orcinol and 1,3,5-trihydroxybenzene addition of  $H_2SO_4$  is not necessary) at room temperature and stirred for a certain period (Tables 1 and 2). The solid products were filtered out and washed thoroughly with acetic acid and then with water. The products were purified by silica-gel column chromatography using ethyl

acetate and pet-ether as eluent. The resulting solids were further purified by crystallization from CHCl<sub>3</sub>/pet-ether.

**3.2.1. 2-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 4a.** White solid, mp 272–273 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3482, 1702, 1588, 1263, 771; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 8.68 (1H, br. s), 7.99–7.85 (8H, m), 7.21 (2H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 6.82 (2H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 4.56 (1H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.47 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 199.0 (2C), 197.6 (2C), 158.3, 143.2 (2C), 142.5 (2C), 137.1 (d, 2C), 136.6 (d, 2C), 129.8 (d, 2C), 125.1, 124.5 (d, 2C), 123.6 (d, 2C), 116.5 (d, 2C), 65.1, 56.4 (d). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 75.39; H, 3.69. Found: C, 75.45; H, 3.74%.

**3.2.2. 2-(3-Methyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 4b.** White solid, mp 248–250 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3292, 1705, 1592, 1264, 757; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 8.55 (1H, s), 7.98–7.83 (8H, m), 7.13 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz), 6.98 (1H, dd, J=8.6, 2.2 Hz), 6.77 (1H, d, J=8.6 Hz), 4.55 (1H, s), 2.08 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.47 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 199.0 (2C), 197.6 (2C), 156.4, 143.2 (2C), 142.5 (2C), 137.1 (d, 2C), 136.6 (d, 2C), 131.0 (d), 127.2 (d), 125.6, 125.1, 124.5 (d, 2C), 123.6 (d, 2C), 115.9 (d), 64.2, 56.5 (d), 16.4 (q). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 75.75; H, 4.07. Found: C, 75.81; H, 4.14%.

**3.2.3. 2-(3-Methoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 4c.** White solid, mp 243–245 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3528, 1709, 1515, 1263; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.99–7.96 (2H, m), 7.90–7.87 (2H, m), 7.85–7.79 (4H, m), 7.03 (1H, d, *J*=1.7 Hz), 6.88–6.81 (2H, m), 5.66 (1H, s), 4.21 (1H, s), 3.89 (3H, s). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 72.81; H, 3.91. Found: C, 72.90; H, 3.85%.

**3.2.4. 2-(3-Chloro-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 4d.** White solid, mp 236–237 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3221, 1704, 1589, 1266, 761; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.00–7.96 (2H, m), 7.90–7.79 (6H, m), 7.42 (1H, d, J=2.3 Hz), 7.27 (1H, dd, J=8.7, 2.3 Hz), 6.99 (1H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 5.69 (1H, s), 4.18 (1H, s). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Cl: C, 69.15; H, 3.14; Cl, 8.52. Found: C, 69.23; H, 3.21; Cl, 8.61%.

**3.2.5. 2-(2-Methyl-4-hydroxy-5-isopropylphenyl)-2,2'biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 4e.** Light yellow solid, mp 228– 230 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3310, 1703, 1590, 1259, 758; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.99–7.96 (2H, m), 7.91– 7.86 (2H, m), 7.85–7.78 (5H, m), 6.84 (1H, s), 6.53 (1H, s), 4.65 (1H, s), 3.02–2.98 (1H, m), 2.53 (3H, s), 1.05 (6H, d, J=11.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 198.5 (2C), 197.0 (2C), 152.3, 142.3 (4C), 137.2, 135.6 (d, 2C), 135.4 (d, 2C), 132.0, 128.1, 123.8 (d, 2C), 123.2 (d, 2C), 120.0, 66.0, 54.6 (d), 27.2 (d), 22.3 (q, 2C), 22.1 (q). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 76.70; H, 5.06. Found: C, 76.78; H, 5.13%.

