

Supporting Information

for

Facile synthesis of Carbo- and Heterocycles via Fe(III)-Catalyzed Alkene
Hydrofunctionalization

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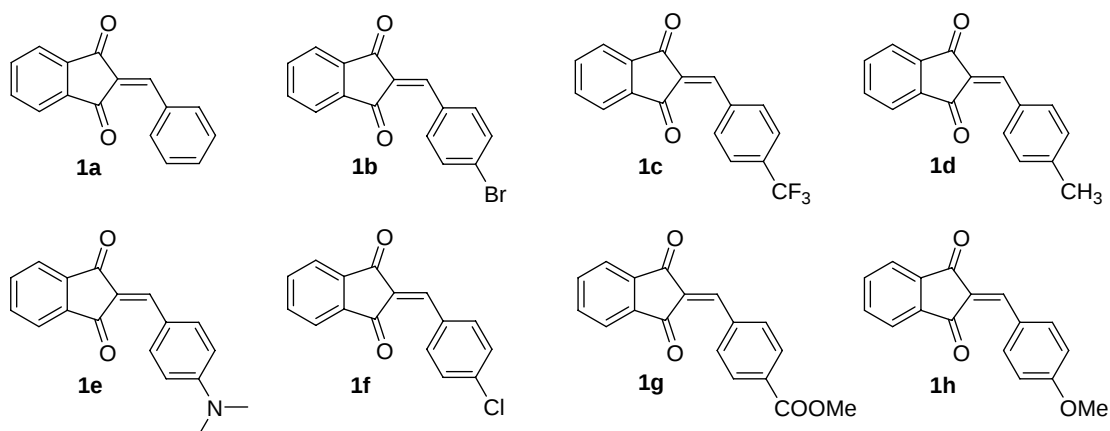
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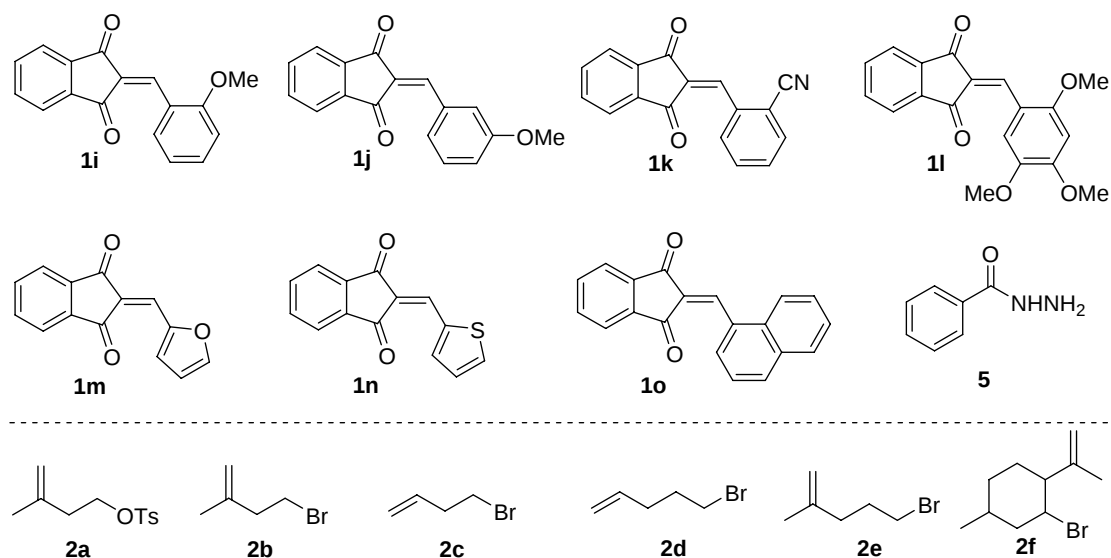
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1. General Information:

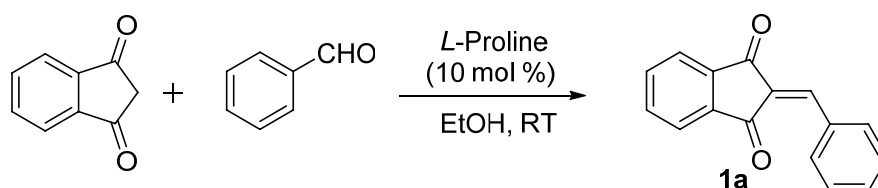
Infrared spectra were obtained on a FTIR spectrometer. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER AVANCE III 600 or BRUKER AVANCE III 400 spectrometer. CDCl_3 was used as solvent. Chemical shifts were referenced relative to residual solvent. The following abbreviations are used to describe peak patterns where appropriate: br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = double doublet, td = triple doublet. Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz). HRMS were performed on Agilent Technologies 6224 TOF LC/MS (ESI). Melting points were measured with micro melting point apparatus.

$\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3$, PhSiH_3 , EtOH, THF, NaOAc were commercial available, and the 1,3-diones (**1a-1o**) and benzoyl hydrazine were prepared easily. The olefins bearing an (pseudo)halide tether (**2a-2f**) were commercially available or prepared according the literature.



