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Facile synthesis of benzoindoles and naphthofurans through carbonaceous material catalyzed cyclization of naphthylamines/naphthols with nitroolefins in water

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General information

All the chemicals were commercially available and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck silica gel GF254 plates. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200–300 mesh). Melting points were measured on an X-4 melting point apparatus. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz instrument (Bruker Avance 400 Spectrometer). Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to TMS as the internal reference, with coupling constants (J) in Hz. ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz. Chemical shift were reported in ppm with the internal chloroform signal at 77.0 ppm as a standard. HRMS (ESI) was measured with a Bruker Daltonics APEXII instrument.

General procedure for the synthesis of **3**

In a 10-mL reaction vial, 1-naphthylamine/2-naphthylamine (0.5 mmol), nitroolefin (0.5 mmol), carbonaceous material ($\text{C-SO}_3\text{H}$) (10 mg) and water (3.0 mL) were mixed and then capped. The mixture was stirred for a given time at 60 °C. Upon completion as shown by TLC monitoring, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The resulting solid precipitate was filtered and dried along with the catalyst. Crude product was further purified by column chromatography on silica gel with the eluent (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:20~1:4) to give the pure product.

General procedure for the synthesis of **5**

In a 10-mL reaction vial, 1-naphthol/2-naphthol (0.5 mmol), nitroolefin (0.5 mmol), carbonaceous material ($\text{C-SO}_3\text{H}$) (10 mg) and water (3.0 mL) were mixed and then capped. The mixture was stirred for a given time at 60 °C. Upon completion as shown by TLC monitoring, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The resulting solid precipitate was filtered and dried along with the catalyst. Crude product was further purified by column chromatography on silica gel with the eluent (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:30~1:8) to give the pure product.

Preparation and characterization of the carbonaceous material ($\text{C-SO}_3\text{H}$) catalyst

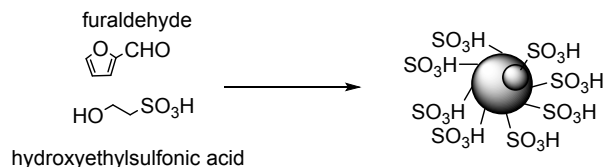


Fig. 1. The synthesis of the carbon functionalized material with sulfonic acid groups

According to literature method,¹ the mixture of the 10 g furaldehyde, 5 g hydroxyethylsulfonic acid and 80 mL deionized water was placed in 100 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclaves, which were heated in an oven at 200 °C for 5 h. The resulting products were filtered, washed with water and methanol, and dried in a vacuum oven at 110 °C for 5 h (Fig. 1). The acidity of the carbonaceous material was 2.4 mmol/g, which was determined through the neutralization titration. This carbonaceous material owned much higher acidity than that of the sulfonated carbonaceous materials, which were obtained via the sulfonation of the inactive carbon. The acid strength of the catalyst was determined by thermodesorption of chemisorbed ammonia (NH₃-TPD). The result showed that the catalyst had great acid strength in which ammonia was desorbed at 400 to 600 °C. IR(KBr) [cm⁻¹] = 3020 (Ar-H), 1704 (C=O), 1604 (C=C), 1204 (C-O), 1040 (S=O), 940 (S-O).

X-ray Crystallography

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction measurement was carried out on a Rigaku Saturn CCD diffractometer at 100(2) K using graphite monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). An empirical absorption correction was applied using the SADABS program. The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least squares on F^2 using the SHELXTL-97 program package.

Computational details

All the calculations were carried out using Gaussian 09 programs.² The solvation phase geometry optimizations and frequency calculations were performed using the B3LYP functional³ with the 6-31G+(d) basis set in collaboration with the SMD solvation model.⁴ Methanol was used as the solvent. Single-point energy calculations were then performed on the stationary points using M06-2X method⁵ with a larger basis set 6-311++G(2df,2p)

and the same solvation model used in the optimization calculation. All the energies correspond to the reference state of 1 mol/L, 298.15 K.

