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An intermolecular C—H oxidizing strategy to access highly fused carbazole skeletons from simple naphthylamines

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ABSTRACT: Highly π -extended hetero-cyclic / aromatic skeletons are of great importance as they can be utilized in many organic material based technologies. Therefore, developing efficient, pre-activation-free, synthetic procedures for the rapid build-up of these complex structures remains a high priority objective. The herein presented approach delivers highly fused carbazole skeletons from simple naphthylamine derivatives.



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1 General methods

All reactions were carried out in dried reaction vials containing a Teflon-coated stirring bar with sealed aluminous headspace caps containing a dry septum under air atmosphere, unless otherwise specified. NMR spectra were obtained on Bruker Avance 400 system using CD_2Cl_2 or $(CD_3)_2SO$ as solvents, with proton and carbon resonances at 400 MHz and 101 MHz, respectively. Coupling constants (J) are quoted in Hz. ¹H spectra were calibrated in relation to reference measurement of TMS (0.00 ppm). ¹³C spectra were calibrated in relation to deuterated solvents, namely CD_2Cl_2 (54.00 ppm) or $(CD_3)SO$ (39.51 ppm). The following abbreviations were used for ¹H NMR spectra to indicate the signal multiplicity: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet) and m (multiplet) as well as combination of them. Only visible lines were reported in NMR. HR-MS spectra were notably recorded on a WATERS GCT-PremierTM or on a Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ Orbitrap XL spectrometer.

The absorption spectra were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer Lambda 900 double beam UV/VIS/NIR spectrophotometer and cylindrical quartz cuvettes with a path length of 1 cm. For detection of the emission a Horiba Jobin-Yvon Fluorolog 3-22 T and 1 cm × 1 cm quartz cuvettes were used. All substances were measured in dichloromethane. The solvent was spectroscopy grade and purchased from Fluka. The used concentrations were in the range of 10^{-5} mol/L for all substances. All solutions were prepared and filled in the cuvettes with the common Schlenk technique. Argon 5.0 was used as inert gas and LUDOX[®] (TM-50 colloidal silica, 50 wt % suspension in water) was used as reference for lifetime measurements and purchased from Sigma-Aldrich.

Methods of Quantum Chemical Calculations:

Input structures for the compounds were generated by applying the universal force field (UFF)^[S1] implemented in the Avogadro program.^[S2] We performed structure optimization in Gaussian 09^[S3] with the (TD)-DFT functional B3LYP as implemented in Turbomole 7.3^[S4] by addition of Grimme's dispersion correction D3.^[S5] The def2-TZVP basis set was used for all elements. Optimized structures were tested for minimum geometry by application of frequency calculations. No imaginary frequencies were found. The scaling factors 0.956 (CH stretching modes) and 0.97 (fingerprint) were used. To calculate the vertical electronic transitions, TD-DFT was used with the previously mentioned functional and basis set.

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1.1 Optimization

1.1.1 Variation of oxidants, amount of oxidant, vessel size, atmosphere, solvents, solvent amount, and temperature^[a]

reaction	catalyst	oxidant	amount	solvent [mL]	temp.	atmosphere	yield
vessel	[mmol]		of		[°C]		[%]
			oxidant				
			[mmol]				
85 mL	$[Ru(C_6Me_6)Cl_2]_2$	-	-	C_2Cl_4 (1.00)	150	O ₂	4
reactor	(0.05)			PhCI (0.25)			
with	+ $Cu(OAC)_2 \cdot H_2O$			AcOH (0.25)			
T a	(1.10)			"	450	0	4.4
leflon		-	-		150	02	14
screw	(0.05)						
cap	"	_		"	130	"	26
σαp	"	-	_	"	130	"	20
	"	-	-	"	90	"	32
	[Ru(<i>p</i> -cymene)Cl ₂] ₂	-	-	"	110	"	22
	(0.05)				110		
	$+ Cu(OAc)_2 (1.10)$						
	"	-	-	"	100	"	26
	"	-	-	"	90	"	28
	"	-	-	"	80	"	31
	"	-	-	"	70	"	37
	"	-	-	"	60	"	40
	"	-	-	"	50	"	35
	"	Ag ₂ O	0.50	"	60	N ₂	35
	"	"	0.75	"	"	"	47
	"	"	"	"	"	air	46
	ű	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	0.50	"	"	N ₂	17
	ű	"	0.75	"		"	39
	"	DTBP	0.50	"	"	"	21
	"	"	0.75	"	"	"	33
	"	NalO ₄	0.50	"	"	"	32
	ű	"	0.75	"	"	"	22
	"	DDQ	0.50	**	"	"	4
	"	"	0.75	"	"	"	2
50 mL	"	Ag ₂ O	0.75	"	"	air	46
crimp	ű	"	1.00	"	"	"	48
n n n h	ű	"	1.00	"	"	O ₂	43
песк	"	"	1.25	"	"	air	48
vial	"	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	1.00	"	"	N ₂	37
	"	"	1.25	"	"	"	37
	"	MnO ₂	0.50	"	"	air	34
		"	0.75	11	u		36
	ű	CuO	0.50	ü	ŭ	ű	24
	"	"	0.75		"	"	27
		Ag ₂ O	1.00	C_2Cl_4 (1.50)			49
				PhCI (0.375)			
	"	"	"	ACOH (0.375)	"	"	50
				$C_2 Cl_4 (2.00)$			50
	"	**	"	$C_{0}CL(1,00)$	"	"	15
				$C_2C_{14}(1.00)$			45
				AcOH (0.15)			
	"	"	"	$C_2CI_4(1.00)$	"	"	50
				PhCl (0.25)			
				AcOH (0.50)			
	-	"	0.50	C ₂ Cl ₄ (1.00)	"	"	42