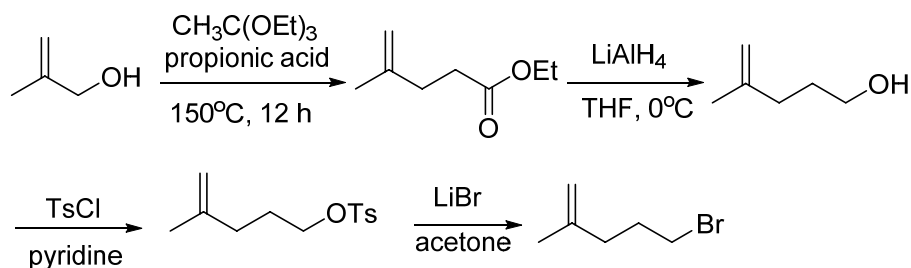


2. Typical Procedure for Synthesis of 1a:



To a 50 mL flask containing 1*H*-indene-1,3(2*H*)-dione (1.46 g, 10 mmol), 20 mL EtOH and benzaldehyde (1.27 g, 12 mmol), *L*-Proline (318 mg, 3 mmol) was added. After the completion of the reaction as indicated by Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC), ethyl acetate was added to the crude reaction mixture. The reaction mixture in ethyl acetate was added to water for the removal of the catalyst. The organic layer was separated, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under a vacuum. The crude products were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate/Petroleum ether (v/v, 1:10) as eluent to get 2-benzylidene-1*H*-indene-1,3(2*H*)-dione **1a** (1.68 g, 72% yield).

3. Typical Procedure for Synthesis of 2e:



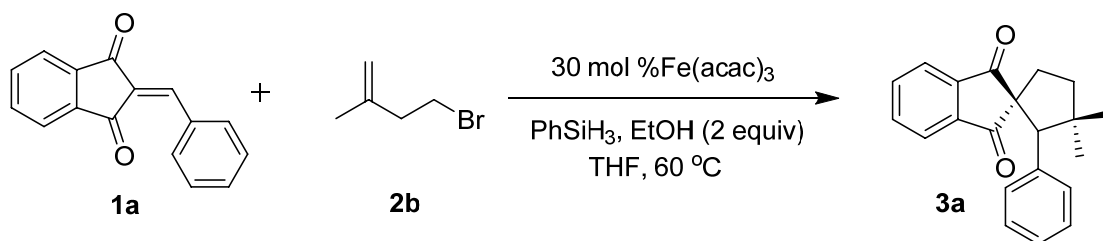
The solution of 2-methylpent-4-en-1-ol (3.6 g, 50 mmol), propionic acid (3 mL) in triethyl orthoacetate 20 mL was refluxed for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with ether (200 mL) extracted with 10% HCl solution (200 mL), saturated NaHCO_3 and brine. The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated in vacuo afforded the ester in quantitative yield (7.0 g).

To the suspension of LiAlH_4 (1.14 g, 30 mmol) in THF (50 mL), was added the solution of ester (2.84 g, 20 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 0°C under Ar. The reaction was carried out for 20 minutes and then worked up with water (24 mL) followed by 2M NaOH (8 mL). The reaction mixture was filtered through celite. The filtrate was extracted with brine and dried over MgSO_4 to obtain alcohol (1.64 g, 82%).

To the solution of alcohol (1.64 g, 16.4 mmol) in pyridine (30 mL) was added *p*-toluenesulfonylchloride (3.11 g, 16.4 mmol) at 0°C . The reaction was stirred for overnight and then extracted with 6M HCl solution, brine solution and dried over MgSO_4 . The crude product was purified by column chromatography to obtain 4-methylpent-4-en-1-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate in high yield (3.66 g, 88%).

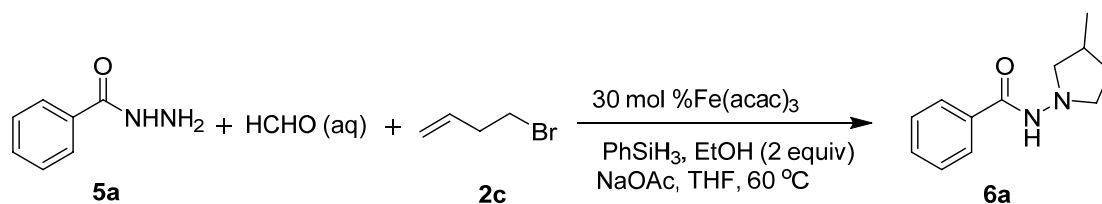
The suspension of 4-methylpent-4-en-1-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3.66 g, 14.4 mmol) and Lithium bromide (2.47 g, 28.8 mmol) in acetone (60 mL) was refluxed for 8 hours. After extraction with pentane and water, the combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated in vacuo to give crude product which was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using Petroleum ether as eluent to get **2e** (1.68 g, 72% yield).

4. Typical Procedure for Synthesis of **3a**:



A Schlenk tube containing $\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3$ (21.3 mg, 30 mol %) and 2-benzylidene-1H-indene-1,3(2H)-dione **1a** (46.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) were evacuated and purged with Argon three times. Afterwards, 4-bromo-2-methylbut-1-ene **2b** (64.8 mg, 0.4 mmol), PhSiH_3 (21.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), EtOH (18.4 mg, 0.4 mmol) and 2 ml THF was added via syringe. The solution was kept at 60 °C for 6 h. Then the solution was diluted with ethyl acetate and transferred to a round bottom flask. Silica gel was added to the flask and volatiles were evaporated under vacuum. The purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (v/v, 1:10) as eluent to give **3a** as a white solid (49.8 mg, 82% yield).

