# One-Pot Synthesis of Benzothiazole-Tethered Chromanones/ Coumarins via Claisen Rearrangement Using the Solid State Melt

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**Supporting Information** 

Reaction



**ABSTRACT:** A novel protocol has been successfully established for the efficient synthesis of benzothiazole-tethered chromanone/coumarin scaffolds via Claisen rearrangement using a solid state melt reaction in a one-pot manner. Benzothiazole formation and Claisen rearrangement involve the cleavage of S–S and C–O bonds and formation of C–S, C=N, and C–C bonds in a single operation without using a catalyst or solvent.

The rapid synthesis of functionalized organic molecular building blocks, intermediates, and bioactive molecular entities represents an important endeavor in organic synthesis,<sup>1a-d</sup> particularly in target-oriented synthesis. Among pericyclic reactions, [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangements are the most powerful and straightforward synthetic tool utilized for the atom-economical synthesis of many natural and bioactive molecules.<sup>1e,f</sup> For instance, the Claisen rearrangement is a very important and useful synthetic tool widely exploited for the synthesis of a library of natural products and bioactive scaffolds through C–C bond formation.<sup>1g</sup> It is quite clear from the literature that the Claisen rearrangement has been one of the prominent reactions in synthetic chemistry since its introduction in 1972<sup>1e</sup> and known to delineate widespread applications in preparative chemistry.<sup>2</sup>

Benzothiazole derivatives are known to be the integral part of a wide variety of natural products, bioactive compounds, and industrial chemicals. They are widely used in many industries; for example, 2-mercaptobenzothiazole, cambendazole, and thiabendazole<sup>3</sup> are effectively utilized as rubber vulcanization accelerators and as slimicides in the paper and pulp industry.<sup>3</sup>

Chromanone and coumarin units belong to the privileged scaffold of various natural products. Most of these compounds have well-screened biological properties and have been found to be useful in cancer treatment;<sup>4a</sup> in the treatment of antibacterial,<sup>4b</sup> antifungal,<sup>4b</sup> autoimmune,<sup>4b</sup> and inflammatory diseases;<sup>5</sup> and for estrogenic,<sup>5</sup> antilipoperoxidant,<sup>5</sup> antiplatelet,<sup>5</sup> antiviral,<sup>5</sup> antihemolytic,<sup>5</sup> and antiallergic<sup>5</sup> activity.

Claisen rearrangement is one of the key reactions available for the synthesis of numerous natural products<sup>1f</sup> such as acorone, homogynolide B, and pancratistatin. Benzothiazole, chromanone, and coumarin moieties are identified as the core unit of several natural products and bioactive molecules; in particular, Geiparvarin (I),<sup>6a</sup> 1-isopropyl-2-methylene-1,2-dihydro-3*H*-benzo[*f*]chromen-3-one (II) (antitumor agent),<sup>6b</sup> isodispar B (III),<sup>6c</sup> 3-(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)-7-hydroxycoumarin (IV) (antiproliferative agent),<sup>6d</sup> D-luciferin (V),<sup>6e</sup> and CJM 126 (VI) (anticancer agent)<sup>6f</sup> are shown in Figure 1 as representatives. Because of the significance of these interesting bioactivities, several research groups have been interested in the syntheses of chromanones,<sup>6g</sup> coumarins,<sup>6h</sup> and benzothiazolebased heterocycles.<sup>6i</sup>



Figure 1. Natural products and bioactive molecules containing chromanone, coumarin, and benzothiazole units.

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Table 1. Synthesis of Benzothiazole-Tethered Chromanones  $(5a-p)^a$ 



<sup>*a*</sup>All reactions were conducted with 1 mmol of B–H derivative (1a-p) with 0.5 mmol of compound 2 at 180 °C for 1 h. Further, 1 mmol of concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> was added. Isolated yields of the pure products. All the new compounds were fully characterized (see the Supporting Information).

Because the Claisen rearrangement has been widely exploited for the synthesis of a variety of heterocyclic compounds with various biological applications,<sup>1e,f</sup> we envisaged that the Baylis– Hillman derivatives<sup>8c–e,9</sup> can be utilized for the synthesis of chromanone/coumarin frameworks through Claisen rearrangement. As a part of our continual effort in the field of solid state melt reaction (SSMR)<sup>7</sup> and heterocyclic chemistry,<sup>8</sup> herein, we describe a simple and novel method for the synthesis of benzothiazole-tethered chromanone/coumarin scaffolds using SSMR. This new protocol involves benzothiazole formation, Claisen rearrangement, and intramolecular lactonization for the formation of benzothiazole-tethered chromanone/coumarin scaffolds via SSMR in a one-pot manner for the first time. We envisaged that the Baylis—Hillman<sup>8c–e,9</sup> derivative **1a** and disulfide **2** will be the suitable substrates for making an array of benzothiazole-tethered chromanone/coumarin scaffolds.

