α-Vinylation of Amides with Arylacetylenes: Synthesis of Allylamines in Metal-Free condition

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**General Remarks.**

All reactions were carried out in Schlenk tubes. All the reagents were commercially available. Merck 60 silica gel was used for chromatography, and Whatman silica gel plates with fluorescence F254 were used for thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis. All products were confirmed by $^1$H NMR, $^{13}$C NMR, HRMS and IR. Tetramethylsilane (TMS) or CDCl$_3$ (7.26 ppm for $^1$H NMR, 77.0 ppm for $^{13}$C NMR) was used as a reference in $^1$H NMR and $^{13}$C NMR spectra. Data for $^1$H were reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm), and multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet). Data for $^{13}$C NMR were reported as ppm. Melting points were uncorrected.

**Experimental Procedure**

A dry Schlenk tube was charged with 1 (0.5 mmol) and 2 (2 mL) under nitrogen at room temperature. $t$BHP (91 μL, 0.5 mmol, 5-6 M in water) was added dropwise into the mixture. The resulting mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h. Then the cooled reaction mixture was dissolved in water (15 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 15mL). The combined organic layer was washed with water, dried with anhydrous MgSO$_4$. After evaporating the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with ethanol and dichloromethane (10 : 1) as the eluent to give the pure product 3 and 4.

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(Z)-1-methyl-5-styrylpyrrolidin-2-one (3a)

Brown liquid; yield 50 % (50 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); $^1$H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl$_3$) δ 7.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (t, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.52-4.47 (m, 1H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.53-2.29 (m, 3H), 1.88-1.83 (m, 1H); $^{13}$C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl$_3$) δ 175.5, 136.7, 133.6, 132.8, 129.2, 129.1, 128.2, 58.0, 30.9, 28.5, 26.5; IR (neat) v = 2923, 1679, 1421, 1394, 1265, 1149, 1113, 982, 923, 806, 772, 699, 672; HRMS (TOF MS EI$^+$) [M]$^+$ calculated for C$_{13}$H$_{15}$NO 201.1154, found 201.1153.
(E)-1-methyl-5-styrylpyrrolidin-2-one (4a)
Brown liquid; yield 25 % (25 mg); $^1$H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 7.40-7.27 (m, 5H), 6.57 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 16.0$ Hz,1H), 4.13-4.08 (m, 1H), 2.79 (s, 3H), 2.54-2.27 (m, 3H), 1.88-1.80 (m, 1H); $^{13}$C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 75.7, 136.5, 133.7, 129.5, 129.4, 128.8, 127.2, 63.6, 30.7, 28.6, 26.4; IR (neat) $\nu = 2927$, 1667, 1447, 1397, 1268, 1158, 1113, 971, 749, 695, 663; HRMS (TOF MS EI$^+$) [M]$^+$ calculated for C$_{13}$H$_{15}$NO 201.1154, found 201.1157.

(Z)-1-methyl-5-(3-methylstyryl)pyrrolidin-2-one (3b)
Brown liquid; yield 31 % (33 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); $^1$H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 7.25 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.01-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.69 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.51 (dd, $J_1 = 11.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.53-4.47 (m, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.51-2.28 (m, 6H), 1.88-1.82 (m, 1H); $^{13}$C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 174.9, 138.1, 136.0, 133.1, 131.9, 129.3, 128.33, 128.29, 125.5, 57.4, 30.2, 27.9, 25.9, 21.5; IR (neat) $\nu = 2922$, 1688, 1603, 1422, 1395, 1276, 1115, 983, 909, 806, 701; HRMS (TOF MS EI$^+$) [M]$^+$ calculated for C$_{14}$H$_{17}$NO 215.1310, found 215.1311.

(E)-1-methyl-5-(3-methylstyryl)pyrrolidin-2-one (4b)
Brown liquid; yield 27 % (29 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); $^1$H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 7.25-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, $J_1 = 15.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.11-4.06 (m, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 2.53-2.25 (m, 6H), 1.88-1.80 (m, 1H); $^{13}$C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 175.0, 138.3, 135.9, 133.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.2, 123.7, 63.0, 30.0, 27.9, 25.8, 21.4; IR (neat) $\nu = 2922$, 1681, 1423, 1395, 1270, 1157, 1113, 973, 783, 696, 663; HRMS (TOF MS EI$^+$) [M]$^+$ calculated for C$_{14}$H$_{17}$NO 215.1310, found 215.1312.