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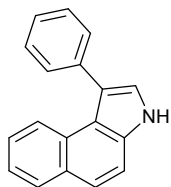
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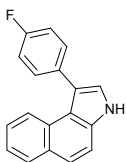
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Spectral data of the compounds



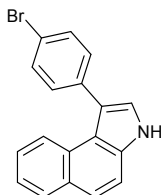
1-phenyl-3H-benzo[e]indole (3a)

Brown oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.48 (br, s, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 137.1, 132.9, 130.2, 129.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 126.8, 125.4, 123.8, 123.4, 123.2, 121.6, 121.3, 119.5, 112.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 244.1121, found: 244.1125.



1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3H-benzo[e]indole (3b)

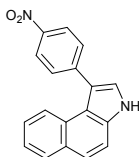
Brown oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.47 (br, s, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 163.4, 160.9, 133.0, 132.8, 131.7, 129.8, 128.9, 128.6, 125.5, 123.9, 123.3, 123.1, 121.5, 120.1, 119.6, 115.4, 115.2, 112.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 262.1026, found: 262.1029.



1-(4-nitrophenyl)-3H-benzo[e]indole (3c)

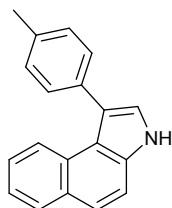
Brown solid, mp: 82-84 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.53 (br, s, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.36-

7.45 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 136.1, 132.9, 131.8, 131.5, 129.8, 128.9, 128.5, 125.6, 124.1, 123.4, 123.2, 121.6, 120.8, 120.0, 119.3, 112.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrN}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 322.0226, found: 322.0235.



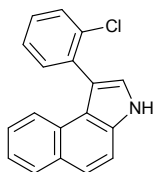
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Brown solid, mp: 130-132°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.75 (br, s, 1H), 8.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.29 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 146.6, 144.5, 133.4, 130.3, 130.0, 129.1, 128.2, 125.7, 124.6, 123.8, 123.7, 123.0, 122.4, 119.4, 118.9, 112.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 289.0971, found: 289.0985.



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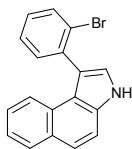
Brown solid, mp: 44-46 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.48 (br, s, 1H), 8.19 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.33-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.17 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 136.5, 134.1, 132.8, 130.1, 130.0, 129.8, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 127.3, 125.3, 123.8, 123.7, 123.4, 123.2, 121.5, 121.2, 119.6, 112.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 258.1277, found: 258.1265.



1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3H-benzo[e]indole (3f)

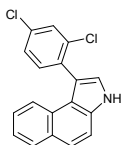
Brown solid, mp: 56-58 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.53 (br, s, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.33-

7.48 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 138.1, 132.9, 132.8, 132.3, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.3, 126.2, 125.7, 123.8, 123.3, 123.1, 121.6, 120.2, 119.6, 112.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrN}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 278.0371, found: 278.0367.



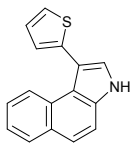
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Brown solid, mp: 64-66 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.55 (br, s, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.20 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 136.1, 135.4, 132.9, 132.5, 129.7, 129.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 126.7, 125.7, 123.8, 123.3, 123.0, 121.8, 120.3, 117.6, 112.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrN}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 322.0226, found: 322.0232.



1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-3H-benzo[e]indole (3h)

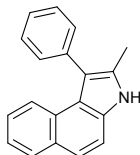
Brown oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.59 (br, s, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 136.1, 134.7, 133.8, 133.5, 132.5, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 127.0, 125.8, 124.0, 123.4, 122.9, 121.8, 116.4, 112.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 312.0341, found: 312.0348.