To execute our idea, we have prepared disulfide 2 from aminothiophenol under aerobic oxidation<sup>10</sup> and melted it with

Table 2. Synthesis of Benzothiazole-Tethered Coumarins (10a-i)<sup>a</sup>



<sup>*a*</sup>All reactions were conducted with 1 mmol of B–H derivative (7a-i) with 0.5 mmol of compound 2 at 180 °C for 1 h. Further, 2 mmol of potassium *tert*-butoxide was added. Isolated yields of the pure products. All the new compounds were fully characterized (see the Supporting Information).

Baylis-Hillman<sup>9</sup> derivative 1a at different temperature levels; the best result was obtained when we conducted the reaction without a catalyst or solvent at 180 °C for 1 h, which successfully led to the formation of Claisen rearrangement product 4a. The reaction probably proceeded via benzothiazole formation and Claisen rearrangement.

Interestingly, benzothiazole formation and Claisen rearrangement were achieved by the cleavage of disulfide S–S bonds and *O*-allyl C–O bonds and the formation of thiazole C–S, C==N, and aryl–allylic C–C bonds in a single-step process. After the formation of compound **4a**, the crude reaction mixture was further treated with concentrated  $H_2SO_4$  (1 mmol) in DCM as a solvent at room temperature for 1 h in a one-pot manner, which successfully afforded the desired benzothiazole-tethered chromanone (**5a**) in 79% yield (Table 1) along with minor benzothiazole product (6a) in 9% yield. This type of domino benzothiazole formation and Claisen rearrangement followed by lactonization in one pot is new and has not yet been described in the literature. It is surprising to note that this novel protocol provides a single product even though multiple reaction sites are present in the reactants with comparable reactivities. Interestingly, the first two parts of the protocol do not involve any solvent or catalyst even though both reactants (1a and 2) are solid in nature.

Delighted by this result, we have employed various Baylis– Hillman derivatives<sup>8c-e,9</sup> (1b-p) under the optimized reaction conditions, which smoothly provided the desired functionalized chromanones (5b-p) in very good yields (73-78%) along with minor benzothiazoles (6a and 6b) in 9-12% yields. The results are summarized in Table 1. On the basis of the results, Scheme 1. Synthesis of Chromanone and Coumarin Derivatives (5a and 10a) from Claisen Rearrangement Products (4a and 9a)



Table 3. para Claisen Rearrangement Products  $(13a-c)^a$  via Solid State Melt Reaction



<sup>*a*</sup>All reactions were conducted with 1 mmol of B–H derivative (1q-s) with 0.5 mmol of compound 2 at 180 °C for 1 h. Isolated yields of the pure products.

an electron-donating and -withdrawing group in the aryl moiety does not make any remarkable difference in the reactivities upon Claisen rearrangement. Further, the structure of compound **5b** was confirmed by single-crystal X-ray<sup>11</sup> analysis (see Figure S1 of the Supporting Information).

On the basis of this successful result, we have employed several Baylis–Hillman derivatives  $^{8c-e,9}$  (7a–i), possessing nitrile functionality. Accordingly, we melted B–H derivatives (7a–i) with disulfide (2) in the round-bottom flask at 180 °C for 1 h, which successfully led to the Claisen rearrangement products tethered with a benzothiazole moiety (9). In the same round-bottom flask, potassium *tert*-butoxide (2 equiv) was added in THF as a solvent and stirred at room temperature for 2 h, which successfully afforded the benzothiazole-tethered coumarin scaffolds 10a–i in 74–78% yields (Table 2) along with a minor benzothiazole (6a) in 9–11% yield. It is interesting to note that the olefinic double bond in the Claisen rearrangement product (9) was isomerized, which formed

coumarin moiety **10**. The structure of **10d** was confirmed by single-crystal X-ray<sup>11</sup> analysis (see Figure S2 of the Supporting Information).

To understand the reaction pathway, we have isolated Claisen rearrangement product 4a and treated it with concentrated  $H_2SO_4$  (1 mmol), which efficiently led to the anticipated chromanone derivative (5a) in excellent yield (95%). Subsequently, we also treated Claisen product 9a containing a nitrile functionality with 2 equiv of potassium *tert*-butoxide, which smoothly provided the coumarin derivative (10a) in excellent yield (92%) as shown in Scheme 1. It is remarkable to note that the Claisen rearrangement products on B–H derivatives with an ester functionality led to the chromanone derivative (5a) with an *exo* methylene double bond, whereas the Claisen rearrangement on B–H derivatives with a nitrile functionality led to the formation of the coumarin derivative (10a) in which the double bond migrated to the lactone ring system.