				PhCI (0.25)			
				AcOH (0.25)			
		"	0.75	"	"	"	ΔΔ
		"	1.00	ű	"	"	 50
	-		1.00	"	"	"	50
	-	"+ IEMPO	1.00				0
		(1 equiv.)					
	-	Ag ₂ O	1.00	u	"	O ₂	47
	-	"	1.00	ű	"	N_2	50
	-	"	1.25	ű	"	air	48
		MnOo	0.50	ű	"	"	24
		1VII102 "	0.30	"	"	"	24
	-		0.75	"	u	"	34
	-	CuO	0.50				2
	-	"	0.75	"	"	"	2
	-	NalO ₄	0.50	"	"	"	25
	-	u	0.75	u	u	u	28
	-	DTBP	0.50	u	"	u	1
		"	0.00	"	"	"	0
	-		0.75	"	"	"	0
	-	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	0.50	-	-	-	9
	-	и	0.75	u	u	ű	11
	-	Ag ₂ O	1.00	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	50
		-		PhCI (0.25)			
				AcOH (0.25)			
		"	"	HEIP (1.00)	"	"	10
	_			PhCl (0.25)			10
		"		ACOH (0.25)	"	"	
	-			DMSO (1.00)		-	42
				PhCl (0.25)			
				AcOH (0.25)			
	-	"	"	DMF (1.00)	"	"	46
				PhCI (0.25)			
				AcOH (0.25)			
		"	"	NMP (1.00)	"	"	24
	_			DhCl (0.25)			27
				ACOH (0.25)			
	-			Dioxane (1.00)		"	50
				PhCl (0.25)			
				AcOH (0.25)			
	-	"	"	<i>n</i> -heptane (1.00)	"	"	43
				PhCI (0.25)			
				AcOH(0.25)			
		"	"	THE (1.00)	"	"	/13
	_			DhCl (0.25)			75
		"		ACOH (0.25)	"	"	
	-			PhMe (1.00)			23
				PhCl (0.25)			
				PivOH (225 mg)			
	-	"	"	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	5
				PhCI (0.25)			
				K ₂ CO ₂ (2.00			
				mmol)			
		"	1.00	DhMo (1.00)	"	"	1
	-		1.00				4
				PhOI (0.25)			
				NaOAc (2.00			
				mmol)			
	-	"	1.00	PhMe (1.00)	"	u	46
				PhCI (0.25)			
				AcOH (0.25)			
				NaOAc (1.00			
				mmol			
20 ml		"	ű		"	"	E 2
20 IIIL							53
crimp	(0.05)			PhCI (0.25)			
neck	+ Cu(OAC) ₂ (1.10)			ACOH (0.25)			
vial							

^[a] All reactions were carried out with *N*-Phenyl-2-naphtylamine (1.00 mmol, 219.4 mg) as the substrate for 24 h. Yields were determined by ¹H-NMR using 1,2-DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane (40.0 μ L, 0.50 mmol) as standard.

reaction	oxidant	solvent [mL]	temp. [°C]	time	atmosphere	yield
vessel	(1 mmol)					[%]
50 mL	Ag ₂ O	PhMe (1.00)	60	24	air	50
crimp		PhCI (0.25)				
neck vial		AcOH (0.25)				
20 mL	**	"	"	16	"	54
crimp	**	PhMe (1.00)	"		"	11
neck vial		PhCI (0.25)				
		CF ₃ CO ₂ H (0.25)				

1.1.2	Variation of vessel size, solvents, and reaction time ^[a]
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^[a] All reactions were carried out with *N*-Phenyl-2-naphtylamine (1.00 mmol, 219.4 mg) as the substrate. Yields were determined by ¹H-NMR using 1,2-DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane (40.0 μL, 0.50 mmol) as standard.

1.1.3 Impact screening of different metals on the reaction^[a]

reaction	catalyst	oxidant	solvent [mL]	temp. [°C]	time [h]	yield [%] ^c
vessel	[10 mol%]	(1 mmol)				
20 mL	-	Ag ₂ O	PhMe (1.00)	60	16	54
crimp			PhCI (0.25)			
onnp			AcOH (0.25)			
neck vial	$[(C_6H_5)_3P]_2NiCl_2$	"	"	"	"	58
	NiCl ₂	"	"	"	"	49
	Fe(OAc) ₂	"	"	"	"	57
	FeCl ₃	"	"	**	**	54
	Pd(OAc) ₂	"	"	**	**	19
	(Cp*) ₂ Co(II)	"	"	**	**	55
	Mn(CO)₅Br	"	"	"	"	57
	Ferrocene	"	"	**	**	46
	ZnCl ₂	"	"	**	**	53
	AICI ₃	"	"	"	"	56
	Cu ^{ll} (phen)Cl ₂	"	"	"	"	52

^[a] All reactions were carried out with *N*-Phenyl-2-naphtylamine (1.00 mmol, 219.4 mg) as the substrate for 16 h. Yields were determined by ¹H-NMR using 1,2-DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane (40.0 μ L, 0.50 mmol) as standard.

1.1.4 Impact of drying agents on the reaction^[a]

reaction	oxidant	solvent [mL] / additive	temp. [°C]	atmosphere	time [h]	yield [%]
vessel	(1 mmol)					
20 mL	Ag ₂ O	PhMe (1.00)	60	air	16	52
crimp		PhCI (0.25)				
ennp		AcOH (0.25)				
neck		Molecular Sieve (4Å)				
vial		(50.0 mg)				
	"	PhMe (1.00)	"	**	**	52
		PhCI (0.25)				
		AcOH (0.25)				
		MgSO₄ (50.0 mg)				

^[a] All reactions were carried out with *N*-Phenyl-2-naphtylamine (1.00 mmol, 219.4 mg) as the substrate for 16 h. Yields were determined by ¹H-NMR using 1,2-DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane (40.0 μ L, 0.50 mmol) as standard.