1-(thiophen-2-yl)-3H-benzo[e]indole (3i)

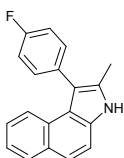
Brown oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.49 (br, s, 1H), 8.17-8.19 (m, 1H), 7.93-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 137.0, 132.8, 130.1, 129.8, 128.7,

125.6, 125.3, 123.8, 123.3, 122.6, 121.7, 120.0, 117.8, 115.5, 112.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{16}H_{11}NS$ ($M + H$)⁺: 250.0685, found: 250.0690.



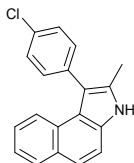
2-methyl-1-phenyl-3H-benzo[e]indole (3j)

Brown solid, mp: 52-54 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.17 (br, s, 1H), 7.94 (t, $J_1 = 6.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.33 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 137.2, 131.3, 131.2, 130.4, 129.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 126.8, 125.1, 123.3, 122.9, 122.4, 120.9, 117.2, 112.4, 11.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{19}H_{15}N$ ($M + H$)⁺: 258.1277, found: 258.1273.



1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-3H-benzo[e]indole (3k)

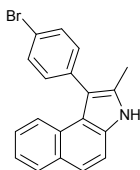
Brown solid, mp: 82-84 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.23 (br, s, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 163.2, 160.8, 133.0, 132.9, 132.6, 132.5, 131.2, 130.5, 129.8, 128.8, 128.1, 125.2, 123.0, 122.5, 120.9, 116.2, 115.5, 115.3, 112.2, 11.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{19}H_{14}FN$ ($M + H$)⁺: 276.1183, found: 276.1188.



1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-3H-benzo[e]indole (3l)

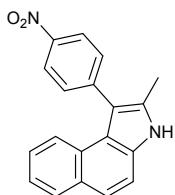
Brown solid, mp: 88-90 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.28 (br, s, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.52 (m, 5H), 7.32-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.30 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 135.7, 132.7, 132.4, 131.3, 130.4, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 125.2, 123.0, 122.9, 122.7, 120.8, 116.0, 112.2, 11.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{19}H_{14}ClN$ ($M + H$)⁺: 292.0887, found:

292.0897.



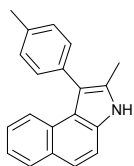
1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methyl-3H-benzo[e]indole (3m)

Brown solid, mp: 96-98 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.29 (br, s, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 136.2, 132.8, 131.6, 131.3, 130.4, 129.8, 128.8, 128.1, 125.2, 123.0, 122.9, 122.7, 120.8, 120.7, 116.0, 112.2, 11.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrN}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 336.0382, found: 336.0373.



2-methyl-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-3H-benzo[e]indole (3n)

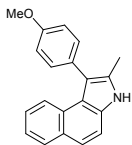
Brown solid, mp: 138-140 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.47 (br, s, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 146.6, 144.9, 131.7, 131.0, 129.9, 129.0, 127.8, 126.4, 125.8, 125.4, 123.7, 123.3, 123.2, 122.8, 122.5, 120.3, 118.3, 115.3, 112.3, 12.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 303.1128, found: 303.1133.



2-methyl-1-(p-tolyl)-3H-benzo[e]indole (3o)

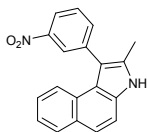
Brown solid, mp: 78-80 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.26 (br, s, 1H), 7.90 (t, J_1 = 6.8 Hz, J_2 = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 136.2, 134.0, 131.2, 130.9, 130.3, 129.8, 129.1, 128.6,

128.3, 125.0, 123.2, 122.8, 122.3, 121.0, 117.2, 112.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₇N (M + H)⁺: 272.1434, found: 272.1419.



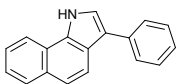
1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-3H-benzo[e]indole (3p)

Brown solid, mp: 92-94 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.29 (br, s, 1H), 7.87-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 158.5, 132.1, 131.2, 130.3, 129.7, 129.2, 128.6, 128.3, 125.0, 123.1, 122.8, 122.3, 113.8, 112.2, 55.3, 12.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₇NO (M + H)⁺: 288.1383, found: 288.1381.