Table 4. para Claisen Rearrangement Products  $(16a-c)^a$  via Solid State Melt Reaction



<sup>*a*</sup>All reactions were conducted with 1 mmol of B–H derivative (7j-l) with 0.5 mmol of compound 2 at 180 °C for 1 h. Isolated yields of the pure products.

After the successful synthesis of *ortho*-migrated Claisen rearrangement products from Baylis–Hillman derivatives, we turned our attention to the *para*-migrated Claisen rearrangement product that can be achieved from the *ortho*-substituted Baylis–Hillman derivatives<sup>8c-e,9</sup> via Claisen rearrangement using SSMR.

To accomplish this, we treated *ortho*-substituted Baylis– Hillman derivative **1q** with disulfide (**2**) at 180 °C for 1 h, which successfully afforded the desired *para*-migrated Claisen rearrangement product tethered with benzothiazole (**13a**) in 75% yield along with minor product **6c** (benzothiazole) in 12% yield. Encouraged by this result, we have treated a couple of *ortho*-substituted Baylis–Hillman derivatives (**1r** and **1s**) with disulfide (**2**) at 180 °C for 1 h, which smoothly afforded the anticipated *para*-migrated Claisen rearrangement products **13b** and **13c** in 74 and 76% yields, respectively (Table 3), along with minor product **6c** (benzothiazole) in 10–14% yield.

To further expand the generality of the *para* migration in the Claisen rearrangement, we have decided to engage the *ortho*-substituted Baylis—Hillman derivatives<sup>8c-e,9</sup> bearing nitrile functionality. Accordingly, we subjected the *ortho*-substituted Baylis—Hillman derivatives (7j–1) to disulfide (2) at 180 °C for 1 h, which smoothly led to the desired *para*-migrated Claisen

rearrangement products (16a-c, respectively) in 70–76% yields (Table 4) along with a minor benzothiazole (6c) product in 10–15% yield. The structure of 16c was confirmed by single-crystal X-ray<sup>11</sup> analysis (see Figure S3 of the Supporting Information).

Finally, we also examined the Baylis–Hillman derivative (1a) for the Claisen rearrangement without disulfide (2). Accordingly, B–H derivative 1a melted at 220 °C for 1 h, which led to the desired diaryl vinyl methane derivative (17a) in 63% yield via Claisen rearrangement as shown in Scheme 2.

In conclusion, we have developed a novel and efficient protocol for the facile construction of benzothiazole-tethered chromanone and coumarin frameworks via the benzothiazole

# Scheme 2. Claisen Rearrangement in B-H Derivative 1a



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formation, Claisen rearrangement, and lactonization reaction sequence in one-pot fashion utilizing Baylis—Hillman (B–H) derivatives for the first time. Notably, the first two steps of the protocol are conducted through a solid state melt reaction that does not require a catalyst or solvent even though all the starting materials are solids. We also utilized *ortho*-substituted B–H derivatives for the *para* Claisen rearrangement products (*para* migration) with diverse functionalities in good yields. It is surprising to note that this new protocol provides a single product even though various reactive functionalities are present in the reactants with comparable reactivities. This novel protocol also opens new avenues for making a library of a wide variety of diversified chromanone/coumarin scaffolds for biological screening.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Information.** All reagents were procured from commercial sources and utilized without further purification. Solvents were distilled prior to use. Silica gel was used for column chromatography purification as the stationary phase. A FTIR spectrophotometer was used for IR spectral studies. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 and 400 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 and 100 MHz) spectra were recorded using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as a solvent and TMS as an internal standard; chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  (parts per million). Mass spectra were recorded on a QTOF mass spectrometer using the electrospray ionization (ESI) mode. Melting points are uncorrected. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using glass plates coated with silica gel (254F). Spots were visualized using an UV lamp and iodine vapor. The single-crystal X-ray diffraction measurements were taken on a graphite monochromatic Mo K $\alpha$  radiation and CCD detector.

