## **Ag-CP** Mofs As A Green And Sustainable Catalyst For The Synthesis Of Bioactive Heterocyclic Chromene Derivatives

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#### Abstract

Chromenes are well-known bioactive heterocyclic compounds that have played an important role for drug design and are part of many natural products of biological and industrial significance. Herein, novelgreen and sustainable Silver coordinated co-ordination polymer (Ag-CP) have been synthesized as a heterogeneous catalyst forone pot multicomponent synthesis of series of bioactive heterocyclicchromene derivatives under ambient reaction conditions. The advantageous features of the present energy feasiblemethodologyconsist of high yield of the product shorter reaction periods, and recyclability of the catalyst

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#### I. Introduction

Almost all branches of science are following the principles of green chemistry, prominently nanotechnology<sup>1</sup>. Still, tremendous growth of industries leads to the release of toxic substances into air, water, and land, thus contaminating the same. Green and sustainable energy sources and alternative variants to existing ones are important to get the cheer shift towards more and more sensible approaches for viable energy availability. Scientists focus to improve the present globe today and for future generations by divulging sufficient ground-breaking solutions and practices to bring about, enthusing the chemical community to reorganize synthetic methodologies across academic and industrial fields. By judging the number of publications in the past decade, today the most fruitful supports for heterogeneous catalysis are Metal organic frameworks (MOFs), which have been investigated in research towards the goal of sustainability. MOFs are porous materials constructed from metal cations or clusters of metal cations which are linked to one another by bridging organic linkers with best ever porosity and an exclusive degree of tunability and as a result it is possible to control their function through molecular design.<sup>3</sup> Precisely welldisciplined nanometer-scale having exceptional importance to catalyzing a wide variety of organic reactions in consequence of their capability to put up selectively guest molecules that counterpart the properties of their cavities due to their assets towards green and sustainable chemistry, this is an alluring viewpoint for heterogeneous catalysis. The recovery of toxic and expensive transition metal species is hugely important and MOFs have proved to be excellent supports and scavengers that can potentially simplify purification procedures in large scale processes. Over the past three decades, in the area of functional materials MOFs have become increasingly dominant. Among the different MOFs, used in catalysis, these have emerged as an important class of multifunctional materials with a rich collection of properties; their ability to function in harsh environments makes them very suitable materials as heterogeneous catalysts. Several studies have demonstrated the use of various MOFs as a heterogeneous catalyst. A prominent example for cyanosilylation of carbonyl compounds using Cd-4,4'-bipyridyl coordination polymer reported by Futija in 1994.<sup>4</sup> Friedel-Crafts alkylation reactions of electron rich aromatic compounds with nitroolefins catalyzed by urea or squaramideorganocatalyst shown by Hupp<sup>5</sup> and Farha.<sup>6</sup> Wang L. reported the CH- bond amination catalyzed by MOFs with exceptional activity.<sup>7</sup> Aldol-Tishchenko reaction reported by Bauer G. MOFs catalyze the reaction. MOFs reported as versatile heterogeneous catalysts for efficient catalytic organic transformations.<sup>9</sup> epoxidation of assymetric alkenes using reticular MOFs.<sup>10</sup> Homochiral MOFs for Enantioselective ring-opening of meso-epoxides by aromatic

