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# **Optimization of reaction conditions for amination of diarylmethanes 1**

Ph Ph NH							
Ph	[l]/Oxi `Ph	dant 2 1 eq	uiv Ph		nc.HCl (aq)	$\stackrel{\rm NH_2}{\downarrow}$	
	Sove	nt, Temp, Tir	ne P	h Ph	MeOH Pł	∩´ `Ph	
1a	l			8		3a	
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Entry	[I] or [M]	Oxidant	Solvent	Temp	Time (h)	Yield% <sup>[b]</sup>	
1	FeBr <sub>3</sub>	DTBP	-	90°C	48	79	
2	Bu₄NI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	24	35	
3	Bu₄NI	DTBP	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	24	0	
4	Bu₄NI	$H_2O_2$	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	24	0	
5	Bu₄NBr	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	24	0	
6	NIS	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	24	66	
7	KI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	24	67	
8	Phl	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	24	0	
9	$I_2$	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	24	44	
10	-	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	24	0	
11 <sup>[c]</sup>	KI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	48	80	

Table 1s. Optimization of reaction conditions for amination of diarylmethanes 1.

[a] Unless otherwise noted, reactions were carried out with diphenylmethane **1a** (1 mmol), benzophenone imine **2** (1 mmol), "I" (0.1 mmol) and oxidant (2 mmol).

[b] Isolated yield of two steps.

[c] benzophenone imine **2** (2 mmol), oxidant (3 mmol) were used.

[d] 70% aqueous solution.

# Optimization of reaction conditions for 3-substituted indolin-2-ones 4

Table 2s. Optimization of reaction conditions for 3-substituted indolin-2-ones 4.

C Z H	[I]/Oxidar Solve	Ph Ph NH 2 nt 2 equiv	$\rightarrow \hat{[}$	Ph Ph Ph Ph Ph H	conc. HCl (aq) MeOH	
<b>4a</b>				9		6a
Entry	[1]	Oxidant	Solvent	Temp	Time (h)	Yield% <sup>[b]</sup>
1	Bu₄NI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	Hexane	Reflux	6	79
2	Bu₄NI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	6	45
3	Bu₄NI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	70°C	6	72
4	Bu₄NI	DTBP	H <sub>2</sub> O	70°C	6	0
5	Bu₄NI	$H_2O_2$	H <sub>2</sub> O	70°C	6	0
6	Bu₄NBr	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	70°C	6	0
7	NIS	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	70°C	6	44
8	KI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	70°C	6	34
9	Phl	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	70°C	6	0
10	$I_2$	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	70°C	6	49
11	-	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	70°C	6	0
12 <sup>[c]</sup>	Bu₄NI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	70°C	12	83

[a] Unless otherwise noted, reactions were carried out with 3-benzylindolin-2-one **4a** (1 mmol), benzophenone imine **2** (1 mmol), "I" (0.1 mmol) and oxidant (2 mmol).

[b] Isolated yield of two steps.

[c] benzophenone imine (2 mmol), oxidant (3 mmol) were used.

[d] 70% aqueous solution.

# Optimization of reaction conditions for amination of aldehydes 6

Table 3s. Optimization of reaction conditions for amination of aldehydes 6.

	Ph					
	0	[I]/Ox Sol	NH 2 [I]/Oxidant 1 equiv Solvent, Temp,Time			NH <sub>2</sub>
	6a				7a	
	1 equiv					
Entry	[l] or [M]	Oxidant	Solvent	Temp	Time (h)	Yield% <sup>[b]</sup>
1	CuBr	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	MeCN	Reflux	12	0
2	Bu₄NI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	Hexane	Reflux	12	59
3	Bu₄NI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	12	60
4	Bu₄NI	DTBP	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	12	0
5	Bu₄NI	$H_2O_2$	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	12	0
6	Bu₄NBr	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	$H_2O$	100°C	12	27
7	NIS	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	12	24
8	KI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	12	46
9	PhI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	12	12
10	l <sub>2</sub>	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	12	59
11	-	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	12	35
12	Bu₄NI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	$H_2O$	50°C	12	36
13	Bu₄NI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	25°C	12	<5
14 <sup>[c]</sup>	Bu₄NI	TBHP <sup>[d]</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	100°C	24	81

[a] Unless otherwise noted, reactions were carried out with benzaldehyde **6a** (1 mmol), benzophenone imine **2** (1 mmol), "I" (0.1 mmol) and oxidant (2 mmol).

[b] Isolated yield of two steps.

[c] benzophenone imine (2 mmol), oxidant (3 mmol) were used.

[d] 70% aqueous solution.

### Control experiments for amination of diarylmethane 1a

When equivalent TEMPO (a radical-trapping reagent) was added in the amination of diphenylmethane **1a**, the desired amine product **3a** was obtained in trace quantity (Table 1, entry 1). The amination of **1a** did not occur in the presence of KI,  $I_2$ , KIO<sub>3</sub> or KIO<sub>4</sub> under neutral conditions (Table 1, entries 2, 3, 5 and 6). In contrast, desired product **3a** was obtained in 78% yield in the presence of  $I_2$  under basic condition (Table 1, entry 4). Hypoiodite anion (IO<sup>-</sup>) might be generated from  $I_2$  under basic condition, and then might be disproportioned to iodite anion (IO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>) and iodide anion (I<sup>-</sup>).<sup>[1]</sup> Hence, hypoiodite (+1) or iodite (+3) might be catalytic species for our oxidative amination of diarylmethanes **1**.

