

Supporting Information

Gold-catalyzed cascade C–H/C–H cross-coupling/cyclization/alkynylation: An efficient access to 3-alkynylpyrroles

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I. General remarks

NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AV II-400 MHz (^1H NMR at 400 MHz, ^{13}C NMR at 100 MHz, and ^{19}F NMR at 376 MHz). The ^1H NMR chemical shifts were measured relative to CDCl_3 ($\delta = 7.26$ ppm) or $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ($\delta = 2.50$ ppm) as the internal reference. The ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts were given using CDCl_3 ($\delta = 77.16$ ppm) or $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ($\delta = 39.52$ ppm) as the internal standard. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained with a Waters-Q-TOF-Premier (ESI). X-Ray single-crystal diffraction data were collected on an Oxford Xcalibur E or Agilent Technologies Gemini single crystal diffractometers. Melting points were determined with XRC-1 and are uncorrected.

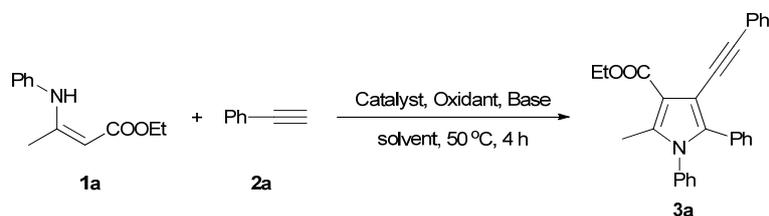
Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out under N_2 . All reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. $\text{HAuCl}_4 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($\geq 50\%$ Au) were purchased from Shanxi Kaida Chemical Engineering (China) Co., Ltd. AuCl_3 and AuBr_3 were purchased from Acros and Alfa Aesar, respectively. $[(\text{bpy})\text{AuCl}_2]\text{Cl}$,¹ 1-ethynyl-2-(methoxymethoxy)benzene,² 4-ethynylbenzonitrile,³ 1-ethynyl-naphthalene,⁴ 2-ethynylthiophene,⁵ β -aryl enamines **1h-1l**,^{6a} β -alkyl enamines **1a-1g** and **1m-1p**,^{6b} and α,β -disubstituted enamines **1q-1r**^{6c} were prepared according to the literature procedure. Solvents were dried by refluxing over CaH_2 (for CH_2Cl_2 , DMF, CH_3CN , and PhCl) or sodium (for toluene, THF, and MeOH) and freshly distilled prior to use.

II. Optimization of the reaction of β -enamino esters with terminal alkynes

A flame-dried sealable tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with gold species, base, oxidant, (*Z*)-ethyl 3-(phenylamino)but-2-enoate **1a** (232.4 μL , 1.2 mmol), phenylacetylene **2a** (65.9 μL , 0.6 mmol), and solvent (3.0 mL) under an N_2 atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 4 h. After being cooled to ambient temperature, the reaction solution was diluted with 10 mL of CH_2Cl_2 , filtered through a celite pad, and washed with 30 mL of CH_2Cl_2 . The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on

silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) to provide the desired product **3a**.

Table S1. Optimization of the gold-catalyzed reaction of (*Z*)-ethyl 3-(phenylamino)but-2-enoate **1a** with phenylacetylene **2a**^a



entry	catalyst (mol%)	oxidant	base (equiv)	solvent	yield (%)
1	none	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	0
2	Ph ₃ PAuCl (4)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	45
3	AuCl ₃ (4)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	42
4	AuBr ₃ (4)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	34
5	HAuCl ₄ ·xH ₂ O (4)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	30
6	AuCl ₃ (4) + bpy (4)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	42
7	AuCl ₃ (4) + phen (4)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	26
8	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (4)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	57
9	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	61
10	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (10)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	54
11	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PhI(OPiv) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	38
12	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PIFA	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	0
13	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	0
14	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	NFSI	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	0
15	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	Selectfluor	KOAc (2.0)	toluene	0
16	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	DCM	43
17	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	PhCl	44
18	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	THF	21
19	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	CH ₃ CN	trace
20	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	DMF	0
21	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (2.0)	MeOH	0
22	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PhI(OAc) ₂	none	toluene	39
23	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PhI(OAc) ₂	NaOAc (2.0)	toluene	40
24	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PhI(OAc) ₂	CsOAc (2.0)	toluene	52
25	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PhI(OAc) ₂	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	toluene	44
26	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PhI(OAc) ₂	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	toluene	50
27	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (5)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (3.0)	toluene	66
28	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (4)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (3.0)	toluene	60