amines.<sup>11</sup> Improvement of catalytic activity by MOFs.<sup>12</sup> MOFs as a catalysts for sequential reactions.<sup>13</sup> As a catalyst for post synthetic covalent reactions.<sup>14</sup> MOFs as a support for activation methyltrioxorhenium for olefin metathesis.<sup>15</sup> Here, considering the above advantages and scientific study regarding MOFs as a heterogeneous catalytic nanoparticles, we presented the green synthesis of 2-Amino 4-H chromenes derivatives as chromenes received prodigious attention over the last few years, as they display a broad spectrum of biactivities.<sup>16</sup> 2-Amino 4-H chromenes scaffold functions as a generous structural module in naturally and synthetically made drug-like molecules. Recently various green and sustainable methods have been reported for the synthesis of chromene derivatives such as Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-magnetized *N*-pyridin-4-amine-functionalized graphene oxide, <sup>17</sup>Modernite zeolite/MIL-101(Cr) metal-organic, <sup>18</sup> Cu@KCC-1-NH CS<sub>2</sub>, <sup>19</sup> Palladium nanoparticles supported with graphene oxide (Pd@GO), <sup>20</sup> Dry rind of Aeglemarmelos (bael) fruit ash,<sup>21</sup> ascorbic acid,<sup>22</sup> and many more reports are there for the synthesis of chroemene derivatives. Synthesis of chromene derivatives reported by Safaei-Ghomi and workers IL-supported Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>23</sup> Multi-cationic IL-based catalysts used for the microwave-assisted synthesis of chromene derivatives by Salunkhe and coworkers.<sup>24</sup> Synthesis of Inolyl-4H-chromenes derivatives catalyzed by ILs, [TBA][Gly] reported by Rawat and coworkers.<sup>25</sup> Considering the beneficial properties of MOFs we intend to synthesize chromene derivatives as green and for biologically sustainable routes active heterocycles, using ethanol as a green solvent which is an eco-friendly method. This method followed green protocols, no hazardous solvents were used and the reactions were run at mild reaction conditions and catalyst recycle feasibility was also explained. In this concern, a novel, highly efficient and stable heterogeneous coordination polymer (CP) as MOFs were prepared by the procedure given in the literature<sup>26</sup> and its catalytic activity was examined for the synthesis of chromene derivatives by one pot multicomponent reactions. The use of MOFs as green materials is one of the outstanding properties of this catalyst. Furthermore, high surface area, convenient recovery, and reusability for several times without any significant loss of activity, inexpensive and chemically stable reagents, good reaction times and simple practical methodology; makes this protocol both attractive and economically viable.

#### 2. Experimental

#### 2.1 General

For the synthesis of catalyst, 4, 6-diamino-2pyrimidinethiol and silver nitrate, were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Also, all reagents and solvents in organic synthesis were obtained from Merck and used without further purification. The structures of the known compounds were acknowledged by the comparison of their NMR data/melting points with those reported in the literature. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was employed for the scrutiny of the reaction progress. Buker Advance DPX FT-NMR spectrometer was applied for running <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz). Buchi B-545 apparatus was used for measuring the melting points in open capillary tubes.

# 3. Examination of catalyst activity for the synthesis of chromene derivatives

To know how the Ag-CP MOFs catalyst works for the synthesis of highly functionalized bioactive chemene derivatives by the reaction of equimolardimedone(1) aromatic aldehyde (2) and malanonitrile (3) under reflux condition was expected to formation of desired product in high yield of percentage.

### 4. Result and Discussion

In order to select most suitable reaction conditions, in the context of green and sustainable chemistry, we began our investigation for optimization of reaction conditions for the synthesis chromene derivatives by performing the reaction of dimedone (1mmol), aromatic aldehydes (1mmol), and malanonitrile (1mmol) by employing varied amount of solvent, temperature and catalyst the best results were obtained in ethanol in the presence of 10 mg of Ag-CP MOFs as a catalyst under reflux condition for stipulated time period (**Table 1**)

To simplify the whole process and sorts of side reactions, initially the above reactions were conducted with Ag-CP MOFs as a catalyst in ethanol at room temperature and in absence of catalyst there was no formation products was takes place with unreacted staring material (**Table 1** entry 1). Only traces of formation of products takes place when the reaction mixture was heated at 100°C (**Table 2** entry 2) in the absence of either solvent or catalyst there was found to be no any progress of reaction. Under solvent free condition at 100°C if 5 mg of catalyst was loaded the obtained yield of the product was only 50 % (**Table** 

