

Supporting Information

Cobalt(III)-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling of Enamides with Allyl Acetates/Maleimides

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General General All reactions were performed under air in a flame-dried reaction flask. N-acyl enamides were synthesized according to published procedures.¹ vinylcyclopropane was prepared according to the previous work.² Methyl 2-acetamidoacrylate, N-vinylacetamide, maleimides, and 2-vinylloxirane were purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. The other materials and solvents were purchased from common commercial sources and used without additional purification, if there is no special version. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz using TMS as internal standard. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz using TMS as internal standard. The multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), multiplet (m), and broad resonances (br). Mass spectroscopy data of the products were collected on an HRMS-TOF instrument.

NOTE: The corresponding alkylation products were sensitive to the acid in the CDCl₃. The CDCl₃ should be purified with the dry K₂CO₃.

The Optimization of the reaction conditions^a

	1a	2a			3aa
entry	additive 1 (20 mol %)	additive 2 (20 mol %)	solvent (1 mL)	temp (°C)	Yield (%) ^b
1	AgOAc	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	40
2	AgOAc	-	MeOH	90	NR
3	AgOAc	-	<i>t</i> -AmOH	90	NR
4	AgOAc	-	PhMe	90	NR
5	AgOAc	-	PhCl	90	NR
6	AgOAc	-	PhF	90	NR
7	AgOAc	-	Dioxane	90	NR
8	AgOAc	-	CH ₃ NO ₂	90	NR
9	AgOAc	-	DCE	90	NR
10	AgOAc	-	DCM	90	NR
11	AgOAc	-	NMP	90	NR
12	AgOAc	-	DMF	90	NR
13	AgOAc	-	DMSO	90	NR
14	AgOAc	-	CH ₃ CN	90	NR

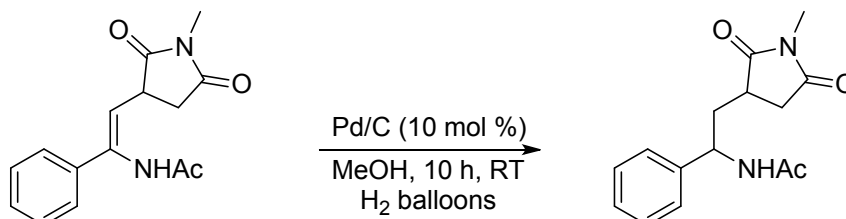
15	Cu(OAc) ₂	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	38
16	Zn(OAc) ₂	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	15
17	LiOAc	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	30
18	NaOAc	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	32
19	KOAc	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	37
20	CsOAc	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	38
21	<i>N</i> -Ac-L-Phe	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	NR
22	<i>N</i> -Ac-L-Ile	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	NR
23	<i>N</i> -Ac-L-Val	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	NR
24	<i>N</i> -Ac-L-Ala	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	NR
25	<i>N</i> -Ac-L-Leu	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	NR
26	<i>N</i> -Ac-L-Gly	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	NR
27	AgOAc	Li ₂ CO ₃	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	30
28	AgOAc	Na ₂ CO ₃	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	28
29	AgOAc	K ₂ CO ₃	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	NR
30	AgOAc	Cs ₂ CO ₃	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	NR
31	AgOAc	NaHCO ₃	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	36
32	AgOAc	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	80	37
33	AgOAc	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	100	34
33 ^c	AgOAc	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	63
34^d	AgOAc	-	CF₃CH₂OH	90	73
35 ^e	AgOAc	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	NR
36 ^{d,f}	AgOAc	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	60
37	-	-	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	90	trace

^aReaction conditions: substrate **1a** (0.1 mmol), allyl acetate **2a** (0.15 mmol), Cp*Co(CO)I₂ (10 mol %), additive 1 (20 mol%), additive 2 (20 mol%), solvent (1 mL), 90 °C, air, 10 h. ^bIsolated yields. ^callyl acetate **2a** (0.3 mmol). ^dallyl acetate **2a** (0.45 mmol). ^eCp*Co(CO)I₂ was not used. ^f[Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (5 mol %)/AgOAc (10 mol %) as the catalyst.

Typical Procedure for the Product

The enamides **1a** (0.1 mmol) and allyl acetate **2a** (0.45 mmol) were dissolved in 1 mL $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ in a sealed tube. 5 mg (10 mol%) $\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{CO})\text{I}_2$ and 4 mg (20 mol%) AgOAc were added. The tube was stirred at 90 °C for 10 h under air. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the product was isolated through column chromatography to afford the corresponding products.

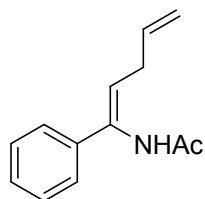
Typical Procedure for the hydrogenation of **5aa**



The enamides **5aa** (0.2 mmol) was dissolved in 1 mL MeOH in a Schlenk tube. 20 mg Pd/C was added. The tube was stirred at RT for 10 h under H_2 balloons. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the product was isolated through column chromatography to afford the corresponding hydrogenation products.