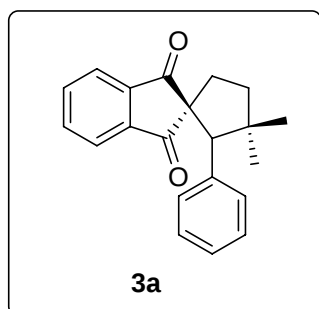
5. Typical Procedure for Synthesis of 6a:



A Schlenk tube containing Fe(acac)₃ (21.3 mg, 30 mol %), benzoyl hydrazone **5** (46.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and NaOAc (27.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) were evacuated and purged with Argon three times. Afterwards, 4-bromobut-1-ene **2c** (54 mg, 0.4 mmol), PhSiH₃ (21.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), EtOH (18.4 mg, 0.4 mmol) and 2 ml THF was added via syringe. The solution was kept at 60 °C for 6 h. Then the solution was diluted with ethyl acetate and transferred to a round bottom flask. Silica gel was added to the flask and volatiles were evaporated under vacuum. The purification was performed by HPLC using MeOH/H₂O (v/v, 70:30) as eluent to give **6a** as a pale yellow solid (20.8 mg, 51% yield).

6. Characterization of 3, 4 and 6:

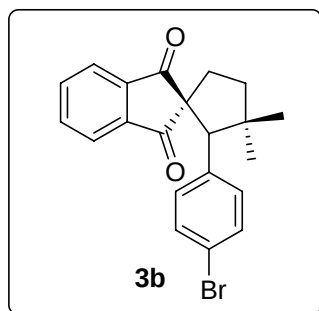
3,3-Dimethyl-2-phenylspiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**3a**)



White solid; m.p. 128-129 °C; R_f = 0.50 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:10); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600MHz), δ: 7.81-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 5H), 3.31 (s, 1H), 2.43-2.29 (m, 1H), 2.11-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.97

(m, 2H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 205.23, 204.28, 142.90, 141.51, 136.42, 135.60, 135.23, 130.70, 127.92, 127.09, 123.16, 122.98, 67.20, 66.39, 45.06, 42.28, 32.11, 28.85, 23.45; IR (KBr) ν : 2956, 2870, 1736, 1690, 1589, 1442, 1361, 1269, 1138, 813, 763, 702 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 305.1541; Found: 305.1544.

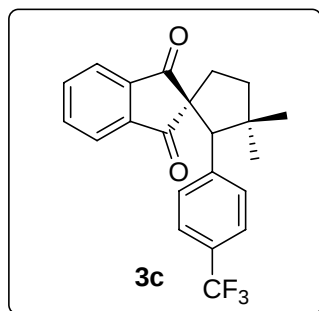
2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3,3-dimethylspiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3b)



Pale yellow solid; m.p. 129-130 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; R_f = 0.68 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:20); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600MHz), δ : 7.83-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 2.32-2.27 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 204.95, 204.08, 142.68, 141.43, 135.86, 135.55, 135.53, 132.41, 131.10, 123.30, 123.12, 121.37, 66.06, 66.01, 45.04, 42.16, 32.60, 28.76, 23.36; IR (KBr) ν : 2961, 2931, 2844, 1736, 1690, 1583, 1477, 1254, 1153, 1072, 1006, 788 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 383.0646; Found: 383.0648.

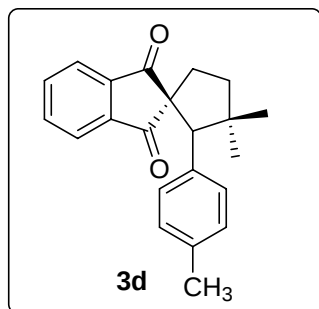
3,3-Dimethyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)spiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-

indene]-1',3'-dione (3c)



Pale yellow solid; m.p. 93-94 °C; R_f = 0.60 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:30); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600MHz), δ : 7.84-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.41 (s, 1H), 2.34-2.29 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.08 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 204.68, 203.92, 142.57, 141.68 (q, J = 268.5 Hz), 141.36, 135.92, 135.64, 131.05, 129.33 (q, J = 31.5 Hz), 124.86 (q, J = 4.5 Hz), 123.34, 123.20, 66.05, 66.00, 45.26, 42.21, 32.98, 28.80, 23.48; ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3 , 376Hz), δ : -62.67; IR (KBr) ν : 2951, 2931, 2860, 2363, 1746, 1690, 1538, 1477, 1330, 1280, 1097, 1016, 844, 808 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 373.1415; Found: 373.1405.

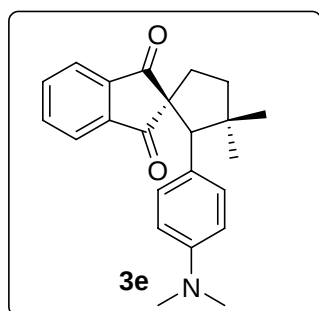
3,3-Dimethyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)spiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3d)



Pale yellow solid; m.p. 117-118 °C; R_f = 0.60 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether

1:20); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600MHz), δ : 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.64 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 2.32-2.27 (m, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.09-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 205.37, 204.38, 142.93, 141.55, 136.59, 135.36, 135.20, 133.26, 130.59, 128.63, 123.18, 122.98, 66.81, 66.31, 44.96, 42.21, 32.23, 28.84, 23.43, 20.99; IR (KBr) ν : 2956, 2936, 2870, 1736, 1695, 1578, 1518, 1467, 1356, 1259, 1148, 910, 742 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 319.1698; Found: 319.1706.