1 entry 3). Effectiveness of polar solvent was studied by employing the methanol which is a positive hint for using polar solvent; it gives 60 % yield of product (Table 1 entry 4). For the purpose of getting higher amount of yield, we checked the reaction in increased amount of catalyst (10 mg) there was formation of 85 % of the product (Table 1 entry 5). Acetonitrile was used as a solvent in order to check the efficiency of the solvent at room temperature only trace amount of the product was obtained (Table 1 entry 6). If water was employed as a reaction media very less amount of the product formation was noticed, but when refluxed reaction mixture moderate amount of yield was obtained (Table 1 entry 7, 8). There was no satisfied amount of yield was obtained if dichloromethane and IPA was used (Table 1 entry 9, 10, 11). When toluene and ethanol was used the satisfied amount of yield was obtained (Table 1 entry 12, 13)

**Table 1:** optimization of the reaction conditions for the synthesis of chromene derivatives<sup>4a</sup>

Sr.	Catalyst	Solvent	Temp	Time	Yield
no.	(mg)		(°C)	(h)	(%)
1	-	No solvent	rt	5	0
2	-	No solvent	100	5	trace
3	5	No solvent	100	3	50
4	5	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	rt	5	60
5	10	CH3OH	rt	4	85
6	10	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	rt	5	trace
7	10	$H_2O$	rt	6	20
8	10	$H_2O$	Reflux	1	55
9	10	IPA	Reflux	1	trace
10	10	$CH_2Cl_2$	rt	7	trace
11	10	$CH_2Cl_2$	Reflux	2	60
12	10	Toluene	rt	2.5	90
13	10	EtOH	reflux	1	97
14	20	EtOH	reflux	1	97

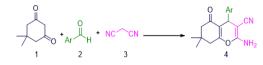
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: Dimedone (1 mmol), benzaldehyde (1 mmol), malanonitrile (1 mmol), Ag-CP MOFs (10 mol %), and solvent (2 ml) with continuous stirring at reflux temperature.

Necessity of polar media for getting best results (**Table 1** entry 13) proved when ethanol was employed to get highest amount of yield, however, an additional enhancement in the catalyst amount up to 20 mg% resulted in no change in conversion percentage. This may be because of the enervation of the catalytic site or knowledge of the highesttransformationefficiency of the catalyst.

After discovering the optimized reaction conditions in hand (**Table 1** entry 13), a series of chromene derivatives were synthesized using an equimolar ratio of dimedone (4), aromatic aldehyde (5) and malanonitrile (6) in presence of the Ag-CP MOFs as a catalyst. Many efficient heterogeneous catalysts (Table S1) have been reported for the synthesis of chromene derivatives. A comparison with these catalytic systems reveals that the present catalyst was more proficient in terms of time, and reaction temperature.

We measured the choice of various aldehydes with a range of substituents on the aromatic ring of aldehyde (**Table 2**). Introduction of electron donating (4-OMe) as well as electron withdrawing substituent's (4-F, 4-Cl, 4-Br, NO<sub>2</sub>) at the different positions of aldehydes were well tolerated and products were isolated in 97 % of yield achieved and their structures were confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra and melting points.

As a part of our efforts towards development of novel, green, sustainable and benign heterogeneous nano catalysts, and their applications as a catalyst in synthesis of bioactive organic complex heterocyclic compounds, we describe here, AG-CP MOFs as an efficient and recyclable heterogeneous catalyst for one pot three component synthesis of 4Hchromenes (**Scheme 1**)



cheme 1. Synthesis of 2-amino-7,7-dimethyl-5-oxo-4-phenyl-5,6,7,8tetrahydro-4H-chromene-3-carbonitrile derivatives

