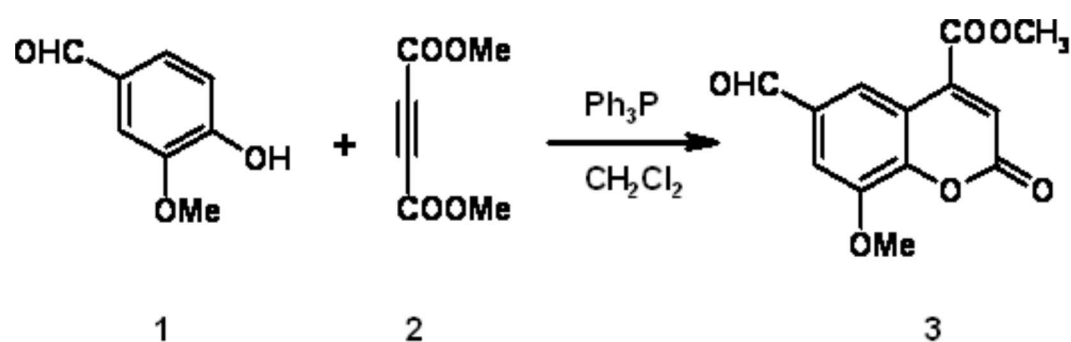


**Methyl 6-formyl-8-methoxy-2-oxo-2H-chromene-4-carboxylate****Abdullah Mohamed Asiri**

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A mixture of Vanillin 1 (0.5 g, 3.3 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (0.86 g, 3.3 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was cooled in ice bath to -5 °C. Dimethylacetylenedicarboxylate (0.56 g, 3.3 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added dropwise over a period of 10 min with stirring. The reaction mixture was then refluxed for 4-5 hours the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the solid mass was purified by recrystallization from ethanol.

M.p. 182 °C (EtOH, uncorrected).

UV λ<sub>max</sub> (nm; EtOH)/ε (dm<sup>3</sup>.mol<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-1</sup>) 326/14000

IR ν<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>; KBr Disk) 2956, 2865 (C-H, aldehydic), 1764 (C=O), 1725 (C=O), 1607 (C=C).

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) δ<sub>H</sub> 10.15 (s, 1H, CHO), 8.6 (s, 1H, H-3), 7.7 (s, 1H, H-5), 7.4 (s, 1H, H-7), 4.2 (s, 6H, 2xCH<sub>3</sub>O).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR δ<sub>C</sub> 53, 56, 110.6, 111.8, 116.5, 120.7, 123.6, 132.1, 132.7, 141.6, 148.4, 158.5, 190.5.

Anal.Calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (262.215): C 59.55, H 3.84; found : C 59.23, H 3.95.

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