2-(4-(Dimethylamino)phenyl)-3,3-dimethylspiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3e)

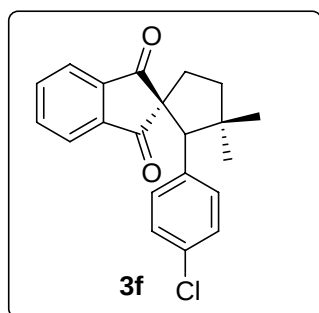


Yellow solid; m.p. 93-94 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $R_f = 0.60$ (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 7.80-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.24 (s, 1H), 2.80 (s, 6H), 2.32-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.08-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 205.81, 204.61, 149.43, 143.06, 141.68, 135.48, 135.07, 131.46, 124.02, 123.15, 122.91, 111.93, 66.72, 66.44, 44.99, 42.16, 40.48, 32.02, 28.81, 23.38; IR (KBr) ν : 2946, 2911,

1746, 1700, 1624, 1518, 1356, 1259, 1107, 956, 819 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI)

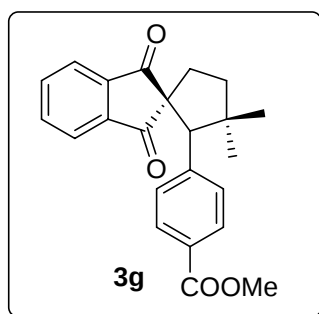
(m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 348.1963; Found: 348.1970.

**2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3-dimethylspiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-indene]-
1',3'-dione (3f)**



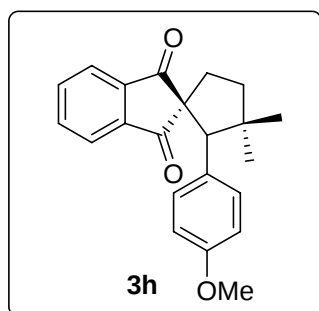
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 119-120 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; R_f = 0.57 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:20); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 7.83-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 4H), 3.30 (s, 1H), 2.34-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.11-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 204.96, 204.08, 142.69, 141.44, 135.83, 135.51, 134.99, 133.11, 132.03, 128.13, 123.27, 123.09, 66.08, 66.06, 45.06, 42.16, 32.50, 28.75, 23.34; IR (KBr) ν : 2946, 2921, 2855, 1736, 1695, 1573, 1492, 1366, 1265, 1158, 1011, 813, 778 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 339.1151; Found: 339.1140.

**Methyl 4-(3,3-dimethyl-1',3'-dioxo-1',3'-dihydrospiro[cyclopentane-
1,2'-inden]-2-yl)benzoate (3g)**



Pale yellow oil; $R_f = 0.22$ (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:10); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 7.81-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 1H), 2.36-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.06 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 204.76, 203.93, 166.99, 142.64, 141.98, 141.32, 135.83, 135.50, 130.70, 129.15, 128.96, 123.26, 123.08, 66.63, 66.13, 52.09, 45.33, 42.28, 32.48, 28.83, 23.45; IR (film) ν : 2946, 2921, 1715, 1700, 1619, 1604, 1442, 1269, 1178, 1108, 1026, 763 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4(\text{M}+\text{H}^+)$: 363.1596; Found: 363.1592.

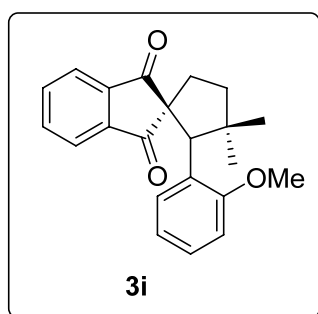
2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethylspiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3h)



Pale yellow solid; m.p. 100-101 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $R_f = 0.40$ (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:10); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 7.81-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.27

(s, 1H), 2.33-2.22 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.97-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 205.49, 204.42, 158.58, 142.94, 141.59, 135.60, 135.22, 131.76, 128.38, 123.17, 122.95, 113.26, 66.54, 66.39, 55.12, 44.95, 42.17, 31.98, 28.78, 23.35; IR (KBr) ν : 2941, 2880, 1740, 1705, 1599, 1508, 1482, 1437, 1350, 1168, 1047, 910, 829 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 335.1647; Found: 335.1660.