**3.2.6. 2-(2,4-Dihydroxy-3-acetylphenyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 4f.** White solid, mp 320–322 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3283, 1713, 1638, 1274, 1219; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 7.99–7.66 (8H, m), 7.58 (1H, d, J=8.4 Hz), 6.57 (1H, d, J=8.4 Hz), 4.52 (1H, s), 2.59 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ): 204.5, 198.0, 197.1, 165.0, 143.6, 142.1, 137.0, 136.4, 136.2, 132.9, 131.9, 125.5, 124.3, 123.5, 111.2, 65.0, 55.3, 32.3. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{26}H_{16}O_7$ : C, 70.91; H, 3.66. Found: C, 70.85; H, 3.73%.

**3.2.7. 2-(3,4-Dihydroxyphenyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 4g.** Light greenish solid, mp 264–265 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3429, 1702, 1589, 1264, 1194, 769; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 7.99–7.86 (8H, m), 6.92 (1H, d, J=2.1 Hz), 6.76 (1H, d, J=8.3 Hz), 6.67 (1H, dd, J=8.3, 2.1 Hz), 4.49 (1H, s). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 72.36; H, 3.54. Found: C, 72.43; H, 3.61%.

**3.2.8. 2-(2,4-Dihydroxyphenyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 4h (remains as hemiketal 5a).** White solid, mp 256–258 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3293, 1709, 1603, 1267, 1136, 767; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ :8.40 (1H, s), 7.87–7.76 (7H, m), 7.64–7.61 (1H, m), 7.41 (1H, s), 7.27 (1H, d, J=8.3 Hz), 6.50 (1H, dd, J=8.3, 2.1 Hz), 6.21 (1H, d, J=2.1 Hz), 4.40 (1H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 198.3, 197.6, 196.5, 160.1, 158.4, 150.7, 143.1, 141.8, 136.0, 135.9, 135.4, 135.2, 130.9, 125.4, 124.2, 123.7, 122.8, 122.7, 116.0, 113.3, 109.3, 97.6, 65.4, 55.0. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 72.36; H, 3.54. Found: C, 72. 45; H, 3.64%.

**3.2.9. 2-(2,4-Dihydroxy-6-methylphenyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 4i (remains as hemiketal 5b).** White solid, mp 268–269 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3429, 1704, 1587, 1265, 1214; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 8.27 (1H, s), 7.85–7.74 (7H, m), 7.64–7.62 (1H, m), 7.33 (1H, s), 6.30 (1H, d, J=1.5 Hz), 6.03 (1H, d, J=1.9 Hz), 4.67 (1H, s), 2.58 (3H, s). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 72.81; H, 3.91. Found: C, 72.93; H, 4.01%.

**3.2.10. 2-(2,4,6-Trihydroxyphenyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1'**, **3,3'-tetrone, 4j (remains as hemiketal 5c).** White solid, mp 280–281 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3445, 3325, 1710, 1620, 1465, 1269, 1132; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 8.39 (1H, s), 8.05 (1H, s), 7.89–7.80 (8H, m), 7.47 (1H, s), 6.01 (1H, d, J=1.8 Hz), 5.78 (1H, d, J=1.8 Hz), 4.67 (1H, s). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: C, 69.56; H, 3.41. Found: C, 69.62; H, 3.50%.

**3.2.11. 2-(1-Hydroxynaphthyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 4k (remains as hemiketal 5d).** Light yellow solid, mp 264–265 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3401, 1704, 1590, 1256, 774; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 8.85 (1H, d, J=6.3 Hz), 8.51 (1H, d, J=8.1 Hz), 8.22 (1H, d, J= 8.1 Hz), 8.15–7.79 (4H, m), 7.56–7.30 (4H, m), 6.94 (1H, dd, J=7.9, 1.5 Hz), 6.84 (1H, d, J=7.8 Hz), 6.73–6.69 (1H, m), 5.55 (1H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.47 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 198.3, 198.0, 197.3, 154.5, 154.0, 141.5, 141.2, 137.6, 137.1, 136.6, 133.8, 129.7, 127.2, 126.6, 126.3, 125.3, 124.7, 124.4, 123.6, 123.5, 121.0, 120.4, 108.2, 108.1, 107.9, 66.8, 63.7, 55.5. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 77.77; H, 3.73. Found: C, 77.83; H, 3.65%.