ŇΗ 2 [I]/Additives conc.HCl (aq) 2 equiv  $NH_2$ Ph Ph Ph `Ph Ph Ph Ph MeOH H<sub>2</sub>O, 100°C, 48 h 1a 8 3a 1 equiv Yield% (3a)[b] Entry [I] Oxidant Additives 1 KI (0.1 eq) TBHP (3 eq) TEMPO (1 eq) Trace 2 KI (1 eq) 0 3  $I_2(1 eq)$ 0 4 KOH (2 eq) 78  $I_2(1 eq)$ 5  $KIO_3(1 eq)$ 0 0 6 KIO<sub>4</sub> (1 eq)

Table 4s. Control experiments for amination of diarylmethane 1a.

[a] Unless otherwise noted, reactions were carried out with diphenylmethane **1a** (1 mmol) and benzophenone imine **2** (2 mmol).

[b] Isolated yield.

### Control experiments for amination of 3-substituted indolin-2-one 4a

In the presence of equivalent TEMPO, the desired product **5a** and the imine intermediate **9** were obtained in trace quantity employing **4a** as starting material (Table 2, entry 1). No product was observed in the presence of TBAI under neutral condition. On the contrary, amination occured in the presence of  $I_2$  under neutral condition and primary amine **5a** was obtained in 75% yield (Table 2, entry 3). Notably, in the presence of  $I_2$  under basic condition, imine **9** rather than primary amine **5a** was generated (Table 2, entry 4) which probably resulted from elimination of hydrogen iodide under basic condition so that the imine **9** was not hydrolyzed. lodate (+5) and periodate (+7) were inert under both neutral and basic conditions (Table 2, entries 5, 6, 7 and 8). Therefore, iodine (0), hypoiodite (+1) or iodite (+3) may be catalytic species for our oxidative amination of 3-substituted indolin-2-ones **4**.

Table 5s. Control experiments for amination of 3-substituted indolin-2-one 4a.



Entry	[1]	Oxidant	Additives	Yield%( <b>9/5a</b> ) <sup>[b]</sup>
1	TBAI (0.1 eq)	TBHP (3 eq)	TEMPO (1 eq)	Trace
2	TBAI (1 eq)	-	-	0/0
3	l <sub>2</sub> (1 eq)	-	-	0/75
4	l <sub>2</sub> (1 eq)	-	Bu₄NOH (2 eq)	72/0
5	NalO <sub>3</sub> (1 eq)	-	-	0/0
6	NalO <sub>3</sub> (1 eq)	-	Bu₄NOH (1 eq)	0/0
7	NalO <sub>4</sub> (1 eq)	-	-	0/0
8	NalO₄ (1 eq)	-	Bu <sub>4</sub> NOH (1 eq)	0/0

[a] Unless otherwise noted, reactions were carried out with 3-benzylindolin-2-one 4a (1 mmol) and benzophenone imine 2 (2 mmol).
[b] Isolated yield.

### Control experiment for amidation of aldehyde 6a

The radical-trapping experiment employing TEMPO suggested that a radical intermediate might be involved in our amidation of aldehydes (Table 3, entry 1). No product was observed in the presence of TBAI or  $I_2$  under neutral condition (Table 3, entries 2 and 3). Hypoiodite (+1) and iodite (+3) were inert pre-catalyst for this reaction (Table 3, entry 4). On the contrary, in the presence of iodate (+5) and periodate (+7) amidation occured under basic conditions (Table 3, entries 6 and 8) in 27% and 49% yields, respectively. Thus, iodate (+5) and periodate (+7) might be catalytic species which promoted our oxidative amidation of aldehyde **6a**.

Table 6s. Control experiment for amidation of aldehyde 6a.

	0 + F	Ph [I]/Ad NH H <sub>2</sub> O, 10	ditive	O │ NH₂
	<b>6a</b> 1 equiv	<b>2</b> 2 equiv	7a	
Entry	[l](1 eq)	Oxidant	Additives	Yield% <sup>[b]</sup>
1	TBAI (0.1 eq)	TBHP (3 eq)	TEMPO (1 eq)	Trace
2	TBAI (1 eq)	-	-	0
3	l <sub>2</sub> (1 eq)	-	-	0
4	I <sub>2</sub> (1 eq)	-	Bu₄NOH (2 eq)	0
5	NalO <sub>3</sub> (1 eq)	-	-	0
6	NalO <sub>3</sub> (1 eq)	-	Bu₄NOH (1 eq)	27
7	NalO <sub>4</sub> (1 eq)	-	-	0
8	NalO₄ (1 eq)	-	Bu₄NOH (1 eq)	49

[a] Unless otherwise noted, reactions were carried out with benzaldehyde **6a** (1 mmol) and benzophenone imine **2** (2 mmol).