 Table 2:
 synthesis of substituted chromene derivatives<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Aldehyde	Product	Time(min)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	MP (obsd) (°C)	MP (lit) (°C)
1	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> -	4a	30	97	237-238	236-238 <sup>27</sup>
2	4-F-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4b	45	92	188-191	189-191 <sup>28</sup>
3	4-OH-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4c	25	95	203-204	204-205 <sup>29</sup>
4	4-NO <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4d	60	85	178-179	178-180 <sup>30</sup>
5	3-NO2-C6H4	4e	30	95	210-211	210-21130
6	2-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4f	60	90	213-214	212-21431
7	4-Cl-C <sub>s</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4g	90	92	213-214	212-21431
8	4-me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4h	120	85	208-209	208-21032
9	3-Br-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4i	30	90	230-231	229-231 <sup>33</sup>
10	4-OMe- C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4j	90	80	203-204	203-205 <sup>33</sup>
11	3,4-Di-OMe- C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub>	4f	60	90	230-231	229-231 <sup>34</sup>
12	3-OMe-C <sub>0</sub> H <sub>1</sub>	4g	90	92	197-197	195-197 <sup>34</sup>
13	4-Br-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4i	90	95	209-210	208-21133
14	3-Me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4j	90	93	223-224	224-225 <sup>35</sup>
15	3,4-di-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub>	4k	120	90	196-198	196-197 <sup>36</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: Dimedone (1mmol), benzaldehyde (1 mmol), malanonitrile (1 mmol), Ag-CP (10 mg), and solvent (2 ml) with continuous stirring at reflux temperature.

# 5. General procedure for the catalytic synthesis of chromene derivatives

A mixture of dimedone (1mmol), aromatic aldehydes (1mmol), and malanonitrile (1mmol) and Ag-CP MOFs (10 mg) was stirred in ethanol under reflux conditions for the required time. The progress of reaction was monitored by TLC. After the completion of reaction, the mixture was cooled down to room temperature. Subsequently, the catalyst was separated using simple filtration and, then washed by hot ethyl acetate. Finally, the solvent was evaporated and the pure chromene products was obtained through recrystallization in ethanol.

### 6. Recyclability study of the catalyst

In order to study the scope of the reactionto study the strength of the catalyst, we explored the recyclability study of this catalyst to demonstrate the advantages of the catalyst such as, inexpensiveness, ready availability and heterogeneous character. Only simple filtration method was required to separate the catalyst from the reaction mixture before its reuse without further purification or treatment. Reusability study was carried out by using 4a derivative as a model reaction. The catalyst was found to be active up to six runs with insignificant changes in its activity for it use for next run.

### 7. Conclusion

In conclusion, Ag-CP MOFs nanoparticles catalyzed the synthesis of densely functionalized 2-Amino 4H-Chromene derivatives using ethanol as green solvent media. This is highly product selective and chromatography free three component reaction protocol, offers several advantages including shorter reaction time with excellent yields, a simple workup procedure, ease of separation and recyclability of the catalyst, as well as a wide variety of aromatic aldehydes. Several green chemistry principles were included (i) one pot multicomponent reaction offering only water as side product (ii) using commercially available substrates with low cost (iii) easy extension of the substrate scope. Finally, representative molecular structure was investigated by means of 1HNMR spectra which confirm the formation of desired product.Overall this new method meets all the urgent standards set down by green chemistry principles and thereby opens new scopes for further development of sustainable multicomponent reactions.

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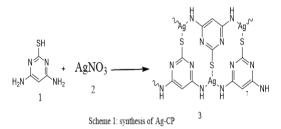
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### **Preparation of Ag-CP MOFs**

To a 1mmol solution of 4, 6-diamino-2pyrimidinethiol in 2 ml of water, added to a solution of 2mmol AgNO<sub>3</sub> in 12ml DMF. The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C under darkness for 20 minutes. Afterwards, the mixture was kept in an autoclave at 160 °C for 24 h (Scheme 1). In the next step, the obtained product in powder form from the autoclave was cooled down and washed with ethyl acetate. Subsequently, the obtained Ag-CP MOFs black powder was sonicated for 20 min, dried at room temperature and, finally, stored in dark brown bottle.