Typical Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound 5a. A mixture of (*E*)-methyl-2-[(2-formylphenoxy)-methyl]-3-phenyl acrylate (1a, 1 mmol) and 2-[2-(2-aminophenyl)-disulfanyl]benzenamine (2, 0.5 mmol) was placed in a round-bottom flask and melted at 180 °C for 1 h. After formation of the Claisen rearrangement product as indicated by TLC, the crude product was further treated with concentrated  $H_2SO_4$  in DCM at room temperature for 1 h. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was concentrated and the resulting crude mass was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 × 10 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The crude reaction mass was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Acme 60–120 mesh), using ethyl acetate and hexanes (1:9) to afford 5a as a colorless solid in 79% yield.

Methyl 2-{[3-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-2-hydroxyphenyl] (phenyl)methyl}acrylate (**4a**). White solid (84%, 0.337 g): mp 143–145 °C; reaction time 1 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.70 (s, 3H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.84–7.90 (m, 12H), 13.00 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  45.6, 52.0, 116.5, 118.9, 121.5, 122.0, 125.5, 126.6, 126.7, 127.0, 127.1, 128.4, 129.1, 130.9, 132.4, 132.6, 140.8, 142.8, 151.6, 155.5, 167.3, 169.4; IR (KBr) 1623, 1712, 3415 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 402.1164, found 402.1174.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-3-methylene-4-phenylchroman-2-one (**5a**). White solid (79%, 0.29 g): mp 137–139 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.03 (s, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 7.17–8.52 (m, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  48.3, 121.5, 122.5. 123.1, 124.9, 125.2, 125.7, 126.2, 127.8, 127.8, 129.2, 130.1, 130.7, 135.8, 136.4, 139.7, 148.1, 152.1, 161.4, 161.6; IR (KBr) 1631, 1724, 3015 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 370.0902, found 370.0894.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-3-methylene-4-o-tolylchroman-2-one (**5b**). White solid (73%, 0.27 g): mp 148–150 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.28 (s, 3H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 6.95–8.48 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  20.3, 45.1, 121.5, 122.3, 123.1, 124.8, 125.2, 125.7, 126.2, 126.9, 128.0, 129.0, 129.9, 130.1, 130.3, 131.5, 135.0, 136.4, 136.5, 137.4,