(Z)-5-(4-ethylstyryl)-1-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (3c)
Brown liquid; yield 33 % (38 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); $^1$H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 7.20 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.49 (dd, $J_1 = 11.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.55-4.49 (m, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.69-2.63 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.53-2.29 (m, 3H), 1.91-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}$C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$
(E)-5-(4-ethylstyryl)-1-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (4c)
Brown liquid; yield 24 % (27 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); ¹H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dd, J₁ = 16.0 Hz, J₂ = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.11-4.06 (m, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 2.67-2.62 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.53-2.26 (m, 3H), 1.87-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl₃) δ 175.0, 144.6, 133.4, 132.9, 128.2, 127.9, 126.6, 63.1, 30.1, 28.6, 27.9, 25.8, 15.6; IR (neat) ν = 2964, 1679, 1511, 1421, 1395, 1267, 1156, 1114, 971, 818, 662; HRMS (TOF MS EI⁺) [M]⁺ calculated for C₁₅H₁₉NO 229.1467, found 229.1466.

(Z)-1-methyl-5-(4-propylstyryl)pyrrolidin-2-one (3d)
Brown liquid; yield 32 % (39 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); ¹H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19-7.12 (m, 4H), 6.68 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.55-4.49 (m, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.51-2.31 (m, 3H), 1.87-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.60 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 142.2, 133.4, 132.9, 131.5, 128.6, 128.5, 57.4, 37.7, 30.3, 27.9, 25.9, 24.5, 13.8; IR (neat) ν = 2958, 2928, 2870, 1686, 1509, 1421, 1395, 1267, 1156, 1112, 971, 818, 662; HRMS (TOF MS EI⁺) [M]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₂₁NO 243.1623, found 243.1622.

(E)-1-methyl-5-(4-propylstyryl)pyrrolidin-2-one (4d)
Brown liquid; yield 20 % (24 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); ¹H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dd, J₁ = 16.0 Hz, J₂ = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.11-4.06 (m, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 2.58 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.51-2.26 (m, 3H), 1.87-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.59 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl₃) δ 175.0, 143.0, 133.4, 133.0, 128.8, 127.9, 126.5, 63.1, 37.8, 30.1, 27.9, 25.8, 24.5, 13.8; IR (neat) ν = 2958, 2928, 2868, 1680, 1511, 1421, 1395, 1267, 1157, 1112, 972, 814, 793, 663; HRMS (TOF MS EI⁺) [M]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₂₁NO 243.1623, found 243.1625.
(Z)-5-(4-methoxystyryl)-1-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (3e)
Light yellow liquid; yield 42 % (48 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); \(^1\)H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl\(\text{3}\)) \(\delta\) 7.15 (d, \(J = 8.4\) Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, \(J = 8.0\) Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, \(J = 11.6\) Hz, 1H), 5.44 (t, \(J = 11.6\) Hz, 1H), 4.54-4.48 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.51-2.29 (m, 3H), 1.87-1.80 (m, 1H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl\(\text{3}\)) \(\delta\) 174.9, 159.0, 132.4, 130.8, 129.8, 128.5, 113.9, 57.4, 55.3, 30.3, 27.9, 25.9; IR (neat) \(\nu = 2950, 2838, 1671, 1605, 1509, 1460, 1423, 1397, 1301, 1176, 1151, 1113, 1029, 982, 920, 840, 706, 670\); HRMS (TOF MS EI\(^+\)) [M]\(^+\) calculated for C\(_{14}\)H\(_{17}\)NO\(_2\) 231.1259, found 231.1260.