The solvent effect in the NMR spectrums

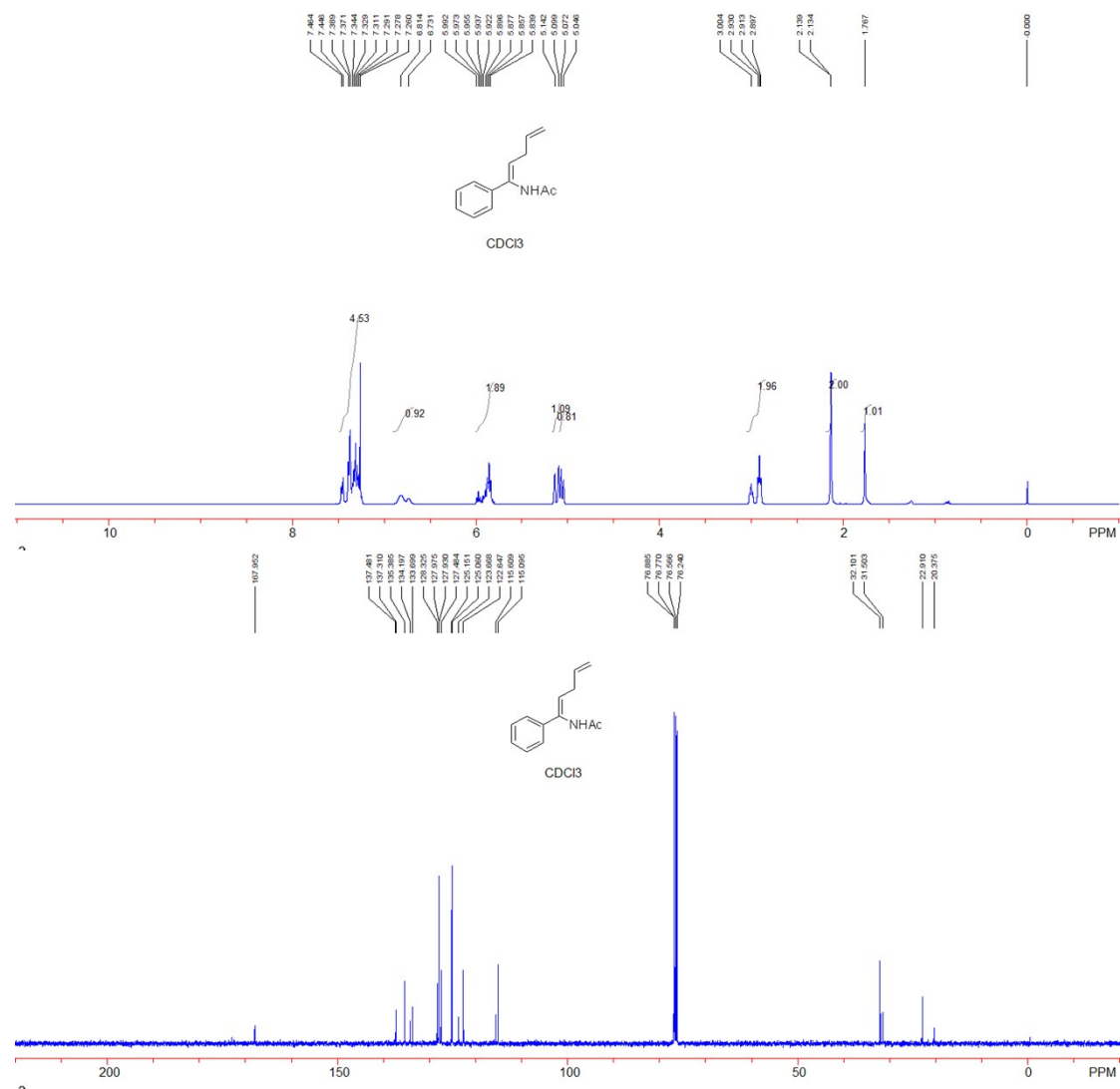
*Note: The ^1H -NMR and ^{13}C -NMR spectrums of the allylation product were strong influenced by the solvent effect. We showed the NMR spectrums of **3aa** in CDCl_3 , $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ and $\text{Acetone}-d_6$. After the ^1H -NMR spectrums of **3aa** in CDCl_3 was recorded, the CDCl_3 was removed in vacuum and the **3aa** was dissolved in the $\text{Acetone}-d_6$ once again. This sample gave the ^1H -NMR spectrums of **3aa** in $\text{Acetone}-d_6$.*

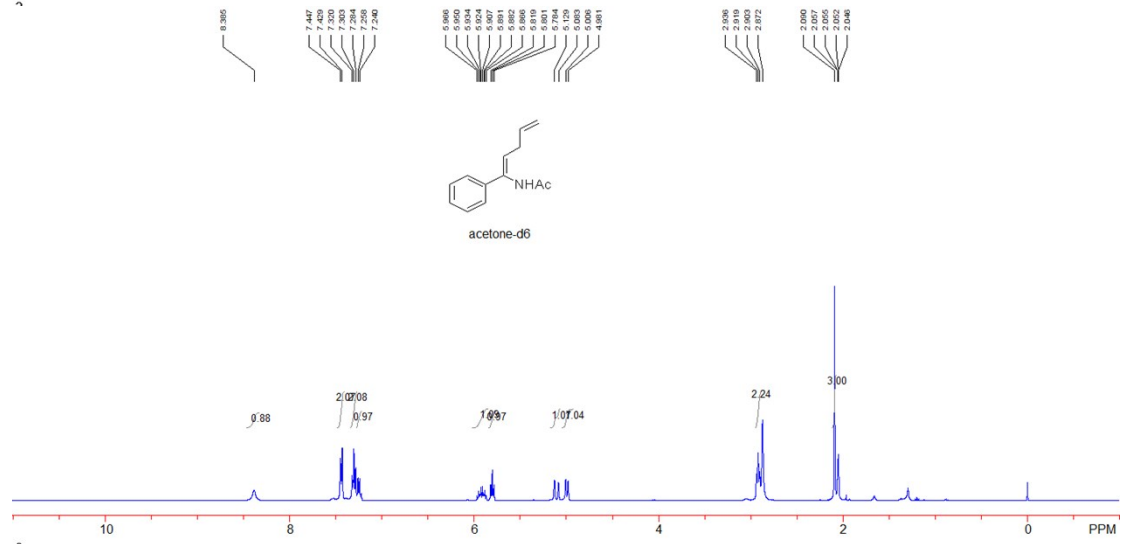
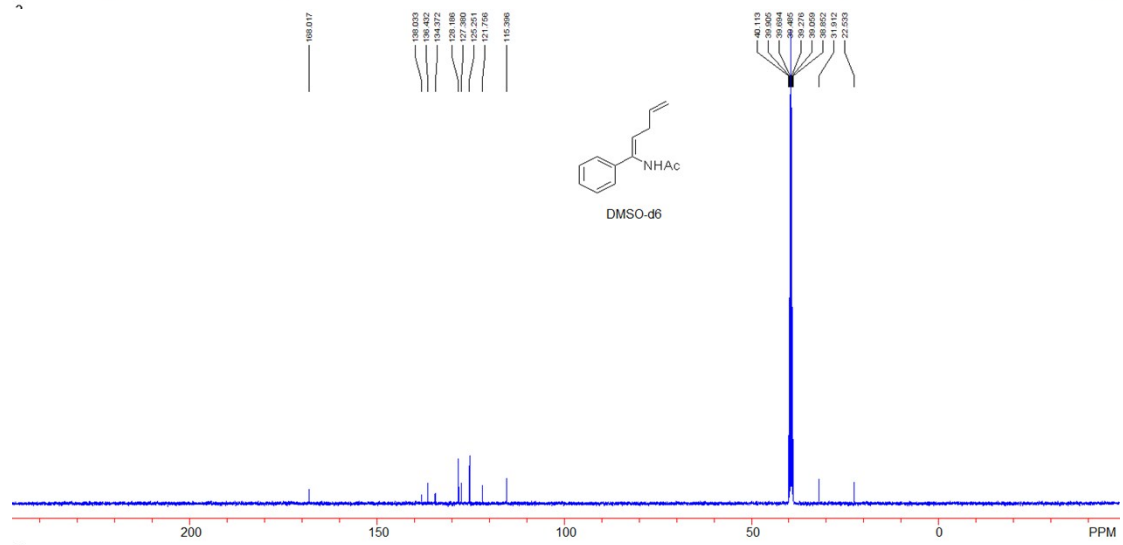
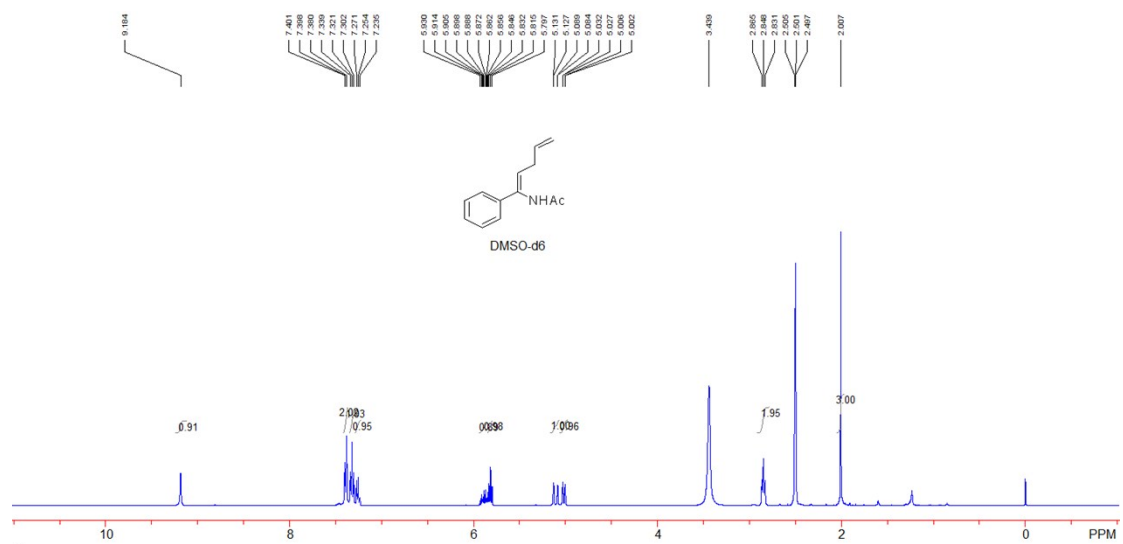