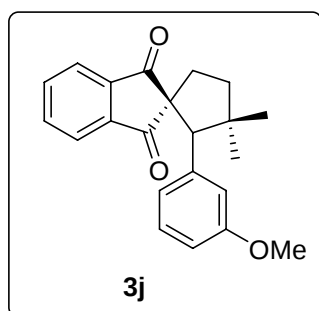
2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethylspiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3i)



Pale yellow solid; m.p. 69-70 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; R_f = 0.36 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:20); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600MHz), δ : 7.83 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (td, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (td, J_1 = 7.2 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (s, 1H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 2.34-2.29 (m, 1H), 2.11-2.01 (m, 2H), 1.92-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 204.67, 204.19, 157.95, 142.59, 141.77, 135.11, 134.85, 130.63, 127.67, 125.33, 122.85, 122.53, 119.92, 110.27, 66.12, 55.52, 55.28, 45.11, 43.39, 31.49, 28.46, 24.00; IR (KBr) ν : 2951, 2860, 1746,

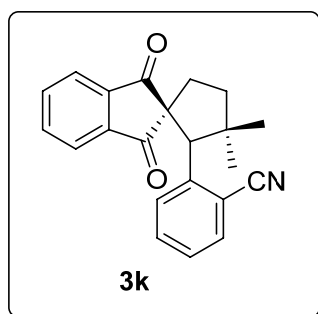
1695, 1599, 1510, 1471, 1269, 1244, 1107, 1037, 910, 768, 657 cm^{-1} ;
HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 335.1647; Found:
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**2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethylspiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-indene]-
1',3'-dione (3j)**



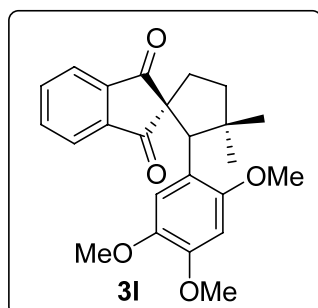
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 106-107 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; R_f = 0.36 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:20); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600MHz), δ : 7.82-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 2H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.65-6.62 (m, 2H), 6.58 (dd, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 2.33-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.06 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 205.18, 204.33, 159.00, 142.94, 141.50, 137.98, 135.63, 135.24, 128.80, 123.19, 123.15, 123.04, 116.12, 112.84, 67.14, 66.28, 55.15, 45.07, 42.28, 32.17, 28.90, 23.51; IR (KBr) ν : 2961, 2931, 2860, 1730, 1690, 1583, 1472, 1447, 1350, 1290, 1168, 1037, 793 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 335.1647; Found: 335.1655.

2-(3,3-Dimethyl-1',3'-dioxo-1',3'-dihydrospiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-inden]-2-yl)benzonitrile (3k)



Pale yellow solid; m.p. 113-114 °C; R_f = 0.48 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:10); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 7.85-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.20 (td, J_1 = 7.6 Hz, J_2 = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 1H), 2.34-2.27 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.06 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 204.36, 203.61, 142.44, 141.30, 138.25, 136.00, 135.74, 135.19, 134.18, 130.98, 128.83, 123.37, 123.29, 118.80, 112.22, 65.86, 65.55, 45.20, 42.07, 33.04, 28.76, 23.45; IR (KBr) ν : 2946, 2925, 2870, 2217, 1746, 1695, 1589, 1477, 1371, 1259, 1132, 925, 788, 732 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 330.1494; Found: 330.1480.

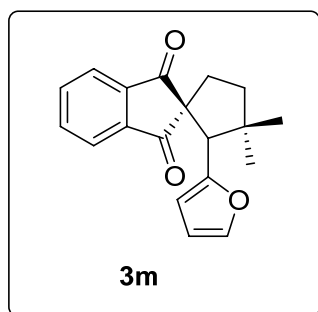
3,3-Dimethyl-2-(2,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)spiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3l)



Yellow solid; m.p. 122-123 °C; R_f = 0.24 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:8); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.66-

7.62 (m, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 4.06 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 2.35-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.11-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.94-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 205.00, 204.93, 152.75, 147.94, 142.82, 142.18, 141.72, 135.33, 135.01, 122.84, 122.68, 116.57, 114.52, 97.64, 66.15, 57.16, 56.31, 55.83, 55.80, 45.17, 42.79, 31.35, 28.43, 23.79; IR (KBr) ν : 2936, 2855, 1730, 1705, 1599, 1512, 1462, 1325, 1275, 1203, 1047, 905, 783 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 395.1858; Found: 395.1851.

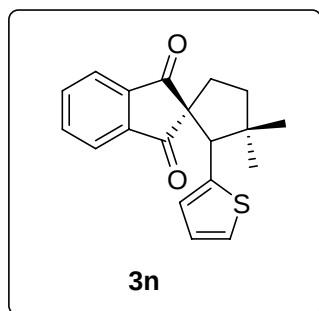
2-(Furan-2-yl)-3,3-dimethylspiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3m)



Pale yellow solid; m.p. 49-50 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; R_f = 0.48 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:10); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 7.90-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (dd, J_1 = 3.2 Hz, J_2 = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 2.28-2.21 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.97-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 204.58, 202.58, 151.11, 142.75, 141.58, 141.35, 135.68, 135.18, 123.21, 123.17, 110.07, 108.75, 64.71, 59.09, 44.58, 42.17, 32.07, 28.92, 23.34; IR (KBr) ν : 2941, 2865, 2359, 1736, 1700, 1593, 1497, 1437, 1340, 1265, 1234,

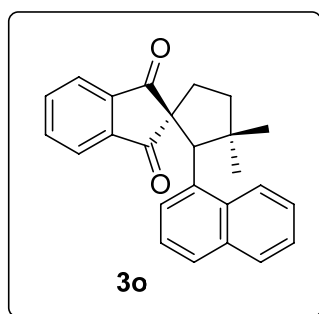
1143, 1011, 793, 753 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 295.1334; Found: 295.1330.

