

PEG mediated eco-friendly one pot synthesis of benzylamine coumarin derivatives using multicomponent reactant

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ABSTRACT

A green resourceful, eco-friendly and facile protocol was developed for the synthesis of benzylamine coumarin derivatives by the reaction of 4-hydroxy coumarin, secondary amine and aromatic aldehyde in the presence of PEG₄₀₀ as a solvent as well as catalyst at room temperature. A wide range of functional groups were tolerated in the developed protocol. The structures of all the synthesized compounds were confirmed by ¹H NMR, IR, MASS and Elemental Analysis. The target molecules were obtained in good to excellent yield applying this method.

Keywords: One pot reaction; Benzylamine Coumarin derivative; Green synthesis; PEG₄₀₀

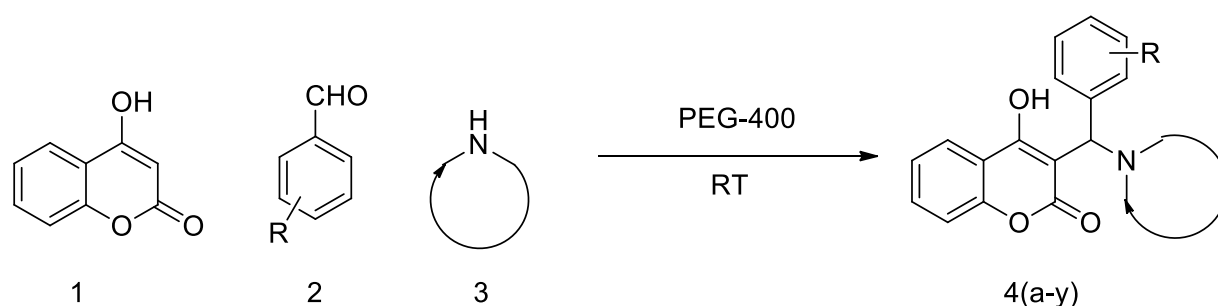
1. INTRODUCTION

Multicomponent reactions (MCRs) are a dominant tool for atom efficient, time, cost-advantageous and environmentally waste-free synthesis of complex building blocks of bioactive heterocycles [1]. In the synthesis of various chemicals, solvents and catalyst are accountable part of the chemical processes, thus selection of a proper solvent and catalyst should be done for synthesis of compounds. In last decades, emergence of “Green Chemistry” and “Green Solvents” concept and their applications increased greatly in field of chemistry [2]. During the past few years, the biologically compatible PEGs [3] were demonstrated to be a recyclable green reaction medium for various chemical reactions [4-6]. From the perspective of green chemistry, organic synthesis in PEG has received considerable attention because of its cost-effectiveness, easy availability and safe character. Furthermore, PEG and its monomethylethers have a low vapor pressure, nonflammable, nonvolatile and are available in high quantities at low prices. The application of PEG as a reaction medium is highly beneficial as the system remains neutral, which helps in maintaining a wide variety of functional groups unchanged that are either acid or base susceptible. For these reasons, PEG is considered to be an environmentally benign substitute to volatile organic solvents and a highly practical medium for the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds.

In recent years, much interest has been in the synthesis of 3-benzyl substituted 4-hydroxycoumarins owing to their fantastic application in various research fields including biological science and medicinal chemistry. 3-Benzyl substituted 4-hydroxycoumarin derivatives are components of numerous natural products like warfarin, phenprocoumon, coumatetralyl, carbochromen, bromadiolone, etc. These compounds also exhibit a wide band of biological activities including antibacterial, anti-HIV [7], antiviral [8], anticoagulant [9], antioxidant [10] and anticancer activities [11]. The vast biological significance of the amino derivatives of 4-hydroxycoumarin inspired us to develop a novel protocol for the efficient synthesis of new benzylamine coumarin derivatives. A number of synthetic protocols have been applied for the synthesis of nitrogen containing coumarin derivatives [12-15]. Mannich reaction [16] is the best method to synthesize such type of compounds. The methods reported previously for the synthesis of benzylamine coumarin derivatives suffer from severe disadvantages such as longer reaction time, inadequate yields and use of expensive catalyst [13,14]. Thus, the development of environmentally benign, high-yielding, and fast synthesis of benzylamine coumarin derivatives still remains a desired goal in organic synthesis. Herein, we disclose a general, high yielding, without use of catalyst and green synthetic protocol for a wide variety of benzylamine coumarin derivatives starting from 4-hydroxycoumarin

2. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Initially, we start the reaction by the use of benzaldehyde (1 mmol), 4-hydroxycoumarin (1 mmol), piperidine (1mmol) and water (as solvent). These materials were employed as reactants for the model reaction to synthesize benzylamine coumarin derivatives in the absence of catalyst. But products were not formed, even after 24 h therefore, this reaction was further investigated. As per our knowledge this type of work has not been reported using green solvent.



Scheme 1. synthesis of benzylamine coumarin derivatives.

Our main goal is to do the synthesis and explore the condition of reaction in poly ethylene glycol; therefore we use PEG₂₀₀, PEG₄₀₀, PEG₆₀₀ and PEG₈₀₀ as solvent. We performed the reaction at room temperature with above selected PEGs solvents and we got best results with PEG₄₀₀ at 25-30 °C (Table 1). Further we carried out this reaction at different temperature in the presence of PEG₄₀₀ (Table 2) but we cannot get more efficient result as compared to room temperature (25-30 °C).

Table 1. Solvent effects on the three-component coupling reaction for the synthesis of benzylamine coumarin derivative 4a^a.

Entry	Solvent	Time(h)	Yield%
1	PEG ₂₀₀	6	38
2	PEG ₄₀₀	4	80
3	PEG ₆₀₀	8	45
4	PEG ₈₀₀	10	42

^a The reaction was carried out using 4-hydroxycoumarin (1 mmol), piperidine(1 mmol) and benzaldehyde(1 mmol) at room temperature (25-30 °C).

Table 2. Influence of different temperature on the synthesis of benzylamine coumarin derivative 4a^a.

Entry	Temperature (°C)	Time(h)	Yield %
1	25-30	4	80
2	60-65	2	40
3	80-85	4	60
4	100-110	3	46

^a The reaction was carried out using 4-hydroxycoumarin (1 mmol), piperidine (1 mmol) and benzaldehyde (1 mmol) in presence of PEG₄₀₀ for catalyst as well as solvent.

The quantity of the catalyst plays a critical role for the formation of the desired product. Then to extrapolate our research work, we were varying mole ratio of the PEG₄₀₀ (Table 3) and we concluded that at 3 mol %, reaction was completed within 2-6 hrs only and excellent yield up to 80 % was obtained.

Table 3. Optimization of catalyst (PEG₄₀₀) loading for the three component coupling reaction of 4-hydroxycoumarin, piperidine and benzaldehyde at 25-30 °C.

Entry	Catalyst ratio (mol %)	Yield %
1	1	45
2	2	65
3	3	80
4	4	77

These excellent preliminary results encouraged us to further explore the applicability of the catalyst (3 mol % PEG₄₀₀) for the synthesis of benzylamine coumarin derivatives at room temperature (Scheme 1 & Table 4). To study the scope and limitations of this protocol, we

have employed a wide range of aromatic and hetero-aromatic aldehydes. Piperidine, morpholine and pyrrolidine are the amine sources used to get the corresponding benzylamine coumarins. As mentioned in Table 4 the reaction proceeded smoothly with hetero-aromatic aldehydes, unsubstituted benzaldehyde, electron-withdrawing or electron-releasing substituted benzaldehydes.

Table 4. Synthesis of benzylamine coumarins derivatives^a.