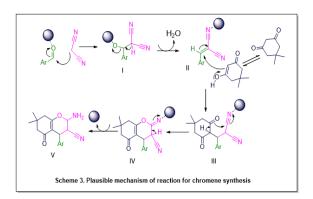
Entry Catalyst Catalyst Solvent Time Yield ref Temp loading (°C) (Min) (%) EtOH:H<sub>2</sub>0 No catalyst Reflux 20 85 39 ZnO NPs 10 mol% EtOH Reflux EtOH:H-0 480 90 40 Urea 10 mol% Reflux Na<sub>2</sub>CO 10 mol% EtOH:H-0 120 100 94 41 Aq PEG-400 lml EtOH:H-0 Reflux 180 84 42 -5 EtOH:H<sub>2</sub>0 10 mol% Reflux 80 83 43 Ceriu (III)chloride Piperidine  $H_10$ 380 44 Reflux 80 S-Proline 10 mol% EtOH:H<sub>2</sub>0 Reflux 180 90 45 CuO NPs 15 mol%  $H_10$ 100 420 92 46 10 DBSA  $H_{2}0$ 280 90 47 250 11 10 mol% DMSO 94 48 12 This catalyst 10 mg EtOH 60 97 This work

**Table S1.** Assessment of reported catalystscatalytic activity with Ag-CP NRs for the synthesisof chromenes.

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: Dimedone (1 mmol), benzaldehyde (1 mmol), malanonitrile (1 mmol), different catalysts with variable amounts, solvent (2 ml) with continuous stirring at reflux temperature.

# Mechanism of reaction for the synthesis of chromene derivatives.

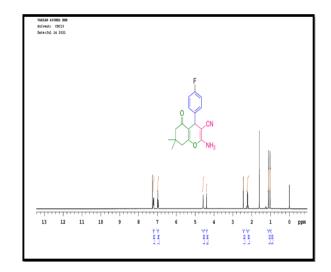
The mechanism proposed for the synthesis of chromene in presence of Ag-CP MOFs is shown in **scheme 3**. On the basis of this mechanism catalyst catalyzes the generation of olefin I that is readily prepared by the condensation reaction of aldehyde and malanonitrile to give the intermediate product II. Then the Michael addition of me with dimedone gives intermediate II. Finally the product V was obtained by intramolecular cyclization and tautomerization.



# **'H NMR** spectral data of synthesized chromene derivatives

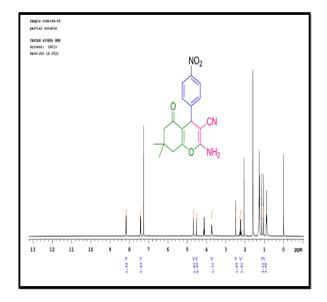
#### (1) <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-amino-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-7, 7dimethyl-5-oxo-5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydro-4Hchromene-3-carbonitrile (4b)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δH(ppm) = 1.02 (S, 3H), 1.11 (S, 3H), 2.21-2.23 (d, 2H, J = 8Hz), 2.44 (s, 2H), 4.39 (S, 1H), 4.57 (S, 2H), 6.95-6.97 (d, 2H, J= 8Hz), 7.20-7.21 (d, 2H, J= 8Hz).



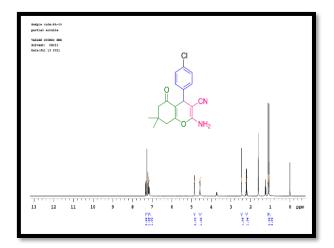
(2) <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-amino-7, 7-dimethyl-4-(4nitrophenyl)-5-oxo-5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydro-4Hchromene-3-carbonitrile (4d)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**CDCl**<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$ **H**(ppm) = 1.03 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 2.22-2.25 (d, 2H, J = 12 Hz), 2.48(s, 2H), 3.71-3.73 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 4.11-4.13(d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 4.52 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 7.41-7.43(d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.16-8.18 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz).



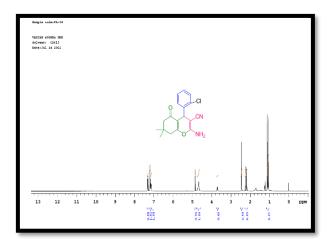
(3) <sup>1</sup>H NMR of of 2-amino-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-7, 7-dimethyl-5-oxo-5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydro-4Hchromene-3-carbonitrile (4g)