(Z)-N-(1-phenylpenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

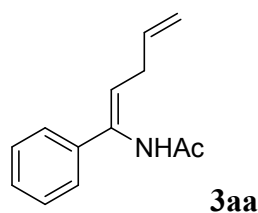
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.28-7.46 (m, 5H), 6.81, 6.73 (NH, 1H), 5.84-5.99 (m, 2H), 5.12 (d, J = 16Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 2.90-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.13 (s, 2H), 1.77 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 168.0, 137.5, 137.3, 135.4, 134.2, 133.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 125.2, 125.1, 123.7, 122.6, 115.6, 115.1, 32.1, 31.5, 22.9, 20.4. ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 400 MHz) δ 9.18 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, J = 8Hz, 1H), 5.85-5.93 (m, 1H), 5.82 (t, J = 8Hz, 1H), 5.11 (dd, J = 1.6Hz, J = 16Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 2Hz, 12Hz, 1H), 2.85 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 2.01 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 100 MHz) δ 168.0, 138.0, 136.4, 134.4, 128.2, 127.4, 125.3, 121.8, 115.4, 31.9, 22.5. ^1H NMR ($\text{acetone}-d_6$, 400 MHz) δ 8.39 (NH, s, 1H),

7.44 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.30 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.24 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.87-5.97 (m, 1H), 5.80 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.10 (d, $J = 20\text{Hz}$, 1H), 4.99 (d, $J = 12\text{Hz}$, 1H), 2.92 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 2.09 (s, 3H). HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$ (M^+): 201.1154, found: 201.1154.



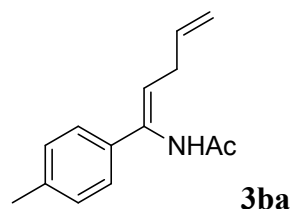


Characterization of products



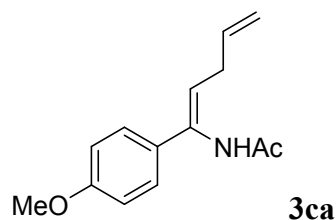
(Z)-N-(1-phenylpenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

Yield: 73 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 9.18 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, J = 8Hz, 1H), 5.85-5.93 (m, 1H), 5.82 (t, J = 8Hz, 1H), 5.11 (dd, J = 1.6Hz, J = 16Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 2Hz, 12Hz, 1H), 2.85 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 2.01 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 168.0, 138.0, 136.4, 134.4, 128.2, 127.4, 125.3, 121.8, 115.4, 31.9, 22.5.



(Z)-N-(1-(p-tolyl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

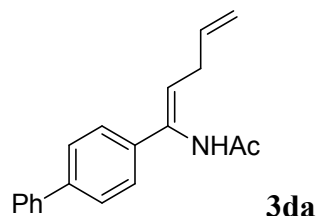
Yield: 74 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 8.36 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 5.85-5.95 (m, 1H), 5.75 (t, J = 8Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, J = 1.2Hz, 12Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 2.88 (br, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 168.6, 137.9, 137.6, 136.9, 135.6, 129.6, 126.4, 122.1, 115.4, 33.4, 23.1, 21.1. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}$ (M^+): 215.1310, found: 215.1311.