148.1, 152.2, 161.3, 161.5; IR (KBr) 1632, 1720, 3026 cm  $^{-1};$  HRMS calcd for  $\rm C_{24}H_{18}NO_2S~[M+H]^+$  384.1058, found 384.1052.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-3-methylene-4-p-tolylchroman-2-one (**5c**). White solid (76%, 0.29 g): mp 147–149 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.36 (s, 3H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 7.08–8.53 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.1, 48.0, 121.6, 122.6, 123.2, 125.0, 125.3, 126.1, 126.3, 127.8, 129.2, 130.0, 130.1, 130.8, 136.1, 136.5, 136.8, 137.7, 148.2, 152.3, 161.5, 161.9; IR (KBr) 1636, 1794, 3018 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 384.1058, found 384.1048.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(4-ethylphenyl)-3-methylenechroman-2-one (**5d**). White solid (74%, 0.29 g): mp 146–148 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.62 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 7.06–8.51 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.4, 28.4, 48.0, 121.5, 123.1, 124.8, 125.2, 126.0, 126.2, 126.7, 127.7, 128.6, 129.1, 129.9, 130.7, 136.0, 136.4, 136.9, 143.9, 148.1, 152.1, 161.4, 161.7; IR (KBr) 1635, 1728, 3025 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for  $C_{25}H_{20}NO_2S$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 398.1215, found 398.1216.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(4-isopropylphenyl)-3-methylenechroman-2-one (**5***e*). White solid (76%, 0.31 g): mp 145–147 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.15 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 2.80 (sep, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 7.00–8.42 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  24.0, 33.8, 48.1, 121.6, 122.6, 123.2, 125.0, 125.3, 126.1, 126.3, 127.3, 127.8, 129.2, 130.0, 130.8, 136.1, 136.5, 137.0, 148.2, 148.6, 152.3, 161.6, 162.0; IR (KBr) 1625, 1738, 3030 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 412.1371, found 412.1382.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-3-methylene-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)chroman-2-one (**5f**). White solid (73%, 0.30 g): mp 136–138 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.55 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91–8.48 (m, 14H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  45.9, 121.7, 122.5, 123.3, 125.0, 125.0, 125.4, 125.8, 125.8, 126.0, 126.3, 126.4, 128.8, 129.2, 129.3, 129.5, 130.4, 130.5, 131.1, 134.6, 134.8, 134.9, 136.6, 148.0, 152.4, 161.6, 161.7; IR (KBr) 1635, 1730, 3026 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 420.1058, found 420.1062.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-methylenechroman-2-one (**5g**). White solid (76%, 0.29 g): mp 139–141 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.02 (s, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 7.02–8.51 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  47.6, 116.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21 Hz), 121.7, 122.8, 123.3, 125.1, 125.6, 126.3, 127.6, 129.2, 129.5, 129.6, 129.7, 130.3, 130.6, 135.4, 135.9, 136.5, 148.2, 152.3, 161.7, 161.7, 162.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 223 Hz); IR (KBr) 1630, 1740, 3033 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 388.0808, found 388.0825.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-methylenechroman-2-one (**5h**). White solid (75%, 0.30 g): mp 143–145 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.66 (s, 1H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 7.12–8.51 (11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 44.5, 121.5, 122.4, 123.1, 124.8, 125.0, 125.2, 126.2, 127.8, 129.1, 129.3, 130.0, 130.4, 131.2, 133.5, 134.1, 136.4, 138.1, 148.3, 152.2, 161.0, 161.4; IR (KBr) 1645, 1730, 3026 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 404.0512, found 404.0500.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-methylenechroman-2-one (**5***i*). White solid (77%, 0.31 g): mp 142–144 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.00 (s, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 7.04–8.54 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 47.9, 121.5, 122.7, 123.1, 124.9, 125.0, 125.3, 125.9, 126.2, 128.0, 128.1, 129.5, 130.49, 130.6, 130.7, 135.1, 135.2, 136.4, 141.7, 148.1, 152.1, 161.2, 161.3; IR (KBr) 1645, 1740, 3031 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for  $C_{23}H_{15}CINO_2S [M + H]^+$  404.0512, found 404.0503.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methylenechroman-2-one (**5***j*). White solid (75%, 0.30 g): mp 141–143 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.00 (s, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 7.09–8.53 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 47.7, 121.5, 122.7, 123.2, 125.0, 125.2, 125.3, 126.2, 129.2, 129.4, 129.4, 130.3, 130.5, 133.8, 135.5, 136.4, 138.1, 148.1, 152.2, 161.2, 161.3; IR (KBr) 1647, 1741, 3031 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for  $C_{23}H_{15}CINO_2S [M + H]^+$  404.0512, found 404.0504.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-methylenechroman-2-one (**5**k). White solid (75%, 0.32 g): mp 140–142 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.61 (s, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 7.02–8.52 (m, 10H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  44.1, 121.5, 122.6, 123.2, 124.3, 125.1, 125.3, 126.3, 128.2, 129.6, 130.2, 130.2, 130.8, 131.5, 133.7, 134.2, 134.4, 136.4, 136.7, 148.2, 152.1, 160.8, 161.2; IR (KBr) 1650, 1743, 3036 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 438.0122, found 438.0123.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(3-bromophenyl)-3-methylenechroman-2-one (**5**). White solid (74%, 0.33 g): mp 152–156 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.99 (s, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 7.07–8.54 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  47.8, 121.5, 122.7, 123.2, 123.2, 124.8, 125.0, 125.3, 126.2, 126.4, 129.5, 130.6, 130.7, 130.9, 131.0, 135.2, 136.4, 142.0, 148.0, 152.2, 161.2, 161.3; IR (KBr) 1625, 1730, 3026 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 448.0007, found 448.0012.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-3-methylene-4-(4-nitrophenyl)chroman-2-one (**5m**). White solid (78%, 0.32 g): mp 156–158 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.16 (s, 1H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 7.22–8.57 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 48.0, 121.5, 123.0, 123.2, 124.2, 124.4, 125.2, 125.4, 126.3, 128.7, 129.9, 130.4, 131.2, 134.6, 136.4, 146.9, 147.5, 148.0, 152.2, 160.9; IR (KBr) 1635, 1720, 3029 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for  $C_{23}H_{15}N_2O_4S$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 415.0753, found 415.0754.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-6-bromo-3-methylene-4-phenylchroman-2-one (**5n**). White solid (76%, 0.33 g): mp 151–153 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.00 (s, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 7.16–8.68 (11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 48.1, 117.8, 121.6, 123.3, 124.2, 125.5, 126.4, 127.7, 127.8, 128.1, 129.4, 130.9, 131.5, 132.9, 135.1, 136.5, 139.0, 147.1, 152.0, 159.7, 161.0; IR (KBr) 1635, 1737, 3026 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for  $C_{23}H_{15}BrNO_2S [M + H]^+$  448.0007, found 448.0005.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-6-bromo-4-(4-ethylphenyl)-3-methylenechroman-2-one (**5o**). White solid (77%, 0.36 g): mp 150–152 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.35 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.78 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 7.06–8.15 (9H), 8.79 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  15.0, 28.7, 47.8, 117.1, 121.5, 121.6, 123.2, 123.3, 124.4, 125.6, 126.5, 127.7, 128.2, 128.6, 128.8, 131.3, 131.4, 132.8, 132.9, 136.5, 145.3, 152.1, 159.4; IR (KBr) 1625, 1734, 3026 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 476.0320, found 476.0323.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-6-bromo-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methylenechroman-2-one (**5p**). White solid (78%, 0.37 g): mp 149–151 °C; reaction time 2 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.98 (s, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 7.10–8.15 (m, 9H), 8.69 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 47.5, 117.9, 121.6, 122.2, 123.3, 125.6, 126.0, 126.5, 127.0, 128.8, 129.2, 129.6, 130.4, 131.8, 132.8, 134.7, 137.4, 147.0, 151.9, 159.6, 160.7; IR (KBr) 1628, 1740, 3029 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrClNO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 481.9617, found 481.9612.