3,3-Dimethyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)spiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3n)



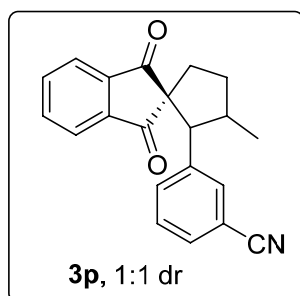
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 70-71 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; R_f = 0.60 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:10); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 7.87-7.84 (m, 1H), 7.82-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 1H), 2.32-2.24 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 204.88, 203.50, 142.90, 141.67, 137.81, 135.70, 135.30, 127.83, 126.72, 124.29, 123.29, 123.09, 66.21, 61.13, 44.94, 42.05, 32.02, 28.65, 23.23; IR (KBr) ν : 2966, 2921, 2860, 2359, 1736, 1705, 1583, 1350, 1265, 1128, 1077, 854, 727 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 311.1106; Found: 311.1113.

3,3-Dimethyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)spiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3o)



Yellow solid; m.p. 126-127 °C; R_f = 0.48 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:20); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 8.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.44 (td, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 2.47-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.14 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 205.29, 204.52, 142.88, 141.30, 135.49, 135.08, 133.88, 133.46, 132.52, 128.84, 128.32, 127.51, 126.28, 125.20, 124.63, 123.38, 122.96, 66.65, 57.58, 45.96, 42.75, 32.41, 28.95, 23.91; IR (KBr) ν : 2941, 2865, 1730, 1700, 1583, 1457, 1386, 1254, 788, 732 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 377.1518; Found: 377.1511.

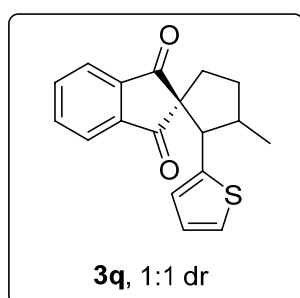
3-(3-Methyl-1',3'-dioxo-1',3'-dihydrospiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-inden]-2-yl)benzonitrile (3p)



Pale yellow oil; R_f = 0.32 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:10); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 ,

400MHz), δ : 7.94 and 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.80-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.43 (m, 0.5H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 1.5H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1.5H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 0.5H), 3.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 0.5H), 3.19 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 0.5H), 3.02-2.95 and 2.88-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.36-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.23-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.77-1.67 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 203.99 and 203.40, 203.30 and 202.12, 142.21 and 141.88, 141.83 and 141.11, 139.05 and 138.72, 135.96 and 135.89, 135.74 and 135.70, 134.76 and 133.70, 133.19 and 132.22, 130.91 and 130.76, 129.07 and 128.79, 123.50 and 123.35, 123.04 and 123.02, 118.85 and 118.64, 112.35 and 112.16, 65.75 and 65.41, 61.87 and 59.32, 39.37 and 38.62, 34.20 and 33.51, 32.54 and 32.08, 17.34 and 16.67; IR (film) ν : 2971, 2960, 2219, 1766, 1699, 1549, 1508, 1491, 1369, 1294, 1127, 1007, 890, 810, 703 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 316.1337; Found: 316.1336.

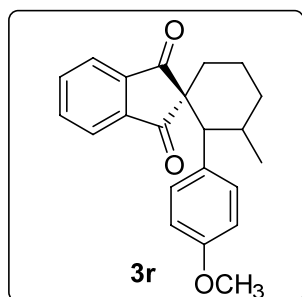
3-Methyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)spiro[cyclopentane-1,2'-indene]-1,3'-dione (3q)



Yellow solid; m.p. 113-114 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; R_f = 0.44 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:10); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 7.92-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.01 and 6.91 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 and 6.66 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 and

6.62 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 0.5H), 3.42 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 0.5H), 2.91-2.82 and 2.77-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.21 and 2.19-2.05 (m, 3H), 2.01-1.96 and 1.74-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.12-1.04 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 204.32 and 204.02, 203.79 and 202.41, 142.69 and 142.36, 142.29 and 141.59, 139.96 and 139.11, 135.72 and 135.63, 135.35 and 135.34, 127.39 and 126.65, 126.59 and 126.05, 124.33 and 124.18, 123.30, 123.06 and 122.93, 66.08 and 65.86, 58.06 and 54.84, 41.26 and 39.69, 34.17 and 33.52, 32.04 and 31.43, 17.92 and 16.62; IR (KBr) ν : 2927, 2941, 2840, 2348, 1736, 1707, 1593, 1349, 1263, 1127, 1086, 864, 725 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 297.0949; Found: 297.0932.

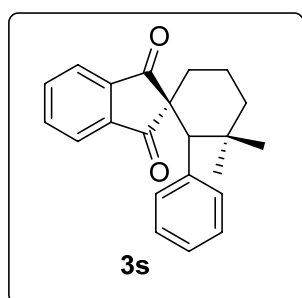
2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-methylspiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3r)



Pale yellow solid; m.p. 91-92 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $R_f = 0.39$ (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:10); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 7.77-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.75 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.71-2.64 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.09 (m, 1H), 2.04-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.20 (m, 1H),