1.1.5 Reaction time optimization

reaction	oxidant	solvent [mL]	temp.	atmosphere	time [h]	yield [%]
vessel	(1 mmol)		[°C]			
20 mL	Ag ₂ O	PhMe (1.00)	60	air	40	41
crimp		PhCI (0.25)				
onnp		AcOH (0.25)				
neck vial	"	"	"	"	16	54
	"	"	"	"	4	54
	"	"	"	"	2	57
	"	u	"	"	1	55

^[a] All reactions were carried out with *N*-Phenyl-2-naphtylamine (1.00 mmol, 219.4 mg) as the substrate. Yields were determined by ¹H-NMR using 1,2-DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane (40.0 μ L, 0.50 mmol) as standard.

1.1.6 Second solvent screening^[a]

reaction	oxidant	solvent [mL]/ additive	temp. [°C]	atmosphere	time [h]	yield [%]
vessel	(1 mmol)					
20 mL	Ag ₂ O	PhMe (1.00)	60	air	2	57
crimp		PhCI (0.25)				
01111p		AcOH (0.25)				
neck vial	u	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	**	56
		Ph'Pr (0.25)				
		AcOH (0.25)				
	u	PhMe (1.00)	"	u	**	53
		Ph'Pr (0.50)				
		AcOH (0.25)				
	"	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	"	48
		Ph'Pr (1.00)				
		AcOH (0.25)				
	"	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	"	44
		Ph'Pr (1.25)				
		AcOH (0.25)				
	"	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	"	48
		Ph'Pr (1.50)				
		AcOH (0.25)				
	"	CH ₂ Cl ₂ (1.25)	"	"	"	46
		AcOH (0.25)				
	"	CHCl ₃ (1.25)	"	"	"	51
		AcOH (0.25)				
	u	Ph'Pr (1.25)	"	O ₂	"	-
		AcOH (0.25)				
	u	AcOH (1.50)	"	air	"	28
	u	CCI ₃ F (1.25)	"	"	"	52
		AcOH (0.25)				
	"	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	"	9
		Ph'Pr (0.25)				
		AcOH (0.25)				
		+ AgSbF ₆ (10 mol%)				
	"	CH ₃ NO ₂ (1.00)	"	"	**	20
		Ph'Pr (0.25)				
		AcOH (0.25)				
	"	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	**	49
		CH ₃ NO ₂ (0.25)				
		AcOH (0.25)				
	u	PhNO ₂ (1.00)	"	"	u	25
		Ph'Pr (0.25)				
		AcOH (0.25)			6	
	"	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	ű	49
		PhNO ₂ (0.25)				
		AcOH (0.25)				
	"	CHCl ₃ (1.00)	"	ű	"	54

	Ph'Pr (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
u	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	**	55
	CHCl ₃ (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	Ph ^{'e''} But (1.00)	"	"	"	49
	Ph'Pr (0.25)				
"	AcOH (0.25)	"	"	"	E 4
-	PhMe (1.00)	-	-	-	54
	Ph ⁻ But (0.25)				
"	ACOH (0.25)	"	"	"	52
	D-CI-FIIWe (1.00) Ph ⁱ Pr (0.25)				52
	$A_{c}OH(0.25)$				
"	<i>p</i> -Xylene (1.00)	"	"	"	54
	Ph'Pr(0.25)				0-1
	AcOH(0.25)				
u	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	"	53
	<i>p</i> -Xylene (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	CCl ₄ (1.00)	"	"	"	55
	Ph ['] Pr (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	"	55
	CCl ₄ (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	$(CH_3)_2(CO)$ (1.00)	"	"	"	38
	Ph'Pr (0.25)				
"	AcOH (0.25)	"	"	"	50
-	PhMe (1.00)	-	-	-	52
	$(CH_3)_2(CO)(0.25)$				
"	C-H- (1.00)	"	"	"	53
	$Ph^{i}Pr(0.25)$				55
	AcOH (0.25)				
u	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	"	56
	C_6H_6 (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
u	o-CI-PhMe (1.25)	"	"	"	52
	AcOH (0.25)				
u	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	"	56
	o-Cl-PhMe (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	o-CI-PhMe (1.00)	70			50
	PnPr(0.25)				
"		<u>00</u>	"	"	52
	D-CI-FTIME (1.00)	00			52
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	<i>m</i> -Cl-PhMe (1.25)	"	"	"	52
	AcOH (0.25)				02
"	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	"	55
	<i>m</i> -CI-PhMe (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	<i>p</i> -CI-PhMe (1.25)	"	"	"	54
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	"	56
	<i>p</i> -CI-PhMe (0.25)				
"	AcOH (0.25)	"	u	"	
	PhMe (1.00)				52
	p-U-U-Xylene (0.25)				
"	n-CL-0-Yulene (1.00)	"	"	ű	10
	μ-οι-ο-λγιετιε (1.00) ΡhΜο (0.25)				49
	1 1100 (0.20)		1		

	AcOH (0.25)				
"	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	"	54
	o-Cl-p-Xylene (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
**	o-Cl-p-Xylene (1.00)	"	"	"	53
	PhMe (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	"	51
	2,6-Dichloro-PhMe (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
**	2,6-Dichloro-PhMe (1.00)	"	"	**	48
	PhMe (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	**	52
	2,4-Dichloro-PhMe (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	2,4-Dichloro-PhMe (1.00)	"	"	**	47
	PhMe (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	PhMe (1.00)	"	"	**	50
	2,5-Dichloro-PhMe (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	2,5-Dichloro-PhMe (1.00)	"	**	**	44
	PhMe (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	PhMe (1.00)	"	**	"	48
	2,3-Dichloro-PhMe (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				
"	2,3-Dichloro-PhMe (1.00)	"	"	**	44
	PhMe (0.25)				
	AcOH (0.25)				

^[a] All reactions were carried out with *N*-Phenyl-2-naphtylamine (1.00 mmol, 219.4 mg) as the substrate for 2 h. Yields were determined by ¹H-NMR using 1,2-DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane (40.0 μ L, 0.50 mmol) as standard.