(Z)-N-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

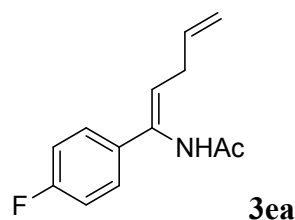
Yield: 86 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 8.29 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 5.86-5.96 (m, 1H), 5.68 (t, J = 8Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, J = 1.6Hz, 16Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 1.6Hz, 8Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.89 (t, J =

8Hz, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 167.6, 159.4, 136.9, 134.4, 131.3, 126.8, 120.2, 114.4, 113.5, 54.7, 32.5, 22.2. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ (M^+): 231.1259, found: 231.1256.



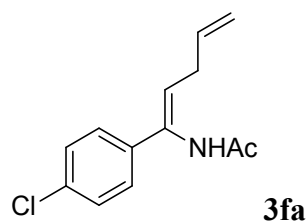
(Z)-N-(1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

Yield: 65 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 9.23 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.62-7.67 (m, 4H), 7.48 (d, $J = 4\text{Hz}$, 4H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.89 (br, 2H), 5.13 (d, $J = 16\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.03 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 2.89 (br, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 168.1, 139.6, 139.0, 137.2, 136.4, 134.2, 128.9, 127.4, 126.5, 125.8, 121.8, 115.4, 32.1, 22.7. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ (M^+): 277.1467, found: 277.1469.



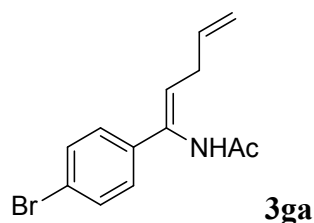
(Z)-N-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

Yield: 90 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 8.45 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.45-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.06 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 5.85-5.95 (m, 1H), 5.76 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.10 (dd, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 16Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 8Hz, 1H), 2.91 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 167.9, 163.5, 161.1 ($J_{\text{C-F}} = 242.8\text{Hz}$), 136.5, 135.2, 135.2 ($J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.8\text{Hz}$), 134.0, 127.5, 127.4 ($J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.9\text{Hz}$), 122.0, 114.9, 114.7, 114.6 ($J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.4\text{Hz}$), 32.3, 32.2. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{FNO}$ (M^+): 219.1059, found: 219.1057.



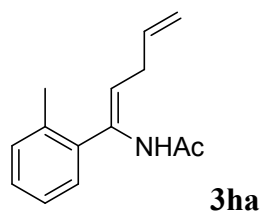
(Z)-N-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

Yield: 85 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 8.48 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.85-5.95 (m, 1H), 5.82 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.11 (dd, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 16Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 8Hz, 1H), 2.93 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 167.9, 137.7, 136.3, 134.1, 132.5, 128.1, 127.2, 122.8, 114.8, 32.3, 22.2. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}$ (M^+): 235.0764, found: 235.0768.



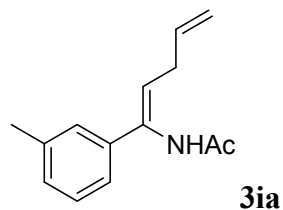
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Yield: 93 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 8.48 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.85-5.95 (m, 1H), 5.83 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.10 (dd, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 16Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 8Hz, 1H), 2.92 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 167.9, 138.1, 136.2, 134.1, 131.1, 127.5, 122.9, 120.7, 114.8, 32.3, 22.2. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrNO}$ (M^+): 279.0259, found: 279.0264.



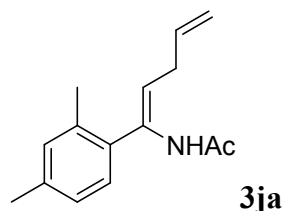
(Z)-N-(1-(o-tolyl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

Yield: 60 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 8.29 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.10-7.20 (m, 4H), 5.89-5.99 (m, 1H), 5.19 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.11 (dd, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 16Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 8Hz, 1H), 2.91 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 167.7, 140.5, 137.8, 136.8, 136.0, 130.9, 130.3, 128.3, 126.3, 123.3, 115.3, 33.2, 23.1, 20.2. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}$ (M^+): 215.1310, found: 215.1312.



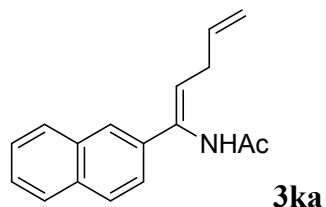
(Z)-N-(1-(m-tolyl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

Yield: 70 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 8.33 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.16-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.86-5.96 (m, 1H), 5.78 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.10 (dd, $J = 2\text{Hz}$, 16Hz, 1H), 4.98 (dd, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 8Hz, 1H), 2.91 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 167.6, 138.8, 137.5, 136.7, 134.9, 128.1, 128.0, 126.2, 122.8, 121.9, 114.6, 32.5, 22.2, 20.6. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}$ (M^+): 215.1310, found: 215.1314.



(Z)-N-(1-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

Yield: 52 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 9.11 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 5.84-5.94 (m, 1H), 5.07-5.12 (m, 2H), 5.00 (dd, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 12Hz, 1H), 2.81 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 167.0, 136.8, 136.4, 136.4, 135.1, 134.8, 130.7, 129.1, 126.0, 121.7, 115.1, 32.0, 22.7, 20.6, 19.7. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ (M^+): 229.1467, found: 229.1470.

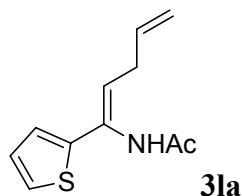


(Z)-N-(1-(naphthalen-2-yl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

Yield: 87 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 8.52 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.81-7.92 (m, 4H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 4\text{Hz}$, 8Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.49 (m, 2H), 5.90-6.00 (m, 2H), 5.14 (dd, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 16Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, 8Hz, 1H), 2.98 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 167.9, 136.6, 136.2, 134.8, 133.5,

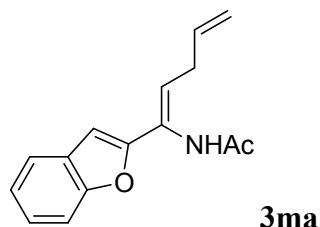
133.0, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 126.1, 125.8, 124.3, 124.0, 122.9, 114.7, 32.6, 22.3.

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{17}H_{17}NO$ (M^+): 251.1310, found: 251.1307.