29 ^b	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (4)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (3.0)	toluene	35
30 ^c	[(bpy)AuCl ₂]Cl (4)	PhI(OAc) ₂	KOAc (3.0)	toluene	66

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (1.2 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), gold species, base (2.0-3.0 equiv), oxidant (2.0 equiv), and solvent (3.0 mL) at 50 °C for 4 h. Isolated yields based on **2a** are given. ^b The ratio of **1a/2a** was 1/1. ^c The ratio of **1a/2a** was 2.5/1. bpy = 1,2-bipyridine; PIFA = phenyliodine bis(trifluoroacetate); NFSI = *N*-fluorobenzenesulfonimide; Selectfluor = 1-chloromethyl-4-fluoro-1,4-diazoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane bis(tetrafluoroborate).

III. General procedure for the synthesis of fully substituted 3-alkynylpyrroles

A flame-dried sealable tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with [(bpy)AuCl₂]Cl (11.1 mg, 0.024 mmol), KOAc (176.7 mg, 1.8 mmol), PhI(OAc)₂ (386.5 mg, 1.2 mmol), β -enamino ester **1** (1.5 mmol), terminal alkyne **2** (0.6 mmol), and toluene (3.0 mL) under an N₂ atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 4 h. After being cooled to ambient temperature, the reaction solution was diluted with 10 mL of CH₂Cl₂, filtered through a celite pad, and washed with 30 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired product **3** and **4**.

IV. General procedure for the synthesis of C5-unsubstituted 3-alkynylpyrroles

A flame-dried sealable tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with [(bpy)AuCl₂]Cl (9.2 mg, 0.02 mmol), KOAc (117.8 mg, 1.2 mmol), PhI(OAc)₂ (257.7 mg, 0.8 mmol), 2,3-disubstituted β -enamino ester **1** (1.2 mmol), terminal alkyne **2** (0.4 mmol), and chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) under an N₂ atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 4 h. After being cooled to ambient temperature, chlorobenzene was evaporated and the residue was diluted with 10 mL of CH₂Cl₂, filtered through a celite pad, and washed with 30 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired product **5**.

V. ORTEP diagrams of compounds 3a and 11a

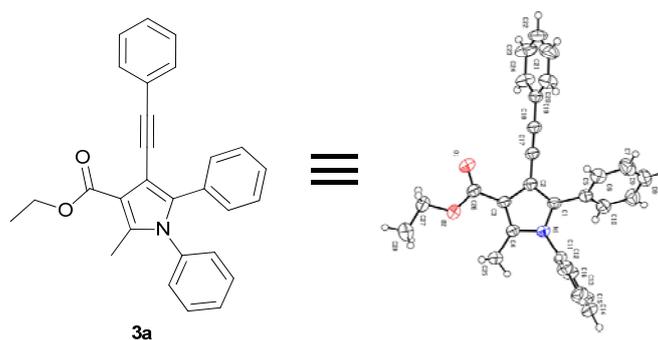


Figure S1. ORTEP diagram of **3a** (CCDC 1031864). Thermal ellipsoids are set at 50% probability.

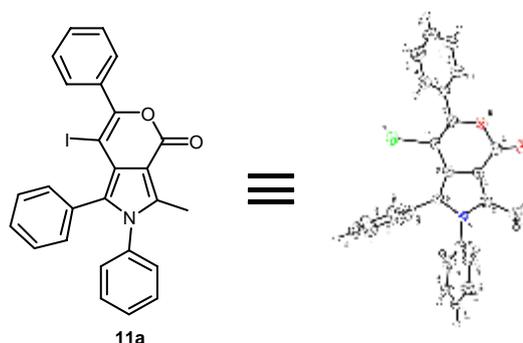
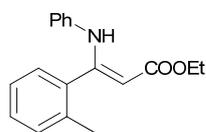


Figure S2. ORTEP diagram of **11a** (CCDC 1031865). Thermal ellipsoids are set at 50% probability.