1.1.7 Silver source screening^[a]

reaction vessel	oxidant (1 mmol)	solvent [mL]	temp. [°C]	atmosphere	time [h]	yield [%]
20 mL crimp	Ag ₂ O	PhMe (1.00) Ph ⁱ Pr (0.25) AcOH (0.25)	60	air	2	56
neck vial	AgCO ₃	"	"	"	**	52
	Ag(CH ₃ COO)	u	"	"	"	47
	AgF	"	"	"	**	2

^[a] All reactions were carried out with *N*-Phenyl-2-naphtylamine (1.00 mmol, 219.4 mg) as the substrate for 2 h. Yields were determined by ¹H-NMR using 1,2-DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane (40.0 μ L, 0.50 mmol) as standard.

1.2 General Procedure A for the formation of the dibenzocarbazole motif



Unless otherwise specified, the substrate **1** (1.00 mmol), Ag_2O (1.00 mmol, 231.74 mg), toluene (1.00 mL), cumene (0.25 mL) and AcOH (0.25 mL) were united under air in a 20 mL reaction vial equipped with an aluminous headspace cap. The reactor was sealed and exposed to 60 °C for 2 h. Magnetic stirring was set to approx. 550 turns/min. The reactor was then cooled to room temperature and the crude directly engaged (unless otherwise specified) on SiO₂ gel column chromatography for purification, which gave the desired product after concentration *in vacuo*.

Synthesis of compound 2a:



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₃₄H₂₁N Exact Mass: 443,1674 Molecular Weight: 443,5372 m/z: 443.1674 (100.0%), 444.1708 (36.8%), 445.1741 (6.6%)

Following general procedure **A**, using *N*-Phenyl-9-phenanthrenamine (1.00 mmol, 269.34 mg). The mixture was engaged by SiO_2 gel column chromatography pentane/toluene = 4:1. Isolated yield: 171 mg (77%) of a white solid.

¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆)**: \overline{o} (ppm) = 8.92 (d, ³*J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.87 (t, ³*J* = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 7.94-7.83 (m, 5H), 7.71-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.56 (t, ³*J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, ³*J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ (ppm) = 141.51 (s, C_{quat.}), 132.89 (s, C_{quat.}), 131.23 (s, CH), 130.69 (s, CH), 130.22 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.87 (s, CH), 127.69 (s, C_{quat.}), 127.49 (s, C_{quat.}), 126.50 (s, CH), 126.14 (s, CH), 125.60 (s, CH.), 125.01 (s, CH), 124.91 (s, CH), 124.32 (s, CH), 123.09 (s, C_{quat.}), 121.30 (s, CH), 115.46 (s, C_{quat.}).

HRMS-TOF [EI⁺]: *m*/*z* calc.: 443.1674 [C₃₄H₂₁N]⁺⁺, measured: 443.1671.

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): $\tilde{v} = 3079, 3053, 1607, 1595, 1574, 1514, 1496, 1437, 1392, 1294, 1238, 1155, 1049, 1035, 1023, 1002, 952, 942, 748, 726, 717, 705, 691.$

Synthesis of compound 2b:



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₂₆H₁₇N Exact Mass: 343,1361 Molecular Weight: 343,4199 m/z: 343.1361 (100.0%), 344.1395 (28.1%), 345.1428 (3.8%)

Following general procedure **A**, using *N*-Phenyl-2-napthylamine (1.00 mmol, 219.3 mg). The mixture was engaged by SiO_2 gel column chromatography pentane/toluene = 4:1. Isolated yield: 92.7 mg (54%) of a white solid.

¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆)**: δ (ppm) = 9.13 (d, ³*J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.12 (d, ³*J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, ³*J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.77-7.73 (m, 4H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 4H).

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ (ppm) = 137.46 (s, C_{quat.}), 135.98 (s, C_{quat.}), 130.30 (s, CH), 129.84 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.32 (s, CH), 128.76 (s, CH), 128.32 (s, C_{quat.}), 128.01 (s, CH), 127.07 (s, CH), 125.83 (s, CH), 124.43 (s, CH), 123.59 (s, CH), 116.50 (s, C_{quat.}), 111.72 (s, CH).

HRMS-TOF [EI⁺]: *m*/*z* calc.: 343.1361 [C₂₆H₁₇N]⁺⁺, measured: 343.1357.

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): $\tilde{v} = 3041$, 1613, 1591, 1522, 1498, 1476, 1454, 1400, 1380, 1303, 1014, 796, 768, 741, 732, 694, 685, 670.



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₃₂H₂₄N₂ Exact Mass: 436,1939 Molecular Weight: 436,5464 m/z: 436.1939 (100.0%), 437.1973 (34.6%), 438.2007 (5.8%)

SiO₂ gel column chromatography hexane \rightarrow hexane/toluene = 3:1. Isolated yield: 14.6 mg (7%) of a white solid. This compound was previously reported, notably in:

[S6] D. F. Bowman, B. S. Middleton and K. U. Ingold, J. Org. Chem. 1969, 34, 3456.

¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ (ppm) = 7.83-7.80 (m, 3H), 7.72 (t, ${}^{3}J$ = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36 (dd, ${}^{3}J$ = 8 Hz, ${}^{4}J$ = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.19 (m, 7H), 7.02-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.29 (s, NH).

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 145.99 (s, C_{quat.}), 143.69 (s, C_{quat.}), 142.00 (s, C_{quat.}), 139.76 (s, C_{quat.}), 134.53 (s, C_{quat}), 133.25 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.96 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.48 (s, CH), 129.28 (s, CH), 129.20 (s, CH), 129.02 (s, C_{quat}), 128.62 (s, CH), 128.28 (s, CH), 127.53 (s, CH), 127.33 (s, CH), 126.79 (s, CH), 126.33 (s, CH), 125.31 (s, C_{quat}), 123.97 (s, CH), 123.44 (s, CH), 122.58 (s, CH), 122.27 (s, CH), 121.99 (s, CH), 120.92 (s, CH), 120.20 (s, CH), 119.94 (s, CH), 118.10 (s, CH), 115.49 (s, CH).

Byproduct 2b":



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₃₂H₂₄N₂ Exact Mass: 436,1939 Molecular Weight: 436,5464 m/z: 436.1939 (100.0%), 437.1973 (34.6%), 438.2007 (5.8%)

SiO₂ gel column chromatography hexane \rightarrow hexane/toluene = 3:1. Isolated yield: 9.5 mg (4 %) of a white solid. This compound was previously reported, notably in:

[S7] X.-L. Li, J.-H. Huang, L.-M. Yang, Org. Lett. 2011, 13, 4950.

¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ (ppm) = 7.89 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (td, ${}^{3}J$ = 8.0 Hz, ${}^{4}J$ = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.17 (m, 10H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.98-6.94 (m, 5H).

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 142.44 (s, C_{quat.}), 140.31 (s, C_{quat.}), 133.93 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.38 (s, CH), 129.21 (s, CH), 128.18 (s, CH), 127.02 (s, CH), 124.42 (s, CH), 123.45 (s, CH), 122.15 (s, CH), 119.92 (s, CH), 117.81 (s, CH), 116.32 (s, C_{quat.}).

Synthesis of compound 2c:



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₂₇H₁₉N Exact Mass: 357,1517 Molecular Weight: 357,4465 m/z: 357.1517 (100.0%), 358.1551 (29.2%), 359.1585 (4.1%)

Following general procedure **A**, using *N*-(*p*-Tolyl)-2-napthylamine (1.00 mmol, 233.31 mg). The mixture was engaged by SiO_2 gel column chromatography pentane/toluene = 4:1. Isolated yield: 103 mg (58%) of a white solid.

¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)**: δ (ppm) = 9.25 (d, ³*J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.05 (d, ³*J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, ³*J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.73-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.46 (m, 8H), 2.54 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ (ppm) = 139.24 (s, C_{quat.}), 138.76 (s, C_{quat.}), 134.69 (s, C_{quat.}), 131.12 (s, CH), 130.74 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.67 (s, CH), 129.59 (s, C_{quat.}), 128.54 (s, CH), 127.20 (s, CH), 126.02 (s, CH), 125.74 (s, CH), 123.94 (s, CH), 117.84 (s, C_{quat.}), 112.49, (s, CH), 21.60 (s, CH₃).

HRMS-TOF [EI⁺]: *m*/*z* calc.: 357.1517 [C₂₇H₁₉N]⁺⁺, measured: 357.1514.

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): \tilde{v} = 3053, 2920, 2857, 1610, 1596, 1515, 1496, 1455, 1438, 1380, 1311, 1296, 1252, 1205, 1174, 1121, 1104, 1047, 1016, 942, 796, 776, 747, 729, 691, 682, 671.

Synthesis of compound 2d:



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₂₇H₁₉NO Exact Mass: 373,1467 Molecular Weight: 373,4459 m/z: 373.1467 (100.0%), 374.1500 (29.2%), 375.1534 (4.1%)

Following general procedure **A**, using N-(4-methoxyphenyl)naphtylen-2-amine (1.00 mmol, 249.31 mg). The mixture was engaged by SiO_2 gel column chromatography pentane/toluene = 1:1. Isolated yield: 89 mg (48%) of a white solid.

¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)**: δ (ppm) = 9.25 (d, ³*J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.05 (dd, ³*J* = 8.1 Hz, ⁴*J* = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, ³*J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (td, ³*J* = 7.7 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.50 (AA' part of an AA'BB' spin system, 7.5079, 7.5023, 7.4914, 7.4857, 7.4773, 2H), 7.19 (BB' part of an AA'BB' spin system 7.2059, 7.1978, 7.1921, 7.1809, 7.1756, 7.1672, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ (ppm) = 160.30 (s, C_{quat.}), 139.05 (s, C_{quat.}), 130.74 (s, C_{quat.}), 130.03 (s, CH), 129.94 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.69 (s, CH), 129.61 (s, C_{quat.}), 127.21 (s, CH), 126.03 (s, CH), 125.74 (s, CH), 123.93 (s, CH), 117.75 (s, C_{quat.}), 115.69 (s, CH), 112.48 (s, CH), 56.24 (s, OCH₃).

EI-HRMS: *m*/*z* calc.: 373.14612 [C₂₇H₁₉NO]^{*+}, measured: 373.14663.

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): $\tilde{v} = 3066, 3000, 2959, 2925, 2853, 2326, 2116, 2080, 1605, 1508, 1442, 1377, 1301, 1245, 1099, 1019, 851, 796, 735, 676.$

Synthesis of compound 2e:



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₂₆H₁₆CIN Exact Mass: 377,0971 Molecular Weight: 377,8649 m/z: 377.0971 (100.0%), 379.0942 (32.0%), 378.1005 (28.1%), 380.0975 (9.0%), 379.1038 (3.8%), 381.1009 (1.2%)

Following general procedure **A**, using N-(4-chlorophenyl)naphtylen-2-amine (1.00 mmol, 253.73 mg). The mixture was engaged by SiO₂ gel column chromatography pentane/toluene = 3:1. Isolated yield: 104 mg (55%) of a white solid.

¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)**: \overline{o} (ppm) = 9.24 (d, ³*J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (dd, ³*J* = 8.1 Hz, ⁴*J* = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, ³*J* = 8.9 Hz 2H), 7.72 (td, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (AA' part of an AA' BB' spin system 7.6909, 7.6838, 7.6785, 7.6672, 7.6619, 7.6550, 2H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 6H).

