



Design, synthesis, and antibacterial activity of novel myricetin derivatives containing sulfonate

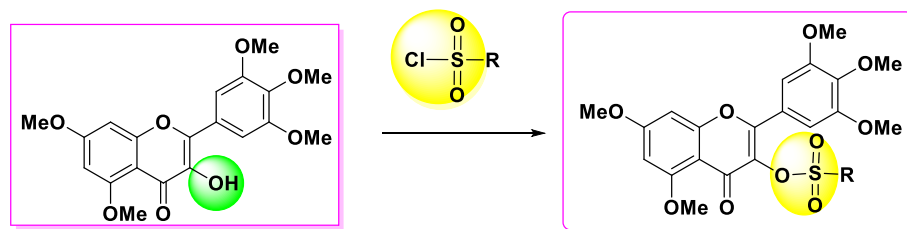
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Abstract

A series of myricetin derivatives containing sulfonate groups were designed and synthesized. Preliminary antibacterial activity showed that most of the target compounds exhibited significant biological activities against *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *Citri* (*Xac*), *Ralstonia solanacearum* (*Rs*), and *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *Oryzae* (*Xoo*). In particular, the EC₅₀ value of compound **3e** was 13.76 μg/cm³ against *Xac*, which was better than commercial reagents bismethiazol (50.32 μg/cm³) and thiodiazole copper. (83.27 μg/cm³), and the EC₅₀ value of compound **3j** was 11.92 μg/cm³ against *Xoo* in vitro, The result was better than that of bismethiazol (72.08 μg/cm³) and thiodiazole copper (99.26 μg/cm³). Compound **3j** displayed the better in vivo activity against rice bacterial leaf blight than bismethiazol and thiodiazole copper. Meanwhile, the antibacterial mechanism of compounds **3e** and **3j** was studied by scanning electron microscope (SEM). These results suggested that myricetin derivatives containing sulfonate can be considered as a new antibacterial reagents.

Graphic abstract



Keywords Myricetin derivatives · Sulfonate · Antibacterial activities · Crystal structure · Scanning electron microscopy

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Introduction

Plant bacterial diseases are frequently encountered in agricultural production and difficult to manage, such as citrus canker, tobacco bacterial wilt and rice bacterial leaf blight, which can be caused by *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *Citri* (*Xac*), *Ralstonia solanacearum* (*Rs*), and *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* (*Xoo*), respectively. Meanwhile, these bacterial diseases have a serious impact on the yield of crops every year [1–3]. Although there are many traditional agricultural fungicides on the market at present, the extensive application and abuse of antibacterial drugs have not only increased the resistance of pathogenic genes, but also caused serious environmental pollution and affect human health [4–6]. Therefore, it is of great significance to develop a new kind of antibacterial reagents with high efficiency and novel mechanism.

Myricetin, also named as 3',4',5',3,5,7-hexahydroxyflavonol (Fig. 1A), is a class of flavonoids widely found in fruits, vegetables, teas, and so on [7]. Myricetin has been disclosed to display extensive biological activities, such as antibacterial [8, 9], antiviral [10, 11], antioxidant [12, 13], anti-inflammatory [14, 15], anticancer [16, 17], hypoglycemic [18] activities, and cardioprotective effects [19]. Due to

wide range of plant sources and biological activity, myricetin and its derivatives have attracted more and more attention of researchers in recent years. In our previous study, we have demonstrated that myricetin derivatives exhibited excellent antibacterial activity [20, 21] (Fig. 1B and C). Myricetin derivatives could destroy the integrity of the cell membrane and cause the death of bacteria, thus achieving the objective of bacteriostasis [22].

Sulfonate derivatives, owing to physicochemical properties, have a strong affinity for lipid phases and can cross the cuticle membrane easily to bind to target sites [23], and compounds containing aryl sulfonate moieties have received considerable attention due to extensive biological activities, and it has been proven to possess antiviral [24, 25], antibacterial [26–28], insecticidal [29, 30], anticancer [31, 32], and other biological activity [33]. They were widely used in agricultural industries, medicine researches and other fields. We theorized that introducing sulfonate groups into myricetin might generate novel lead molecules with better physicochemical properties. Therefore, a series of novel myricetin derivatives containing sulfonate were designed (Fig. 2), synthesized (Scheme 1), and their in vitro and in vivo antibacterial activity was evaluated. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first report on the synthesis and