[b] Isolated yield.

#### General methods

The reagents (chemicals) were purchased from J&K, Energy Chemical, Adamas, Accela and Shanghai Chemical Reagent Co. and used without further purification. Analytical thinlayer chromatography (TLC) was HSGF 254 (150–200  $\mu$ m thickness; Yantai Huiyou Co., China). Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy was performed on a Bruker AMX-400 NMR (IS as TMS). Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm,  $\delta$ ) downfield from tetramethylsilane. Proton coupling patterns were described as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m), and broad (br). High-resolution mass spectral analysis (HRMS) was performed on Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ FT Ultra mass spectrometer at Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, Chinese Academic of Sciences.

#### Preparation for the starting materials (1a-m and 4a-r)

The starting materials (**6a-p**) were purchased from J&K, Energy Chemical, Adamas, Accela and Shanghai Chemical Reagent Co. and used without further purification. **1a-m** and **4a-r** were prepared as the previously reported methods in the literatures. <sup>[2, 3]</sup>

#### General procedure for the amination of diarylmethanes (1)



To a mixture of diarlymethane **1** (1 mmol), KI (16.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 10 mmol%) and benzophenone imine **2** (362.2 mg, 2 mmol ) was added TBHP (70% in water, 386 mg, 3 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring at 100 °C for 48 h, the reaction mixture was poured into saturated Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (aqueous solution, 5 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3\times5$  mL) and washed with brine. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in methanol (5 mL) without further purification. To the solution was added conc. HCI (aqueous solution, 0.5 mL).the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC analysis. After the completion, solvents were removed in vacuo and 10 mL of water was added to the residue. The mixture was washed with diethyl ether ( $3\times3$  mL). The aqueous layer was separated and basified with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (aqueous solution) until pH=9. Then the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3\times5$  mL) and washed with brine. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and solvent was removed in vacuo to afford analytically

pure primary amine 3.

# **Characterization of intermediates 8**



N-benzhydryl-1,1-diphenylmethanimine (8a)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.71 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.49 (dt, *J* = 14.2, 6.7 Hz, 3H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 8H), 7.26 (dq, *J* = 8.6, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 5.54 (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 166.48, 144.55, 139.09, 135.79, 130.37, 128.79, 128.69, 128.42, 128.29, 128.14, 127.13, 127.04, 126.73, 69.27.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 348.1747, found 348.1749.



**1,1-diphenyl-N-(phenyl(m-tolyl)methyl)methanimine (8b) MS (ESI)** m/z calcd C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 362.2, found 362.0.



1,1-diphenyl-N-(phenyl(p-tolyl)methyl)methanimine (8c) MS (ESI) m/z calcd C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 362.2, found 362.0.



## N-(di-p-tolylmethyl)-1,1-diphenylmethanimine (8d)

MS (ESI) m/z calcd C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 376.2, found 376.0.



N-((4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-1,1-diphenylmethanimine (8e) MS (ESI) m/z calcd C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 378.2, found 378.0.



N-((2-fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-1,1-diphenylmethanimine (8f) MS (ESI) m/z calcd C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FN [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 366.2, found 366.0.



N-((4-fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-1,1-diphenylmethanimine (8g) MS (ESI) m/z calcd C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FN [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 366.2, found 366.0.



N-(bis(4-fluorophenyl)methyl)-1,1-diphenylmethanimine (8h) MS (ESI) m/z calcd C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 384.2, found 383.9.



**1,1-diphenyl-N-(phenyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)methanimine (8i)** MS (ESI) m/z calcd  $C_{27}H_{21}F_3N$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 416.2, found 416.0.



N-((4-bromophenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-1,1-diphenylmethanimine (8j) MS (ESI) m/z calcd C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 426,1, found 425.9.



N-((2-chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-1,1-diphenylmethanimine (8k) MS (ESI) m/z calcd C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>CIN [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 382.1, found 382.0.



N-((4-chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-1,1-diphenylmethanimine (8l) MS (ESI) m/z calcd C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>CIN [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 382.1, found 382.0.



N-(bis(4-chlorophenyl)methyl)-1,1-diphenylmethanimine (8m) MS (ESI) m/z calcd  $C_{26}H_{20}Cl_2N$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 416.1, found 415.9.

## Characterization of diarylmethylamines (3)



Diphenylmethanamine (3a): 80% yield. Light yellow liquid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ: 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.21 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 1.83 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 145.61, 128.53, 127.00, 126.94, 59.78.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 184.1121, found 184.1121.



Phenyl(m-tolyl)methanamine (3b): 82% yield. Light yellow liquid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.13 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 2.52 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 144.30, 144.21, 136.99, 127.39, 127.32, 126.69, 126.52, 125.86, 125.82, 122.89, 58.56, 20.41.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 198.1277, found 198.1276.



Phenyl(p-tolyl)methanamine (3c): 75% yield. Light yellow liquid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.37 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.21 (t,

3H), 7.11 (d, 2H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 2.74 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 144.60, 141.52, 135.45, 128.09, 127.39, 125.82, 125.77, 125.73, 58.35, 19.98.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 198.1277, found 198.1278.



Di-p-tolylmethanamine (3d): 74% yield. Light yellow liquid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ: 7.25 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 4H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 142.74, 136.52, 129.21, 126.82, 59.19, 21.12.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 212.1434, found 212.1433.



(4-Methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methanamine (3e): 79% yield. Yellow liquid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.74 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 157.45, 144.64, 136.59, 127.37, 126.90, 125.79, 125.72, 112.73, 57.96, 54.10.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 214.1226, found 214.1226.



(2-Fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methanamine (3f): 58% yield. Light yellow liquid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$ : 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05-6.97 (m, 1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 160.46, 158.02, 143.07, 131.62, 131.48, 127.52, 127.43, 126.95, 126.91, 126.06, 125.75, 123.24, 123.21, 114.51, 114.29, 52.08, 52.05.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -118.36.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NF [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 202.1027, found 202.1026.



(4-Fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methanamine (3g): 85% yield. Light yellow liquid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.33 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 7.7 Hz, 6H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 2.65 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 161.97, 159.54, 144.00, 139.88, 129.01, 127.52, 127.47, 127.39, 127.22, 126.10, 125.73, 114.27, 114.06, 57.91.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)** δ: -115.73.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NF [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 202.1027, found 202.1026.



Bis(4-fluorophenyl)methanamine (3h): 83% yield. Light yellow liquid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.32 (dd, J = 8.6, 5.5 Hz, 4H), 7.00 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 1.81 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 162.02, 159.58, 140.06, 140.03, 127.34, 127.26, 114.37, 114.16, 57.35.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -115.7.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NF<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 220.0932, found 220.0931.



Phenyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanamine (3i): 70% yield. Light yellow liquid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ: 7.61-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.33 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 8.0 Hz, 5H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 148.16, 143.53, 129.05, 127.69, 127.26, 126.39, 126.21, 125.84, 124.46, 124.42, 124.38, 124.35, 58.41.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-***d***<sub>6</sub>)** δ: -67.14.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd  $C_{14}H_{13}NF_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 252.0995, found 252.0994.



(4-Bromophenyl)(phenyl)methanamine (3j): 82% yield. Light yellow liquid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 2.14 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 145.10, 144.56, 131.57, 128.74, 128.68, 127.27, 126.86, 120.81, 59.24.

**HRMS (ESI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NBr [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 262.0226, found 262.0225.



(2-Chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methanamine (3k): 54% yield. Light yellow liquid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.53 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd, J = 12.7, 7.1 Hz, 3H), 7.25 (s, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 143.80, 142.81, 133.19, 132.47, 130.11, 129.68, 128.46, 128.35, 128.32, 128.23, 127.23, 127.14, 127.12, 55.87.

**HRMS (ESI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NCI [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 218.0731, found 218.0732.



(4-Chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methanamine (3I): 84% yield. Light yellow liquid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.36-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 7.8 Hz, 3H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 2.18 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 145.16, 144.03, 132.67, 128.67, 128.62, 128.36, 127.26, 126.86, 59.18.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/z calcd C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NCI [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 218.0731, found 218.0729.



Bis(4-chlorophenyl)methanamine (3m): 73% yield. Light yellow liquid.
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.29 (s, 8H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 1.72 (s, 2H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 143.60, 132.91, 128.72, 128.20, 58.57.
HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NCl<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 252.0341, found 252.0340.

### General procedure for the amination of 3-substituted indolin-2-ones (4)



To a mixture of 3-substituted indolin-2-ones **4** (1 mmol), TBAI (36.9 mg, 0.1 mmol, 10 mmol%) and benzophenone imine **2** (362.2 mg, 2 mmol ) was added TBHP (70% in water, 386 mg, 3 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring at 70 °C for 12 h, the reaction mixture was poured into saturated  $Na_2S_2O_3$  (aqueous solution, 5 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL) and washed with brine. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$  and solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in methanol (5 mL) without further purification. To the solution was added conc. HCI (aqueous solution, 0.5 mL), the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC analysis. After the completion, solvents were removed in vacuo and 10 mL of water was added to the residue. The mixture was washed with diethyl ether (3×3 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and basified with saturated  $NaHCO_3$  (aqueous solution) until pH=9. Then the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL) and washed with brine. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous to afford analytically pure primary amine **5**.

### **Characterization of intermediates 9**



3-benzyl-3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)indolin-2-one (9a)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO**-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.59 (s, 1H), 7.57-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15-6.94 (m, 8H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.87-6.79 (m, 1H), 6.46 (s, 2H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 177.92, 169.43, 141.37, 139.72, 135.90, 135.39, 132.91, 130.56, 130.47, 128.12, 128.08, 127.99, 127.74, 127.36, 127.21, 126.98, 126.36, 123.97, 120.95, 109.11, 70.34, 47.08.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 403.1805, found 403.1810.