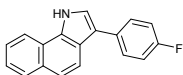
2-methyl-1-(3-nitrophenyl)-3H-benzo[e]indole (3q)

Brown solid, mp: 76-78 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (br, s, 1H), 8.23 (dd, *J*₁ = 1.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91-8.03 (m, 3H), 7.70-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.64 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.41 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 151.3, 138.5, 134.8, 133.9, 133.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 127.1, 126.6, 126.5, 124.5, 123.3, 122.1, 119.5, 117.8, 17.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₄N₂O₂ (M + H)⁺: 303.1128, found: 303.1137.



3-phenyl-1H-benzo[g]indole (3r)

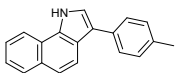
Colorless crystal, mp: 230-232 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.94 (br, s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 1H).



3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-benzo[g]indole (3s)

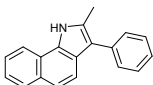
Colorless crystal, mp: 204-206 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 9.00 (br, s, 1H),

8.06 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.94-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 162.8, 160.4, 131.2, 130.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 125.7, 124.3, 121.8, 121.6, 121.3, 119.7, 119.4, 119.3, 115.8, 115.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 262.1026, found: 262.1034.



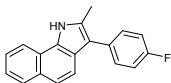
3-(p-tolyl)-1H-benzo[g]indole (3t)

Brown solid, mp: 140-142 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.98 (br, s, 1H), 7.93-8.07 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.68 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.42 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 135.8, 132.5, 130.5, 129.6, 129.5, 128.8, 127.6, 127.4, 125.6, 124.1, 121.7, 121.0, 120.2, 119.7, 119.6, 119.3, 21.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 258.1277, found: 258.1288.



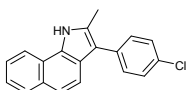
2-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-benzo[g]indole (3u)

Colorless crystal, mp: 80-82 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.71 (br, s, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.61 (m, 6H), 7.45 (t, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 258.1277, found: 258.1281.



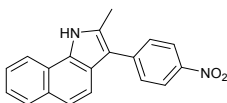
3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-1H-benzo[g]indole (3v)

Brown solid, mp: 150-152 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.70 (br, s, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.24 (m, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 162.6, 160.2, 131.3, 131.0, 130.9, 130.2, 129.4, 128.9, 125.5, 123.6, 123.4, 121.2, 120.8, 119.1, 118.9, 115.6, 115.5, 115.3, 12.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 276.1183, found: 276.1179.



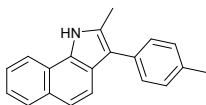
3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-1H-benzo[g]indole (3w)

Brown solid, mp: 170-172 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.74 (br, s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.46 (m, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 133.9, 131.7, 130.7, 130.2, 129.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 125.5, 123.7, 123.2, 121.2, 120.9, 119.1, 118.8, 115.3, 12.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₄ClN (M + H)⁺: 292.0888, found: 292.0898.



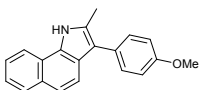
2-methyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-benzo[g]indole (3x)

Brown solid, mp: 274-276 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.90 (br, s, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.78 (m, 3H), 7.57-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J*₁ = 7.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 130.9, 129.7, 129.5, 129.0, 125.8, 124.1, 124.0, 122.8, 121.6, 119.1, 118.4, 13.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₄N₂O₂ (M + H)⁺: 303.1128, found: 303.1135.



2-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-benzo[g]indole (3y)

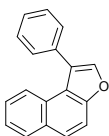
Brown solid, mp: 106-108 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.68 (br, s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 135.5, 132.4, 130.2, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 125.4, 123.5, 121.3, 120.6, 119.3, 119.1, 116.3, 21.3, 12.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₇N (M + H)⁺: 272.1434, found: 272.1419.