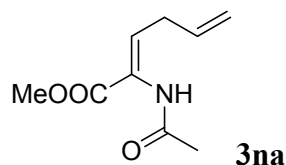
(Z)-N-(1-(thiophen-2-yl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

Yield: 50 %; white solid; 1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 8.46 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 4$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 4$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, $J = 4$ Hz, 1H), 5.83-5.93 (m, 2H), 5.09 (d, $J = 12$ Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 2.86 (br, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 167.6, 143.4, 136.3, 129.4, 127.3, 124.3, 123.4, 121.9, 114.8, 32.3, 22.1. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{11}H_{13}NOS$ (M^+): 207.0718, found: 207.0713.



(Z)-N-(1-(benzofuran-2-yl)penta-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

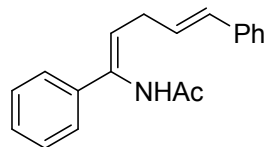
Yield: 47 %; white solid; 1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 8.51 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.28 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 5.86-5.98 (m, 1H), 5.13 (dd, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 12Hz, 1H), 5.03 (dd, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 8Hz, 1H), 2.97 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 168.1, 154.8, 154.3, 135.9, 128.9, 126.0, 124.7, 124.5, 122.9, 121.0, 115.2, 110.7, 102.5, 31.9, 22.2. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{15}H_{15}NO_2$ (M^+): 241.1103, found: 241.1107.



(Z)-methyl 2-acetamidohexa-2,5-dienoate

Yield: 80 %; transparent oil; 1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 8.45 (br, *NH*, 1H), 6.46 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 5.81-5.91 (m, 1H), 5.09 (d, $J = 16$ Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, $J = 12$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.91 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 2.02 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz)

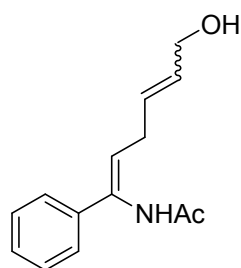
δ 169.1, 165.6, 135.7, 134.2, 128.4, 116.6, 52.3, 32.9, 22.7. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_9H_{13}NO_3$ (M^+): 183.0895, found: 183.0894.



3ab

N-((1Z,4E)-1,5-diphenylpenta-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

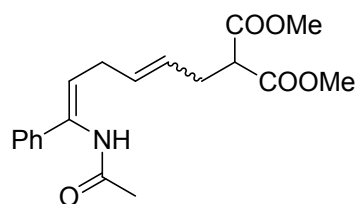
Yield: 40 %; white solid; 1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 8.44 (br, *NH*, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.20 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.35-6.42 (m, 1H), 5.90 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 168.6, 139.7, 138.7, 135.9, 131.4, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.3, 127.8, 126.9, 126.5, 123.1, 32.6, 23.2. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}NO$ (M^+): 277.1467, found: 277.1467.



3ac

N-((1Z)-6-hydroxy-1-phenylhexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)acetamide

Yield: 80 %; orange oil; 1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 8.53, 8.46 (*NH*, br, 0.6H), 7.42 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 5.51-5.82 (m, 3H), 4.15 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1.3H), 4.01 (d, $J = 4$ Hz, 0.7H), 3.05 (*OH*, br, 1H), 2.95 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1.3H), 2.89 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 0.7H), 2.10, 2.09 (d, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 169.0, 168.8, 139.7, 139.6, 135.4, 135.2, 132.1, 131.4, 129.8, 129.2, 129.2, 129.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.3, 126.4, 123.7, 123.6, 63.1, 58.1, 31.8, 27.5, 23.1. MS(EI): m/z (%) 232 ($M+H^+$, 6.0), 213 (32.0), 171 (72.0), 154 (99.0), 119 (47.0), 104 (58.0), 43 (100.0)

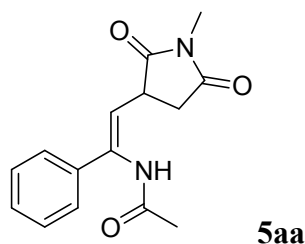


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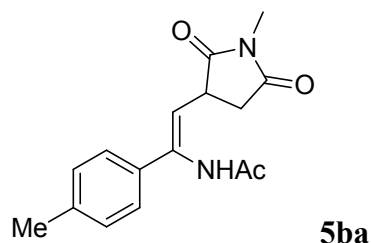
dimethyl 2-((5Z)-6-acetamido-6-phenylhexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)malonate

Yield: 43 %; white solid; 1H NMR (acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 8.41, 8.35 (br, *NH*, 1H),

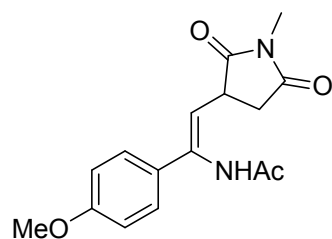
7.42 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.30 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.23 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.73 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.47-5.66 (m, 2H), 3.69, 3.68 (s, 6H), 3.50 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 2.95 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 0.78H), 2.84 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1.74H), 2.68 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 0.51H), 2.55 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1.74H), 2.11, 2.08 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 170.0, 169.9, 168.6, 139.7, 135.6, 131.9, 131.1, 129.0, 128.3, 127.5, 126.5, 126.4, 123.7, 123.4, 52.7, 52.6, 52.4, 52.2, 32.6, 32.1, 27.5, 27.3, 23.1. MS(EI): m/z (%) 346 ($M+H^+$, 18.0), 213 (45.0), 170 (100.0), 160 (80.0), 105 (99.0), 43 (64.0). HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5$ (M^+): 345.1576, found: 345.1586.



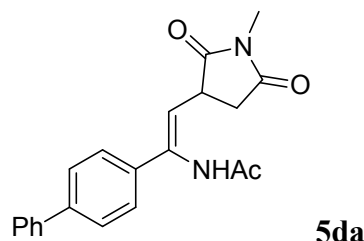
Yield: 78%; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.41 (NH , s, 1H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 5H), 5.43 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.86-3.91 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dd, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 20Hz, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.64 (dd, $J = 4\text{Hz}$, 20 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.3, 176.2, 168.9, 140.0, 136.6, 128.8, 128.5, 126.1, 117.7, 39.9, 35.5, 25.2, 23.6. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 272.1161, found: 272.1160.