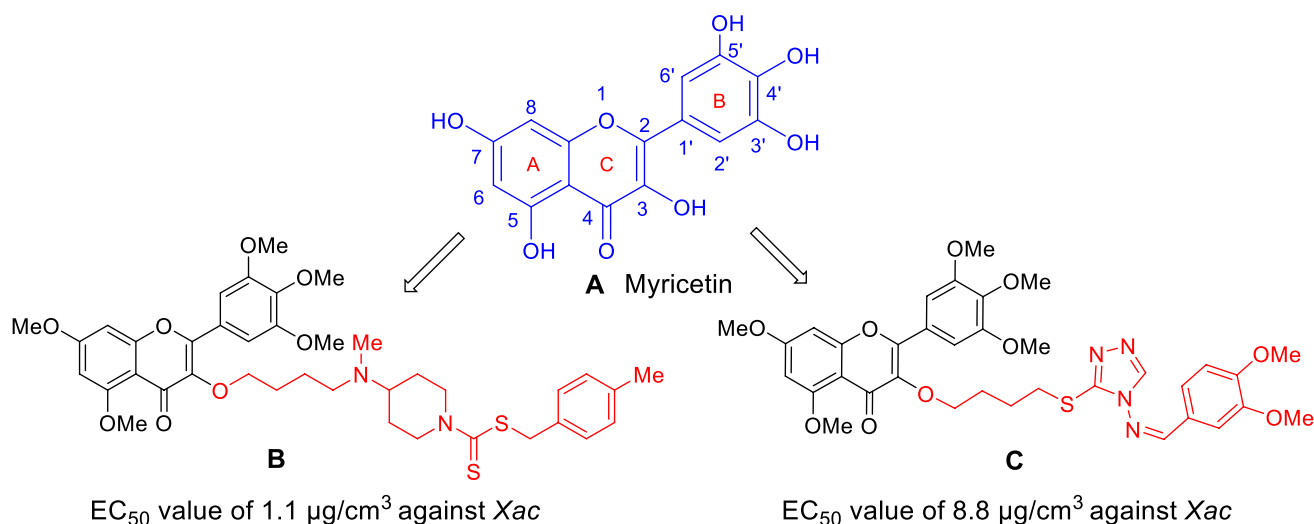
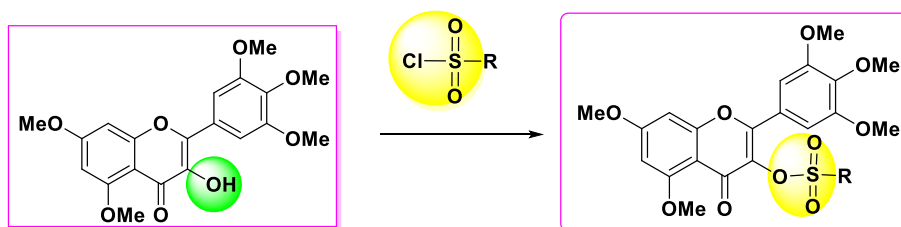
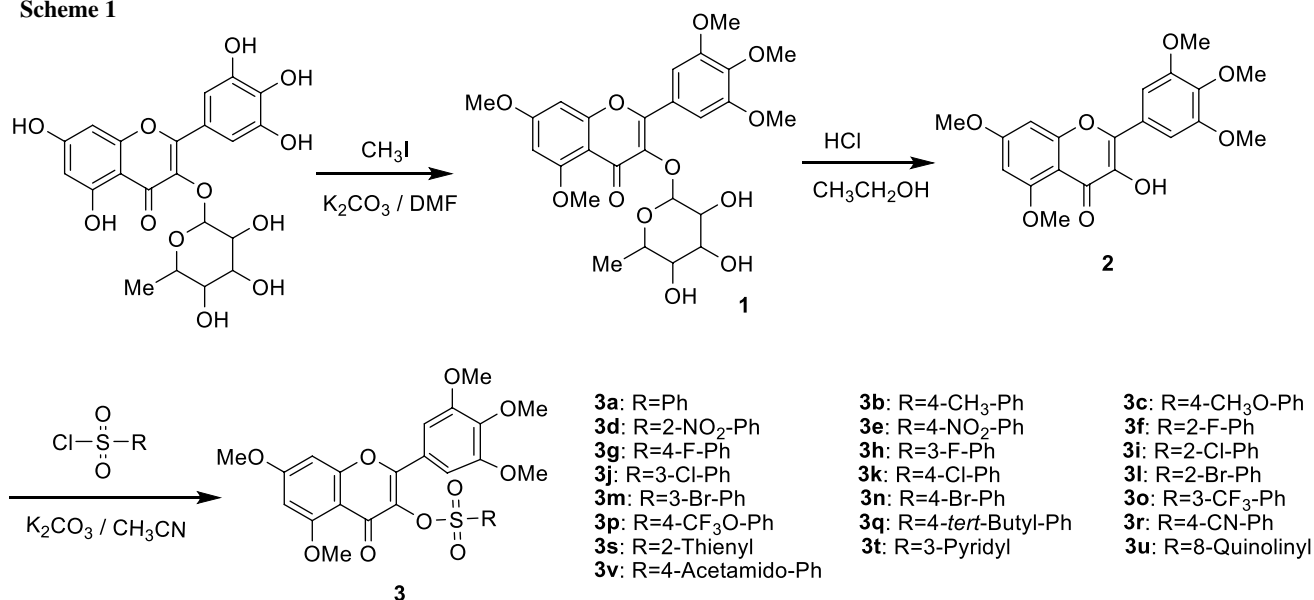


Fig. 1 Structure of myricetin and its derivatives with antibacterial activity

Fig. 2 Design strategy of the title compounds



Scheme 1



antibacterial activity evaluation of myricetin derivatives containing sulfonate moiety.

Results and discussion

The synthetic route of myricetin derivatives containing sulfonate is shown in Scheme 1. Myricetin, methyl iodide, and potassium carbonate were mixed and stirred at room temperature to give intermediate **1** and then continued to react with concentrated hydrochloric acid to get intermediate **2**. Intermediate **2** was treated with different benzenesulfonyl chlorides in the presence of potassium carbonate to obtain

the target products **3a–3v** in good yields ranging from 53 to 89%.

The structures of all compounds were confirmed by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, ¹⁹F NMR, and HRMS. The representative data of compound **3b** are shown below. In the ¹H NMR spectrum, the multiple signal $\delta=6.57\text{--}7.57$ ppm demonstrated the presence of aromatic ring protons, the singlet signal of 3.6–4.0 ppm belonged to -OCH₃ on myricetin, and the singlet signal of 2.34 ppm indicates the presence of -CH₃ group. Typical chemical shifts at $\delta=145.45$, 133.91, and 21.56 ppm in ¹³C NMR spectrum confirmed the existence of -O-C-, -S-C-, and -CH₃ groups, respectively. In ¹⁹F NMR spectrum, the obvious singlets at -109.88, -107.54, -103.47, -61.51, and -56.74 ppm confirm,

Table 1 Crystal data of title compound **3n**

Crystal data

C₂₆H₂₃BrO₁₀S

FW = 607.41

Monoclinic /C12/c 1

a = 18.2079(6) Å

b = 20.8420(6) Å

c = 14.1753(4) Å

F(000) = 2480

Data collection

*T*_{min} = 0.8914, *T*_{max} = 0.9866

18,533 Reflections collected

4341 independent reflections

Refinement

349 parameters

Goodness-of-fit: 1.052

Extinction coefficient = 0.00125(12)