(E)-5-(4-methoxystyryl)-1-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (4e)
Light yellow solid; yield 26 % (30 mg), mp 71-72 °C (there is a little conformational isomer); \(^1\)H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl\(\text{3}\)) \(\delta\) 7.32 (d, \(J = 8.8\) Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, \(J = 8.8\) Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, \(J = 15.6\) Hz, 1H), 5.87 (dd, \(J_1 = 15.6\) Hz, \(J_2 = 8.8\) Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.04 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 2.53-2.26 (m, 3H), 1.87-1.78 (m, 1H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl\(\text{3}\)) \(\delta\) 175.0, 159.6, 132.5, 128.7, 127.8, 126.6, 114.1, 63.1, 55.3, 30.1, 27.9, 25.9; IR (neat) \(\nu = 2948, 2839, 1685, 1607, 1577, 1513, 1463, 1423, 1397, 1302, 1251, 1178, 1114, 1032, 973, 853, 825, 736, 666\); HRMS (TOF MS EI\(^+\)) [M]\(^+\) calculated for C\(_{14}\)H\(_{17}\)NO\(_2\) 231.1259, found 231.1262.

(Z)-5-(4-chlorostyryl)-1-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (3f)
Brown liquid; yield 35 % (41 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); \(^1\)H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl\(\text{3}\)) \(\delta\) 7.34 (d, \(J = 8.4\) Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, \(J = 8.4\) Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, \(J = 11.6\) Hz, 1H), 5.56 (dd, \(J_1 = 11.6\) Hz, \(J_2 = 9.6\) Hz, 1H), 4.46-4.06 (m, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 2.52-2.28 (m, 3H), 1.88-1.81 (m, 1H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl\(\text{3}\)) \(\delta\) 174.8, 134.4, 133.5, 132.9, 131.7, 129.8, 128.7, 57.2, 30.1, 27.9, 25.7; IR (neat) \(\nu = 2945, 1678, 1592, 1487, 1421, 1394, 1311, 1271, 1183, 1149, 1113, 1090, 1010, 982, 920, 841, 799, 779, 752, 715, 656\); HRMS (TOF MS EI\(^+\)) [M]\(^+\) calculated for C\(_{13}\)H\(_{14}\)ClNO 235.0764, found 235.0763.

(E)-5-(4-chlorostyryl)-1-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (4f)
Brown liquid; yield 26 % (30 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); \(^1\)H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl\(\text{3}\)) \(\delta\) 7.31-7.28 (m, 4H), 6.52 (d, \(J = 16.0\) Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dd, \(J_1 = 15.6\) Hz, \(J_2 = 8.4\) Hz, 1H), 4.12-4.06 (m, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 2.49-2.27 (m, 3H), 1.88-1.79 (m, 1H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl\(\text{3}\)) \(\delta\) 175.0, 134.4, 133.9, 131.7, 129.6, 128.9, 62.8, 30.0, 28.0, 25.7; IR (neat) \(\nu = 2943, 1672, 1593, 1489, 1423, 1397, 1364, 1266, 1157, 1088, 1010, 971, 856, 811, 759, 662\); HRMS (TOF MS EI\(^+\)) [M]\(^+\) calculated for C\(_{13}\)H\(_{14}\)ClNO 235.0764, found 235.0766.
(Z)-5-(4-fluorostyryl)-1-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (3g)
Brown liquid; yield 36 % (39 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); \(^1\)H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 7.18 (dd, \(J_1 = 8.4\) Hz, \(J_2 = 5.6\) Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, \(J = 8.4\) Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, \(J = 11.6\) Hz, 1H), 5.54 (t, \(J = 10.4\) Hz, 1H), 4.47-4.41 (m, 1H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.52-2.28 (m, 3H), 1.91-1.81 (m, 1H); \(^1\)^C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 174.8, 162.0 (d, \(J_{C,F} = 245.9\) Hz), 132.04 (d, \(J_{C,F} = 46\) Hz), 132.01 (d, \(J_{C,F} = 3.9\) Hz), 130.2 (d, \(J_{C,F} = 8.2\) Hz), 115.6, 115.3, 57.2, 30.2, 27.9, 25.7; IR (neat) \(\nu\) = 2924, 1679, 1600, 1506, 1477, 1422, 1395, 1235, 1157, 1113, 982, 920, 844, 757, 734, 704, 669; HRMS (TOF MS EI\(^+\)) [M\(^+\)] calculated for C\(_{13}\)H\(_{14}\)FNO 219.1059, found 219.1061.

