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SYNTHESIS OF CYCLOPROPA[C]COUMARINS FROM DONOR-ACCEPTOR  
CYCLOPROPANES

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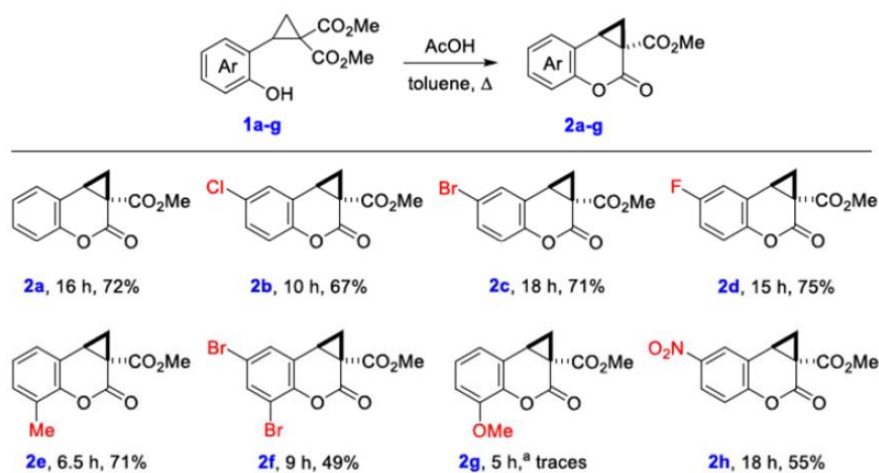
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**Abstract.** Cyclopropa[c]coumarins are of particular interest as precursors of various coumarin-based scaffolds, which are promising compounds in terms of potential biological activity. Even though the first cyclopropanation of 3-acylcoumarins and coumarin-3-carboxylates with haloketones was described by Widman 100 years ago<sup>1,2</sup>, cyclopropa[c]coumarins remain poorly investigated due to the absence of efficient methods for their synthesis.

We report<sup>3</sup> a simple and straightforward method for the synthesis of cyclopropa[c]coumarins based on the acid-induced intramolecular transesterification of 2-(2-hydroxyaryl)cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylates<sup>4</sup>. The proposed method was efficiently applied to a broad range of substrates with a variety of functional groups in the aromatic ring including alkyl, halogen and nitro functionalities.



**Figure 1.** Synthesis of cyclopropacoumarines. <sup>a</sup> only trace amounts were detected

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