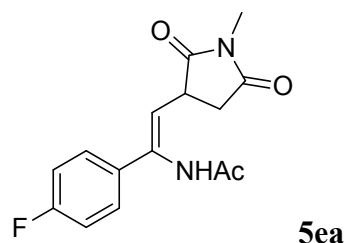
Yield: 74 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.31 (NH , s, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 5.38 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.87-3.92 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 20Hz, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.64 (dd, $J = 4\text{Hz}$, 20Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.5, 176.2, 168.7, 140.1, 138.8, 133.7, 129.2, 126.0, 116.7, 39.9, 35.6, 25.2, 23.7, 21.2. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 286.1317, found: 286.1316.



(Z)-N-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(1-methyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)vinyl)acetamide
Yield: 42 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.34 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 5.34 (d, J = 4Hz, 1H), 3.85-3.88 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.07 (dd, J = 8Hz, 16Hz, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.63 (dd, J = 4Hz, 20Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.5, 176.3, 168.9, 160.1, 139.5, 129.1, 127.4, 116.0, 113.9, 55.3, 39.9, 35.5, 25.1, 23.6. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ (M^+): 302.1267, found: 302.1270.

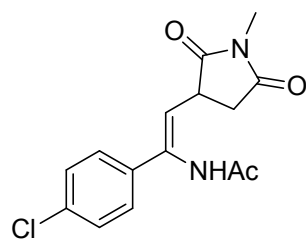


(Z)-N-(1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-(1-methyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)vinyl)acetamide
Yield: 78 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.47 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 8Hz, 4Hz), 7.41-7.48 (m, 4Hz), 7.34 (t, J = 8Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 3.90-3.96 (m, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 8Hz, 20Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.68 (dd, J = 4Hz, 16Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.4, 176.1, 168.9, 141.6, 140.4, 140.0, 135.4, 128.8, 127.5, 127.2, 127.1, 126.5, 117.5, 39.9, 35.6, 25.2, 23.7. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 348.1474, found: 348.1469.



Yield: 76 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.55 (*NH*, s, 1H), 7.35-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.02 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 5.32 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 3.88-3.93 (m, 1H), 3.10 (dd, J = 8 Hz, 20Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.66 (dd, J = 4 Hz, 20Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.5, 176.0, 168.8, 163.0 ($J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 246Hz), 139.7, 132.7 ($J_{\text{C-F}}$ =

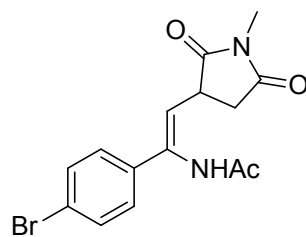
4Hz), 127.9 ($J_{C-F} = 9\text{Hz}$), 117.2, 115.48 ($J_{C-F} = 21\text{Hz}$), 39.7, 35.6, 25.2, 23.7. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 290.1067, found: 290.1068.



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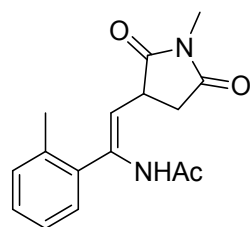
(Z)-N-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(1-methyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)vinyl)acetamide

Yield: 82 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.60 (*NH*, s, 1H), 7.30 (s, 4H), 5.35 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.90-3.91 (m, 1H), 3.10 (dd, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$, 20Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.50 (dd, $J = 4\text{ Hz}$, 20Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.4, 175.9, 168.8, 139.7, 135.1, 134.6, 128.7, 127.4, 117.7, 39.7, 35.6, 25.2, 23.6. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 306.0771, found: 306.0761.



5ga

Yield: 80 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.61 (*NH*, s, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 5.36 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.88-3.93 (m, 1H), 3.11 (dd, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$, 20Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.67 (dd, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$, 20Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.4, 175.9, 168.9, 139.8, 135.5, 131.6, 127.7, 122.8, 117.7, 39.7, 35.5, 25.2, 23.6. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 350.0266, found: 350.0258.

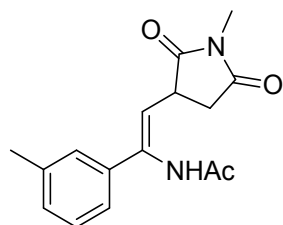


5ha

(Z)-N-(2-(1-methyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-1-(o-tolyl)vinyl)acetamide

Yield: 70 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.38 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.19-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 5.02 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.87-3.92 (m, 1H), 3.10 (dd, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 16Hz, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.59 (dd, $J = 4\text{Hz}$, 20Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H).

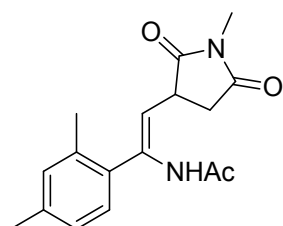
^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.6, 176.4, 168.1, 139.9, 137.3, 135.8, 130.3, 129.4, 128.4, 125.7, 118.2, 39.8, 35.4, 25.1, 23.4, 20.0. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 286.1317, found: 286.1320.



5ia

(Z)-N-(2-(1-methyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-1-(m-tolyl)vinyl)acetamide

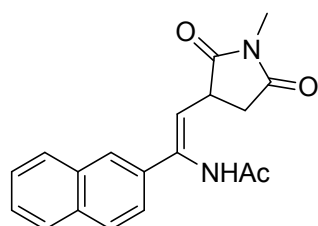
Yield: 91 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.31 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.16-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.42 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.85-3.96 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dd, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 16Hz, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.64 (dd, $J = 4\text{Hz}$, 20Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.4, 176.2, 168.8, 140.0, 138.1, 136.6, 129.6, 128.4, 126.7, 123.2, 117.6, 40.0, 35.5, 25.2, 23.6, 21.5. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 286.1317, found: 286.1317.



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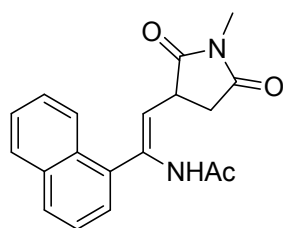
(Z)-N-(1-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-2-(1-methyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)vinyl)acetamide

Yield: 85 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.31 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.95 (s, 2H), 5.00 (d, $J = 4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.89 (br, 1H), 3.09 (dd, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 16Hz, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.59 (dd, $J = 4\text{Hz}$, 20Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.6, 176.4, 168.0, 139.9, 138.3, 135.6, 134.4, 131.2, 129.4, 126.4, 117.9, 39.8, 35.4, 25.1, 23.5, 21.1, 20.0. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 300.1474, found: 300.1474.