(E)-5-(4-fluorostyryl)-1-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (4g)
Brown liquid; yield 36 % (39 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); \(^1\)H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 7.36 (dd, \(J_1 = 8.8\) Hz, \(J_2 = 5.6\) Hz, 2H), 7.03 (t, \(J = 8.8\) Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, \(J = 16.0\) Hz, 1H), 5.14 (dd, \(J_1 = 16.0\) Hz, \(J_2 = 8.8\) Hz, 1H), 4.11-4.06 (m, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 2.53-2.27 (m, 3H), 1.88-1.79 (m, 1H); \(^1\)^C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 175.0, 163.8, 161.4, 132.12, 132.09, 131.8, 128.70, 128.68, 128.2, 128.1, 115.8, 115.5, 62.9, 30.0, 28.0, 25.7; IR (neat) \(\nu\) = 2923, 1680, 1600, 1508, 1421, 1395, 1268, 1226, 1158, 1113, 972, 858, 821, 783, 663; HRMS (TOF MS EI\(^+\)) [M\(^+\)] calculated for C\(_{13}\)H\(_{14}\)FNO 219.1059, found 219.1062.

(Z)-1-methyl-5-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)vinyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (3h)
Brown liquid; yield 20 % (20 mg); \(^1\)H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 8.60 (d, \(J = 4.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.67 (td, \(J_1 = 7.6\) Hz, \(J_2 = 2.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.57 (d, \(J = 11.6\) Hz, 1H), 5.73 (dd, \(J_1 = 12.0\) Hz, \(J_2 = 9.2\) Hz, 1H), 5.54-5.49 (m, 1H), 2.79 (s, 3H), 2.51-2.38 (m, 3H), 1.82-1.75 (m, 1H); \(^1\)^C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 175.2, 155.3, 149.3, 136.6, 136.3, 130.8, 124.5, 122.0, 57.5, 30.3, 28.0, 25.4; IR (neat) \(\nu\) = 2926, 1669, 1585, 1563, 1472, 1437, 1395, 1306, 1272, 1249, 1203, 1151, 1113, 1047, 993, 921, 817, 747, 656; HRMS (TOF MS EI\(^+\)) [M\(^+\)] calculated for C\(_{12}\)H\(_{14}\)N\(_2\)O 202.1106, found 202.1107.

(E)-1-methyl-5-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)vinyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (4h)
Brown liquid; yield 8 % (8 mg); \(^1\)H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 8.58 (d, \(J = 4.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td,
$J_1 = 8.0 \text{ Hz, } J_2 = 1.6 \text{ Hz, } 1\text{H), } 7.29 \text{ (d, } J = 8.0 \text{ Hz, } 1\text{H), } 7.21-7.18 \text{ (m, } 1\text{H), } 6.67-6.57 \text{ (m, } 2\text{H), } 4.20-4.15 \text{ (m, } 1\text{H), } 2.81 \text{ (s, } 3\text{H), } 2.55-2.29 \text{ (m, } 3\text{H), } 1.94-1.86 \text{ (m, } 1\text{H); } ^{13}\text{C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl}_3 \delta 175.1, 154.2, 149.5, 136.9, 133.5, 132.2, 122.8, 122.1, 62.5, 29.9, 28.1, 25.5; IR (neat) } \nu = 2924, 1677, 1587, 1469, 1435, 1398, 1278, 1246, 1157, 1049, 981, 777; \text{ HRMS (TOF MS EI') } [M]^+ \text{ calculated for C}_{12}H_{14}N_2O 202.1106, \text{ found 202.1105.}

(Z)-5-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-1-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (3i)