Entry	R	Amine	Product	Yield (%)
1	H	Piperidine	4a	80
2	H	Morpholine	4b	75
3	H	Pyrrolidine	4c	79
4	3-OCH ₃	Piperidine	4d	74
5	3-OCH ₃	Pyrrolidine	4e	78
6	3-OCH ₃	Morpholine	4f	76
7	3-NO ₂	Morpholine	4g	65
8	3-NO ₂	Piperidine	4h	68
9	3-NO ₂	Pyrrolidine	4i	71
10	4-pyridyl	Piperidine	4j	76
11	4-pyridyl	Pyrrolidine	4k	71
12	4-pyridyl	Morpholine	4l	73
13	4-Cl	Pyrrolidine	4m	78
14	4-F	Pyrrolidine	4n	72

^a The reaction was carried out using 4-hydroxycoumarin (1 mmol), secondary amine(1 mmol) and aromatic aldehyde(1 mmol) in the presence of PEG₄₀₀(3 mol %) at room temperature (25-30 °C)

From the above obtained results, we assume mechanistic activity of PEG₄₀₀ as catalyst without any solvent media. The catalyst (PEG₄₀₀) plays an important role for the formation and stabilization of the imine intermediate. The catalyst (PEG₄₀₀) may induce 4-hydroxycoumarin to act as the Mannich donor for the very fast formation of benzylamine coumarin derivatives.

3. EXPERIMENTAL

All of the Benzylamine coumarin derivatives have been characterized by ¹H-NMR, IR, Mass spectroscopy and CHNO analyzer. All the chemicals and solvents used for this work were obtained from E-Merck Ltd., Mumbai and S.D. Fine Chem. Ltd., Mumbai. Melting points of the synthesized compounds were determined in open capillary tubes and were uncorrected. IR absorption spectra were recorded on SIMADZU-FTIR-8400 series instrument, KBr diffuse reflectance, ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded on a BRUKER Avance-

III (400 MHz) spectrometer using DMSO- d_6 and $CDCl_3$ as solvent and TMS (tetramethylsilane) as an internal standard. The 1H chemical shifts were reported as parts per million (ppm) downfield from TMS (Me_4Si). Mass spectra were determined in SHIMADZU-GC-MS, Model No.QP-2010. 1H -NMR and IR spectra were consistent with the assigned structures. The elemental analysis (CHNS analysis) was done on a CHNS rapid analyzer. Purity of the compounds were checked by thin layer chromatography (TLC).

3. 1. General procedure for the synthesis of benzylamine coumarin derivatives; (4a-n)

A mixture of 4-hydroxycoumarin (1.0 mmol), aldehyde (1.0 mmol) and secondary amine (1.0 mmol) was stirred at room temperature in the presence of catalytic amount of PEG₄₀₀ (3 mol %). After the completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), poured the reaction mass into crushed ice.

The product was isolated by filtration and crystallization by ethanol to give pure product. The isolated compounds were characterized by mp, IR, 1H NMR and elemental analysis (C, H and N).

3. 2. Analytical data for the synthesized compounds

4-Hydroxy-3-(phenyl-piperidin-1-yl-methyl)-chromen-2-one; (4a)

M.P.: 181-183 °C; IR (KBr): 3062, 1672, 1608, 1497, 1394, 1242, 1182, 758 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 1.49-1.57 (m, 6H), 2.46 (s, 1H), 2.94-2.98 (m, 2H), 3.20 (s, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 7.04-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, 2H); Anal. Calcd for $C_{21}H_{21}NO_3$: C 75.20, H 6.31 and N 4.18 %. Found: C 75.61, H 7.00 and N 4.77 %.

4-Hydroxy-3-(morpholin-4-yl-phenyl-methyl)-chromen-2-one; (4b)

M.P.: 168-170 °C; IR (KBr): 3063, 1673, 1608, 1555, 1450, 1395, 1184, 1106, 759 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 2.32 (s, 1H), 2.62 (s, 2H), 3.30 (s, 2H), 3.64-3.86 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.48 (br, 2H), 7.90-7.95 (m, 2H); Anal. Calcd for $C_{20}H_{19}NO_4$: C 71.20, H 5.68 and N 4.15%. Found: C 71.30, H 5.51, and N 4.34 %.