T = 293 K

$\alpha = 90^\circ$

$\beta = 107.9680(10)^\circ$

$\gamma = 90^\circ$

V = 5117.0(3) Å³

Z = 8

$\rho = 1.577$ mg/m³

Absorption coefficient: 3.465 mm⁻¹

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13 < = *l* < = 16

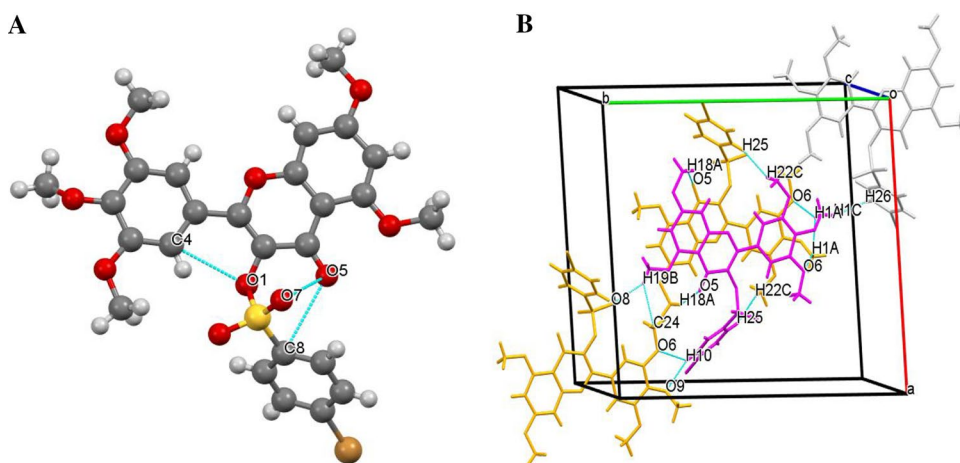
$\theta_{\min} = 3.318^\circ$, $\theta_{\max} = 65.115^\circ$

R indices (all data) *R*₁ = 0.0548, *wR*₂ = 0.1447

R indices [*I* > 2σ(*I*)] *R*₁ = 0.0536, *wR*₂ = 0.1440

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.818$ eÅ⁻³, $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.779$ eÅ⁻³

Fig. 3 Crystal structure and crystal packing diagram of compound **3n**



respectively, the presence of a 3-F atom, a 2-F atom, a 4-F atom, a 3-CF₃, and a 4-OCF₃ group at the benzene ring. The strong presence of [M + H]⁺ ions indicates the stable state of the title compounds.

To further confirm the structure of synthesized compounds, the molecular structure of **3n** was studied as a representative example by single-crystal *X-ray* analysis. The tested single crystal was crystallized from the mixture of acetone and *N,N*-dimethylformamide solution under room temperature. The crystal diffraction data are presented in Table 1. Crystal structure diagram and crystal packing diagram are shown in Fig. 3A and B, respectively. Figure 3A shows that the intramolecular hydrogen bond C₄...O₁, O₇...O₅, O₅...C₈ in crystal combines with the skeleton of myricetin and sulfonate. As showed in Fig. 3B, the four intermolecular hydrogen bonds H₂₅...H₂₂-C, H_{18A}...O₅, C-H_{1A}...O₆, and C-H_{1A}...H_{1A}-C constructed the three-dimensional structure of target compound **3n**. The deposition number is CCDC-2017276.

Antibacterial activity

The *in vitro* antibacterial activities of the title compounds **3a–3v** against three phytopathogenic bacteria (*Xac*, *Rs*, and *Xoo*) were tested by turbidimeter [34, 35]. The commercial bactericides bismethiazol (BT) and thiazazole-copper (TC) were used as a positive control under the same conditions, the bioassay results showed (Table 2) that some of the compounds exhibited considerable antibacterial effects against *Xac*, *Rs*, and *Xoo*. Especially, compounds **3e**, **3i**, **3k**, **3n**, **3o**, and **3q** showed excellent antibacterial activity against *Xac* at 100 μg/cm³, with the inhibition rates of 95, 82, 88, 93, 90, and 82%, respectively, which were superior to the commercial bactericides BT (66%) and TC (56%). Meanwhile, the title compounds **3d**, **3h**, **3j**, **3m**, and **3p**

exhibited obvious antibacterial activity against *Rs* at 100 μg/cm³, with the inhibition rates of 86, 87, 92, 90, and 87%, respectively, which exceeded both BT (70%) and TC (57%). And the antibacterial activity of the compounds **3b**, **3c**, **3h**, **3j**, and **3r** against *Xoo* at 100 μg/cm³ were 90%, 89%, 91%, 94%, 80%, respectively, which were better than BT (50%) and TC (47%). Obviously, most of the myricetin derivatives containing sulfonate had better inhibitory effects against bacteria than lead compound myricetin.

In order to further confirm the antibacterial activities of title compounds, their EC₅₀ values were determined. The results indicated that compounds **3e**, **3i**, **3k**, **3n**, and **3o** exhibited prominent antibacterial activity against *Xac* with EC₅₀ values of 13.72, 23.19, 19.81, 16.89, and 19.19 μg/cm³ (Table 3), which were superior to BT (50.32 μg/cm³) and TC (83.27 μg/cm³). Meanwhile, Table 3 indicated that compounds **3a**, **3d**, **3h**, and **3j** displayed excellent antibacterial activity against *Rs* with the EC₅₀ values of 26.66, 25.07, 21.64, and 17.11 μg/cm³, respectively, which were better than BT (43.53 μg/cm³) and TC (64.32 μg/cm³). Compounds **3b**, **3c**, **3h**, and **3j** have fine antibacterial activity against *Xoo* with EC₅₀ values of 21.93, 24.98, 19.53, and 11.92 μg/cm³, respectively, which were better than BT (72.08 μg/cm³) and TC (99.26 μg/cm³). The results showed that these compounds could be further studied as potential compounds in search of novel antibacterial agents.