Typical Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound 10a. A mixture of (E)-2-[(2-formylphenoxy)methyl]-3-phenylacrylonitrile (7a, 1 mmol) and 2-[2-(2-aminophenyl)-disulfanyl]benzenamine (2, 0.5 mmol) was placed in a round-bottom flask and melted at 180 °C for 1 h. After formation of the Claisen product as indicated by TLC, the crude product was further treated with potassium *tert*-butoxide in THF at room temperature for 2 h. After the completion of the reaction as shown by TLC, the reaction mixture was concentrated and the resulting crude mass was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 × 10 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The crude reaction mass was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Acme 60–120 mesh), using ethyl acetate and hexanes (1:9) to afford 10a as a colorless solid in 78% (0.28 g) yield.

2-{[3-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-2-hydroxyphenyl] (phenyl)methyl}acrylonitrile (**9a**). White solid (86%, 0.31 g): mp 140–142 °C; reaction time 1 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.58 (s, 1H), 5.62 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.92–7.94 (12H), 13.06 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  48.2, 116.8, 118.8, 119.3, 121.5, 122.1, 125.2, 125.7, 126.8, 127.4, 127.8, 128.1, 128.8, 128.9, 132.4, 132.4, 132.6, 138.5, 151.6, 155.6, 169.2; IR (KBr) 1625, 2230, 3421 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for  $C_{23}H_{17}N_2OS [M + H]^+$  369.1062, found 369.1069.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-3-methyl-4-phenyl-2H-chromen-2-one (**10a**). White solid (78%, 0.28 g): mp 161–163 °C; reaction time 3 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.03 (s, 3H), 7.08–8.63 (12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.8, 121.3, 121.6, 123.1, 123.2, 123.9, 125.2, 126.2, 128.2, 128.3, 128.8, 129.0, 129.3, 130.7, 134.8, 136.4, 149.7, 150.6, 152.1, 160.7, 160.8; IR (KBr) 1625, 1740, 3036 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 370.0902, found 370.0907.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-3-methyl-4-p-tolyl-2H-chromen-2-one (**10b**). White solid (78%, 0.29 g): mp 160–162 °C; reaction time 3 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.03 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 6.98–8.49 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  15.6, 21.3, 120.4, 121.4, 122.1, 122.9, 123.1, 124.2, 125.2, 126.2, 128.7, 129.0, 129.5, 129.6, 132.5, 136.0, 138.2, 143.3, 149.5, 152.2, 159.5, 161.2; IR (KBr) 1624, 1728, 3026 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 384.1058, found 384.1048.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(4-ethylphenyl)-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (**10c**). White solid (76%, 0.30 g): mp 159–161 °C; reaction time 3 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.34 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.77 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17–8.66 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.8, 15.3, 28.7, 121.5, 121.6, 123.1, 123.2, 123.8, 125.2, 126.2, 128.3, 128.4, 129.4, 130.6, 132.0, 136.4, 145.0, 149.7, 150.9, 152.2, 160.8, 161.0; IR (KBr) 1621, 1720, 3016 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 398.1215, found 398.1221.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(4-isopropylphenyl)-3-methyl-2Hchromen-2-one (**10d**). White solid (75%, 0.30 g): mp 156–158 °C; reaction time 3 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.34 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 3.02 (sep, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15–8.65 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.1, 24.1, 34.1, 121.6, 121.8, 123.3, 123.4, 124.0, 125.4, 126.4, 127.0, 127.1, 128.5, 128.9, 129.6, 130.8, 132.2, 136.6, 149.8, 151.1, 152.3, 161.1, 161.1; IR (KBr) 1631, 1731, 3027 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 412.1371, found 412.1395.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (**10e**). White solid (74%, 0.29 g): mp 166–168 °C; reaction time 3 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.02 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 6.91–7.96 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  18.6, 55.6, 111.0, 111.3, 111.5, 117.0, 118.9, 120.5, 121.0, 121.5, 122.2, 123.1, 125.7, 126.8, 127.7, 128.6, 129.1, 129.7, 130.1, 130.6, 132.6, 133.1, 154.6, 156.6; IR (KBr) 1641, 1730, 3041 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 400.1007, found 400.1016.

