Synthesis of Substituted Isoquinolines via Iminoalkynes Cyclization using Ag(I) Exchanged K10-Montmorillonite Clay as Reusable Catalyst

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1. General information

**Methods**

NMR spectra were registered on Bruker DRX spectrometer operating at 300 or 400 MHz for $^1$H and 75 or 100 MHz for $^{13}$C. All $^1$H NMR and $^{13}$C NMR spectra were measured in CDCl$_3$ with TMS as the internal standard. Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm and J values are given in Hz (Coupling constants are calculated according to the actual values given in NMR spectrums, here the decimals are reduced). Purifications by column chromatography were performed on silica gel 60-120 mesh. The XRD pattern of the catalyst samples was measured with a PW3050/60 (XPERT-PRO Diffractometer system) instrument using a Cu Kα radiation at room temperature.

**Table S1:** Chapter V: Synthesis of substituted isoquinolines via iminoalkynes cyclization using Ag(I)-exchanged Montmorillonite clay as reusable catalyst

The following aldehydes, alkynes and $t$-butylamine are used in this chapter.

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Preparation and characterization of catalysts

Preparation of Na⁺ exchanged montmorillonite clay

A sample of 1 g of K10 montmorillonite clay (K10-clay) was stirred with 1 M sodium chloride solution at RT for 72 h, then filtered and washed repeatedly with water to remove excess sodium chloride. This was dried at 90 °C under vacuum for overnight. Various cation exchanged clays\textsuperscript{1,2} were prepared from the above sodium exchanged clay with appropriate salt (nitrate or chloride) solutions as mentioned above.

Preparation and characterization of Ag\textsuperscript{I} exchanged K10 montmorillonite clay

K10 montmorillonite clay (Fluka) was used as received. The silver ions were exchanged into K10 montmorillonite clay (5 g) by stirring with silver nitrate (1 M in 25 ml of water for 1 g of clay) solution at room temperature for 72 h. The clay was filtered, washed thoroughly with distilled water. This was dried at 100 °C under vacuum tray drying for overnight. Ag(I) exchanged K10 clay was characterized by powder XRD, SEM with EDX, UV-DRS and ICP-OES analyses.

Silver-exchanged clay was prepared by ion-exchange method\textsuperscript{1} and was characterized by powder XRD, EDX, UV-DRS and ICP-OES analyses. X-ray powder diffraction pattern for Ag(I) clay is shown in Figure S1. The structure of K10 clay is retained as observed from the retention of all the characteristic peaks in XRD patterns after Ag(I) ion exchange process.
**XRD analysis**

X-ray powder diffraction pattern for Ag\(^{+}\)-K10 clay is shown in Figure S1. The structure of K10-clay is intact as observed from the retention of all the characteristic peaks in XRD patterns after Ag(I) ion exchange process.

![XRD data for Ag\(^{+}\)-K10 clay.](image)

**Figure S1.** XRD data for Ag\(^{+}\)-K10 clay.

**SEM and EDX analyses**

SEM images (Figure. S2) of Ag\(^{+}\)-K10 clay show that the surface consists of aluminium sheets. The total silver content in the sample was determined by EDX analysis and it was found to be 4.57 weight %.
Figure S2. SEM image of Ag(I) exchanged K10-clay.

Figure S3. EDX spectrum of Ag\textsuperscript{I}-K10 clay.
UV-DRS analysis

Figure S4. UV–Visible diffuse reflectance spectra of AgI-K10 clay.

The total silver content in the samples was determined by EDX analysis and it was found to be 4.57 % of weight.

Table S2: Percentage of elements present in AgI-K10 clay

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Inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectroscopy (ICP-OES) Analysis

1. From ICP-OES analysis silver concentration in silver exchanged clay is found to be 4.57%.

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2. Ag\textsuperscript{I}-K10 clay is added (0.02 g) to a mixture of iminoalkyne (1 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) and stirred at 100 °C for 6 h. After completion of reaction, the catalyst is filtered. The recovered catalyst is used for recycled up to fifth cycle. After the five cycles, the filtrate and reused Ag\textsuperscript{I}-K10 clay are analyzed with ICP-OES.

   **Filtrate:**

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   **Reused Ag\textsuperscript{I}-K10 clay (after the five cycle):**

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3. Iminoalkyne (1 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) is treated with 20 mg of Ag\textsuperscript{I}-K10 at 100 °C for 6 h. Thus, the reaction mixture after 6 h at 100 °C is filtered and removed the catalyst. Iminoalkyne (0.5 mmol) is further added to the filtrate, and the reaction mixture is heated at 100 °C for 6 h. In addition, ICP-OES analysis of the reaction mixture after removing the catalyst indicated the presence of Ag\textsuperscript{I} below the detection limit.