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ (ppm) = 138.50 (s, C_{quat.}), 136.08 (s, C_{quat.}), 134.74 (s, C_{quat.}), 130.86 (s, C_{quat.}), 130.81 (s, CH), 130.21 (s, CH), 129.71 (s, CH), 129.54 (s, C_{quat.}), 127.50 (s, CH), 126.18 (s, CH), 125.79 (s, CH), 124.16 (s, CH), 118.19 (s, C_{quat.}), 112.12 (s, CH).

EI-HRMS: *m*/z calc.: 377.09658 [C₂₆H₁₆NCI]⁺⁺, measured: 377.09685.

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): $\tilde{v} = 3054$, 2117, 2082, 2024, 1987, 1612, 1586, 1522, 1490, 1398, 1377, 1307, 1204, 1172, 1084, 1045, 1011, 860, 796, 767, 738, 674.

Synthesis of compound 2f:



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₂₆H₁₅Br₂N Exact Mass: 498,9571 Molecular Weight: 501,2120 m/z: 500.9551 (100.0%), 498.9571 (51.4%), 502.9530 (48.6%), 501.9584 (28.1%), 499.9605 (14.5%), 503.9564 (13.7%), 502.9618 (3.8%), 500.9638 (2.0%), 504.9597 (1.8%)

Following general procedure **A**, using 6-bromo-N-phenylnaphthalen-2-amine (1.00 mmol, 298.18 mg). The mixture was engaged by SiO_2 gel column chromatography pentane/toluene = 3:1. Isolated yield: 102 mg (41%) of a white solid.

¹**H-NMR (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)**: δ (ppm) = 9.03 (d, ³*J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.20 (s, 2H), 7.78 (d, ³*J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.70 (t, ³*J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63-7.57 (m, 5H).

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (151 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ (ppm) = 138.88 (s, C_{quat.}), 136.96 (s, C_{quat.}), 132.15 (s, C_{quat.}), 131.63 (s, CH), 130, 67 (s, CH), 129.35 (s, CH), 129.16 (s, CH), 128.72 (s, CH), 128.00 (s, C_{quat.}), 127.15 (s, CH), 126.60 (s, CH), 117.67 (s, C_{quat.}), 117.25 (s, C_{quat.}), 113.61 (s, CH).

ESI-HRMS: *m*/*z* calc.: 499.96440 [C₂₆H₁₅NBr₂]H⁺, measured: 499.96439.

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): $\tilde{v} = 3058$, 2329, 2110, 1586, 1555, 1498, 1453, 1401, 1365, 1296, 1182, 1071, 1029, 928, 875, 824, 795, 745, 699, 664.

Synthesis of compound 2g:



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₃₄H₂₁N Exact Mass: 443,1674 Molecular Weight: 443,5372 m/z: 443.1674 (100.0%), 444.1708 (36.8%), 445.1741 (6.6%)

Following general procedure **A**, using *N*-Phenyl-2-anthramine (1.00 mmol, 269.35 mg). The mixture was engaged by SiO₂ gel column chromatography pentane/toluene = 4:1. Isolated yield: 70.5 mg (32%) of a yellow solid.

¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)**: δ (ppm) = 10.02 (s, 2H), 8.63 (s, 2H), 8.21 (d, ³*J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, ³*J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, ³*J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74-7.55 (m, 11H).

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ (ppm) = 137.24 (s, C_{quat.}), 137.13 (s, C_{quat.}), 131.86 (s, C_{quat.}), 130.73 (s, C_{quat.}), 130.54 (s, CH), 129.22 (s, CH), 128.84 (s, CH), 128.57 (s, CH), 128.40 (s, CH), 128.13 (s, C_{quat.}), 127.92 (s, CH), 127.39 (s, CH), 126.35 (s, CH), 125.45 (s, CH), 123.48 (s, CH), 117.42 (s, C_{quat.}), 113.93 (s, CH).

HRMS-TOF [EI⁺]: *m*/*z* calc.: 443.1674 [C₃₄H₂₁N]⁺⁺, measured: 443.1690.

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): $\tilde{v} = 3045$, 1608, 1596, 1576, 1499, 1489, 1456, 1439, 1396, 1356, 1326, 1285, 1255, 1205, 1076, 1033, 950, 891, 870, 798, 736, 730, 706.

Synthesis of compound 2h:



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₃₀H₁₉N Exact Mass: 393,1517 Molecular Weight: 393,4786 m/z: 393.1517 (100.0%), 394.1551 (32.4%), 395.1585 (5.1%)

Following general procedure **A**, using 2,2'-Dinapthylamine (1.00 mmol, 269.35 mg). The mixture was engaged by SiO_2 gel column chromatography pentane/toluene = 4:1. Isolated yield: 106 mg (54%) of a white solid.

¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)**: δ (ppm) = 9.28 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.16 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.12-7.97 (m, 5H), 7.87 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.76-7.64 (m, 6H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.56 (t, ${}^{3}J$ = 7.4 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ (ppm) = 138.80 (s, C_{quat.}), 134.85 (s, C_{quat.}), 134.48 (s, C_{quat.}), 133.50 (s, C_{quat.}), 130.84 (s, C_{quat.}), 130.55 (s, CH), 129.69 (s, CH), 129.59 (s, C_{quat.}), 128.59 (s, CH), 128.51 (s, CH), 127.61 (s, CH), 127.51 (s, CH), 127.39 (s, CH), 127.36 (s, CH), 126.54 (s, CH), 126.09 (s, CH), 125.79 (s, CH), 124.04 (s, CH), 118.08 (s, C_{quat.}), 112.47 (s, CH).

HRMS-TOF [EI⁺]: *m*/*z* calc.: 393.1517 [C₃₀H₁₉N]⁺⁺, measured: 393.1511.