Structure–activity relationships (SAR) of antibacterial activities

It can be seen from Tables 2 and 3 that the substituents greatly impact the inhibition effects against bacteria. When the R group were 4-NO₂-C₆H₅ (**3e**), 4-Cl-C₆H₅ (**3k**), 4-Br-C₆H₅ (**3n**), and 3-CF₃-C₆H₅ (**3o**), their inhibition rates against *Xac* at 100 μg/cm³ were 95, 88, 93, and

Table 2 Inhibition rate of title compounds **3a–3v** against *Xac*, *Rs*, and *Xoo* in vitro

Compd	R	<i>Xac</i> /%		<i>Rs</i> /%		<i>Xoo</i> /%	
		100 µg/cm ³	50 µg/cm ³	100 µg/cm ³	50 µg/cm ³	100 µg/cm ³	50 µg/cm ³
3a	C ₆ H ₅	48	27	85	54	48	30
3b	4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₅	50	28	58	27	90	70
3c	4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₅	41	21	34	12	89	75
3d	2-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₅	79	59	86	56	54	30
3e	4-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₅	95	78	76	39	60	40
3f	2-F-C ₆ H ₅	60	40	70	43	56	34
3g	4-F-C ₆ H ₅	43	27	71	43	37	17
3h	3-F-C ₆ H ₅	71	44	87	51	91	69
3i	2-Cl-C ₆ H ₅	82	41	75	32	73	48
3j	3-Cl-C ₆ H ₅	60	46	92	66	94	72
3k	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₅	88	68	57	35	69	34
3l	2-Br-C ₆ H ₅	75	49	65	37	33	17
3m	3-Br-C ₆ H ₅	63	34	90	60	80	50
3n	4-Br-C ₆ H ₅	93	72	67	41	55	29
3o	3-CF ₃ -C ₆ H ₅	90	69	71	55	74	36
3p	4-CF ₃ O-C ₆ H ₅	38	22	87	63	31	22
3q	4- <i>tert</i> -Butyl-C ₆ H ₅	82	54	64	53	67	46
3r	4-CN-C ₆ H ₅	64	55	55	38	78	57
3s	2-Thienyl	45	29	36	14	35	24
3t	3-Pyridyl	55	37	54	35	36	19
3u	3-Quinoliny	38	21	40	16	23	13
3v	4-Acetamido-C ₆ H ₅	26	17	63	31	40	20
Myr	–	47	36	65	40	40	27
BT	–	66	42	70	44	50	31
TC	–	56	38	57	36	47	29

Table 3 EC₅₀ values of some target compounds against *Xac*, *Xoo*, and *Rs*

Compound	R	EC ₅₀ /µg cm ⁻³		
		<i>Xac</i>	<i>Xoo</i>	<i>Rs</i>
3a	C ₆ H ₅	–	–	26.66
3b	4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₅	–	21.93	–
3c	4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₅	–	24.98	–
3d	2-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₅	–	–	25.07
3e	4-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₅	13.76	–	–
3h	3-F-C ₆ H ₅	–	19.53	21.64
3i	2-Cl-C ₆ H ₅	23.19	–	–
3j	3-Cl-C ₆ H ₅	–	11.92	17.11
3k	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₅	19.81	–	–
3m	3-Br-C ₆ H ₅	–	35.98	35.04
3n	4-Br-C ₆ H ₅	16.89	–	–
3o	3-CF ₃ -C ₆ H ₅	19.19	–	–
3p	4-CF ₃ O-C ₆ H ₅	–	–	33.96
3q	4- <i>tert</i> -Butyl-C ₆ H ₅	29.67	–	–
3r	4-CN-C ₆ H ₅	–	29.47	–
Myr	–	92.34	108.43	68.79
BT	–	50.32	72.08	43.53
TC	–	83.27	99.26	64.32

90%, respectively, which were superior to the BT (66%), TC (56%), myricetin (47%), **3a** (R=C₆H₅, 48%), **3b** (R=4-CH₃-C₆H₅, 50%), and **3c** (R=4-OCH₃-C₆H₅, 41%). The results indicated that the electron-absorbing groups on aromatic rings were favorable for the antibacterial activity against *Xac*. The designated compounds **3d** (R=2-NO₂-C₆H₅), **3h** (R=3-F-C₆H₅), **3j** (R=3-Cl-C₆H₅), **3m** (R=3-Br-C₆H₅), and **3p** (R=4-OCF₃-C₆H₅) also effectively enhance the antibacterial activity against *Rs* at 100 µg/cm³, with inhibition rates of 86, 87, 92, 90, and 87%, respectively, which exceeded BT (70%) and TC (57%), myricetin (65%), **3b** (R=4-CH₃-C₆H₅, 58%), and **3c** (R=4-OCH₃-C₆H₅, 34%) thus, the electron-absorbing groups on aromatic rings were favorable for the antibacterial activity against *Rs*, the electron-donating groups on the aromatic rings were not favorable the biological activity of the corresponding compounds against *Rs*. At the same time, when the R group were 4-CH₃-C₆H₅ (**3b**), 4-OCH₃-C₆H₅ (**3c**), 3-F-C₆H₅ (**3h**), 3-Cl-C₆H₅ (**3j**), and 3-Br-C₆H₅ (**3r**), corresponding compounds possess better antibacterial activity against *Xoo*, with inhibition rates of 90, 89, 91, 94, and 80%, respectively, which were better than that of BT (50%), TC (47%), myricetin (40%), and **3a** (R=C₆H₅, 48%), the results showed that

Table 4 Curative and protection effects of compound **3j** against *Xoo* under greenhouse conditions at $200 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$

Treatment	Curative activity		Protection activity	
	Disease index /%	Control efficiency /%	Disease index /%	Control efficiency /%
3j	50	40	44	47
Bismethiazol	55	35	51	39
Thiodiazole-copper	59	30	61	27
Negative control	85	–	85	–

electron-withdrawing groups on 3-position of aromatic rings and electron-donating groups on 4-position of aromatic rings were favorable for the antibacterial activity against *Xoo*.

The control effect of compound **3j** against rice bacterial leaf blight was determined by leaf-cutting method. As shown in Table 4 and Fig. 4, the effective curative activity against rice bacterial leaf blight was 40%, which was better than BT (35%) and TC (30%). Furthermore, **3j** demonstrated better protection activity (47%) against rice bacterial leaf blight

than BT (39%) and TC (27%). These results suggest that **3j** effectively inhibit the growth of rice bacterial leaf blight under greenhouse conditions.

Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) studies

Through the analysis of antibacterial activity, the mechanism of **3e** for *Xac* and **3j** for *Xoo* were further studied via SEM. We found that the increase of concentration would lead to the deepening of cell membrane damage, in the control group without treatment with compound, the cell membrane were full and remains intact (Figs. 5A and 6D). Part of the cell membranes began to be destroyed when the concentration was $50 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ (Figs. 5B and 6E). And most of the cell membrane was destroyed when the concentration was increased to $100 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$, and only a few cells were remained unaffected (Figs. 5C and 6F). These results showed that the damage of cell membrane became more and more serious with the increasing of the compound concentration. These SEM images further confirmed that **3e** and **3j** destroyed the bacterial cell membrane and eventually killed the bacteria.

Curative activity



Protection activity

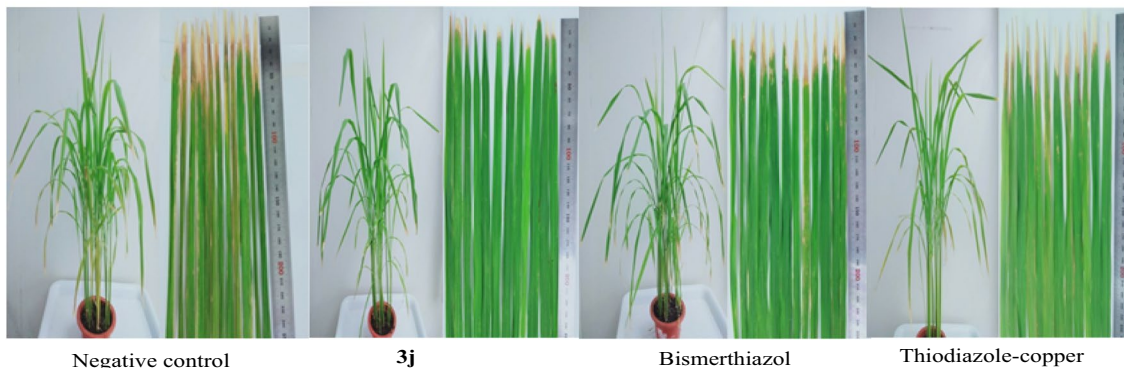


Fig. 4 Curative and protective effects of compound **3j** ($200 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$) against *Xoo* under greenhouse conditions. BT and TC were used as positive controls under similar experimental conditions

Fig. 5 SEM images for *Xac* after incubated using different concentrations of compound **3e**, **a** 0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$, **b** 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$, **c** 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$. Scale bar for **A–C** are 2 μm

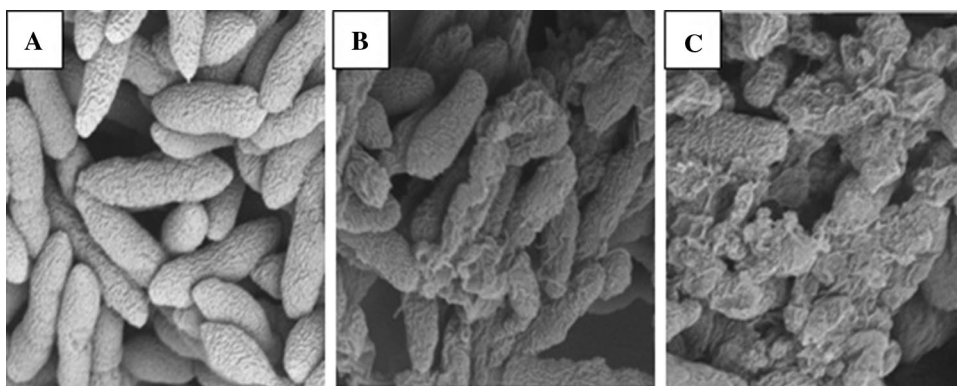
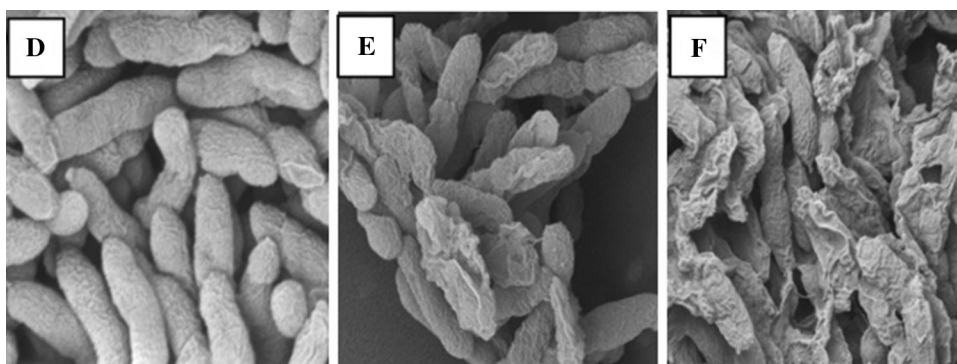


Fig. 6 SEM images for *Xoo* after incubated using different concentrations of compound **3j**, **d** 0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$, **e** 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$, and **f** 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$. Scale bar for **D–F** are 2 μm



Conclusions

In conclusion, a series of myricetin derivatives containing sulfonate were designed and synthesized, the antibacterial activity of these derivatives against *Xac*, *Rs*, and *Xoo* have been tested in vitro, and the results indicated that most of compounds have good antibacterial activities. Especially compound **3e** against *Xac* and compound **3j** against *Xoo* with the EC_{50} values were 13.76, 11.92 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$, respectively, which were superior to BT (50.32 and 72.08 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$, respectively) and TC (83.2 and 99.2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$, respectively). Compound **3j** also displayed good antibacterial activities against rice bacterial leaf blight (curative activity was 40.7% and protective activity was 47.9%), which were superior to the curative and protection activities of BT (35% and 39%) and TC (30% and 27%). The SEM images of *Xac* treated with compound **3e** and *Xoo* treated with compound **3j** revealed that the cell membranes of bacteria are deformed and broken. These results demonstrate that novel myricetin derivatives containing sulfonate could be further studied as new antibacterial compounds.