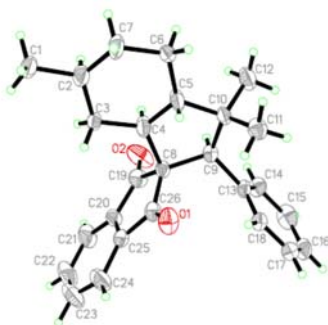
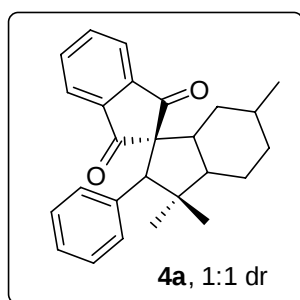
0.67 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 204.47, 204.43, 158.06, 141.77, 140.83, 135.43, 135.21, 131.97, 122.95, 122.82, 59.03, 55.08, 53.62, 35.09, 32.29, 31.08, 21.32, 20.70; IR (KBr) ν : 2941, 2865, 1740, 1700, 1599, 1518, 1467, 1269, 1183, 1031, 813 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 357.1467; Found: 357.1472.

3,3-Dimethyl-2-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (3s)



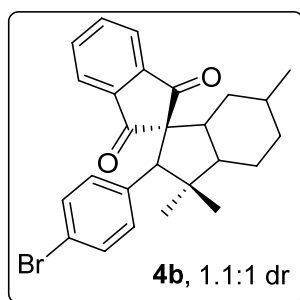
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 96-97 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; $R_f = 0.64$ (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:10); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600MHz), δ : 7.90 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (td, $J_1 = 6.9$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.94 (m, 5H), 3.07 (s, 1H), 2.35-2.27 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.59-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.57-1.52 (m, 1H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 0.78 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 204.95, 204.34, 142.17, 140.65, 138.18, 135.58, 135.15, 127.60, 126.60, 123.05, 123.04, 58.94, 57.79, 42.13, 34.44, 33.00, 32.75, 22.50, 18.62; IR (KBr) ν : 2951, 2855, 1736, 1730, 1690, 1518, 1356, 1259, 1153, 819, 738 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 319.1698; Found: 319.1686.

3,3,6-trimethyl-2-phenyl-2,3,3a,4,5,6,7,7a-octahydro-1,2'-spirobi[indene]-1',3'-dione (4a)



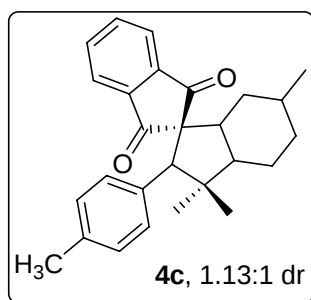
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 121-122 °C; $R_f = 0.68$ (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:30); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 7.94-7.92 and 7.86-7.84 (m, 1H), 7.80-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.06 (m, 4H), 3.45 and 3.43 (s, 1H), 2.53-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.16-1.77 (m, 3H), 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.22 (m, 2H), 1.08 and 0.94 (d, 6H), 1.02-0.94 (m, 2H), 0.81 (d, 1.5H), 0.76 (d, 1.5H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100MHz), δ : 204.37 and 204.32, 203.89 and 203.77, 143.15 and 142.85, 142.32 and 142.05, 137.56, 136.69, 135.70, 135.40, 135.32, 131.58 and 130.66, 127.93 and 127.74, 126.95 and 126.81, 123.02 and 122.87, 122.85 and 122.81, 68.95 and 67.40, 66.64 and 65.29, 55.06 and 52.90, 52.70 and 52.09, 45.42 and 42.24, 36.04 and 35.17, 34.98 and 34.78, 33.42 and 32.87, 27.28 and 27.18, 27.01 and 22.27, 26.66 and 26.41, 22.31 and 18.12; IR (KBr) ν : 2960, 2939, 1790, 1720, 1580, 1507, 1481, 1366, 1210, 1125, 997, 896, 820, 763 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 373.2167; Found: 373.2166.

2-(4-bromophenyl)-3,3,6-trimethyl-2,3,3a,4,5,6,7,7a-octahydro-1,2'-spirobi[indene]-1',3'-dione (4b)



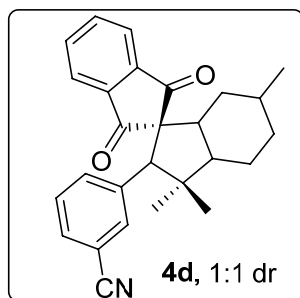
Pale yellow oil; $R_f = 0.45$ (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:40); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 7.94-7.35 and 7.87-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.77-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 1H), 3.40 and 3.39 (s, 1H), 2.48-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.71 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.25-1.20 (m, 2H), 1.05 and 0.92 (d, 6H), 0.98-0.93 (m, 2H), 0.79 (d, 1.36H), 0.75 (d, 1.5H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100MHz), δ : 204.20 and 204.05, 203.57 and 203.56, 143.01 and 142.72, 142.28 and 141.99, 136.63 and 135.90, 135.76 and 135.62, 135.57, 133.30, 132.40 and 131.10, 130.91, 123.15 and 122.98, 122.94 and 122.89, 121.28 and 121.05, 68.96 and 67.20, 65.56 and 64.37, 54.97 and 52.98, 52.71 and 52.40, 45.41 and 42.24, 35.99 and 35.17, 34.92 and 34.71, 33.38 and 32.85, 27.21 and 22.24, 27.11 and 27.04, 26.60 and 26.37, 22.28 and 18.06; IR (film) ν : 2928, 2912, 2870, 1786, 1726, 1540, 1508, 1309, 1169, 1002, 918, 743, 769, 703 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{BrO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 451.1272; Found: 451.1281.