4-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-8-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (**10f**). White solid (74%, 0.30 g): mp 168–170 °C; reaction time 3 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.09 (s, 3H), 6.09 (s, 2H), 6.72–8.64 (m, 10H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 15.0, 101.7, 109.0, 121.6, 121.8, 121.8, 122.2, 123.3, 123.7, 124.1, 125.4, 126.4, 128.3, 129.4, 130.9, 136.9, 140.6, 148.1, 148.3, 152.3, 160.9, 160.9; IR (KBr) 1631, 1739, 3046 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 414.0800, found 414.0795.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (**10g**). White solid (75%, 0.30 g): mp 163–165 °C; reaction time 3 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.05 (s, 3H), 7.09–8.68 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.0, 121.2, 121.8, 123.3, 123.4, 123.8, 124.2, 125.5, 126.4, 129.1, 129.5, 129.9, 130.0, 131.0, 131.1, 133.4, 135.2, 136.7, 138.7, 138.9, 149.9, 160.7, 160.9; IR (KBr) 1634, 1747, 3031 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 404.0512, found 404.0515.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (**10h**). White solid (76%, 0.30 g): mp 162–164 °C; reaction time 3 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.00 (s, 3H), 6.88–8.49 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 15.6, 120.6, 121.4, 121.5, 122.2, 123.1, 123.2, 125.2, 126.3, 127.0, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 129.9, 130.3, 132.9, 135.0, 136.0, 137.3, 141.7, 149.4, 152.1, 161.0; IR (KBr) 1639, 1740, 3036 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for  $C_{23}H_{15}CINO_2S$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 404.0512, found 404.0538.

8-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (**10***i*). White solid (75%, 0.30 g): mp 163–165 °C; reaction time 3 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.01 (s, 3H), 6.97–7.95 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.8, 121.6, 122.2,

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123.2, 124.0, 125.3, 125.9, 126.9, 128.6, 129.4, 129.8, 130.0, 130.9, 133.0, 135.0, 137.6, 149.4, 151.5, 154.7, 160.5, 160.7; IR (KBr) 1639, 1740, 3036 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for  $C_{23}H_{15}CINO_2S~[M + H]^+$  404.0512, found 404.0548.

Typical Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound 13a. A mixture of (*E*)-methyl 2-[(3-ethoxy-2-formylphenoxy)methyl]-3-phenyl acrylate (1r, 1 mmol) and 2-[2-(2-aminophenyl)disulfanyl]benzenamine (0.5 mmol) was placed in a round-bottom flask and melted at 180 °C for 1 h. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the crude reaction mass was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Acme 60–120 mesh), using ethyl acetate and hexanes (0.5:9.5) to afford 13a as a colorless solid in 75% (0.33 g) yield.

(E)-Methyl 2-[3-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-ethoxy-4-hydroxybenzyl]-3-phenyl Acrylate (**13a**). White solid (75%, 0.33 g): mp 147– 149 °C; reaction time 1 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.48 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 4.10 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.81–7.97 (m, 12H), 12.64 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 14.8, 32.5, 52.2, 64.7, 115.9, 116.6, 118.9, 121.4, 122.1, 125.4, 126.6, 128.7, 128.8, 129.1, 130.1, 130.8, 132.7, 135.3, 141.1, 146.9, 148.2, 151.8, 168.5, 169.4; IR (KBr) 1625, 1715, 3426 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 446.1426, found 446.1437.

(*E*)-Methyl 2-[3-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-ethoxy-4-hydroxybenzyl]-3-o-tolyl Acrylate (**13b**). White solid (74%, 0.33 g): mp 144– 146 °C; reaction time 1 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.47 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 4.07 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.46–7.94 (m, 11H), 12.61 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.8, 20.0, 32.4, 52.1, 64.7, 116.5, 119.2, 121.4, 122.1, 125.4, 125.9, 126.6, 128.1, 128.6, 130.2, 130.6, 132.6, 134.9, 136.6, 140.3, 143.2, 146.8, 148.0, 148.3, 151.8, 168.3, 169.4; IR (KBr) 1625, 1720, 3421 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 460.1583, found 460.1585.