Experimental

All reagents and solutions were purchased from Chemical Reagent Company and were analytical grade reagents. The melting point of all synthesized compounds were found by

an XT-4 Binocular Microscope melting point apparatus (Beijing Tech. Instrument, China). $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ were used as a solvent and TMS as an internal standard, a Bruker Ascend-400 spectrometer (Bruker Optics, Switzerland) was used to give the ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, and ^{19}F NMR spectra of title compounds. HRMS data were obtained using Thermo Scientific Q Exactive Hybrid Quadrupole Mass Spectrometer (Thermo Scientific Inc., St Louis, MO, USA). The X-ray crystal data were acquired using a Bruker D8-QUEST diffractometer (Bruker Optics, Switzerland). All ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, and ^{19}F NMR spectra, and HRMS are provided in Supporting Information.

General synthesis procedure for intermediate 1 and intermediate 2

Based on the previously reported method [36–38], the synthetic route of target compound is listed in Scheme 1. The myricetin, anhydrous potassium carbonate and *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) were added to a round-bottom flask with magnetic stirring; the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 20 min at room temperature and potassium iodide was added dropwise slowly. After completion of the reaction, monitored by TLC plate, the reaction mixture was extracted with dichloromethane and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to obtain 5,7-dimethoxy-3-[(3,4,5-trimethoxy-6-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-

oxy]-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4*H*-chromen-4-one (intermediate 1), which was used for the next step without purification.

Intermediate 1 was added in ethanol and refluxed with stirring for 2 h. Concentrated hydrochloric acid was slowly added dropwise at this temperature, continued to reflux for 2–3 h, and a large amount of solid precipitated when the reaction was cooled to ambient temperature, which was filtered and dried to obtain 3-hydroxy-5,7-dimethoxy-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4*H*-chromen-4-one (intermediate 2).

General synthesis procedure for target compounds 3a–3v

Intermediate 2, anhydrous potassium carbonate and acetonitrile were added to round-bottom flask with magnetic stirring and reflux for 0.5–1 h.

Then substituted benzenesulfonyl chloride was added and continued to reflux for 2–3 h until completion of the reaction as determined by TLC. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and poured into ice water; the crude products were recrystallized with anhydrous ethanol and DMF to give target compounds 3a–3v.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4*H*-chromen-3-yl benzenesulfonate (3a, C₂₆H₂₄O₁₀S) Yellow solid; yield: 89%; m.p.: 194–195 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 7.71 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.95 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.91 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.75 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.72 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 170.08, 164.84, 160.87, 158.69, 155.58, 152.96, 140.18, 137.13, 134.83, 133.22, 129.58, 128.89, 128.11, 127.97, 125.95, 124.22, 108.34, 106.63, 97.11, 93.99, 60.41, 56.77, 56.68, 56.42 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. [M + H]⁺ 529.114, found 529.116.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4*H*-chromen-3-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3b, C₂₇H₂₆O₁₀S) White solid; yield: 81%; m.p.: 170–171 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.92 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.91 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.76 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.73 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 2.34 (s, 3H, Ph-CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 170.12, 164.80, 160.86, 158.67, 155.58, 152.95, 145.45, 140.29, 133.91, 133.07, 130.03, 128.10, 124.27, 108.40, 106.62, 97.08, 93.96, 60.55, 56.75, 56.65, 56.40, 21.49 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. [M + H]⁺ 543.1306, found 543.1319.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4*H*-chromen-3-yl 4-methoxybenzenesulfonate (3c, C₂₇H₂₆O₁₁S) White solid; yield: 73%; m.p.: 150–151 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 7.61–7.57 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 6.91 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.91 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.81 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.77 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.72 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 170.20, 164.78, 163.93, 160.87, 158.68, 155.58, 152.94, 140.16, 133.00, 130.52, 127.92, 124.35, 114.79, 108.46, 106.60, 97.09, 93.97, 60.45, 56.77, 56.66, 56.41, 56.20 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. [M + H]⁺ 559.1256, found 559.1268.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4*H*-chromen-3-yl 2-nitrobenzenesulfonate (3d, C₂₆H₂₃NO₁₂S) Yellow solid; yield: 74%; m.p.: 239–241 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.76–7.70 (m, 1H, Ph-H), 7.06 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.92 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.86 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.80 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.69 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 169.77, 165.00, 160.91, 158.80, 155.85, 153.00, 147.49, 140.25, 136.58, 133.60, 133.28, 131.36, 129.64, 125.14, 123.86, 108.21, 106.68, 97.23, 94.07, 60.43, 56.82, 56.72, 56.40 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. [M + H]⁺ 574.0999, found 574.1013.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4*H*-chromen-3-yl 4-nitrobenzenesulfonate (3e, C₂₆H₂₃NO₁₂S) Yellow solid; yield: 71%; m.p.: 220–221 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 8.27–8.23 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 8.03–7.99 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 6.93 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.91 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.86 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.77 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.67 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 169.82, 164.97, 160.88, 158.75, 155.82, 152.99, 150.60, 142.21, 140.32, 133.15, 129.88, 124.73, 123.91, 108.28, 106.69, 97.21, 94.05, 60.37, 56.80, 56.71, 56.49 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. [M + H]⁺ 574.0999, found 574.1013.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4*H*-chromen-3-yl 2-fluorobenzenesulfonate (3f, C₂₆H₂₃FO₁₀S) White solid; yield: 83%; m.p.: 196–198 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 7.74–7.65 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.33–7.26 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 6.98 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.90 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.85 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.79 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.73 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ = 169.82, 164.89, 160.86, 158.69, 155.78, 153.02, 140.13, 137.78 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 133.21, 130.41, 125.26 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz),