**3.2.12. 2-(2-Hydroxynaphthyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 4l (remains as hemiketal 5e).** White solid, mp 255–256 °C, IR (KBr):  $(cm^{-1})$  3263, 1704, 1593, 1270, 722; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 8.82 (1H, br. s), 8.47 (1H, d, J=8.5 Hz), 7.89–7.70 (6H, m), 7.61–7.50 (4H, m), 7.34 (1H, t, J=7.8 Hz), 7.05 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 5.10

(1H, s). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{28}H_{16}O_5$ : C, 77.77; H, 3.73. Found: C, 77.85; H, 3.64%.

**3.2.13. 6-Methyl-2',4-spiro(1', 3'-indanedion)-indeno-**[**3,2-b**]**chromene, 9a.** Yellow solid, mp 285–286 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1711, 1649, 1396, 1252; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.16–8.13 (2H, m), 8.00–7.96 (2H, m), 7.41–7.25 (5H, m), 7.12 (1H, dd, J=8.4, 1.6 Hz), 6.40 (1H, d, J=1.6 Hz), 2.14 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 198.3 (2C), 190.5, 171.3, 149.1, 143.2 (2C), 136.8, 136.1 (d, 2C), 132.5 (d), 132.0, 130.7 (d), 130.5 (d), 127.6 (d), 124.2 (d, 2C), 123.3, 121.9 (d), 119.7, 118.9 (d), 118.6 (d), 105.7, 54.4, 20.6. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 79.36; H, 3.73. Found: C, 79.30; H, 3.69%.

**3.2.14.** 7-Methyl-2',4-spiro(1', 3'-indanedion)-indeno-[3,2-*b*]chromene, 9b. Yellow solid, mp 254–255 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3438, 1709, 1650, 1389, 1243; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 8.16–8.15 (4H, m), 7.61–7.33 (5H, m), 6.99 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz), 6.66 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz). 2.36 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 198.8, 191.1, 171.8, 151.1, 143.5, 140.8, 137.2, 136.6, 133.0, 132.3, 131.2, 127.6, 127.4, 124.7, 122.3, 119.7, 119.3, 117.4, 106.1, 21.5. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 79.36; H 3.73. Found: C, 79.42; H, 3.81%.

**3.2.15. 6-Methoxy-2',4-spiro(1', 3'-indanedion)-indeno-**[**3,2-***b***]<b>chromene, 9c.** Yellow solid, mp 298–299 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3438, 1707, 1645, 1394, 1197; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.16–8.13 (2H, m), 7.99–7.97 (2H, m), 7.40–7.26 (5H, m), 6.87 (1H, dd, J=9.0, 2.9 Hz), 6.12 (1H, d, J=2.9 Hz), 3.63 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 198.6, 191.0, 171.9, 157.7, 145.5, 143.4, 137.1, 136.7, 133.0, 132.4, 131.2, 124.7, 122.3, 121.1, 120.1, 119.3, 114.9, 113.2, 106.0, 56.0. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 76.14; H, 3.58. Found: C, 76.25; H, 3.68%.

**3.2.16. 6-Chloro-2',4-spiro(1', 3'-indanedion)-indeno-**[**3,2-***b***]<b>chromene, 9d.** Yellow solid, mp 276–278 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1710, 1651, 1394, 1247; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.10–8.07 (2H, m), 7.95–7.91 (2H, m), 7.38–7.24 (6H, m), 6.53 (1H, d, J=1.4 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Cl: C, 72.27; H, 2.78; Cl, 8.90. Found: C, 72.35, H, 2.86; Cl, 8.79%.

**3.2.17. 6-Bromo-2',4-spiro**(1', 3'-indanedion)-indeno-[**3,2-b**]chromene, **9e.** Yellow solid, mp 304–306 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3430, 1708, 1654, 1392, 1256; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.18–8.15 (2H, m), 8.03–7.99 (2H, m), 7.45–7.36 (5H, m), 7.27 (1H, apparent d, J=8.1 Hz), 6.74 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 198.0, 190.7, 171.3, 150.6, 143.3, 137.0, 136.8, 133.3, 133.2, 132.1, 131.4, 130.6, 125.0, 122.6, 122.3, 120.9, 119.4, 119.3, 105.9, 54.6.

**3.2.18. 7-Iodo-2',4-spiro(1',3'-indanedion)-indeno[3,2-b]chromene, 9f.** Yellow solid, mp 330–332 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3436, 1710, 1651, 1383, 1251; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.16–8.13 (2H, m), 8.02–7.98 (2H, m), 7.77 (1H, d, J=1.7 Hz), 7.47–7.33 (5H, m), 6.37 (1H, d, J=8.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 197.9, 190.6, 171.2, 151.3, 143.1, 137.0, 136.5, 135.6, 133.3, 131.8, 131.4, 129.0, 128.1, 124.7, 122.4, 120.0, 119.4, 105.8, 94.2.

**3.2.19. 6-Chloro-7-methyl-2',4-spiro**(1', 3'-indanedion)indeno[3,2-*b*]chromene, 9g. Yellow solid, mp 321–322 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3438, 1707, 1647, 1377, 1245; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.10–8.07 (2H, m), 7.96–7.92 (2H, m), 7.39–7.21 (4H, m), 7.19 (1H, s), 6.52 (1H, s), 2.30 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 198.1, 190.7, 171.0, 149.5, 143.1, 138.8, 137.0, 136.7, 133.2, 132.0, 131.4, 127.6, 124.7, 124.6, 122.3, 121.2, 119.4, 119.0, 105.7, 20.3. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Cl: C, 72.73; H, 3.17; Cl, 8.60. Found: C, 72.82; H, 3.26; Cl, 8.55%.

**3.2.20. 6-Carbethoxy-2',4-spiro**(1', 3'-indanedion)indeno[3,2-*b*]chromene, 9h. Yellow solid, mp 225– 226 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3437, 1712, 1652, 1392, 1258; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.17–8.15 (2H, m), 8.03 (1H, d, J=1.8 Hz), 8.01–7.99 (2H, m), 7.93 (1H, dd, J= 8.6, 1.8 Hz), 7.44–7.34 (4H, m), 6.81 (1H, d, J=8.6 Hz), 4.26 (2H, q, J=7.1 Hz), 1.28 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 198.2, 190.8, 171.3, 165.2, 154.4, 143.4, 136.9, 136.7, 133.2, 132.0, 131.6, 131.5, 130.0, 128.9, 124.9, 122.6, 120.6, 119.5, 119.3, 106.3, 61.7, 54.7, 14.6. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 74.31; H, 3.70. Found: C, 74.40; H, 3.81%.

**3.2.21. 6**-Carbomethoxy-2',4-spiro(1', 3'-indanedion)indeno[3,2-*b*]chromene, 9i. Yellow solid, mp 258– 259 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3410, 1711, 1390, 1255; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.18–8.15 (2H, m), 8.04 (1H, d, *J*=1.8 Hz), 8.03–7.99 (2H, m), 7.47–7.34 (6H, m), 3.80 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 198.2, 190.7, 171.2, 165.7, 154.5, 143.4, 136.9, 136.7, 133.3, 131.9, 131.7, 131.5, 130.0, 128.5, 124.9, 122.6, 120.6, 119.5, 119.4, 106.3, 54.7, 52.7. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 73.93; H, 3.34. Found: C, 74.01; H, 3.41%.