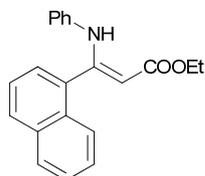
VI. Characterization of new β -enamino esters



(Z)-Ethyl 3-(phenylamino)-3-(*o*-tolyl)acrylate (1i**)^{6a}**

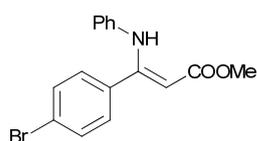
Purification by column chromatography on basic Al₂O₃ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **1i** as a pale yellow solid in 49% yield. M.p.: 84-86 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 1.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (td, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 10.62 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ

= 14.7, 19.6, 59.3, 89.6, 120.8, 123.1, 126.1, 128.8, 129.0, 129.3, 130.4, 135.7, 136.0, 140.0, 159.5, 170.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 304.1313, found 304.1318.



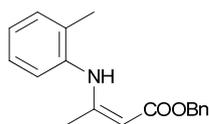
(Z)-Ethyl 3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-3-(phenylamino)acrylate (1j**)^{6a}**

Purification by column chromatography on basic Al₂O₃ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **1j** as a white solid in 30% yield. M.p.: 108-110 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.80-7.86 (m, 2H), 8.09-8.12 (m, 1H), 10.81 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 14.7, 59.4, 91.2, 121.2, 123.2, 125.2, 125.4, 126.3, 126.9, 127.0, 128.4, 128.7, 129.6, 130.7, 133.5, 133.9, 140.0, 158.3, 170.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₁H₁₉NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 340.1313, found 340.1315.



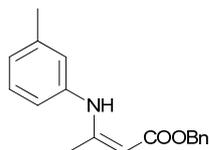
(Z)-Methyl 3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(phenylamino)acrylate (1l**)^{6a}**

Purification by column chromatography on basic Al₂O₃ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **1l** as a white solid in 48% yield. M.p.: 88-90 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 3.74 (s, 3H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dt, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dt, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 10.22 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 50.9, 91.1, 122.6, 123.5, 123.9, 128.9, 129.9, 131.8, 135.0, 140.2, 158.0, 170.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₆H₁₄BrNNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 354.0106, found 354.0109.



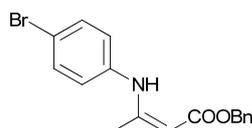
(Z)-Benzyl 3-(*o*-tolylamino)but-2-enoate (1m**)^{6b}**

Purification by column chromatography on basic Al₂O₃ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **1m** as colorless oil in 89% yield. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 1.86 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 7.08 (dd, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.42 (m, 4H), 10.12 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 18.2, 20.3, 64.8, 85.0, 126.3, 126.6, 126.7, 128.0, 128.1, 128.6, 130.9, 134.1, 137.4, 138.0, 160.5, 170.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 304.1313, found 304.1316.



(Z)-Benzyl 3-(*m*-tolylamino)but-2-enoate (1n**)^{6b}**

Purification by column chromatography on basic Al₂O₃ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **1n** as a pale brown solid in 58% yield. M.p.: 50-52 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.01 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 6.90-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.40 (m, 5H), 10.35 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 20.5, 21.5, 64.7, 85.5, 121.7, 125.4, 126.0, 127.9, 128.0, 128.6, 128.9, 137.3, 139.1, 139.2, 159.7, 170.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 304.1313, found 304.1311.

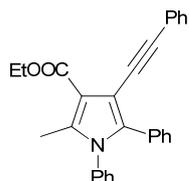


(Z)-Benzyl 3-((4-bromophenyl)amino)but-2-enoate (1o**)^{6b}**

Purification by column chromatography on basic Al₂O₃ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **1o** as a white solid in 55% yield. M.p.: 58-60 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 1.99 (s, 3H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz,

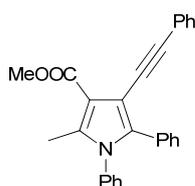
2H), 7.31-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.43-7.45 (m, 2H), 10.33 (s, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 20.4, 64.9, 86.8, 118.3, 126.0, 128.0, 128.6, 132.3, 137.1, 138.5, 158.9, 170.1$ ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNNaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 368.0262, found 368.0261.

VII. Characterization of products 3-5



Ethyl 2-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3a)

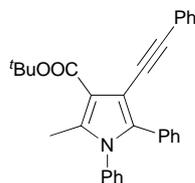
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **3a** as a pale yellow solid (80.2 mg, 66% yield). M.p.: 140-142 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): $\delta = 1.45$ (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 4.41 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 5H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 12.9, 14.7, 60.0, 85.2, 91.5, 104.4, 113.5, 124.7, 127.41, 127.44, 127.8, 128.2, 128.55, 128.63, 129.3, 130.1, 130.8, 131.2, 137.6, 137.9, 138.1, 165.2$ ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 428.1626, found 428.1627.



Methyl 2-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3b)

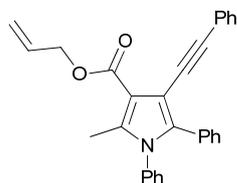
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **3b** as a pale yellow solid (80.8 mg, 69% yield). M.p.: 158-160 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): $\delta = 2.40$ (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 7.09-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.33-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1.2 Hz, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 12.9, 51.2, 85.1, 91.7, 104.5, 113.5, 124.6, 127.4, 127.5, 127.8, 128.2, 128.59, 128.63, 129.3, 130.1, 130.8, 131.3, 137.6, 138.01,$

138.05, 165.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₇H₂₁NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 414.1470, found 414.1478.



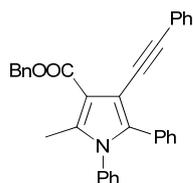
***tert*-Butyl 2-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3c)**

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **3c** as a pale yellow solid (85.3 mg, 66% yield). M.p.: 182-184 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 1.64 (s, 9H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 7.08-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.34-7.39 (m, 5H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 12.8, 28.8, 80.4, 85.6, 91.2, 104.3, 114.7, 124.8, 127.3, 127.4, 127.7, 128.2, 128.5, 128.6, 129.3, 130.1, 130.9, 131.3, 137.4, 137.7, 138.1, 164.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₀H₂₇NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 456.1939, found 456.1937.



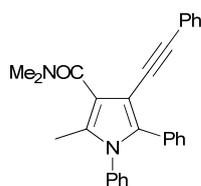
Allyl 2-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3d)

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **3d** as a pale yellow solid (74.0 mg, 59% yield). M.p.: 108-110 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.42 (s, 3H), 4.88 (dt, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 5.26 (dq, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (dq, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.06-6.14 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.36-7.39 (m, 5H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 13.0, 64.8, 85.3, 91.6, 104.5, 113.3, 117.8, 124.6, 127.5, 127.8, 128.2, 128.6, 129.4, 130.1, 130.8, 131.3, 133.1, 137.6, 138.2, 138.3, 164.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₉H₂₃NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 440.1626, found 440.1630.



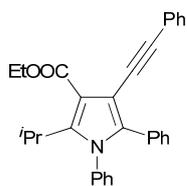
Benzyl 2-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3e)

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **3e** as a pale yellow solid (103.4 mg, 74% yield). M.p.: 149-151 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.45 (s, 3H), 5.44 (s, 2H), 7.11-7.16 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.24 (m, 6H), 7.31-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.57 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 13.0, 65.9, 85.2, 91.6, 104.4, 113.0, 124.4, 127.37, 127.45, 127.8, 127.9, 128.1, 128.3, 128.6, 129.3, 130.1, 130.7, 131.3, 136.8, 137.6, 138.2, 138.5, 165.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₃H₂₅NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 490.1783, found 490.1788.



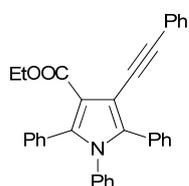
N,N,2-Trimethyl-1,5-diphenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxamide (3f)

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1–2/1, v/v) afforded **3f** as a pale yellow solid (42.3 mg, 35% yield). M.p.: 206-208 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.17 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 7.13-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.33-7.37 (m, 5H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 12.1, 35.2, 39.3, 84.9, 91.3, 103.0, 119.4, 124.4, 127.1, 127.5, 127.9, 128.2, 128.4, 128.6, 129.3, 129.7, 131.06, 131.13, 136.6, 138.2, 167.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄N₂NaO [M+Na]⁺ 427.1786, found 427.1789.