3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-1H-benzo[g]indole (3z)

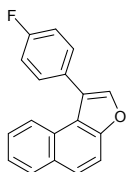
Brown solid, mp: 122-124 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.68 (br, s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.09 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.62 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, ppm): δ 157.9, 130.6, 130.1, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 127.7, 125.4, 123.6, 123.5, 121.1, 120.5, 119.2, 119.1, 116.0, 114.0, 55.4, 12.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₇NO (M + H)⁺:

288.1383, found: 288.1384.



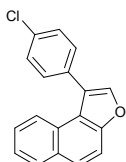
1-phenylnaphtho[2,1-b]furan (5a)

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.01 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.63-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 1H).



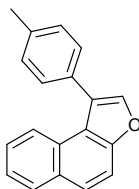
1-(4-fluorophenyl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan (5b)

Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 7.93-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.27 (m, 2H).



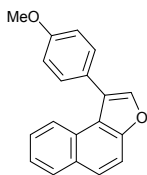
1-(4-chlorophenyl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan (5c)

Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 7.95-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.41 (m, 1H).



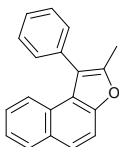
1-(p-tolyl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan (5d)

Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.05 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.39 (m, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H).



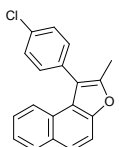
1-(4-methoxyphenyl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan (5e)

Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.03 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H).



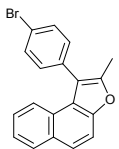
2-methyl-1-phenylnaphtho[2,1-b]furan (5f)

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 7.90 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.54 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H).



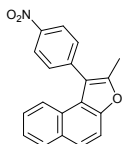
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methylnaphtho[2,1-b]furan (5g)

White solid, mp: 118-120 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 7.95 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.37 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H).



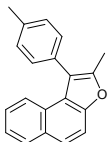
1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methylnaphtho[2,1-b]furan (5h)

White solid, mp: 132-134 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 7.95 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.74 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, ppm): δ 151.4, 151.3, 133.2, 132.2, 130.7, 128.9, 127.7, 125.8, 124.8, 124.1, 123.0, 121.9, 121.7, 117.8, 112.1, 12.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrO}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 337.0223, found: 337.0228.



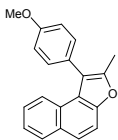
2-methyl-1-(4-nitrophenyl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan (5i)

Yellow solid, mp: 172-174 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.42-8.44 (m, 2H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.78 (m, 5H), 7.47 (t, *J*₁ = 0.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 7.44 (t, *J*₁ = 1.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H).



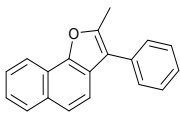
2-methyl-1-(p-tolyl)naphtho[2,1-b]furan (5j)

White solid, mp: 96-98 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H).



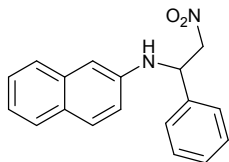
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White solid, mp: 84-86 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.12 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H).



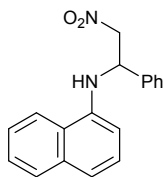
2-methyl-3-phenylnaphtho[1,2-b]furan (5l)

White solid, mp: 66-68 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.62 (m, 6H), 7.40-7.42 (m, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H).



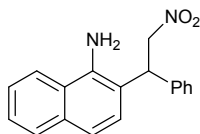
N-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)naphthalen-2-amine (6)

Brown oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 7.60-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.50 (m, 6H), 7.77-7.99 (m, 1H), 6.91-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.31 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.74-4.82 (m, 2H), 4.56 (s, br, 1H).



***N*-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)naphthalen-1-amine (8)**

Brown solid, mp: 184-186 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 9.02 (s, br, 1H), 8.15 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.67-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.43 (m, 3H), 5.79 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.22-5.27 (m, 1H), 5.08-5.13 (m, 1H).



2-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)naphthalen-1-amine (9)

Brown solid, mp: 216-218 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, ppm): δ 8.09 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.90 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.66 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.01-5.13 (m, 2H), 4.42 (s, br, 2H).

¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra