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4. Ag\textsuperscript{I}-K10 clay and DMF (5 mL) are stirred at 100 °C for 6 h. The catalyst is filtered and the filtrate is analyzed with ICP-OES.

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This result shows that that no leaching of silver has taken place from the solid to the liquid phase. This proves that catalyst is heterogeneous in nature.

**Typical procedure for synthesis of substituted isoquinolines**

**Step-1: General procedure for the preparation of 2-(1-alkynyl)benzaldehyde**

To a solution of 2-bromobenzaldehyde (1 eq) and alkyne (1.2 eq) in Et\textsubscript{3}N (10 volume) was added PdCl\textsubscript{2}(PPh\textsubscript{3})\textsubscript{2} (2 mol%). The mixture was stirred for 5 min, and CuI (1 mol%) was added. The resulting mixture was then heated under a nitrogen atmosphere at 50° C for 4 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC to establish completion. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, and the ammonium salt was removed by filtration. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using n-hexane/ethyl acetate as an eluent to afford 2-(1-alkynyl)benzaldehyde.

**Step-2: General procedure for the preparation of iminoalkynes**

To a mixture of 2-(1-alkynyl)benzaldehyde (1 eq) was added tert-butylamine (6 eq). The mixture was then stirred under an Ar atmosphere at room temperature for 24 h. The resulting mixture was extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were dried over Na\textsubscript{2}SO\textsubscript{4} and filtered. Removal of the solvent afforded an iminoalkyne.

**Step-3: General procedure for the cyclization of iminoalkynes**

To a solution of iminoalkyne (1 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was added Ag\textsuperscript{I}-K10 clay (20 mg) and the solution was flushed with nitrogen. The reaction mixture was heated to 100 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and then filtered
and concentrated. The crude product was purified through column chromatography by using \( n \)-hexane/ethyl acetate as an eluent to afford as substituted isoquinolines. The recovered catalyst was thoroughly washed with ethyl acetate and reused for next run. The purified products were characterized by their \( ^1 \)H, \( ^{13} \)C-NMR as well as by mass spectral data.

2. Characterization Data

Spectral data of substituted isoquinolines

\[ \text{3-Phenylisoquinoline}^3 \text{ (4a) (Table 2, entry 1): Compound 4a was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Offwhite solid; m.p. 103.4-104.4 °C.} \]

\[ \text{\( ^1 \)H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl}_3, \text{ T} = 300 \text{ K, TMS = 0 ppm):} \ \delta = 7.41-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.90 (d, 1H), 8.00-8.02 (d, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.13-8.15 (t, 2H), 9.36 (s, 1H) ppm; \] \[ \text{\( ^{13} \)C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl}_3, \text{ T} = 300 \text{ K, TMS = 0 ppm):} \ \delta = 116.5, 126.9, 127.0, 127.0, 127.5, 127.7, 128.5, 128.7, 130.5, 136.6, 139.5, 151.2, 152.3 ppm; \] \[ \text{LC MS (ESI-MS):} \ m/z \text{ calcd for C}_{15}H_{11}N (M+H)^+ : 206.2; \text{ Found: 206.1} (M+H)^+. \]

\[ \text{3-(2-Methylphenyl)isoquinoline}^4 \text{ (4b) (Table 2, entry 2): Compound 4b was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Yellow solid; m.p. 80.4-81.8 °C.} \]

\[ \text{\( ^1 \)H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl}_3, \text{ T} = 300 \text{ K, TMS = 0 ppm):} \ \delta = 2.43 (s, 3H), 7.27-7.33 (q, 3H), 7.51-7.52 (d, 1H), 7.61-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.86-7.88 (d, 1H), 8.02-8.04 (d, 1H), 9.36 (s, 1H) ppm; \] \[ \text{\( ^{13} \)C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl}_3, \text{ T} = 300 \text{ K, TMS = 0 ppm):} \ \delta = 20.3, 120.0, 125.8, 126.6, 127.0, 127.1, 127.4, 128.0, 129.9, 130.4, 130.6, 136.7, 136.7, 136.7, 140.4, 151.7, 153.6 ppm; \] \[ \text{LC MS (ESI-MS):} \ m/z \text{ calcd for C}_{16}H_{13}N (M+H)^+ : 220.2; \text{ Found: 220.1} (M+H)^+. \]

\[ \text{3-(3-Methoxyphenyl)isoquinoline}^5 \text{ (4c) (Table 2, entry 3): Compound 4c was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Colorless oil.} \]

\[ \text{\( ^1 \)H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl}_3, \text{ T} = 300 \text{ K, TMS = 0 ppm):} \ \delta = 3.93 (s, 3H), 6.97-6.99 (m, 1H), 7.00-7.44 (t, 1H), 7.57-7.61 (t, 1H), 7.68-7.74 (m, 3H), 7.86-7.89 (d, 1H), 7.98-8.00 (d, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 9.36 (s, 1H) ppm; \] \[ \text{\( ^{13} \)C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl}_3, \text{ T} = 300 \text{ K, TMS = 0 ppm):} \ \delta = 55.4, 112.1, 114.6, 116.7, 119.3, 126.9, 127.1, 127.5, 127.8, 129.7, 130.5, 136.6, 141.0, 151.0, 152.3, 160.1 ppm; \] \[ \text{LC MS (ESI-MS):} \ m/z \text{ calcd for C}_{16}H_{13}NO (M+H)^+ : 236.2; \text{ Found: 236.1} (M+H)^+. \]
3-Cyclopropylisoquinoline\(^6\) (4d) (Table 2, entry 4): Compound 4d was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. White solid; m.p. 62.3-63.5 °C. \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 1.05-1.10\) (m, 2H), 1.11-1.13 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.22 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.72 (d, 1H), 7.88-7.90 (d, 1H), 9.12 (s, 1H) ppm; \(^13\)C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 9.1, 16.9, 116.3, 125.6, 126.9, 127.4, 130.17, 136.3, 152.1, 156.0\) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C\(_{12}\)H\(_{11}\)N (M+H): 170.2; Found: 170.1 (M+H)

3-[3-Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]isoquinoline\(^7\) (4e) (Table 2, entry 5): Compound 4e was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Pale yellow solid; m.p. 70.1-71.1 °C. \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 7.61-7.68\) (m, 3H), 7.71-7.75 (t, 1H), 7.90-7.92 (d, 1H), 8.01-8.03 (d, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 8.31-8.33 (d, 1H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 9.35 (s, 1H) ppm; \(^13\)C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 112.1, 119.0, 119.0, 120.2, 122.2, 122.8, 122.8, 123.2, 124.4, 125.3, 125.9, 131.7, 135.5, 144.8, 147.8\) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C\(_{16}\)H\(_{10}\)F\(_3\)N (M+H): 274.2; Found: 274.2 (M+H)

3-[4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]isoquinoline (4f) (Table 2, entry 6): Compound 4f was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Off white solid; m.p. 165.8-167.2 °C. \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 7.63-7.66\) (m, 1H), 7.72-7.78 (m, 3H), 7.90-7.92 (d, 1H), 8.02-8.04 (d, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.24-8.27 (d, 1H), 9.36 (s, 1H) ppm; \(^13\)C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 117.3, 125.6, 125.70, 125.74, 125.77, 127.0, 127.1, 127.6, 127.7, 128.0, 130.8, 136.4, 149.5, 152.6\) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C\(_{16}\)H\(_{10}\)F\(_3\)N (M+H): 274.2; Found: 274.1 (M+H)

3-(2-Methoxyphenyl)isoquinoline\(^7\) (4g) (Table 2, entry 7): Compound 4g was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Yellowish liquid. \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 3.91\) (s, 3H), 7.05-7.07 (d, 1H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.86-7.88 (d, 1H), 7.91-7.92 (d, 1H), 8.01-8.02 (d, 1H), 8.2 (s, 1H), 9.36 (s, 1H) ppm; \(^13\)C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 55.7, 111.4, 121.0, 121.1, 127.00, 127.03, 127.3, 127.4, 129.0, 129.5, 130.2, 131.4, 136.2, 149.2, 151.8, 157.0\) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C\(_{16}\)H\(_{13}\)NO (M+H): 236.2; Found: 236.1 (M+H)
7-Chloro-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)isoquinoline (4h) (Table 2, entry 8):
Compound 4h was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. White solid; m.p. 118.2-119.6 °C. \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 3.93\) (s, 3H), 6.97-7.00 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.44 (t, 1H), 7.62-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.83 (d, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 9.26 (s, 1H) ppm; \(^{13}\)C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 55.4, 112.1, 114.1, 116.3, 119.3, 126.3, 128.2, 128.6, 129.8, 131.5, 132.6, 134.8, 140.6, 151.2, 151.4, 160.1\) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C\(_{16}\)H\(_{12}\)ClNO (M+H): 270.7; Found: 270.8 (M+H)

7-Chloro-3-phenylisoquinoline (8) (4i) (Table 2, entry 9):
Compound 4i was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. White solid; m.p. 152.5-153.8 °C. \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 7.42-7.45\) (m, 1H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.65 (q, 1H), 7.81-7.84 (d, 1H), 7.97-7.98 (d, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 8.11-8.13 (m, 2H), 9.27 (s, 1H) ppm; \(^{13}\)C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 116.1, 126.3, 126.9, 128.1, 128.6, 128.8, 131.6, 132.5, 134.9, 139.0, 151.3, 151.6\) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C\(_{15}\)H\(_{10}\)ClN (M+H): 240.6; Found: 240.8 (M+H)

7-Chloro-3-cyclopropylisoquinoline (4j) (Table 2, entry 10):
Compound 4j was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. White solid; m.p. 106.4-107.9 °C. \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 1.03-1.05\) (q, 2H), 1.08-1.11 (q, 2H), 2.13-2.19 (m, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.66 (d, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 9.03 (s, 1H) ppm; \(^{13}\)C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 9.4, 17.0, 116.2, 126.2, 127.3, 127.4, 131.2, 131.2, 134.6, 151.1, 156.6\) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C\(_{12}\)H\(_{10}\)ClN (M+H): 204.6; Found: 204.1 (M+H)

7-Nitro-3-phenylisoquinoline (4k) (Table 2, entry 11):
Compound 4k was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Light yellow solid; m.p. 192.8-195.2 °C. \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 7.47-7.50\) (t, 1H), 7.53-7.56 (t, 2H), 8.00-8.02 (d, 1H), 8.16-8.18 (d, 3H), 8.45-8.47 (t, 1H), 8.95 (s, 1H), 9.52 (s, 1H) ppm; \(^{13}\)C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 115.9, 123.9, 124.5, 126.1, 127.3, 128.7, 129.0, 129.6, 138.3, 139.1, 145.9, 154.1, 154.8\) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C\(_{15}\)H\(_{10}\)N\(_2\)O\(_2\) (M+H): 251.2; Found: 251.1 (M+H)

3-Cyclopropyl-7-nitroisoquinoline (4l) (Table 2, entry 12):
Compound 4l was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Yellow solid; m.p. 137.4-138.1 °C. \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \(\delta = 1.11-1.15\) (q, 2H), 1.17-1.21 (q, 2H), 2.18-2.24 (m,
5-Methoxy-3-phenylisoquinoline (4m) (Table 2, entry 13): Compound 4m was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Light brown solid; m.p. 88.1-89.8 °C. \( ^1H \) NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \( \delta = 4.06 \) (s, 3H), 7.00-7.02 (d, 1H), 7.40-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.58 (m, 4H), 8.16-8.18 (q, 2H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 9.30 (s, 1H) ppm; \( ^{13}C \) NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \( \delta = 55.6, 107.8, 111.3, 113.9, 119.2, 119.2, 122.4, 127.5, 128.6, 129.0, 130.1, 142.1, 149.4, 151.8, 154.8, 164.6 \) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C\(_{16}H\text{_{13}NO} \) (M+H)+: 236.2; Found: 236.1 (M+H)+.

3-(3-Fluorophenyl)-5-methoxyisoquinoline (4n) (Table 2, entry 14): Compound 4n was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Light yellow solid; m.p. 97.7-99.8 °C. \( ^1H \) NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \( \delta = 4.04 \) (s, 3H), 6.99-7.01 (d, 1H), 7.07-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.89-7.93 (m, 2H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 9.28 (s, 1H) ppm; \( ^{13}C \) NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \( \delta = 55.6, 107.8, 111.3, 113.9, 115.2, 119.2, 122.4, 127.5, 128.6, 129.0, 130.1, 142.1, 149.4, 151.8, 154.8, 164.6 \) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C\(_{16}H\text{_{13}NO} \) (M+H)+: 254.2; Found: 254.1 (M+H)+.

3-Cyclopropyl-5-methoxyisoquinoline (4o) (Table 2, entry 15): Compound 4o was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Yellowish liquid. \( ^1H \) NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \( \delta = 1.04-1.09 \) (q, 2H), 1.09-1.12 (q, 2H), 2.18-2.24 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 6.88-6.90 (d, 1H), 7.33-7.37 (t, 1H), 7.43-7.45 (d, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 9.06 (s, 1H) ppm; \( ^{13}C \) NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \( \delta = 9.2, 17.2, 55.4, 107.2, 110.7, 119.1, 125.7, 127.6, 128.9, 151.4, 153.7, 155.8 \) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C\(_{16}H\text{_{13}NO} \) (M+H)+: 200.2; Found: 200.1 (M+H)+.

Step-1 intermediate:

2-(Phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (2a): Compound 2a was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Brown solid. \( ^1H \) NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\(_3\), T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): \( \delta = 7.38-7.41 \) (m, 3H), 7.45-7.48 (t, 1H), 7.56-7.67 (m, 4H), 7.95-7.97 (dd, 1H), 10.66 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C\(_{15}H\text{_{10}O} \) (M+H)+: 207.2; Found: 207.3 (M+H)+.
2-[(2-Methylphenyl)ethynyl]benzaldehyde (2b): Compound 2b was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Yellow solid. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta$ = 2.55 (s, 3H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.48 (t, 1H), 7.54-7.56 (d, 1H), 7.60-7.62 (t, 1H), 7.66-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.96-7.98 (dd, 1H), 10.69 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{16}$H$_{12}$O (M+H)$^+$: 221.2; Found: 221.1 (M+H)$^+$. 

2-[(3-Methoxyphenyl)ethynyl]benzaldehyde (2c): Compound 2c was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Yellow solid. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta$ = 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.95-6.97 (d, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.17-7.19 (t, 1H), 7.27-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.49 (t, 1H), 7.60-7.62 (t, 1H), 7.65-7.67 (t, 1H), 7.96-7.97 (dd, 1H), 10.66 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{16}$H$_{12}$O$_2$ (M+H)$^+$: 237.2; Found: 237.1 (M+H)$^+$. 

2-(Cyclopropylethynyl)benzaldehyde$^{10}$ (2d): Compound 2d was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Colorless liquid. $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta$ = 0.92-0.95 (m, 2H), 0.95-0.98 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.56 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.88-7.90 (d, 1H), 10.49 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{12}$H$_{10}$O (M+H)$^+$: 171.2; Found: 171.1 (M+H)$^+$. 

2-[(3-Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethynyl]benzaldehyde$^7$ (2e): Compound 2e was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Yellow oil. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta$ = 7.50-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.74-7.76 (d, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.97-7.99 (dd, 1H), 10.64 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{16}$H$_9$F$_3$O (M+H)$^+$: 275.2; Found: 275.1 (M+H)$^+$. 

2-[(4-Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethynyl]benzaldehyde$^{10}$ (2f): Compound 2f was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Yellow oil. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta$ = 7.49-7.53 (t, 1H), 7.60-7.69 (m, 6H), 7.97-7.99 (dd, 1H), 10.63 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{16}$H$_9$F$_3$O (M+H)$^+$: 275.2; Found: 275.1 (M+H)$^+$. 

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2-[(2-Methoxyphenyl)ethynyl]benzaldehyde (2g): Compound 2g was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Brown oil. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta = 3.94$ (s, 3H), 6.92-6.97 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.46 (t, 1H), 7.51-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.58 (t, 1H), 7.60-7.67 (t, 1H), 7.94-7.97 (dd, 1H), 10.74 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{16}$H$_{12}$O$_2$ (M+H)$^+$: 237.2; Found: 237.1 (M+H)$^+$.

5-Chloro-2-[(3-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl]benzaldehyde (2h): Compound 2h was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Yellow solid. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta = 3.85$ (s, 3H), 6.95-6.98 (m, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.15-7.17 (t, 1H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.91-7.92 (dd, 1H), 10.59 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{16}$H$_{11}$ClO$_2$ (M+H)$^+$: 271.7; Found: 271.6 (M+H)$^+$.

5-Chloro-2-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (2i): Compound 2i was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Yellow solid. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta = 7.37-7.42$ (m, 3H), 7.54-7.61 (m, 4H), 7.922-7.927 (d, 1H), 10.59 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{15}$H$_9$ClO (M+H)$^+$: 241.6; Found: 241.6 (M+H)$^+$.

5-Chloro-2(cyclopropylethynyl)benzaldehyde (2j): Compound 2j was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Colorless liquid. $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta = 0.93$-0.95 (m, 2H), 0.95-0.98 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.54 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.42 (d, 1H), 7.44-7.47 (t, 1H), 7.82-7.83 (d, 1H), 10.41 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{12}$H$_9$O (M+H)$^+$: 205.6; Found: 205.1 (M+H)$^+$.

5-Nitro-2-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (2k): Compound 2k was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Yellow solid. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta = 7.43-7.47$ (m, 3H), 7.60-7.62 (dd, 2H), 7.82-7.84 (d, 1H), 8.41-8.44 (dd, 1H), 8.77-8.78 (d, 1H), 10.66 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{15}$H$_9$NO$_3$ (M+H)$^+$: 252.2; Found: 252.0 (M+H)$^+$.
(2-cyclopropylethynyl)-5-nitrobenzaldehyde (2l): Compound 2l was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Colorless liquid. $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): δ = 0.96-0.98 (m, 2H), 1.02-1.07 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.60 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.64 (d, 1H), 8.32-8.34 (dd, 1H), 8.68-8.69 (d, 1H), 10.48 (s, 1H) ppm; GC MS: m/z calcd for C$_{12}$H$_9$NO$_3$ (M+H)$^+$: 216.2; Found: 216.0 (M+H)$^+$.

3-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (2m): Compound 2m was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Yellow solid. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): δ = 3.98 (s, 3H), 7.14-7.16 (t, 1H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.56-7.62 (m, 3H), 10.67 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{16}$H$_{12}$FO$_2$ (M+H)$^+$: 237.2; Found: 237.1 (M+H)$^+$.

2-[(3-Fluorophenyl)ethynyl]-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (2n): Compound 2n was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Pale yellow solid. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): δ = 3.98 (s, 3H), 7.06-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.45 (t, 1H), 7.55-7.57 (dd, 1H), 10.62 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{16}$H$_{11}$FO$_2$ (M+H)$^+$: 255.2; Found: 255.1 (M+H)$^+$.

2-(Cyclopropylethynyl)-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (2o): Compound 2o was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography. Colorless liquid. $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): δ = 0.90-0.92 (m, 2H), 0.95-0.98 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 7.06-7.09 (d, 1H), 7.29-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.50 (d, 1H), 10.49 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{13}$H$_{12}$O$_2$ (M+H)$^+$: 201.2; Found: 201.1 (M+H)$^+$.

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tert-Butyl[(1E)-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl]methyleneamine$^9$ (3a): Brown solid. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): δ = 1.35 (s, 9H), 7.36-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 3H), 8.06-8.93 (dd, 1H), 8.93 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{19}$H$_{19}$N (M+H)$^+$: 262.3; Found: 262.1 (M+H)$^+$.

tert-Butyl[(1E)-2-[2-(2-methylphenylethynyl)phenyl]methylene]amine (3b): Yellow Solid. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): δ = 1.34 (s, 9H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 7.20-7.27 (m, 1H),
7.27-7.28 (t, 1H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.53 (d, 1H), 7.56-7.59 (m, 1H), 8.09-8.10 (dd, 1H), 8.93 (s, 1H) ppm; **LC MS (ESI-MS):** m/z calcd for C_{20}H_{21}N (M^+): 276.3; Found: 276.1 (M+H)^+.

N-((1E)-(2-[3-Methoxyphenyl]ethynyl)phenyl)methylene)-2-methyl propan-2-amine (3c): Yellowish oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): δ = 1.35 (s, 9H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.93-6.95 (t, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.13-7.15 (d, 1H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.57 (t, 1H), 7.65-7.67 (t, 1H), 8.07-8.09 (dd, 1H), 8.93 (s, 1H) ppm; **LC MS (ESI-MS):** m/z calcd for C_{20}H_{21}NO (M+H)^+: 292.3; Found: 292.2 (M+H)^+.

1-(Cyclopropylethynyl)-2-[1(1E)-3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl]benzene (3d): Colorless oil. 1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): δ = 0.90-0.92 (m, 2H), 0.93-0.95 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H), 1.46-1.53 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.97-8.01 (m, 1H), 8.75 (s, 1H) ppm; **LC MS (ESI-MS):** m/z calcd for C_{16}H_{19}N (M+H)^+: 226.3; Found: 226.2 (M+H)^+.

tert-Butyl[(1E)-(2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethynyl)phenyl)methylene]amine (3e): Yellow oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): δ = 1.36 (s, 9H), 7.38-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.53 (t, 1H), 7.55-7.57 (d, 1H), 7.58-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.71 (d, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 8.08-8.10 (dd, 1H), 8.93 (s, 1H) ppm; **LC MS (ESI-MS):** m/z calcd for C_{20}H_{18}F_3N (M+H)^+: 330.3; Found: 330.0 (M+H)^+.

tert-Butyl[(1E)-(2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethynyl)phenyl)methylene]amine (3f): Colorless oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): δ = 1.37 (s, 9H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.58 (t, 1H), 7.62-7.68 (m, 4H), 8.08-8.10 (dd, 1H), 8.89 (s, 1H) ppm; **LC MS (ESI-MS):** m/z calcd for C_{20}H_{18}F_3N (M+H)^+: 330.3; Found: 330.0 (M+H)^+.

N-((1E)-(2-[2-Methoxyphenyl]ethynyl)phenyl)methylene)-2-methyl propan-2-amine (3g): Yellowish oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): δ = 1.35 (s, 9H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 6.92-6.98 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.52 (t, 1H), 7.56-7.58 (t, 1H), 8.07-8.09 (dd, 1H), 9.01 (s, 1H) ppm; **LC MS (ESI-MS):** m/z calcd for C_{20}H_{21}NO (M+H)^+: 292.3; Found: 292.2 (M+H)^+.

N-((1E)-(5-chloro-2-[3-methoxyphenyl]ethynyl)phenyl)methylene)-2-methyl propan-2-amine (3h): White solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): δ = 1.34 (s, 9H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.92-6.94 (m, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 7.11-7.12 (d, 1H), 7.29-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.49 (d, 1H), 8.063-8.068 (d, 1H), 8.83 (s, 1H) ppm;
**LC MS (ESI-MS):** m/z calcd for C_{20}H_{20}ClNO (M+H)^+: 326.8; Found: 326.2 (M+H)^+.

*N*-{(1E)-[5-Chloro-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl]methylene}-2-methyl propan-2-amine (3i): Pale yellow solid. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta$ = 1.34 (s, 9H), 7.32-7.39 (m, 3H), 8.05-8.06 (d, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{19}$H$_{18}$ClN (M+H)$^+$: 296.8; Found: 296.2 (M+H)$^+$.

**N**-{(1E)-[5-Chloro-2-(cyclopropylethynyl)phenyl]methylene}-2-methylpropan-2-amine (3j): Light brown solid. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta$ = 0.91-0.92 (m, 2H), 0.93-0.95 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 1.47-1.51 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.31 (t, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 8.65 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{16}$H$_{18}$ClN (M+H)$^+$: 260.7; Found: 260.1 (M+H)$^+$.

**tert-Butyl**{(1E)-[5-nitro-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl]methylene} amine (3k): Yellow solid. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta$ = 1.36 (s, 9H), 7.41-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.57 (dd, 2H), 7.68-7.70 (d, 1H), 8.19-8.21 (dd, 1H), 8.88 (s, 1H), 8.92 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{19}$H$_{18}$N$_2$O$_2$ (M+H)$^+$: 307.3; Found: 307.0 (M+H)$^+$.

*N*-{(1E)-[2-(Cyclopropylethynyl)-5-nitrophenyl]methylene}-2-methylpropan-2-amine (3l): Colorless liquid. $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta$ = 0.96-0.98 (m, 2H), 1.02-1.03 (m, 2H), 1.32 (s, 9H), 1.53-1.57 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.51 (d, 1H), 8.10-8.13 (d, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.83 (s, 1H) ppm; GC MS: m/z calcd for C$_{16}$H$_{18}$N$_2$O$_2$ (M+H)$^+$: 271.3; Found: 271.0 (M+H)$^+$.

**N**-{(1E)-[3-Methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl]methylene}-2-methyl propan-2-amine (3m): Yellowish oil. $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta$ = 1.34 (s, 9H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 6.92-6.95 (d, 1H), 7.32-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.58 (t, 2H), 7.66-7.69 (d, 1H), 8.93 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{17}$H$_{21}$NO (M+H)$^+$: 256.3; Found: 256.2 (M+H)$^+$.

**N**-{(1E)-[2-(3-Fluorophenyl)ethynyl]-3-methoxyphenyl]methylene}-2-methylpropan-2-amine (3n): Pale yellow solid. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 ppm): $\delta$ = 1.34 (s, 9H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 6.93-6.95 (d, 1H), 7.02-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.66-7.69 (d, 1H), 8.88 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C$_{20}$H$_{20}$FNO (M+H)$^+$: 310.3; Found: 310.1 (M+H)$^+$.
N-{(1E)-[2-(Cyclopropylethynyl)-3-methoxyphenyl]methylene-2-methylpropan-2-amine (3o): Colorless liquid. \( ^1H \) NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, T = 300 K, TMS = 0 PPM): \( \delta = 0.90-0.92 \) (m, 2H), 0.94-0.97 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 9H), 1.51-1.63 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 6.86-6.88 (d, 1H), 7.21-7.26 (t, 1H), 7.58-7.61 (d, 1H), 8.73 (s, 1H) ppm; LC MS (ESI-MS): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₁NO (M+H)+: 256.3; Found: 256.0 (M+H)+.
3. $^1$H & $^{13}$C NMR spectra of substituted isoquinolines

**Figure S5.** $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 3-phenylisoquinoline (4a) (Table 1, entry 1).

**Figure S6.** $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 3-phenylisoquinoline (4a) (Table 2, entry 1).
Figure S7. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 3-(2-methylphenyl)isoquinoline (4b) (Table 2, entry 2)

Figure S8. $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 3-(2-methylphenyl)isoquinoline (4b) (Table 2, entry 2)
Figure S9. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 3-(3-methoxyphenyl)isoquinoline (4c) (Table 3, entry 3).

Figure S10. $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 3-(3-methoxyphenyl)isoquinoline (4c) (Table 2, entry 3).
Figure S11. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 3-cyclopropylisoquinoline (4d) (Table 2, entry 4).

Figure S12. $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 3-cyclopropylisoquinoline (4d) (Table 2, entry 4).
Figure S13. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 3-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]isoquinoline (4e) (Table 2, entry 5).

Figure S14. $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 3-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]isoquinoline (4e) (Table 2, entry 5).
Figure S15. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]isoquinoline (4f) (Table 2, entry 6).

Figure S16. $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]isoquinoline (4f) (Table 2, entry 6).
Figure S17. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 3-(2-methoxyphenyl)isoquinoline (4g) (Table 2, entry 7).

Figure S18. $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 3-(2-methoxyphenyl)isoquinoline (4g) (Table 2, entry 7).
Figure S19. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 7-Chloro-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)isoquinoline (4h) (Table 2, entry 8).

Figure S20. $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 7-Chloro-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)isoquinoline (4h) (Table 2, entry 8).
Figure S21. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 7-chloro-3-phenylisoquinoline (4i) (Table 2, entry 9).

Figure S22. $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 7-chloro-3-phenylisoquinoline (4i) (Table 2, entry 9).
Figure S23. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 7-chloro-3-cyclopropylisoquinoline (4j) (Table 2, entry 10).

Figure S24. $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 7-chloro-3-cyclopropylisoquinoline (4j) (Table 2, entry 10).
Figure S25. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 7-nitro-3-phenylisoquinoline (4k) (Table 2, entry 11).

Figure S26. $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 7-Nitro-3-phenylisoquinoline (4k) (Table 2, entry 11).
**Figure S27.** $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 3-cyclopropyl-7-nitroisoquinoline (4l) (Table 2, entry 12).

**Figure S28.** $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 3-cyclopropyl-7-nitroisoquinoline (4l) (Table 3, entry 12).
Figure S29. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 5-methoxy-3-phenylisoquinoline (4m) (Table 2, entry 13).

Figure S30. $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 5-methoxy-3-phenylisoquinoline (4m) (Table 2, entry 13).
Figure S31. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 3-(3-fluorophenyl)-5-methoxyisoquinoline (4n) (Table 2, entry 14).

Figure S32. $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 3-(3-fluorophenyl)-5-methoxyisoquinoline (4n) (Table 2, entry 14).
Figure S33. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 3-cyclopropyl-5-methoxyisoquinoline (4o) (Table 2, entry 15).

Figure S34. $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of 3-cyclopropyl-5-methoxyisoquinoline (4o) (Table 2, entry 15).
Figure S35. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 2-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (2a).

Figure S36. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 2-[(2-methylphenyl)ethynyl]benzaldehyde (2b).
Figure S37. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 2-[(3-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl]benzaldehyde (2c).

Figure S38. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 2-(cyclopropylethynyl)benzaldehyde (2d).
Figure S39. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 2-{(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethynyl}benzaldehyde (2e).

Figure S40. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 2-{(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethynyl}benzaldehyde (2f).
Figure S41. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 2-[(2-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl]benzaldehyde (2g).

Figure S42. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 5-chloro-2-[(3-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl]benzaldehyde (2h).
**Figure S43.** $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 5-chloro-2-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (2i).

**Figure S44.** $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 5-chloro-2(cyclopropylethynyl)benzaldehyde (2j).
Figure S45. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 5-nitro-2-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (2k).

Figure S46. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of (2-cyclopropylethynyl)-5-nitrobenzaldehyde (2l).
Figure S47. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 3-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (2m).

Figure S48. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 2-[(3-fluorophenyl)ethynyl]-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (2n).
Figure S49. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 2-(cyclopropylethynyl)-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (2o).

Figure S50. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of tert-butyl[(1E)-[2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl]methylene]amine (3a).
Figure S51. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of tert-butyl(($1E$)-{$2$-[(2-ethylphenyl)ethynyl]phenyl}methylene)amine (3b).

Figure S52. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of N-($1E$)-{$2$-[(3-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl]phenyl}methylene)-2-methylpropan-2-amine (3c).
Figure S53. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of 1-(cyclopropylethynyl)-2-[(1E)-3,3-dimethylbut-1-en-1-yl]benzene (3d).

Figure S54. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of tert-butyl[1-(E)-(2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethynyl)phenyl]methylene]amine (3e).
Figure S55. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of tert-butyl[(1E)-{(2-[[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethynyl]phenyl)methylene]amine (3f).

Figure S56. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of N-((1E)-{2-{(2-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl phenyl]methylene})-2-methylpropan-2-amine (3g).
Figure S57. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of $N$-((1E)-{5-chloro-2-{(3-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl}phenyl}methylene)-2-methylpropan-2-amine (3h).

Figure S58. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of $N$-((1E)-{5-chloro-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl}methylene)-2-methylpropan-2-amine (3i).
Figure S59. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of N-{(1E)-[5-chloro-2-\((\text{cyclopropylethynyl})\text{phenyl}\)]methylene}-2-methylpropan-2-amine (3j).

Figure S60. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of tert-butyl\{(1E)-[5-nitro-2-\((\text{phenylethynyl})\text{phenyl}\)]methylene\}amine (3k).
**Figure S61.** $^1$H-NMR spectrum of $N$-{(1E)-{2-(cyclopropylethynyl)-5-nitrophenyl}methylene}-2-methylpropan-2-amine (3l).

**Figure S62.** $^1$H-NMR spectrum of $N$-{(1E)-(3-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methylene}-2-methylpropan-2-amine (3m).
Figure S63. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of $N$-((1E)-2-[3-fluorophenyl]ethynyl]-3-methoxyphenyl)methylene)-2-methylpropan-2-amine (3n).

Figure S64. $^1$H-NMR spectrum of $N$-((1E)-2-[cyclopropylethynyl]-3-methoxyphenyl)methylene)-2-methylpropan-2-amine (3o).
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