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): $\tilde{v} = 3053$, 3030, 1613, 1594, 1520, 1506, 1475, 1438, 1401, 1380, 1339, 1306, 1271, 1252, 1203, 1186, 1170, 1151, 1126, 1045, 1015, 965, 945, 890, 865, 850, 795, 767, 754, 741, 731.

Scope limits: compound 2i:



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₂₀H₁₃N Exact Mass: 267,1048 Molecular Weight: 267,3239 m/z: 267.1048 (100.0%), 268.1082 (21.6%), 269.1115 (2.2%)

Following general procedure **A**, using 2-Naphtylamine (1.00 mmol, 143.19 mg). The mixture was engaged by SiO_2 gel column chromatography pentane/toluene = 1:1. Isolated yield: 4.8 mg (< 5%) of a yellow solid.

¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)**: δ (ppm) = 9.21 (d, ³*J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.98 (s, NH), 8.06 (d, ³*J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, ³*J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, ³*J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (td, ³*J* = 7.7 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (td, ³*J* = 7.4 Hz, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 2H).

ESI-HRMS: m/z calc.: 268.11208 [C₂₀H₁₃N]H⁺, measured: 268.11212.

1.3 General Procedure B for the synthesis of Dibenzo-indolo-carbazoles



Unless otherwise specified, the substrate **2** (0.50 mmol), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (10 mol%, 0.05 mmol, 11.2 mg), Ag_2O (0.60 mmol, 139 mg), CuO (0.60 mmol, 47.7 mg) and pivalic acid (1334 mg) were united under air in a 20 mL reaction vial equipped with an aluminous headspace cap. The vial was sealed, flushed with oxygen and exposed to 130 °C for 3 d. Magnetic stirring was set to approx. 450 turns/min. The reactor was then cooled to room temperature and the crude directly engaged (unless otherwise specified) on SiO2 gel column chromatography for purification, which gave the desired product after concentration in vacuo.

Synthesis of compound 3b:



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₂₆H₁₅N Exact Mass: 341,1204 Molecular Weight: 341,4040 m/z: 341.1204 (100.0%), 342.1238 (28.1%), 343.1272 (3.8%)

Following general procedure **B**, using compound **2a** (0.50 mmol, 178.73 mg). The mixture was engaged by SiO_2 gel column chromatography pentane/toluene = 4:1. Isolated yield: 106 mg (62%) of a yellow solid.

¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆)**: δ (ppm) = 9.28 (t, ³*J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 8.83 (s, 1H), 8.64 (d, ³*J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (t, ³*J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 8.41 (d, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.24-8.19 (m, 2H), 7.97-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.72 (q, ³*J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, ³*J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, ³*J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ (ppm) = 140.69 (s, C_{quat.}), 139.76 (s, C_{quat.}), 134.04 (s, C_{quat.}), 133.18 (s, C_{quat.}), 132.01 (s, CH), 130.23 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.70 (s, CH), 129.44 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.07 (s, C_{quat.}), 128.80 (s, CH), 128.53 (s, C_{quat.}), 127.79 (s, CH), 127.24 (s, CH), 127.03 (s, CH), 125.25 (s, CH), 125.22 (s, CH) 124.09 (s, CH), 123.73 (s, C_{quat.}), 123.45 (s, CH), 123.29 (s, CH), 121.78 (s, CH), 119.87 (s, C_{quat.}), 113.73 (s, CH), 113.11 (s, CH).

HRMS-TOF [EI⁺]: *m*/*z* calc.: 341.1204 [C₂₆H₁₅N] ⁺⁺, measured: 341.1200.

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): $\tilde{v} = 3043$, 1598, 1584, 1522, 1454, 1435, 1416, 1370, 1309, 1287, 1206, 1186, 1164, 1137, 1104, 1062, 1033, 1022, 938, 869, 857, 856, 799, 772, 733, 717.

Synthesis of compound 3c:



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₂₇H₁₇N Exact Mass: 355,1361 Molecular Weight: 355,4306 m/z: 355.1361 (100.0%), 356.1395 (29.2%), 357.1428 (4.1%)

Following general procedure **B**, using compound **2c** (0.50 mmol, 178.73 mg). The mixture was engaged by SiO_2 gel column chromatography pentane/toluene = 4:1.

Isolated yield: 88.8 mg (50%) of a yellow solid.

¹**H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂)**: \overline{o} (ppm) = 9.30 (d, ³*J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, ³*J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, ³*J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, ³*J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, ³*J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.87-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.65-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, ³*J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): \overline{o} (ppm) = 142.22 (s, C_{quat.}), 139.05 (s, C_{quat.}), 133.94 (s, C_{quat.}), 133.10 (s, C_{quat.}), 132.23 (s, CH), 130.88 (s, C_{quat.}), 130.72 (s, C_{quat.}), 130.50 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.99 (s, CH), 129.71 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.46 (s, CH), 127.74 (s, CH), 127.01 (s, CH), 126.95 (s, CH), 126.32 (s, CH), 126.22 (s, CH), 124.65 (s, CH), 124.25 (s, CH), 123.57 (s, CH), 121.32 (s, CH), 113.56 (s, CH), 112.39 (s, CH), 21.76 (s, CH3).

HRMS-TOF [EI⁺]: *m*/*z* calc.: 355.1361 [C₂₇H₁₇N] ⁺⁺, measured: 355.1359.

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): \tilde{v} = 3065, 3045, 2917, 2859, 1617, 1598, 1578, 1524, 1458, 1377, 1363, 1299, 1286, 1200, 1184, 1199, 1152, 1063, 1032, 1019, 951, 941, 883, 853, 848, 791, 770, 745, 730, 718.

Synthesis of compound 3d:



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₂₇H₁₇NO Exact Mass: 371,1310 Molecular Weight: 371,4300 m/z: 371.1310 (100.0%), 372.1344 (29.2%), 373.1377 (4.1%)

Following general procedure **A**, using compound **2f** (0.15 mmol, 56.0 mg). The mixture was engaged by SiO₂ gel column chromatography pentane/toluene = 3:1. Isolated yield: 9.7 mg (17%) of a yellow solid.