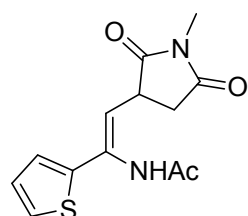
5ka

(Z)-N-(2-(1-methyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)vinyl)acetamide
Yield: 84 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.49 (*NH*, s, 1H), 7.76-7.82 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.49 (m, 3H), 5.54 (d, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.91 (br, 1H), 3.08 (dd, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$, 20Hz, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.65 (d, $J = 20\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.4, 176.2, 168.9, 140.0, 134.0, 133.4, 133.2, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 126.4, 125.3, 123.9, 118.2, 40.0, 35.5, 25.2, 23.6. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 322.1317, found: 322.1314.



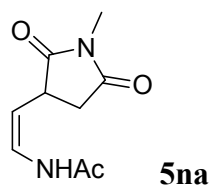
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(Z)-N-(2-(1-methyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)vinyl)acetamide
Yield: 85 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.29 (*NH*, br, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.82 (t, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.42-7.48 (m, 4H), 5.25 (d, $J = 4\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.00 (br, 1H), 3.16 (dd, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$, 16Hz, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.65 (d, $J = 20\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.0, 175.8, 167.6, 138.2, 135.0, 133.0, 130.7, 128.6, 128.0, 126.7, 126.1, 125.5, 124.6, 124.2, 118.8, 39.6, 34.9, 24.7, 23.2. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 322.1317, found: 322.1322.



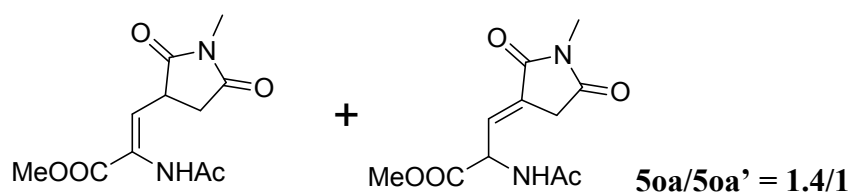
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(Z)-N-(2-(1-methyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)vinyl)acetamide
Yield: 62 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.09 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 4\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 4\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.96 (t, $J = 4\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 5.63 (d, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.82-3.87 (m, 1H), 3.07 (dd, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$, 16Hz, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.65 (dd, $J = 4\text{ Hz}$, 16Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 178.9, 176.1, 168.9, 140.8, 133.6, 127.6, 125.8, 125.0, 117.6, 39.9, 35.2, 25.2, 23.5. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (M^+): 278.0725, found: 278.0723.

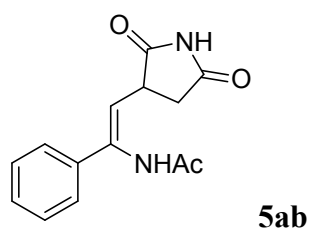


(Z)-N-(2-(1-methyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)vinyl)acetamide

Yield: 18 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 9.11 (*NH*, br, 1H), 6.93 (m, 1H), 4.46 (dd, $J = 4\text{ Hz, } 8\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.68-3.73 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, $J = 8\text{ Hz, } 20\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.02 (s, 1H), 2.58 (dd, $J = 4\text{ Hz, } 16\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.6, 175.7, 168.2, 127.1, 105.2, 38.2, 36.5, 25.2, 23.4. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 196.0848, found: 196.0850.



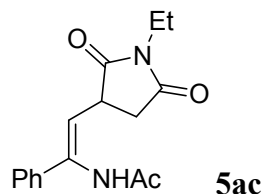
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(Z)-N-(2-(2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-1-phenylvinyl)acetamide

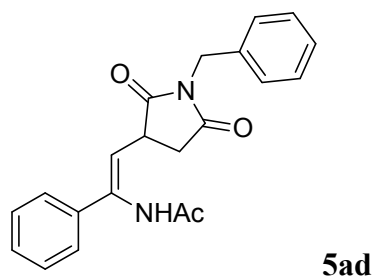
Yield: 78 %; white solid; ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 400 MHz) δ 11.21 (*NH*, s, 1H), 9.30 (*NH*, s, 1H), 7.29-7.40 (m, 5H), 5.90 (d, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.79-3.85 (m, 1H), 2.88 (dd, $J = 8\text{ Hz, } 20\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.50 (dd, $J = 8\text{ Hz, } 20\text{ Hz}$, 1H) (this signal was overlapped by $\text{DMSO}-d_6$), 2.02 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 100 MHz) δ 179.8, 178.0, 168.4,

137.6, 137.0, 128.2, 127.9, 125.5, 120.4, 41.1, 36.2, 22.8. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{14}H_{14}N_2O_3$ (M^+): 258.1004, found: 258.1005.



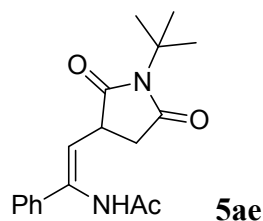
(Z)-N-(2-(1-ethyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-1-phenylvinyl)acetamide

Yield: 84 %; white solid; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz) δ 8.45 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.32-7.41 (m, 5H), 5.41 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 3.86-3.91 (m, 1H), 3.57 (q, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 3.08 (dd, $J = 8$ Hz, 16 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, $J = 4$ Hz, 16 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.18 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz) δ 179.2, 175.9, 168.8, 140.3, 136.6, 128.8, 128.5, 126.1, 117.7, 39.8, 35.6, 34.2, 23.7, 13.0. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{16}H_{18}N_2O_3$ (M^+): 286.1317, found: 286.1320.



(Z)-N-(2-(1-benzyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-1-phenylvinyl)acetamide

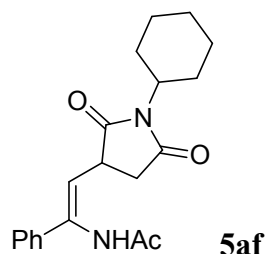
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(Z)-N-(2-(1-(tert-butyl)-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-1-phenylvinyl)acetamide

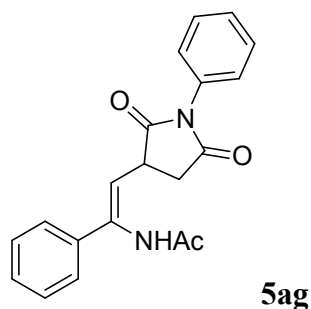
Yield: 80 %; white solid; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz) δ 8.57 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.31-7.46 (m, 5H), 5.36 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 3.75-3.76 (m, 1H), 2.94 (dd, $J = 8$ Hz, 20 Hz, 1H), 2.52

(dd, $J = 4\text{Hz}, 16\text{Hz}$, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 180.4, 177.1, 168.8, 140.3, 136.6, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 126.3, 126.0, 118.2, 59.0, 39.8, 36.0, 28.4, 23.7. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 314.1630, found: 314.1631.