3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-3-(4-fluorobenzyl)indolin-2-one (9b)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.61 (s, 1H), 7.56-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (tdd, *J* = 25.2, 19.3, 14.2 Hz, 8H), 6.87-6.81 (m, 1H), 6.43 (s, 2H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 177.85, 169.59, 141.32, 139.66, 135.89, 132.80, 132.31, 132.23, 131.57, 131.54, 130.50, 128.17, 128.13, 127.99, 127.77, 127.35, 126.99, 123.94, 121.05, 114.06, 113.85, 109.15, 70.27, 46.08.

**HRMS (EI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 420.1638, found 420.1639.



3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-3-(4-nitrobenzyl)indolin-2-one (9c)

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<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.73 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 6.87 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (s, 2H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 178.08, 170.47, 146.77, 144.43, 141.65, 140.03, 136.25, 132.96, 132.47, 131.13, 128.93, 128.70, 128.55, 128.36, 127.83, 127.55, 124.54, 122.76, 121.76, 109.83, 70.48, 46.89.

HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 447.1583, found 447.1586.



3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)indolin-2-one (9d)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>**)**  $\delta$ : 9.68 (s, 1H), 7.49 (dt, *J* = 14.7, 7.1 Hz, 6H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 178.15, 170.31, 141.73, 140.90, 140.08, 136.30, 133.11, 131.89, 131.07, 128.83, 128.66, 128.52, 128.31, 127.83, 127.74, 127.52, 127.43, 124.53, 124.49, 124.45, 121.68, 109.74, 70.55, 47.09.

**HRMS (EI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 470.1606, found 470.1602.



4-((3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)methyl)benzonitrile (9e)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>**)**  $\delta$ : 9.64 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 7.9 Hz, 5H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (s, 2H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 178.26, 170.16, 141.79, 140.11, 136.35, 134.92, 133.21, 132.83, 131.69, 131.04, 128.74, 128.65, 128.51, 128.29, 127.84, 127.70, 127.51, 124.45, 121.62, 109.69, 70.68, 46.72.

**HRMS (EI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 427.1685, found 427.1688.



3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-3-(4-ethoxybenzyl)indolin-2-one (9f)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.56 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 9.2 Hz, 3H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 3H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (s, 2H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 178.50, 169.85, 157.57, 141.90, 140.22, 136.43, 133.57, 131.98, 130.96, 128.63, 128.53, 128.47, 128.23, 127.84, 127.56, 127.48, 124.42, 121.46, 113.56, 109.57, 70.94, 63.13, 46.78, 15.14.

HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 446.1994, found 446.1996.



3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylmethyl)-3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)indolin-2-one (9g)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-** $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 9.63 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.35 (m, 7H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16-6.91 (m, 6H), 6.86 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 2H), 6.22 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 178.39, 170.01, 141.89, 140.20, 140.15, 138.44, 136.39, 135.29, 133.48, 131.70, 131.02, 129.34, 128.66, 128.51, 128.27, 127.85, 127.71, 127.51, 126.85, 125.88, 124.50, 121.57, 109.67, 70.79, 47.18.

HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 478.2045, found 478.2044.



3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-3-(4-ethylbenzyl)indolin-2-one (9h)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>**)**  $\delta$ : 9.57 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 8.8 Hz, 3H), 6.88 (ddd, *J* = 18.6, 16.6, 7.7 Hz, 6H), 6.43 (s, 2H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.50-2.44 (m, 2H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 178.44, 169.85, 142.04, 141.89, 140.22, 136.40, 133.52, 133.05, 131.00, 128.62, 128.56, 128.48, 128.23, 127.84, 127.48, 127.12, 124.44, 121.45, 109.60, 70.83, 47.23, 28.15, 15.90.

**HRMS (EI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 430.2045, found 430.2046.



3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-3-(4-methylbenzyl)indolin-2-one (9i)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.55 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 9.6 Hz, 3H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 7.6 Hz, 3H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 6.44 (s, 2H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 178.42, 169.85, 141.89, 140.21, 136.41, 135.71, 133.50, 132.72, 130.97, 130.91, 128.62, 128.56, 128.47, 128.36, 128.23, 127.84, 127.48, 124.43, 121.46, 109.60, 70.88, 47.24, 21.09.

**HRMS (EI)** m/z calcd  $C_{29}H_{24}N_2O$  (M<sup>+</sup>) 416.1889, found 416.1885.



3-(4-chlorobenzyl)-3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)indolin-2-one (9j)

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<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.63 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 3H), 7.00 (dd, J = 16.0, 8.0 Hz, 5H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 2H), 6.22 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 178.25, 170.16, 141.78, 140.11, 136.34, 134.92, 133.21, 132.83, 131.68, 131.05, 130.10, 129.06, 128.74, 128.66, 128.50, 128.30, 127.84, 127.70, 127.51, 124.45, 121.62, 109.69, 70.68, 46.71.

**HRMS (EI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>CIN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 436.1342, found 436.1344.



3-(4-bromobenzyl)-3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)indolin-2-one (9k)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.64 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (s, 2H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 178.24, 170.17, 141.78, 140.11, 136.34, 135.33, 133.23, 133.20, 131.04, 130.61, 130.10, 129.05, 128.75, 128.65, 128.51, 128.29, 127.84, 127.51, 124.45, 121.62, 120.30, 109.70, 70.61, 46.78.

HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 480.0837, found 480.0839.



3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-3-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)indolin-2-one (9)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.72 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.23 (m, 9H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13-6.88 (m, 3H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 79.4 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 179.00, 170.11, 141.71, 140.21, 136.33, 133.68, 133.60, 133.36, 132.64, 130.93, 129.85, 128.61, 128.50, 128.19, 127.93, 127.64, 127.44, 125.80, 125.53, 125.49, 125.10, 125.02, 121.24, 109.67, 70.83, 42.75. HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd  $C_{32}H_{24}N_2O$  (M<sup>+</sup>) 452.1889, found 452.1906.

3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-3-(furan-2-ylmethyl)indolin-2-one (9m)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.76 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 5.3 Hz, 3H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15-6.96 (m, 3H), 6.90-6.79 (m, 2H), 6.49 (s, 2H), 6.34-6.24 (m, 2H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 178.19, 170.13, 151.02, 142.00, 141.94, 140.07, 136.19, 133.49, 131.04, 130.10, 129.06, 128.74, 128.63, 128.50, 128.32, 127.79, 127.53, 124.14, 121.70, 110.86, 109.70, 108.53, 69.39.

HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 392.1525, found 392.1529.



3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-3-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)indolin-2-one (9n)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.79 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 47.7 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 178.25, 170.44, 141.98, 139.92, 138.04, 136.15, 133.14, 131.13, 128.80, 128.65, 128.30, 127.83, 127.54, 126.23, 126.00, 124.25, 121.54, 109.79, 69.88, 41.87.

HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS (M<sup>+</sup>) 408.1296, found 408.1298.



3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-3-methylindolin-2-one (9o)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 9.81 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 6.90 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 179.65, 169.90, 141.24, 140.04, 136.28, 136.22, 130.92, 128.57, 128.51, 128.42, 128.37, 127.90, 127.54, 123.26, 122.03, 109.90, 66.20, 29.35.
HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 326.1419, found 326.1420.



3-benzyl-3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)-5-fluoroindolin-2-one (9p)

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.66 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 5H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 6.83-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.55 (s, 2H), 6.14 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 178.39, 170.50, 159.22, 156.87, 140.02, 138.02, 136.36, 135.57, 134.64, 134.56, 131.13, 130.98, 130.10, 129.06, 128.66, 128.57, 128.37, 127.83, 127.60, 127.00, 114.93, 114.69, 112.39, 112.15, 110.22, 110.14, 71.17, 47.42.
HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 420.1638, found 420.1642.



3-benzyl-5-chloro-3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)indolin-2-one (9q)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18-6.95 (m, 8H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 2H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 178.16, 170.53, 140.71, 139.98, 136.34, 135.54, 135.03, 131.16, 131.02, 128.67, 128.59, 128.45, 128.37, 127.83, 127.64, 127.05, 125.47, 124.70, 110.91, 70.91, 47.30.

**HRMS (EI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>CIN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 436.1342, found 436.1347.



3-benzyl-5-bromo-3-((diphenylmethylene)amino)indolin-2-one (9r)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.01 (m, 7H), 7.02-6.96 (m, 3H), 6.51 (s, 2H), 6.15 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 178.03, 170.52, 141.09, 139.98, 136.33, 135.56, 135.44, 131.21, 131.05, 128.69, 128.59, 128.47, 127.83, 127.65, 127.45, 127.06, 113.08, 111.46, 70.84, 47.26.

HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 480.0837, found 480.0844.

### Characterization of 3-aminoindolin-2-ones (5)



3-Amino-3-benzylindolin-2-one (5a): 83% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-** $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.02 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.13-6.99 (m, 4H), 6.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 6.4, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, J = 42.5, 12.7 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 181.37, 142.14, 136.27, 132.70, 130.34, 128.68, 127.86, 126.68, 124.76, 121.55, 109.58, 62.96, 45.37.

**HRMS (ESI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 239.1179, found 239.1178.

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3-Amino-3-(4-fluorobenzyl)indolin-2-one (5b): 75% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.03 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.80 (m, 5H), 6.61 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, J = 46.4, 12.8 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 181.34, 162.58, 160.17, 142.09, 132.51, 132.44, 132.41, 132.14, 132.06, 128.78, 124.77, 121.62, 114.69, 114.48, 109.62, 62.93, 44.36.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: -116.80.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OF [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 257.1085, found 257.1084.



3-Amino-3-(4-nitrobenzyl)indolin-2-one (5c): 64% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.14 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.07 (m, 3H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 56.8, 12.5 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 181.00, 146.61, 144.66, 141.93, 132.04, 131.72, 129.00, 124.86, 122.91, 121.78, 109.79, 62.81, 44.74.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd  $C_{15}H_{14}N_3O_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 284.1030, found 284.1030.