(E)-Methyl 2-[3-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-ethoxy-4-hydroxybenzyl]-3-p-tolyl Acrylate (**13c**). White solid (76%, 0.34 g): mp 142– 144 °C; reaction time 1 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.47 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 4.09 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.83–7.94 (m, 11H), 12.53 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.8, 21.3, 32.5, 52.1, 64.7, 116.0, 116.7, 118.9, 121.4, 122.1, 125.4, 126.6, 129.2, 129.4, 129.8, 130.2, 132.5 132.7, 139.1, 141.3, 147.0, 148.2, 151.8, 168.7, 169.5; IR (KBr) 1619, 1710, 3410 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 460.1583, found 460.1596.

Typical Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound 16a. A mixture of (E)-2-[(2-ethoxy-6-formylphenoxy)methyl]-3-phenylacrylonitrile (7j, 1 mmol) and 2-[2-(2-aminophenyl)disulfanyl]benzenamine (0.5 mmol) was placed in a round-bottom flask and melted at 180 °C for 1 h. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the crude reaction mass was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Acme 60–120 mesh), using ethyl acetate and hexanes (0.5:9.5) to afford 16a as a colorless solid in 76% (0.31 g) yield.

(Z)-2-[3-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-ethoxy-4-hydroxybenzyl]-3-phenylacrylonitrile (**16a**). White solid (76%, 0.31 g): mp 139–141 °C; reaction time 1 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.57 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.94–8.04 (m, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.9, 41.8, 65.0, 110.7, 116.3, 116.9, 120.1, 121.6, 122.3, 125.7, 126.8, 127.2, 128.8, 129.0, 130.3, 132.8, 133.5, 144.1, 148.0, 148.7, 151.8, 169.1; IR (KBr) 1635, 2239, 3426 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 413.1324, found 413.1322.

(Z)-2-[3-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-ethoxy-4-hydroxybenzyl]-3-ptolylacrylonitrile (**16b**). White solid (75%, 0.31 g): mp 138–140 °C; reaction time 1 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.51 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87–8.00 (m, 11H), 12.76 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.9, 21.6, 41.8, 65.0, 109.4, 116.3, 117.0, 120.2, 121.6, 122.4, 125.7, 126.9, 127.4, 128.9, 129.7, 130.9, 132.8, 140.8, 144.2, 148.0, 151.8, 169.1; IR (KBr) 1632, 2231, 3410 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 427.1480, found 427.1493.

(*Z*)-2-[3-(*Benzo*[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)-5-ethoxy-4-hydroxybenzyl]-3-(4chlorophenyl)acrylonitrile (**16c**). White solid (70%, 0.31 g): mp 138– 140 °C; reaction time 1 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.50 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.86–7.97 (m, 11H), 12.77 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.8, 41.6, 64.9, 111.3, 116.9, 120.0, 121.5, 122.2, 125.6, 125.7, 126.7, 126.9, 129.1, 129.2, 129.9, 130.0, 131.9, 132.6, 136.1, 142.6, 148.6, 151.6, 168.8; IR (KBr) 1633, 2246, 3424 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 447.0934, found 447.0937.

Typical Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound 17a. (*E*)-Methyl-2-[(2-formylphenoxy)methyl]-3-phenyl acrylate (1a, 1 mmol) was placed in a round-bottom flask and melted at 220 °C for 1 h. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the crude reaction mass was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Acme 60–120 mesh), using ethyl acetate and hexanes (0.5:9.5) to afford 17a as a semisolid in 63% (0.18 g) yield.

*Methyl* 2-[(3-Formyl-2-hydroxyphenyl) (phenyl)methyl]acrylate (**17a**). White semisolid (63%, 0.18 g): reaction time 1 h; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.69 (s, 3H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 6.93–7.48 (m, 8H), 9.89 (s, 1H), 11.41 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  44.8, 52.0, 119.3, 120.4, 126.8, 127.4, 128.5, 129.0, 130.8, 132.3, 136.4, 140.2, 142.3, 159.1, 167.0, 196.5; IR (KBr) 1613, 1710, 3411 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 297.1127, found 297.1111.

# ASSOCIATED CONTENT

#### Supporting Information

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and mass spectra of all new compounds (PDF)

X-ray crystallographic data for compound **5b** (CIF)

X-ray crystallographic data for compound **10d** (CIF) X-ray crystallographic data for compound **16c** (CIF)

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