4-Hydroxy-3-(phenyl-pyrrolidin-1-yl-methyl)-chromen-2-one; (4c)

M.P.: 171-172 °C; IR (KBr): 3254, 1666, 1630, 1498, 1394, 1219, 1185, 755 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 1.81-1.87 (m, 4H), 3.10 (br, 4H), 6.25(s, 1H), 6.92-7.05 (m, 5H), 7.29-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.77 (d, 2H); Anal. calcd for $C_{20}H_{19}NO_3$: C 74.75, H 5.96 and N 4.36 %. Found: C 71.95, H 6.02, and N 4.40 %.

4-Hydroxy-3-[(3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperidin-1-yl-methyl]-chromen-2-one; (4d)

M.P.: 143 °C; IR (KBr): 3030, 2850, 1690, 1630, 1529, 1400, 1275, 1180, 752 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 1.62 (d, 2H), 1.76-1.79 (m, 4H), 3.22-3.26 (m, 4H), 3.76-3.79 (br, 3H) 6.17 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, 2H), 7.21-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.51 (m, 1H), 8.10 (d, 2H, $J = 6$ Hz); Anal. calcd for $C_{22}H_{23}NO_4$: C 72.31, H 6.34, N 3.83 %. Found: C 72.28, H 6.30, and N 3.78 %.

4-Hydroxy-3-[(3-methoxy-phenyl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl-methyl]-chromen-2-one; (4e)

M.P.: 139-141 °C; IR (KBr): 3035, 1692, 1624, 1530, 1454, 1397, 1180, 753 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 1.90-1.95 (m, 4H), 3.33-3.40 (m, 4H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, 2H), 7.11-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.46 (m, 2H), 8.05 (d, 2H); Anal. Calcd. for $C_{21}H_{21}NO_4$: C 71.78, H 6.02 and N 3.99 %. Found: C 71.60, H 6.25 and N 3.79 %.

4-Hydroxy-3-[(3-methoxy-phenyl)-morpholin-4-yl-methyl]-chromen-2-one; (4f)

M.P.: 146-148 °C; IR (KBr): 3032, 2850, 1690, 1622, 1528, 1394, 1274, 1179, 750 cm^{-1} ; 1H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.02-3.05 (m, 4H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.65-3.70 (m, 4H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 6.50 (d, 2H), 6.88-7.01 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.72 (d, 2H); Anal. calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO₅: C 68.65, H 5.76, N 3.81 %. Found: C 68.50, H 5.75, and N 3.91 %.

4-Hydroxy-3-[morpholin-4-yl-(3-nitro-phenyl)-methyl]-chromen-2-one; (4g)

M.P.: 190-192 °C; IR (KBr): 3070, 2945, 1972, 1670, 1468, 1387, 1329, 985, 750cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 3.00-3.15 (m, 4H), 3.78-3.80 (m, 4H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 7.08-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.94 (m, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H); Anal. calcd for C₂₀H₁₈N₂O₆: C 62.82, H 4.74 and N 7.33 %. Found: C 62.90, H 4.78 and N 7.37 %.

4-Hydroxy-3-[(3-nitro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-yl-methyl]-chromen-2-one; (4h)

M.P.: 190-192 °C; IR (KBr): 3073, 2950, 1968, 1640, 1535, 1399, 1346, 1068, 760cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.46 (br, 1H), 1.75-1.90 (m, 4H), 2.40-2.49 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.98 (m, 2H), 3.82-3.87 (br, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 7.23-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.99-8.04 (br, 1H), 8.19 (d, 2H), 8.43 (s, 1H); Anal. calcd for C₂₁H₂₀N₂O₅: C 66.31, H 5.30 and N 7.36 %. Found: C 66.40, H 5.31 and N 7.46 %.

4-Hydroxy-3-[(3-nitro-phenyl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl-methyl]-chromen-2-one; (4i)

M.P.: 187-190 °C; IR (KBr): 3430, 2945, 1680, 1594, 1482, 1395, 1247, 750cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.47-1.59 (m, 4H), 2.72-2.78 (m, 4H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 6.55-6.63 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.97-7.03 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, 1H), 7.56-7.59 (br, 1H), 8.18 (br, 1H); Anal. calcd for C₂₀H₁₈N₂O₅: C 65.57, H 4.95 and N 7.65 %. Found: C 65.61, H 4.98 and N 7.67 %.

4-Hydroxy-3-(piperidin-1-yl-pyridin-4-yl-methyl)-chromen-2-one; (4j)

M.P.: 145-147 °C; IR (KBr): 3250, 2945, 1698, 1540, 1462, 1407, 1280, 1066, 755cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 1.50-1.78 (m, 5H), 2.46 (s, 1H), 2.94-2.98 (m, 2H), 3.12 (br, 2H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 7.03-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.88 (m, 2H), 8.22-8.52 (m, 2H); Anal. calcd for C₂₁H₂₄N₂O₃: C 71.57, H 6.86 and N 7.95 %. Found: C 71.62, H 6.71 and N 7.88 %.

4-Hydroxy-3-(pyridin-4-yl-pyrrolidin-1-yl-methyl)-chromen-2-one; (4k)

M.P.: 148-150 °C; IR (KBr): 3360, 3035, 1650, 1524, 1456, 1203, 1046, 762cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 1.92 (br, 4H), 3.20 (br, 4H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 7.08-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.39 (t, 1H), 7.61 (d, 2H, *J* = 6 Hz), 7.82 (d, 2H), 8.50 (s, 1H); Anal. calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N₂O₃: C 70.79, H 5.63 and N 8.69 %. Found: C 70.70, H 5.65 and N 8.65 %.

4-Hydroxy-3-(morpholin-4-yl-pyridin-4-yl-methyl)-chromen-2-one; (4l)

M.P.: 154-157 °C; IR (KBr): 3065, 2945, 1694, 1600, 1398, 1204, 1027, 750cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 3.10-3.16 (m, 4H), 3.77-3.82 (m, 4H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 7.07-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.80 (d, 2H), 8.28 (d, 2H); Anal. calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N₂O₄: C 67.44, H 5.36 and N 8.28 %. Found: C 67.45, H 5.36 and N 8.30 %.

3-[(4-Chloro-phenyl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl-methyl]-4-hydroxy-chromen-2-one; (4m)

M.P.: 166-168 °C; IR (KBr): 3442, 2945, 1676, 1600, 1473, 1395, 1260, 749cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.48 (br, 4H), 3.66 (br, 4H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.79-7.89 (m, 2H), 8.20 (d, 2H), 8.36 (d, 2H); Anal. calcd for C₂₀H₁₈ClNO₃: C 67.51, H 5.10 and N 3.94 %. Found: C 67.60, H 5.10 and N 3.87 %.

3-[(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl-methyl]-4-hydroxy-chromen-2-one; (4n)

M.P.: 156-159 °C; IR (KBr): 3430, 1607, 1555, 1458, 1398, 1299, 755cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.81-1.92 (m, 4H), 3.10-3.16 (m, 4H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 6.74-6.80 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.82 (m, 2H), 8.63 (br, 1H); Anal. calcd for C₂₀H₁₈FNO₃: C 70.78, H 5.35 and N 4.13 %. Found: C 70.86, H 5.30 and N 4.18 %.

4. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, a highly efficient and environmentally green methodology for the synthesis of benzylamine coumarin derivatives via one pot multi component reactions of 4-hydroxycoumarin, aldehyde and secondary amine has been developed. The attractive features of this protocol are simple reaction procedure, easy product separation, purification and its high adaptability for the synthesis of a broad spectrum of benzylamine coumarin derivatives in good to excellent yields. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first report about the synthesis of benzylamine coumarin derivatives using green solvent (PEG₄₀₀) as a catalyst and mediator.

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