Brown liquid; yield 31 % (43 mg); $^1\text{H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl}_3 \delta 7.41-7.24 \text{ (m, } 10\text{H), } 6.90 \text{ (s, } 1\text{H), } 4.90-4.87 \text{ (m, } 2\text{H), } 2.76 \text{ (s, } 3\text{H), } 2.28-2.17 \text{ (m, } 2\text{H), } 2.10-1.92 \text{ (m, } 2\text{H); } ^{13}\text{C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl}_3 \delta 175.3, 141.0, 139.7, 136.5, 134.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 58.9, 30.1, 28.2, 23.4; IR (neat) } \nu = 2947, 1680, 1598, 1488, 1442, 1423, 1395, 1277, 1154, 1114, 1075, 1029, 992, 939, 875, 763, 699, 634; \text{ HRMS (TOF MS EI') } [M]^+ \text{ calculated for C}_{19}H_{19}NO 277.1467, \text{ found 277.1469.}

(E)-5-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-1-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (4i)

Brown liquid; yield 31 % (43 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); $^1\text{H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl}_3 \delta 7.35-7.32 \text{ (m, } 3\text{H), } 7.11-7.07 \text{ (m, } 5\text{H), } 6.94-6.92 \text{ (m, } 2\text{H), } 6.47 \text{ (s, } 1\text{H), } 4.32-4.29 \text{ (m, } 1\text{H), } 2.97 \text{ (s, } 3\text{H), } 2.29-2.16 \text{ (m, } 2\text{H), } 2.02-1.86 \text{ (m, } 2\text{H); } ^{13}\text{C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl}_3 \delta 175.7, 140.1, 137.5, 135.7, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.1, 127.8, 127.3, 68.2, 29.6, 28.4, 23.7; IR (neat) } \nu = 3054, 2919, 1679, 1599, 1491, 1442, 1395, 1277, 1157, 1110, 1072, 1028, 985, 920, 759, 731, 697; \text{ HRMS (TOF MS EI') } [M]^+ \text{ calculated for C}_{19}H_{19}NO 277.1467, \text{ found 277.1466.}

(Z)-5-(1,2-di-p-tolylvinyl)-1-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (3j)

Lighe yellow solid; yield 31 % (47 mg); mp 104-106 ºC (there is a little conformational isomer); $^1\text{H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl}_3 \delta 7.21-7.13 \text{ (m, } 8\text{H), } 6.84 \text{ (s, } 1\text{H), } 4.91-4.87 \text{ (m, } 1\text{H), } 2.74 \text{ (s, } 3\text{H), } 2.38 \text{ (s, } 3\text{H), } 2.35 \text{ (s, } 3\text{H), } 2.29-1.90 \text{ (m, } 4\text{H); } ^{13}\text{C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl}_3 \delta 175.4, 140.4, 137.5, 137.2, 136.9, 134.0, 133.7, 129.2, 128.7, 128.0, 59.0, 30.2, 28.2, 23.4, 21.2, 21.1; IR (neat) } \nu = 2921, 1688, 1512, 1422, 1396, 1278, 1185, 1154, 1115, 1042, 885, 817, 726, 648; \text{ HRMS (TOF MS EI') } [M]^+ \text{ calculated for C}_{21}H_{23}NO 305.1780, \text{ found 305.1781.}
(E)-5-(1,2-di-p-tolylvinyl)-1-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (4j)
Brown liquid; yield 28 % (43 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); $^1$H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 7.15 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 4H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 4.28-4.25 (m, 1H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.23-2.14 (m, 2H), 1.98-1.86 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 175.7, 139.1, 137.4, 137.1, 134.5, 133.0, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.80, 128.78, 68.4, 29.7, 28.3, 21.3, 21.1; IR (neat) $\nu$ = 2920, 1680, 1511, 1421, 1396, 1309, 1276, 1183, 1111, 1040, 984, 898, 813, 788, 731, 650; HRMS (TOF MS EI$^+$) [M$^+$] calculated for C$_{21}$H$_{23}$NO 305.1780, found 305.1782.

(Z)-1-ethyl-5-styrylpyrrolidin-2-one (3k)
Brown liquid; yield 32 % (34 mg); the ratio of two conformational isomers is about 0.77 : 0.23; $^1$H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 7.39-7.20 (m, 5H), 6.71 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 0.77H), 6.52 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 0.23H), 5.55 (t, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 0.77H), 5.59 (dd, $J_1 = 12.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.4$ Hz, 0.23H), 5.29-5.22 (m, 0.23H), 4.62-4.56 (m, 0.77H), 3.57-3.49 (m, 0.77H), 3.38-3.26 (m, 0.46H), 3.00-2.92 (m, 0.77H), 2.52-2.25 (m, 3H), 1.92-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 0.69H), 0.90 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2.31H); $^{13}$C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 174.4, 174.0, 136.1, 132.6, 132.4, 131.6, 129.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 127.4, 55.0, 45.0, 42.7, 35.5, 31.3, 30.5, 30.5, 25.9, 19.4, 18.1, 12.7; IR (neat) $\nu$ = 2975, 2973, 1679, 1492, 1448, 1416, 1377, 1355, 1311, 1262, 1217, 1148, 1126, 1078, 1027, 984, 920, 871, 773, 699, 664; HRMS (TOF MS EI$^+$) [M$^+$] calculated for C$_{14}$H$_{17}$NO 215.1310, found 215.1311.

(E)-1-ethyl-5-styrylpyrrolidin-2-one (4k)
Brown liquid; yield 30 % (32 mg); the ratio of two conformational isomers is about 0.81 : 0.19; $^1$H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 7.40-7.26 (m, 5H), 6.57 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 0.81H), 6.50 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 0.19H), 6.16 (dd, $J_1 = 16.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 6.0$ Hz, 0.19H), 6.02 (dd, $J_1 = 16.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.4$ Hz, 0.81H), 5.03-4.96 (m, 0.19H), 4.27-4.21 (m, 0.81H), 3.65-3.57 (m, 0.81H), 3.38-3.33 (m, 0.38H), 3.07-2.99 (m, 0.81H), 2.53-2.25 (m, 3H), 2.05-1.97 (m, 0.19H), 1.88-1.79 (m, 0.81H), 1.34 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 0.57H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2.43H); $^{13}$C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 174.6, 174.4, 136.0, 132.7, 131.1, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.7, 126.5, 126.4, 60.7, 47.7, 42.5, 35.5, 31.3, 30.5, 25.9, 18.1, 17.0, 12.8; IR (neat) $\nu$ = 2977, 2931, 1685, 1495, 1448, 1419, 1374, 1280, 1218, 1157, 1074, 973, 914, 755, 697, 669; HRMS (TOF MS EI$^+$) [M$^+$] calculated for C$_{14}$H$_{17}$NO 215.1310, found 215.1312.
(Z)-5-styrylpyrrolidin-2-one (3l)
Brown solid; yield 15 % (14 mg); mp 79-81 °C (there is a little conformational isomer);¹H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (br, 1H), 5.62 (dd, J₁ = 11.2 Hz, J₂ = 9.2 Hz,1H), 4.64-4.59 (m, 1H), 2.44-2.32 (m, 3H), 1.99-1.92 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl₃) δ 178.2, 136.1, 132.6, 131.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.5, 51.7, 30.4, 28.9; IR (neat) ν = 3220, 2977, 1691, 1600, 1493, 1447, 1367, 1263, 1203, 922, 771, 700, 647; HRMS (TOF MS EI⁺) [M]⁺ calculated for C₁₂H₁₃NO 187.0997, found 187.0999.

(E)-5-styrylpyrrolidin-2-one (4l)
Brown solid; yield 13 % (12 mg); mp 92-93 °C (there is a little conformational isomer);¹H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.24 (m, 5H), 6.54 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, J₁ = 15.6 Hz, J₂ = 7.6 Hz,1H), 6.10 (br, 1H), 4.36-4.31 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.34 (m, 3H), 1.97-1.91 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl₃) δ 178.3, 136.1, 131.1, 129.9, 128.7, 128.0, 126.5, 56.5, 30.0, 28.5; IR (neat) ν = 3243, 2925, 1494, 1451, 1419, 1348, 1258, 1182, 1072, 969, 914, 844, 751, 696, 645; HRMS (TOF MS EI⁺) [M]⁺ calculated for C₁₂H₁₃NO 187.0997, found 187.0996.