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$ **H** (ppm) = 1.07 (S, 3H), 1.11(S, 3H), 2.16-2.26 (q, 2H, J = 24Hz), 2.45 (s, 2H), 4.56 (S, 2H), 4.85 (S, 1H), 7.17 (d, 2H, J = 8Hz), 7.12-7.33 (m, 2H)



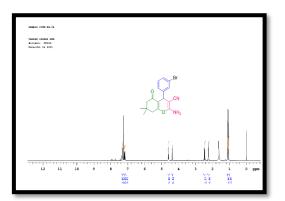
### (4) <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-amino-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-7, 7dimethyl-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4Hchromene-3-carbonitrile (4f)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**CDCl**<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ**H**(ppm) = 1.06 (S, 3H), 1.11 (S, 3H), 2.20-2.22 (d, 2H, J= 0.8Hz), 2.45 (S, 2H), 4.64 (S, 2H), 4.66(S, 2H), 4.84 (S, 1H), 7.11-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.33 (d, 1H, J= 8Hz)



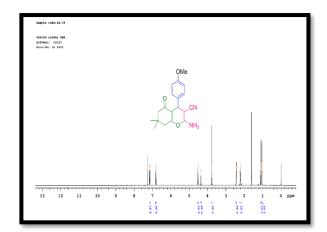
#### (5) <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-amino-4-(3-bromophenyl)-7, 7-dimethyl-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4Hchromene-3-carbonitrile (4i)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**CDCl**<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$ **H** (ppm) = 1.05 (s, 3H), 1.11(s, 3H), 2.123-2.23(d, 2H, J = 2.4Hz), 2.45-2.47 (d, 2H, J= 8Hz), 4.37 (s, 1H), 4.37 (s, 1H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 7.14-7.34 (m, 4H)



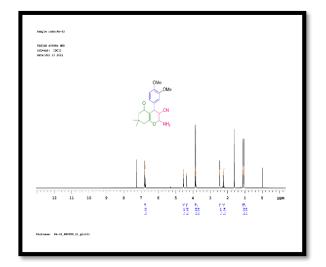
#### (6) <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-amino-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7, 7-dimethyl-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4Hchromene-3-carbonitrile (4j)

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (**CDCl**<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δH(ppm) = 1.03, (S, 3H), 1.10, (S, 3H), 2.21-2.22 (d, 2H, J = 4Hz), 2.44 (s, 2H), 3.76 (S, 3H), 4.35 (S, 1H), 4.36 (S, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 6.80-6.82(d, 2H, J = 8Hz), 7.14-7.16 (d, 2H, J = 8Hz).



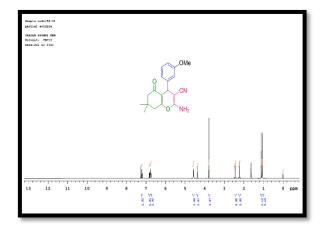
#### (7) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 2-amino-4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4Hchromene-3-carbonitrile (4f)

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (**CDCl**<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): $\delta$ **H**(ppm) =1.05 (S, 3H), 1.11(S, 3H), 2.23-2.24(d, 2H, J = 4Hz), 2.45(S, 2H), 3.83(S,3H), 3.86(S, 3H), 4.35(S, 1H), 4.55(S,2H), 6.73-6.80(m,3H)



#### (8) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 2-amino-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-7, 7-dimethyl-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4Hchromene-3-carbonitrile (4g)

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (**CDCl**<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): $\delta$ **H** (ppm) = 1.05(S,3H), 1.11(S,3H), 2.22-2.23(d, 2H, *J* = 4Hz), 2.45 (s), 4.37(S, 1H), 3.78(S, 3H), 4.37 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 6.73-6.76(m, 2H), 6.18-6.22(t, 1H, *J* = 8Hz)



#### (9) <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-amino-4-(3, 4-dichlorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4Hchromene-3-carbonitrile (4k)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (**CDCl**<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δH(ppm) = 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.22 (d, 2H, J = 8Hz), 2.45(s, 2H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 3.71-3.72(d, 1H, J = 4Hz), 4.65 (s, 2H), 4.80(s,1H), 7.14-20 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.34(d, 1H, J = 2Hz).