124.12, 117.85, 117.74 (d, $J = 20.4$ Hz), 108.29, 106.39, 97.14, 94.00, 60.41, 56.71, 56.39 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -107.54$ ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 547.1056, found 547.1068.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl 4-fluorobenzenesulfonate (3g, C₂₆H₂₃FO₁₀S) White solid; yield: 72%; m.p.: 195–197 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 7.80$ (dd, $J = 8.9, 5.0$ Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.27 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.94 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.85 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.59 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.91 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.78 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.72 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 170.06, 164.87, 160.88, 158.72, 155.62, 152.99, 140.22, 133.21$ (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz), 131.42 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz), 124.21, 117.03, 116.81, 108.36, 106.64, 97.13, 94.00, 60.42, 56.73, 56.46 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -103.47$ ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 547.1057, found 547.1068.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl 3-fluorobenzenesulfonate (3h, C₂₆H₂₃FO₁₀S) Yellow solid; yield: 68%; m.p.: 195–196 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 7.64$ –7.59 (m, 1H, Ph-H), 7.55–7.49 (m, 3H, Ph-H), 6.95 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.85 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.58 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.91 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.77 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.72 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 170.03, 164.88, 162.99, 160.88, 160.52, 158.74, 155.61, 152.97, 140.14, 139.13$ (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 133.27, 131.97 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 124.22 (d, $J = 18.1$ Hz), 122.29, 122.08, 115.18, 114.93, 108.32, 106.59, 97.13, 94.01, 60.29, 56.73, 56.41 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = -109.88$ ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 547.1051, found 547.1068.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl 2-chlorobenzenesulfonate (3i, C₂₆H₂₃ClO₁₀S) White solid; yield: 65%; m.p.: 227–229 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 7.83$ (dd, $J = 7.4, 2.1$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.77 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.57–7.47 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.01 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.83 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.57 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.90 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.84 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.82 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.73 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 169.85, 164.92, 160.92, 158.75, 155.93, 153.02, 140.15, 137.63, 135.84, 135.76, 133.58, 131.39, 128.44, 124.03, 120.11, 108.31, 106.57, 97.16, 94.04, 60.41, 56.79, 56.68, 56.49$ ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 563.0762, found 563.0773.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl 3-chlorobenzenesulfonate (3j, C₂₆H₂₃ClO₁₀S) White

solid; yield: 83%; m.p.: 182–183 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 7.84$ –7.75 (m, 3H, Ph-H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.96 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.85 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.58 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.92 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.88 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.78 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.73 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 170.03, 164.92, 160.92, 158.75, 155.46, 153.02, 140.20, 139.35, 137.76, 133.30, 131.74, 130.03, 126.94, 124.08, 122.49, 108.34, 106.51, 97.16, 94.09, 60.22, 56.81, 56.69, 56.44$ ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 563.0761, found 563.0773.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl 4-chlorobenzenesulfonate (3k, C₂₆H₂₃ClO₁₀S) Yellow solid; yield: 88%; m.p.: 102–103 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 7.74$ –7.69 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.55–7.49 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 6.94 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.84 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.58 (s, 1H, Ph-H), 3.91 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.78 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.75 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 169.97, 164.87, 160.87, 158.70, 155.68, 153.04, 140.37, 139.87, 135.55, 133.05, 130.04, 129.79, 124.10, 108.36, 106.66, 97.13, 94.01, 60.58, 56.77, 56.67, 56.47$ ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 563.0764, found 563.0773.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl 2-bromobenzenesulfonate (3l, C₂₆H₂₃BrO₁₀S) White solid; yield: 82%; m.p.: 232–233 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 7.83$ (dd, $J = 7.4, 2.1$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.79–7.73 (m, 1H, Ph-H), 7.56–7.47 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.00 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.83 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.57 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.90 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.84 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.82 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.72 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 169.87, 164.90, 160.87, 158.74, 155.93, 152.99, 140.03, 137.56, 135.84, 135.78, 133.55, 131.39, 128.45, 124.02, 120.12, 108.26, 106.46, 97.13, 93.99, 60.40, 56.77, 56.68, 56.44$ ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 607.0252, found 607.0268.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl 3-bromobenzenesulfonate (3m, C₂₆H₂₃BrO₁₀S) Yellow solid; yield: 71%; m.p.: 193–194 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 7.70$ (dd, $J = 16.1, 6.7, 1.5$ Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.29 (dd, $J = 13.2, 5.1$ Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.98 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.83 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.57 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.90 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.85 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.79 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.73 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 169.83, 164.90, 160.87, 158.70, 155.80, 153.02, 140.14, 137.83, 137.74, 133.21, 130.42, 125.32, 124.12, 117.85, 117.64, 108.30, 106.40, 97.16, 94.02, 60.42, 56.78, 56.67, 56.40$ ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 607.0255, found 607.0268.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl 4-bromobenzenesulfonate (3n, C₂₆H₂₃BrO₁₀S) White solid; yield: 73%; m.p.: 131–133 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 7.68–7.61 (m, 4H, Ph-H), 6.95 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.91 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.79 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.77 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 169.96, 164.89, 160.89, 158.70, 155.70, 153.06, 140.44, 135.93, 133.03, 132.75, 130.04, 129.09, 124.10, 108.37, 106.71, 97.15, 94.03, 60.66, 56.79, 56.68, 56.51 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. [M + H]⁺ 607.0255, found 607.0268.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonate (3o, C₂₇H₂₃F₃O₁₀S) White solid; yield: 89%; m.p.: 171–172 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.98 (s, 1H, Ph-H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.97 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.92 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.76 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.69 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 169.99, 164.94, 160.88, 158.74, 155.45, 152.97, 140.14, 138.72, 133.35, 132.08, 131.51 (d, *J* = 29.7 Hz), 130.32, 124.32, 123.96, 108.26, 106.44, 97.16, 94.04, 60.26, 56.73, 56.35 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = -61.51 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. [M + H]⁺ 597.1029, found 597.1036.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl 4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzenesulfonate (3p, C₂₇H₂₃F₃O₁₁S) White solid; yield: 81%; m.p.: 189–191 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 7.81 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.66–7.60 (m, 1H, Ph-H), 7.60–7.53 (m, 1H, Ph-H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.99 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.90 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.84 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.81 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.73 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 169.84, 164.91, 160.91, 158.74, 155.94, 153.01, 140.15, 135.92 (d, *J* = 9.09 Hz), 135.67, 133.52, 132.36, 131.61, 131.17, 128.03, 124.05, 108.31, 106.53, 97.16, 94.04, 60.42, 56.73, 56.45 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = -56.74 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. [M + H]⁺ 613.097, found 613.0985.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl 4-(*tert*-butyl)benzenesulfonate (3q, C₃₀H₃₂O₁₀S) Yellow solid; yield: 70%; m.p.: 184–185 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.01 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.92 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃),