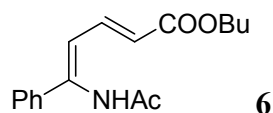
(Z)-N-(2-(1-cyclohexyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-1-phenylvinyl)acetamide

Yield: 78 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.57 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.31-7.40 (m, 5H), 5.36 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.98 (tt, $J = 4\text{Hz}, 12\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.82-3.83 (m, 1H), 3.02 (dd, $J = 8\text{Hz}, 16\text{Hz}$, 1H), 2.58 (dd, $J = 4\text{Hz}, 16\text{Hz}$, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.09-2.12 (m, 1H), 1.83 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 1.66 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 1.58-1.60 (m, 3H), 1.22-1.32 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.6, 176.1, 168.8, 140.5, 136.6, 128.7, 128.5, 126.1, 117.8, 52.2, 39.4, 35.5, 28.8, 28.8, 25.8, 25.0, 23.7. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 340.1787, found: 340.1787.



(Z)-N-(2-(2,5-dioxo-1-phenylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-1-phenylvinyl)acetamide

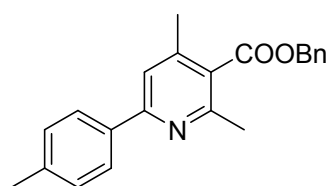
Yield: 50 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.39 (*NH*, br, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 8\text{Hz}, 2\text{Hz}$), 7.33-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}, 2\text{Hz}$), 6.52 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}, 1\text{H}$), 4.05-4.11 (m, 1H), 3.26 (dd, $J = 8\text{Hz}, 20\text{Hz}$, 1H), 2.82 (dd, $J = 4\text{Hz}, 16\text{Hz}$, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 178.4, 175.0, 168.9, 140.5, 136.6, 131.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.9, 128.5, 126.4, 126.1, 117.5, 40.0, 35.7, 23.6. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 334.1317, found: 334.1320.



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(2E,4Z)-butyl 5-acetamido-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dienoate

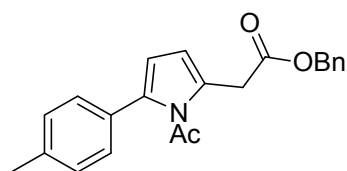
Yield: 25 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 9.81 (*NH*, s, 1H), 7.37-7.48 (m, 6H), 6.59 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 15.2Hz, 1H), 4.11 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.60 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 1.36 (q, J = 8Hz, 2H), 0.91 (t, J = 8Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ 168.7, 166.4, 141.8, 140.3, 136.9, 129.0, 128.4, 126.2, 120.6, 118.9, 63.5, 30.3, 22.9, 18.7, 13.6. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3$ (M^+): 287.1521, found: 287.1524.



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benzyl 2,4-dimethyl-6-(p-tolyl)nicotinate

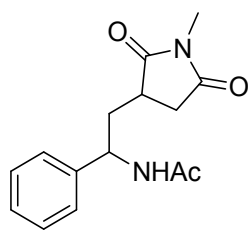
Yield: 35 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.87 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.47 (m, 6H), 7.24 (d, J = 1.6Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 168.9, 157.3, 155.4, 145.7, 139.3, 136.1, 135.4, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 127.0, 119.2, 67.3, 23.5, 21.3, 19.9. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ (M^+): 331.1572, found: 331.1574.



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benzyl 2-(1-acetyl-5-(p-tolyl)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)acetate

Yield: 10 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.31-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.23 (m, 4H), 6.16 (d, J = 3.2Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 3.6Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 173.7, 171.0, 137.7, 135.9, 135.2, 131.4, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 112.9, 66.7, 34.9, 27.9, 21.3. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3$ (M^+): 347.1521, found: 347.1521.



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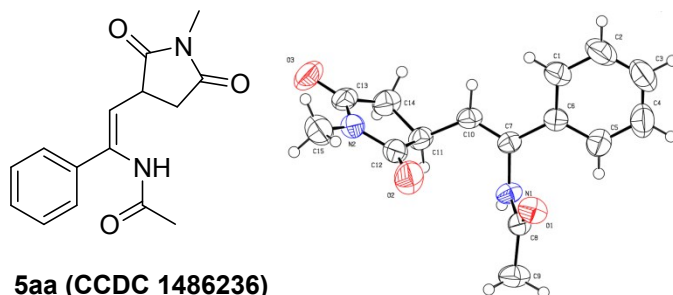
N-(2-(1-methyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-1-phenylethyl)acetamide

Yield: 80 %; white solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.29-7.37 (m, 5H), 6.17 (NH, d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.09-5.15 (m, 1H), 2.86-3.02 (m, 5H), 2.40-2.52 (m, 2H), 1.98-2.01 (d, 3H), 1.80-1.87 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 180.2, 176.5, 170.0, 141.4, 128.9, 127.9, 126.5, 51.4, 38.1, 37.9, 35.1, 24.9, 23.3. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 274.1317, found: 274.1317.

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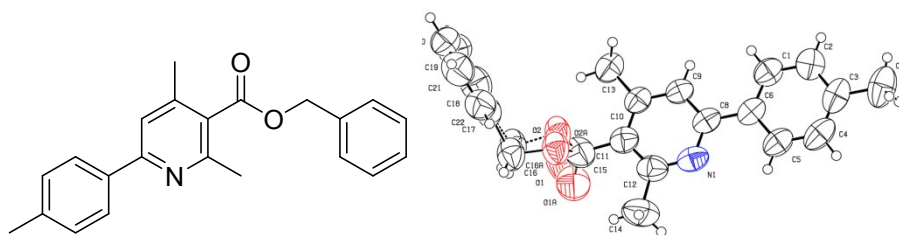
X-Ray Crystallographic Data



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