3,3,6-trimethyl-2-(p-tolyl)-2,3,3a,4,5,6,7,7a-octahydro-1,2'-spirobi[indene]-1',3'-dione (4c)



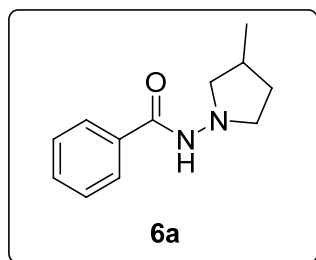
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 155-156 °C; R_f = 0.35 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:50); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 7.94-7.92 and 7.86-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.80-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.05 and 6.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.90 and 6.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.51-2.44 and 2.30-2.23 (m, 1H), 2.18 and 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.14-2.08 and 1.59-1.56 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.71 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.21 (m, 2H), 1.10 and 0.93 (d, 6H), 1.01-0.97 (m, 1H), 0.80 (d, 1.4H), 0.76 (d, 1.58H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100MHz), δ : 204.48 and 204.46, 204.01 and 203.87, 143.21 and 142.91, 142.39 and 142.12, 136.46 and 136.31, 135.67 and 135.37, 135.29, 134.45 and 133.57, 131.48, 130.56, 128.66, 128.48, 123.06 and 122.87, 122.85 and 122.83, 69.01 and 67.42, 66.27 and 64.93, 55.03 and 52.90, 52.69 and 52.16, 45.34 and 42.14, 36.06 and 35.20, 35.02 and 34.80, 33.44 and 32.89, 27.30 and 18.11, 27.20 and 26.99, 26.66 and 26.44, 22.33 and 22.29, 21.04 and 21.00; IR (film) ν : 2973, 2910, 1787, 1716, 1593, 1578, 1481, 1366, 1284, 1107, 973, 921, 856, 723 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 387.2324; Found: 387.2327.

3-(3,3,6-trimethyl-1',3'-dioxo-1',2,3,3a,3',4,5,6,7,7a-decahydro-1,2'-spirobi[inden]-2-yl)benzonitrile (4d)



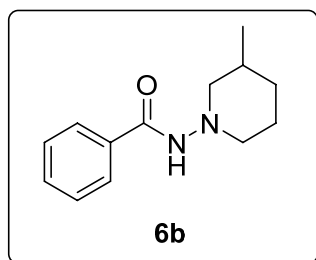
Brown oil; $R_f = 0.3$ (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:30); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz), δ : 7.96-7.94 and 7.89-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 1H), 3.46 (s, 1H), 2.49-2.42 and 2.28-2.21 (m, 1H), 2.14-2.04 and 1.60-1.56 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.25-1.20 (m, 2H), 1.08 and 0.94 (d, 6H), 0.98-0.89 (m, 2H), 0.80 (d, 1.5H), 0.75 (d, 1.5H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100MHz), δ : 203.78 and 203.56, 203.12 and 203.09, 142.82 and 142.56, 142.17 and 141.91, 139.32 and 138.45, 136.16 and 136.09, 135.78 and 135.74, 134.74 and 135.24, 135.07 and 134.09, 130.86 and 130.77, 128.87 and 128.63, 123.23 and 123.15, 123.13 and 122.95, 118.99 and 118.95, 112.21 and 112.01, 69.00 and 67.13, 65.02 and 64.03, 54.84 and 53.17, 52.81 and 52.71, 45.59 and 42.47, 35.93 and 35.16, 34.83 and 34.63, 33.32 and 32.82, 27.14 and 27.05, 26.59 and 26.31, 22.23 and 22.20, 27.09 and 18.17; IR (film) ν : 2947, 2919, 2902, 2308, 1792, 1738, 1674, 1532, 1481, 1343, 1286, 1109, 923, 847, 810, 703 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 398.2120; Found: 398.2138.

***N*-(3-methylpyrrolidin-1-yl)benzamide (6a)**



Pale yellow solid; m.p. 125-126 °C; R_f = 0.20 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600MHz), δ : 7.72 (d, 2H), 7.49 (t, 1H), 7.42 (t, 2H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 3.31-3.28 (m, 1H), 3.23-3.20 (m, 1H), 2.98-2.94 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.42-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.48 (m, 1H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 166.29, 134.04, 131.67, 128.74, 127.12, 63.34, 55.82, 31.61, 30.97, 19.94; IR (KBr) ν : 2981, 2846, 1776, 1605, 1593, 1518, 1447, 1340, 1254, 1234, 1041, 860, 732 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 205.1341; Found: 205.1344.

***N*-(3-methylpiperidin-1-yl)benzamide (6b)**



White solid; m.p. 161-162 °C; R_f = 0.27 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:3); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600MHz), δ : 7.72 (d, 2H), 7.49 (t, 1H), 7.41 (t, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 3.24-3.20 (m, 2H), 2.43-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.97-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.71 (m, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150MHz), δ : 165.51, 134.20, 131.64, 128.72, 127.13,

64.40, 56.59, 32.11, 31.05, 24.88, 19.50; IR (KBr) ν : 2983, 2849, 1786, 1601, 1598, 1518, 1447, 1347, 1254, 1134, 1041, 860, 739 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 219.1497; Found: 219.1504.