¹**H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆)**: δ (ppm) = 9.26 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 9.24 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.77 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, ${}^{3}J$ = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, ${}^{4}J$ = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, ${}^{3}J$ = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (t, ${}^{3}J$ = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, ${}^{3}J$ = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, ${}^{3}J$ = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, ${}^{3}J$ = 8.3 Hz, 4J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ (ppm) = 155.92 (s, C_{quat.}), 140.97 (s, C_{quat.}), 134.08 (s, C_{quat.}), 133.88 (s, C_{quat.}), 132.89 (s, C_{quat.}), 131.96 (s, CH), 130.24 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.96 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.62 (s, CH), 129.46 (s, C_{quat.}), 128.58 (s, C_{quat.}), 127.58 (s, CH), 127.15 (s, CH), 126.88 (s, CH), 125.17 (s, CH), 125.08 (s, CH), 123.80 (s, CH), 123.29 (s, CH), 121.79 (s, CH), 120.06 (s, C_{quat.}), 114.91 (s, CH), 113.48 (s, CH), 113.39 (s, CH), 111.85 (s, C_{quat.}), 109.14 (s, CH), 55.78 (s, CH₃).

EI-HRMS: *m*/*z* calc.: 371.13047 [C₂₇H₁₇NO]⁺⁺, measured: 371.13043.

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): $\tilde{v} = 3058, 3005, 2921, 2851, 2111, 2075, 1994, 1600, 1578, 1523, 1460, 1381, 1302, 1263, 1209, 1186, 1117, 1056, 1021, 947, 864, 797, 739.$

Synthesis of compound 3e:



Predicted: Chemical Formula: C₂₆H₁₄ClN Exact Mass: 375,0815 Molecular Weight: 375,8491 m/z: 375.0815 (100.0%), 377.0785 (32.0%), 376.0848 (28.1%), 378.0819 (9.0%), 377.0882 (3.8%), 379.0852 (1.2%)

Following general procedure **A**, using compound **2g** (0.12 mmol, 45.4 mg). The mixture was engaged by SiO₂ gel column chromatography pentane/toluene = 3:1. Isolated yield: 18.5 mg (41%) of a yellow solid.

NMR was measured at 100.185°C:

¹**H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆)**: δ (ppm) = 9.23 (t, ³*J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.74 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, ³*J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, ³*J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, ³*J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, ³*J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, ³*J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (t, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (t, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, ³*J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, ³*J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ (ppm) = 140.65 (s, C_{quat.}), 137.82 (s, C_{quat.}), 133.55 (s, C_{quat.}), 132.69 (s, C_{quat.}), 131.41 (s, CH), 130.33 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.87 (s, C_{quat.}), 129.00 (s, C_{quat.}), 128.38 (s, CH), 127.50 (s, CH), 127.22 (s, CH), 127.03 (s, C_{quat.}), 126.73 (s, CH), 126.27 (s, CH), 124.66 (s, CH), 123.48 (s, CH), 123.16 (s, CH), 122.85 (s, CH), 121.65 (s, CH), 118.36 (s, C_{quat.}), 113.35 (s, CH), 112.81 (s, CH), 111.84 (s, C_{quat.}).

ESI-HRMS: *m*/*z* calc.: 376.08875 [C₂₆H₁₄NCI]H⁺, measured: 376.08902.

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): $\tilde{v} = 3071$, 2922, 2854, 2327, 2108, 1595, 1523, 1443, 1371, 1293, 1211, 1184, 1056, 1020, 944, 902, 858, 789, 738.

1.4 NMR spectra of the products

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¹³C Zoom:







Dept Zoom:



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Dept-Zoom:



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Dept:





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Dept Zoom:



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1H:






















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Dept Zoom:



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1.5 XYZ-Coordinates, UV/VIS/Luminsescence Spectra, and HOMO/LUMO Orbitals



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1.6 Determination of quantum yields

In this work the quantum yield ϕ is obtained by a relative method. The unknown quantum yield of an analysed substance *i* is determined by comparison with a substance serving as standard S with a known quantum yield. The standards chosen in this work are POPOP (λ_{EX} = 330 – 375 nm) and tryptophan (λ_{EX} = 277 / 280 nm). These substances are suitable, since the excitation wavelengths (for the fluorescence spectra) of the investigated species and standards must be identical. With each of the samples and standards a master solution was prepared, which was stirred overnight to homogenize the sample completely. For the absorbance measurements a subsequent dilution of 5 different concentrations are taken into account. The absorbance of the global maximum was approximately between 0.01 and 0.1 OD. The samples had a concentration range of $10^{-6} - 10^{-7}$ mol/l. To avoid effects due to impurities, uvasol grade solvents as well as doubly destilled water were used. The observed absorption maxima were chosen for subsequent fluorescence measurements of using the same concentration. No concentration effects were found. The fluorescence spectra of the samples and standards were integrated and were plotted against the intensity of the absorption to get the gradient of the straight line. To calculate the quantum yield ϕ_{i} , the following equation was used (Grad=Gradient, n refractions index of the solvent).

$$\phi_i = \phi_S \cdot \frac{Grad_i}{Grad_S} \cdot \frac{n_i^2}{n_S^2}$$

The obtained absorption spectra were measured by a Lambda[®] 900 spectrometer (PerkinElmer); for fluorescence measurements a Fluorolog[®] $3-22\tau$ spectrometer (Horiba scientific) was used.



Integrated fluorescence vs. absorption intensity (OD) for 2b.



Integrated fluorescence vs. absorption intensity (OD) for 3b.



Integrated fluorescence vs. absorption intensity (OD) for POPOP.



Integrated fluorescence vs. absorption intensity (OD) for tryptophan.