3.73 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.72 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 1.27 (s, 9H, Ph-C(CH₃)₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 170.12, 164.83, 160.88, 158.66, 158.07, 155.35, 152.97, 140.49, 134.12, 133.24, 128.01, 126.43, 125.77, 124.77, 124.17, 108.35, 106.70, 97.09, 94.01, 60.64, 56.77, 56.66, 56.43, 35.43, 31.01 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. [M + H]⁺ 585.1776, found 585.1788.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl 4-cyanobenzenesulfonate (3r, C₂₇H₂₃NO₁₀S) Yellow solid; yield: 63%; m.p.: 237–238 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 7.96–7.89 (m, 4H, Ph-H), 6.94 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.91 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.79 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.76 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 167.74, 162.83, 158.78, 156.62, 153.63, 150.91, 138.87, 138.24, 131.49, 131.08, 126.68, 121.85, 115.65, 114.84, 106.18, 104.60, 95.05, 91.94, 58.40, 54.67, 54.57, 54.41 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. [M + H]⁺ 554.1102, found 554.1115.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl thiophene-2-sulfonate (3s, C₂₄H₂₂O₁₀S₂) White solid; yield: 88%; m.p.: 102–103 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 8.02 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H, thienyl-H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H, thienyl-H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 4.0 Hz, 1H, thienyl-H), 7.01 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.92 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.88 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.80 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.74 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 169.95, 164.87, 160.89, 158.68, 155.73, 153.04, 140.29, 137.09, 136.19, 135.83, 133.16, 128.43, 124.30, 108.38, 106.66, 97.15, 94.02, 60.49, 56.79, 56.68, 56.50 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. [M + H]⁺ 536.0719, found 536.0727.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl pyridine-3-sulfonate (3t, C₂₅H₂₃NO₁₀S) Brown solid; yield: 87%; m.p.: 141–143 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 8.84 (dd, *J* = 24.8, 3.0 Hz, 2H, Py-H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, Py-H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H, Py-H), 7.01 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.87 (s, 1H, Ph-H), 6.59 (s, 1H, Ph-H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.77 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.74 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 169.93, 164.95, 160.90, 158.75, 155.81, 155.09, 153.08, 148.13, 140.32, 136.09, 134.12, 133.26, 124.53, 124.01, 108.29, 106.65, 97.20, 94.05, 60.46, 56.81, 56.70, 56.51 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. [M + H]⁺ 530.1099, found 530.1115.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl quinoline-8-sulfonate (3u, C₂₉H₂₅NO₁₀S) White solid; yield: 53%; m.p.: 259–260 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 8.99 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H, quinoline-H), 8.51–8.43 (m, 1H, quinoline-H), 8.25 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 6.2 Hz, 2H, quinoline-H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 4.4 Hz, 2H, quinoline-H), 6.83 (s, 1H, Ph-H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.58–6.53 (m, 1H, Ph-H), 3.90 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.84 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.64 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.61 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 170.20, 164.78, 160.86, 158.71, 155.49, 152.50, 152.18, 143.19, 139.61, 137.17, 135.95, 134.71, 133.81, 132.48, 128.96, 125.72, 124.20, 123.09, 108.39, 106.28, 97.02, 93.94, 60.30, 56.73, 56.66, 56.18 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. [M + H]⁺ 580.1253, found 580.1271.

5,7-Dimethoxy-4-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4H-chromen-3-yl 4-acetamidobenzenesulfonate (3v, C₂₈H₂₇NO₁₁S) White solid; yield: 65%; m.p.: 260–261 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 10.40 (s, 1H, Ph-NH-), 7.64–7.57 (m, 4H, Ph-H), 6.93 (s, 2H, Ph-H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 3.91 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 3.76 (s, 6H, 2 × Ph-OCH₃), 3.70 (s, 3H, Ph-OCH₃), 2.09 (s, 3H, -CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 170.15, 169.67, 164.77, 160.86, 158.66, 155.57, 152.98, 144.89, 140.27, 132.99, 129.58, 124.30, 118.45, 108.45, 106.65, 97.06, 93.97, 60.44, 56.74, 56.64, 56.42, 24.64 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. [M + H]⁺ 586.1369, found 586.1377.

Evaluation of the antibacterial activity

Antibacterial activities of the title compounds against *Xanthomonas axonopodispv. citri* (*Xac*), *Ralstonia solanacearum* (*Rs*), and *Xanthomonas oryzaepv. oryzae* (*Xoo*) were evaluated using the turbidimeter in vitro; commercial agricultural antibacterial bismethiazol and thiodiazole-copper were used as control. This test method is provided in “Supporting Information”.

The protection and curative activities of compound **3j** against rice bacterial leaf blight were determined in potted plants using a complete randomized block design. According to the previously reported method [38], we used Hu you ming zhan as the experimental seed; this variety is susceptible to rice bacterial blight in recent years. Commercial bactericides BT and TC were used as the positive control samples. This test method is provided in “Supporting Information”.

Scanning electron microscope sample preparation

According to the previously reported method [39], *Xac* and *Xoo* were provided with scanning electron microscopy to

observe the changes of their cell structure after being treated with different concentrations of drugs. All the bacteria were cultured in NA medium at 28 °C for 12 h with active growth. Detailed operating procedures are provided in “Supporting Information”.

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