(Z)-1,3-dimethyl-4-styrylimidazolidin-2-one (3m)
Light yellow liquid; yield 35 % (38 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer);¹H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (dd, J₁ = 9.6 Hz, J₂ = 11.6 Hz,1H), 4.40-4.33 (m, 1H), 3.53 (t, J = 8.4 Hz,1H), 3.04 (t, J = 8.4 Hz,1H), 2.80 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5, 136.0, 134.2, 130.5, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 53.3, 51.6, 31.4, 29.4; IR (neat) ν = 2869, 1694, 1601, 1496, 1443, 1397, 1364, 1317, 1243, 1127, 1076, 1029, 1001, 921, 892, 820, 758, 701, 649; HRMS (TOF MS EI⁺) [M]⁺ calculated for C₁₃H₁₆N₂O 216.1263, found 216.1261.

(E)-1,3-dimethyl-4-styrylimidazolidin-2-one (4m)
Light yellow liquid; yield 32 % (35 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer);¹H NMR (400M
Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 7.41-7.26 (m, 5H), 6.62 (d, $J$ = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd, $J_1$ = 8.8 Hz, $J_2$ = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40-3.94 (m, 1H), 3.51 (t, $J$ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (t, $J$ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (s, 1H), 2.72 (s, 1H); $^{13}$C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 161.6, 136.0, 134.3, 128.7, 128.3, 127.4, 126.6, 59.0, 51.7, 31.3, 29.5; IR (neat) $\nu$ = 2923, 2863, 1693, 1497, 1444, 1397, 1370, 1254, 1127, 1075, 1030, 971, 897, 845, 753, 696; HRMS (TOF MS EI$^+$) [M]$^+$ calculated for C$_{13}$H$_{16}$N$_2$O 216.1263, found 216.1262.

(Z)-1,3-dimethyl-4-styryltetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one (3n)
Brown liquid; yield 44% (51 mg) (there is a little conformational isomer); $^1$H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 7.38-7.19 (m, 5H), 6.64 (d, $J$ = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (dd, $J_1$ = 11.6 Hz, $J_2$ = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31-4.28 (m, 1H), 3.42-3.37 (m, 0.88H), 3.23-3.18 (m, 1.12H), 2.97-2.94 (m, 3.35H), 2.79 (s, 2.65H), 2.26-2.17 (m, 0.88H), 1.98-1.89 (m, 1.12H); $^{13}$C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 156.4, 156.3, 136.8, 136.3, 132.1, 131.5, 131.2, 129.8, 128.9, 128.52, 128.46, 128.2, 127.3, 126.9, 54.3, 47.9, 45.7, 45.3, 45.2, 35.8, 35.7, 33.8, 28.1, 27.3; IR (neat) $\nu$ = 3015, 2927, 2862, 1628, 1509, 1446, 1404, 1319, 1252, 1214, 1107, 1054, 972, 941, 850, 845, 754, 700, 667; HRMS (TOF MS EI$^+$) [M]$^+$ calculated for C$_{14}$H$_{18}$N$_2$O 230.1419, found 231.1370.

(E)-1,3-dimethyl-4-styryltetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one (4n)
Brown liquid; yield 22% (25 mg); $^1$H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 7.39-7.23 (m, 5H), 6.45 (d, $J$ = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, $J_1$ = 15.6 Hz, $J_2$ = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.01-3.98 (m, 1H), 4.01-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.14-3.09 (m, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 2.26-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.82 (m, 1H); $^{13}$C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 156.4, 136.3, 131.4, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 126.5, 59.1, 44.4, 35.8, 34.6, 27.3; IR (neat) $\nu$ = 3015, 2927, 2862, 1628, 1512, 1450, 1405, 1330, 1231, 1108, 1051, 972, 755, 696, 669; HRMS (TOF MS EI$^+$) [M]$^+$ calculated for C$_{14}$H$_{18}$N$_2$O 230.1419, found 231.1371.