3-Amino-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)indolin-2-one (5d): 70% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 10.09 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 19.3, 7.8 Hz, 3H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 50.5, 12.6 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 181.10, 142.00, 141.22, 132.28, 131.16, 128.92, 127.59, 127.28, 126.15, 124.80, 124.67, 124.64, 123.44, 121.71, 109.69, 62.82, 44.90.
<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: -60.81.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OF<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 307.1053, found 307.1052.



4-((3-Amino-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)methyl)benzonitrile (5e): 74% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.06 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 3H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, J = 47.3, 12.7 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 181.24, 142.06, 135.29, 132.40, 132.14, 131.51, 128.84, 127.83, 124.78, 121.67, 109.67, 62.88, 44.51.

**HRMS (ESI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 264.1131, found 264.1131.



3-Amino-3-(4-ethoxybenzyl)indolin-2-one (5f): 82% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 3.86 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 41.6, 12.9 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 181.50, 157.43, 142.18, 132.84, 131.30, 128.64, 127.98, 124.71, 121.55, 113.71, 109.56, 63.01, 44.55, 15.13.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 283.1441, found 283.1440.



3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-ylmethyl)-3-aminoindolin-2-one (5g): 84% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.06 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd, J = 12.0, 5.2 Hz, 4H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, J = 10.5, 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 45.0, 12.7 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 181.34, 142.17, 140.12, 138.30, 135.63, 132.74, 130.98,

129.32, 128.78, 127.69, 126.82, 126.05, 124.80, 121.66, 109.65, 62.92, 44.93. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd  $C_{21}H_{19}N_2O$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 315.1492, found 315.1490.



3-Amino-3-(4-ethylbenzyl)indolin-2-one (5h): 78% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 45.7, 12.7 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (s, 2H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 182.59, 142.64, 140.54, 131.85, 131.60, 130.23, 128.94, 127.26, 124.65, 122.47, 110.08, 62.79, 44.70, 28.37, 15.40. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 267.1492, found 267.1491.



3-Amino-3-(4-methylbenzyl)indolin-2-one (5i): 79% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.79 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J = 32.9, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 6.72 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, J = 43.1, 13.0 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 182.52, 140.54, 136.28, 131.59, 131.55, 130.12, 128.95, 128.48, 124.62, 122.48, 110.06, 62.85, 44.72, 21.04.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd  $C_{16}H_{17}N_2O [M+H]^+ 253.1335$ , found 253.1334.



3-Amino-3-(4-chlorobenzyl)indolin-2-one (5j): 80% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.06 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 3H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, J = 47.3, 12.7 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 181.24, 142.06, 135.29, 132.40, 132.14, 131.50, 128.84,

127.83, 124.78, 121.67, 109.67, 62.88, 44.51.

**HRMS (ESI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OCI [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 273.0789, found 273.0789.



3-Amino-3-(4-bromobenzyl)indolin-2-one (5k): 82% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.04 (s, 1H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dd, J = 47.2, 12.7 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 181.18, 142.05, 135.71, 132.54, 132.38, 130.76, 128.84, 124.78, 121.68, 120.07, 109.67, 62.81, 44.55.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OBr [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 317.0284, found 317.0282.



3-Amino-3-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)indolin-2-one (5I): 78% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 10.03 (s, 1H), 8.12-8.02 (m, 1H), 7.82-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 181.70, 142.04, 133.58, 132.96, 132.76, 132.63, 128.64, 128.55, 127.41, 125.59, 125.58, 125.21, 125.16, 121.39, 109.52, 63.05. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 289.1335, found 289.1334.



**3-Amino-3-(furan-2-ylmethyl)indolin-2-one (5m)**: 54% yield. Light yellow solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ: 9.10 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, *J* =

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42.9, 14.6 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 182.21, 149.98, 141.77, 140.47, 131.56, 129.09, 124.41, 122.66, 110.29, 110.20, 108.38, 61.43, 37.28.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 229.0972, found 229.0971.



3-Amino-3-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)indolin-2-one (5n): 80% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.55 (t, *J* = 21.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 3.45-3.25 (m, 2H), 1.86 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 181.85, 140.71, 136.38, 131.07, 129.35, 127.47, 126.34, 124.76, 124.61, 122.81, 110.09, 62.38, 39.20.

**HRMS (ESI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 245.0743, found 245.0742.



3-Amino-3-methylindolin-2-one (50): 86% yield. Yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$ : 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (s, 2H), 1.49 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 182.64, 141.55, 135.40, 128.58, 123.80, 121.93, 109.89, 58.06, 26.26.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 163.0866, found 163.0865.



3-Amino-3-benzyl-5-fluoroindolin-2-one (5p): 78% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-** $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.05 (s, 1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.89 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.5, 2.5 Hz, 3H), 6.57 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, J = 41.8, 12.7 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 181.26, 159.44, 157.09, 138.23, 138.22, 136.01, 134.77,

134.70, 130.30, 127.96, 126.79, 114.92, 114.69, 112.67, 112.43, 110.25, 110.17, 63.57, 63.56, 45.23.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: -122.22.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OF [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 257.1085, found 257.1084.



3-Amino-3-benzyl-5-chloroindolin-2-one (5q): 79% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 10.13 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 48.5, 12.7 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 181.00, 140.99, 135.96, 135.05, 130.30, 128.43, 127.98, 126.83, 125.64, 125.00, 110.92, 63.36, 45.17.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OCI [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 273.0789, found 273.0788.



3-Amino-3-benzyl-5-bromoindolin-2-one (5r): 81% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 10.14 (s, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17-6.98 (m, 3H), 6.95-6.78 (m, 2H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 50.3, 12.7 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 180.87, 141.40, 135.96, 135.46, 131.28, 130.32, 127.97, 127.75, 126.84, 113.35, 111.48, 63.33, 45.18.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OBr [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 317.0284, found 317.0282.

#### General procedure for the amination of aldehydes (6)



To a mixture of aldehydes **6** (1 mmol), TBAI (36.9 mg, 0.1 mmol, 10 mmol%) and benzophenone imine **2** (362.2 mg, 2 mmol) was added TBHP (70% in water, 386 mg, 3 mmol)

at room temperature. After stirring at 100 °C for 24 h, the reaction mixture was poured into saturated  $Na_2S_2O_3$  (aqueous solution, 5 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL) and washed with brine. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$  and solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent) to afford analytically pure primary amine **7**.

## Characterization of amides (7)

 $NH_2$ 

**Benzamide (7a)**: 81% yield. White solid. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 168.46, 134.71, 131.69, 128.67, 127.94.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/z calcd C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 122.0600, found 122.0601.

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4-Methylbenzamide (7b): 79% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ: 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 105.1 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 169.62, 142.61, 130.38, 129.30, 127.42, 21.51. HRMS (ESI) *m*/z calcd C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 136.0757, found 136.0756.

NH<sub>2</sub>

2-Methylbenzamide (7c): 81% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ: 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 2H), 5.97 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 172.41, 136.31, 135.22, 131.21, 130.29, 126.98, 125.75, 19.99.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 136.0757, found 136.0756.



4-Ethylbenzamide (7d): 83% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.94 (d, J = 149.4 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 169.70, 148.77, 130.70, 129.81, 128.12, 127.51, 126.12, 28.81, 15.29.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 150.0913, found 150.0913.

4-Ethoxybenzamide (7e): 84% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.80 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (s, 2H),
4.10 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 167.92, 161.33, 129.82, 126.80, 114.21, 63.70, 15.01. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 166.0863, found 166.0862.

4-Cyanobenzamide (7f): 50% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.00 (dd, *J* = 31.4, 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.70 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 166.91, 138.75, 132.84, 128.72, 118.84, 114.11. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 147.0553, found 147.0553.

4-Nitrobenzamide (7g): 38% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 8.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 166.68, 149.51, 140.44, 129.37, 123.90.

**HRMS (ESI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 167.0451, found 167.0451.

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**4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzamide (7h)**: 53% yield. White solid. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)** δ: 7.93 (s, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 122.0 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 167.15, 138.54, 132.10, 131.78, 131.46, 131.15, 128.78, 125.73, 125.69.

<sup>19</sup>**F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-***d***<sub>6</sub>)** *δ*: -61.38.

**HRMS (ESI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NOF<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 190.0474, found 190.0473.



[1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-carboxamide (7i): 89% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$ : 7.92 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, J = 143.5 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 168.06, 143.23, 139.70, 133.57, 129.48, 128.65, 128.48, 127.34, 126.92.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/z calcd C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 198.0913, found 198.0912.

4-Fluorobenzamide (7j): 77% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ: 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 167.31, 165.62, 163.16, 131.21, 131.18, 130.62, 130.53, 115.65, 115.43.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: -109.56.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NOF<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 190.0474, found 190.0473.



4-Chlorobenzamide (7k): 64% yield. White solid.
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.77 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.03 (s, 2H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 167.30, 136.56, 133.48, 129.87, 128.75.
HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NOCl [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 156.0211, found 156.0209.

4-Bromobenzamide (7I): 65% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$ : 7.70 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.98 (d, J = 142.0 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 167.39, 133.86, 131.70, 130.07, 125.49.
 HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NOBr [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 199.9706, found 199.9704.



1-Naphthamide (7m): 70% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-***d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.09-7.94 (m, 3H), 7.70-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.56 (ddd, *J* = 20.2, 10.9, 6.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 171.12, 135.13, 133.68, 130.26, 130.21, 128.65, 127.08, 126.60, 126.08, 125.63, 125.41.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/z calcd C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 172.0757, found 172.0756.

Furan-2-carboxamide (7n): 51% yield. Yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$ : 7.48 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, J = 207.7 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 159.89, 148.50, 145.46, 114.08, 112.24.

HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 112.0393, found 112.0393.



Thiophene-2-carboxamide (70): 82% yield. White solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ: 7.58 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 163.35, 140.78, 131.44, 129.13, 128.35.

**HRMS (ESI)** *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>6</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 128.0165, found 128.0164.

**3-Phenylpropanamide (7p)**: 70% yield. White solid.
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.30 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 5.58 (d, J = 54.8 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 174.00, 139.65, 127.54, 127.28, 125.27, 36.48, 30.36.
HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 150.0913, found 150.0913.

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