**3.2.22. 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 10a.** Light yellow solid, mp 239–240 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1705, 1594, 1511, 1264, 762; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.95–7.80 (8H, m), 7.35 (2H, d, J=8.2 Hz), 6.88 (2H, d, J=8.2 Hz), 4.23 (1H, s), 3.77 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 197.9 (2C), 196.5 (2C), 159.8, 142.2 (2C), 141.6 (2C), 135.8 (d, 2C), 135.5 (d, 2C), 128.9 (d, 2C), 124.7, 123.9 (d, 2C), 123.2 (d, 2C), 114.4 (d, 2C), 63.1, 55.9 (q), 55.2 (d). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 75.75; H, 4.07. Found: C, 75.82; H, 4.13%.

**3.2.23. 2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 10b.** Light yellow solid, mp 225–226 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1703, 1591, 1513, 1255, 764; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.98–7.78 (8H, m), 7.05 (1H, d, J=2.1 Hz), 6.89 (1H, dd, J=8.5, 2.1 Hz), 6.80 (1H, d, J= 8.5 Hz), 4.23 (1H, s), 3.87 (3H, s), 3.76 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 197.8 (2C), 196.4 (2C), 149.6, 147.2, 142.2 (2C), 141.6 (2C), 135.8 (d, 2C), 135.5 (d, 2C), 125.0, 123.9 (d, 2C), 123.2 (d, 2C), 120.7 (d), 111.6 (d), 111.0 (d), 63.2, 56.2 (q), 56.0 (q), 55.9 (d). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 73.23; H, 4.25. Found: C, 73.31; H, 4.33%.

**3.2.24.** 2-(2,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'tetrone, 10c. Light yellow solid, mp 230–231 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1710, 1592, 1264, 791; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.94–7.75 (8H, m), 7.29 (1H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 6.54 (1H, dd, J=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 6.39 (1H, d, J= 2.2 Hz), 4.67 (1H, s), 3.76 (3H, s), 3.52 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 197.5 (2C), 196.8 (2C), 160.9, 158.4, 142.2 (4C), 135.3 (d, 2C), 135.1 (d, 2C), 130.4 (d), 123.3 (d, 2C), 123.0 (d, 2C), 115.7, 106.2 (d), 100.5 (d), 62.1, 55.8 (q), 55.3 (q), 54.6 (d). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 73.23; H, 4.25. Found: C, 73.29; H, 4.31%.

**3.2.25. 2-(2,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 10d.** White solid, mp 217–218 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1707, 1594, 1502, 1266, 1228, 759; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.96–7.77 (8H, m), 7.02 (1H, d, J=2.1 Hz), 6.85–6.78 (2H, m), 4.64 (1H, s), 3.77 (3H, s), 3.48 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 197.1 (2C), 196.5 (2C), 154.6, 151.7, 142.4 (2C), 142.3 (2C), 135.4 (d, 2C), 135.1 (d, 2C), 125.0, 123.4 (d, 2C), 123.2 (d, 2C), 116.0 (d), 115.2 (d), 114.6 (d), 61.2, 57.0 (q), 55.8 (q), 55.2 (d). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 73.23; H, 4.25. Found: C, 73.34; H, 4.36%.

**3.2.26. 2**-(**2**,**3**,**4**-**Trimethoxyphenyl**)-**2**,**2**'-biindan-1,**1**', **3**,**3**'-tetrone, 10e. White solid, mp 221–222 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1708, 1594, 1267, 784; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.94–7.76 (8H, m), 7.25 (1H, d, J=9.0 Hz), 6.75 (1H, d, J=9.0 Hz), 4.48 (1H, s),3.84 (3H, s), 3.73 (3H, s), 3.51 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.47 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 197.1 (2C), 196.6 (2C), 153.9 (2C), 151.6, 142.3 (2C), 142.2 (2C), 135.4 (d, 2C), 135.1 (d, 2C), 123.8 (d), 123.4 (d, 2C), 123.1 (d, 2C), 120.9, 108.1 (d), 61.8, 60.4 (q), 60.1 (q), 56.0 (q), 55.5 (d). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: C, 71.05; H, 4.42. Found: C, 71.13; H, 4.51%.

**3.2.27. 2-[3-(4-Hydroxy coumarin)]-2,2'-biindan-1,1', 3,3'-tetrone, 11a.** White solid, mp 296–298 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3190, 1739, 1696, 1273, 757; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 7.91–7.80 (8H, m), 7.61 (1H, t, J=8.5 Hz), 7.52 (1H, d, J=7.7 Hz), 7.41 (1H, d, J= 8.4 Hz), 7.27 (1H, t, J=7.5 Hz), 5.32 (1H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.47 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 197.4 (2C), 197.1 (2C), 162.4, 157.8, 154.6, 141.6 (4C), 135.5 (d, 4C), 133.5 (d), 124.5 (d), 124.2 (d), 122.8 (d, 2C), 122.5 (d, 2C), 116.8 (d), 111.6, 100.0, 64.2, 51.0 (d). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: C, 72.00; H, 3.13. Found: C, 72.08; H, 3.21%.

**3.2.28. 2-[4-(3-Hydroxy coumarin)]-2,2'-biindan-1,1', 3,3'-tetrone, 11b.** White solid, mp 259–260 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3289, 1713, 1274, 758; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.43 (1H, s), 8.18 (1H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz), 7.90– 7.76 (8H, m), 7.69–7.67 (1H, m), 7.49–7.36 (2H, m), 5.16 (1H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.47 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 196.6 (2C), 196.5 (2C), 153.1, 150.9, 148.9, 141.7 (2C), 141.0 (2C), 135.6 (d, 2C), 135.5 (d, 2C), 131.3 (d), 128.9 (d), 123.7 (d), 122.7 (d, 2C), 122.6 (d, 2C), 117.5, 116.5 (d), 113.1, 67.1, 53.0 (d). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: C, 72.00; H, 3.13. Found: C, 72.10; H, 3.19%.

**3.2.29. 2-(2,6-Dioxocyclohexanyl)-2,2'-biindan-1,1',3,3'-tetrone, 11d.** White solid, mp 288–290 °C, IR (KBr): (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3430, 1709, 1588, 1266; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 9.00 (1H, s), 7.90–7.60 (8H, m), 4.65 (1H, s),

2.47–2.33 (6H, m). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{24}H_{16}O_6{:}$  C, 71.99; H, 4.03. Found: C, 72.12; H, 4.12%.

## 3.3. X-ray structure analyses.<sup>11</sup>

**3.3.1. Compound 5c.** Formula  $C_{24}H_{14}O_7 \cdot H_2O$ , M = 432.37, colourless crystal  $0.35 \times 0.30 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}^3$ , a = 15.516(1) Å, b = 8.764(1) Å, c = 15.268(1) Å,  $\beta = 104.49(1)^\circ$ , V = 2010.1(3) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $\rho_{\text{calc}} = 1.429$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 1.09$  cm<sup>-1</sup>, empirical absorption correction ( $0.963 \le T \le 0.968$ ), Z = 4, monoclinic, space group  $P_{21}/c$  (No. 14),  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å, T = 198 K,  $\omega$  and  $\phi$  scans, 11435 reflections collected ( $\pm h$ ,  $\pm k$ ,  $\pm l$ ),  $[(\sin \theta)/\lambda] = 0.66$  Å<sup>-1</sup>, 4745 independent ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.036$ ) and 3691 observed reflections [ $I \ge 2\sigma(I)$ ], 298 refined parameters, R = 0.043,  $wR^2 = 0.102$ , max. residual electron density 0.33 (-0.28) e Å<sup>-3</sup>, hydrogens at water molecule from difference fourier calculations, other calculated and all refined as riding atoms.

**3.3.2. Compound 5e.** Formula  $C_{28}H_{16}O_5 \cdot C_3H_6O$ , M = 490.49, colourless crystal  $0.15 \times 0.10 \times 0.05$  mm<sup>3</sup>, a = 8.525(1) Å, b = 17.239(1) Å, c = 16.290(1) Å,  $\beta = 93.92(1)^\circ$ , V = 2388.4(3) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $\rho_{calc} = 1.364$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.95$  cm<sup>-1</sup>, empirical absorption correction  $(0.986 \le T \le 0.995)$ , Z = 4, monoclinic, space group  $P_{21}/n$  (No. 14),  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å, T = 198 K,  $\omega$  and  $\phi$  scans, 15689 reflections collected  $(\pm h, \pm k, \pm l)$ ,  $[(\sin \theta)/\lambda] = 0.66$  Å<sup>-1</sup>, 5689 independent ( $R_{int} = 0.059$ ) and 3234 observed reflections  $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ , 337 refined parameters, R = 0.057,  $wR^2 = 0.112$ , max. residual electron density 0.21 (-0.24) e Å<sup>-3</sup>, hydrogens calculated and refined as riding atoms.

**3.3.3. Compound 9b.** Formula  $C_{25}H_{14}O_4$ , M=378.36, yellow crystal  $0.20 \times 0.10 \times 0.06 \text{ mm}^3$ , a=7.267(1) Å, b=9.641(1) Å, c=14.351(1) Å,  $\alpha=103.85(1)^\circ$ ,  $\beta=101.49(1)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma=103.89(1)^\circ$ , V=911.86(2) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $\rho_{calc}=1.378 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu=0.93 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , empirical absorption correction  $(0.982 \le T \le 0.994)$ , Z=2, triclinic, space group P1bar (No. 2),  $\lambda=0.71073$  Å, T=198 K,  $\omega$  and  $\phi$  scans, 7847 reflections collected  $(\pm h, \pm k, \pm l)$ ,  $[(\sin \theta)/\lambda]=0.62$  Å<sup>-1</sup>, 3692 independent ( $R_{int}=0.050$ ) and 2306 observed reflections  $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ , 263 refined parameters, R=0.052,  $wR^2=0.108$ , max. residual electron density 0.23 (-0.22) e Å<sup>-3</sup>, hydrogens calculated and refined as riding atoms.

**3.3.4. Compound 10e.** Formula  $C_{27}H_{20}O_7$ , M=456.43, colourless crystal  $0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.15 \text{ mm}^3$ , a=7.689(1) Å, b=22.698(1) Å, c=12.166(1) Å,  $\beta=95.31(1)^\circ$ , V=2114.2(3) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $\rho_{calc}=1.434 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu=1.04 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , no absorption correction ( $0.969 \le T \le 0.985$ ), Z=4, monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/c$  (No. 14),  $\lambda=0.71073$  Å, T=198 K,  $\omega$  and  $\phi$  scans, 8798 reflections collected ( $\pm h, \pm k$ ,  $\pm l$ ), [( $\sin \theta/\lambda$ ]=0.66 Å<sup>-1</sup>, 5003 independent ( $R_{int}=0.026$ ) and 3888 observed reflections [ $I \ge 2\sigma(I)$ ], 310 refined parameters, R=0.043,  $wR^2=0.108$ , max. residual electron density 0.29 (-0.24) e Å<sup>-3</sup>, hydrogens calculated and refined as riding atoms.

**3.3.5. Compound 11c.** Formula  $C_{27}H_{14}O_6$ , M=434.38, orange crystal  $0.25 \times 0.20 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}^3$ , a=12.511(1) Å, b=10.591(1) Å, c=15.533(1) Å,  $\beta=95.39(1)^\circ$ , V=2049.1(3) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $\rho_{calc}=1.408 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu=1.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , empirical absorption correction ( $0.975 \le T \le 0.980$ ), Z=4,

monoclinic, space group *C*2/*c* (No. 15),  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å, *T*= 198 K,  $\omega$  and  $\phi$  scans, 6663 reflections collected ( $\pm h$ ,  $\pm k$ ,  $\pm l$ ), [(sin  $\theta$ )/ $\lambda$ ]=0.66 Å<sup>-1</sup>, 2435 independent ( $R_{int}$ = 0.031) and 2085 observed reflections [ $I \ge 2\sigma(I)$ ], 150 refined parameters, R = 0.039,  $wR^2 = 0.094$ , max. residual electron density 0.23 (-0.16) e Å<sup>-3</sup>, hydrogens calculated and refined as riding atoms.

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