(Z)-1-(2-styrylpyrrolidin-1-yl)ethanone (3o)
Brown liquid; yield 43% (46 mg); the ratio of two conformational isomers is about 0.77 : 0.23; $^1$H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 7.45-7.20 (m, 5H), 6.55 (d, $J$ = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, $J$ = 11.6 Hz, 0.23H), 5.65 (dd, $J_1$ = 11.6 Hz, $J_2$ = 9.6 Hz, 0.77H), 5.56 (dd, $J_1$ = 11.6 Hz, $J_2$ = 8.8 Hz, 0.23H), 5.05-5.01 (m, 0.23H), 4.70-4.65 (m, 0.77H), 3.64-3.52 (m, 1.77H), 3.48-3.42 (m, 0.23H), 2.40-2.30 (m, 0.77H), 1.75 (s, 2.31H); $^{13}$C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 170.0, 169.2, 137.1, 136.1, 133.4, 132.8, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 126.7, 55.8, 55.1, 47.9, 46.2, 34.2, 32.7, 24.7, 23.3, 23.0, 22.1; IR (neat) $\nu$ = 2973, 2876, 1642, 1493, 1414, 1354, 1245, 1187, 1072, 1033, 1002, 917, 831, 794, 770, 736, 701, 671; HRMS (TOF MS

(E)-1-(2-styrylpyrrolidin-1-yl)ethanone (4o)
Light yellow liquid; yield 29 % (31 mg); the ratio of two conformational isomers is about 0.70 : 0.30; 1H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl3) $\delta$ 7.38-7.19 (m, 5H), 6.44-6.37 (m, 1H), 6.14 (dd, $J_1 = 16.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.85-4.82 (m, 0.30H), 4.50-4.47 (m, 0.70H), 3.65-3.53 (m, 1.70H), 3.50-3.43 (m, 0.30H), 2.22-2.15 (m, 0.70H), 2.11 (s, 0.90H), 2.07 (s, 2.10H), 2.06-1.88 (m, 3.30H); 13C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl3) $\delta$ 170.0, 169.2, 136.9, 136.2, 130.1, 129.53, 129.49, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 127.3, 126.44, 126.41, 60.2, 57.9, 47.7, 46.2, 33.2, 31.0, 23.9, 22.9, 22.5, 22.1; IR (neat) $\nu = 2970, 2876, 1634, 1415, 1355, 1253, 1189, 1072, 1033, 970, 916, 748, 696, 672, 649$; HRMS (TOF MS EI+) [M]+ calculated for C14H17NO 215.1310, found 215.1311.

(Z)-N-methyl-N-(3-phenylallyl)acetamide (3p)
Light yellow liquid; yield 23 % (22 mg); the ratio of two conformational isomers is about 0.50 : 0.50; 1H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl3) $\delta$ 7.40-7.19 (m, 5H), 6.69-6.64 (m, 1H), 5.66-5.55 (m, 1H), 4.33 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.91 (s, 1.5H), 2.88 (s, 1.5H), 2.09 (s, 1.5H), 1.99 (s, 1.5H); 13C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl3) $\delta$ 170.55, 170.46, 136.5, 136.0, 132.3, 132.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 48.9, 45.0, 35.5, 33.4, 21.8, 21.4; IR (neat) $\nu = 2920, 2928, 1643, 1487, 1400, 1361, 1329, 1281, 1240, 1135, 1076, 1018, 929, 810, 769, 699$; HRMS (TOF MS EI+) [M]+ calculated for C12H15NO 189.1154, found 189.1152.

(E)-N-methyl-N-(3-phenylallyl)acetamide (4p)
Light yellow liquid; yield 17 % (16 mg); the ratio of two conformational isomers is about 0.50 : 0.50; 1H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl3) $\delta$ 7.39-7.23 (m, 5H), 6.52-6.46 (m, 1H), 6.19-6.11 (m, 1H), 4.16 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 (s, 1.5H), 2.99 (s, 1.5H), 2.16 (s, 1.5H), 2.14 (s, 1.5H); 13C NMR (100M Hz, CDCl3) $\delta$ 170.8, 170.5, 136.5, 136.0, 132.8, 131.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.7, 126.41, 126.40, 124.6, 123.7, 52.6, 49.3, 35.5, 33.5, 21.9, 21.4; IR (neat) $\nu = 2927, 1635, 1488, 1401, 1358, 1287, 1234, 1136, 1018, 969, 760, 733, 694$; HRMS (TOF MS EI+) [M]+ calculated for C12H15NO 189.1154, found 189.1155.
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