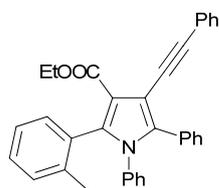
Ethyl 2-isopropyl-1,5-diphenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3g)

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **3g** as a pale yellow solid (50.7 mg, 39% yield). M.p.: 202-204 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 1.32 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.45 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.05-3.16 (m, 1H), 4.42 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.23-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.35-7.36 (m, 5H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 14.7, 20.8, 27.0, 60.3, 85.1, 91.4, 105.0, 113.2, 124.7, 127.41, 127.43, 127.7, 128.3, 128.8, 129.15, 129.19, 130.4, 131.0, 131.2, 138.0, 138.1, 146.0, 165.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₀H₂₇NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 456.1939, found 456.1945.



Ethyl 1,2,5-triphenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**3h**)

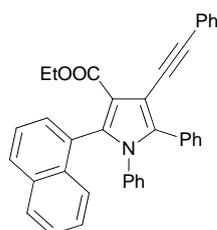
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **3h** as a pale yellow solid (66.3 mg, 47% yield). M.p.: 187-189 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 4.23 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.88-6.90 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.31 (m, 11H), 7.32-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 14.3, 60.1, 84.6, 92.0, 105.2, 115.3, 124.6, 127.5, 127.6, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 128.1, 128.3, 128.7, 129.0, 130.4, 130.7, 131.4, 131.5, 137.6, 138.7, 139.6, 164.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₃H₂₆NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 468.1964, found 468.1960.



Ethyl 1,5-diphenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-2-(*o*-tolyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**3i**)

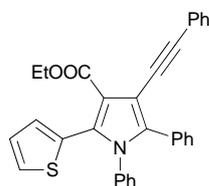
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **3i** as a pale yellow solid (80.3 mg, 56% yield). M.p.: 162-164 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 4.14-4.22 (m,

2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.03-7.10 (m, 6H), 7.16 (td, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 14.2, 20.3, 59.9, 84.7, 92.1, 105.0, 115.3, 124.5, 125.0, 127.6, 127.8, 127.9, 128.3, 128.4, 128.6, 128.7, 129.4, 130.2, 130.7, 131.4, 131.5, 131.7, 137.6, 138.4, 138.5, 139.6, 164.0$ ppm. HRMS (ESI^+): calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{27}\text{NNaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 504.1939, found 504.1945.



Ethyl 2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1,5-diphenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3j)

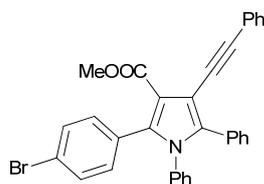
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **3j** as a pale yellow solid (103.0 mg, 66% yield). M.p.: 192-194 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): $\delta = 0.74$ (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 3.97 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.85-7.03 (m, 5H), 7.21-7.33 (m, 8H), 7.40-7.49 (m, 6H), 7.75-7.80 (m, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 13.7, 59.7, 84.5, 92.3, 105.2, 116.7, 124.5, 124.7, 125.8, 126.0, 126.4, 127.6, 127.7, 127.86, 127.89, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 129.5, 129.9, 130.3, 130.6, 131.4, 133.1, 133.8, 137.6, 137.8, 138.9, 163.8$ ppm. HRMS (ESI^+): calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{27}\text{NNaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 540.1939, found 540.1935.



Ethyl 1,5-diphenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3k)

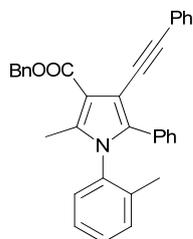
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **3k** as a pale yellow solid (72.7 mg, 51% yield). M.p.: 166-168 °C.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 4.29 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.88-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.92 (dd, J = 3.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98-7.00 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.306 (m, 10H), 7.314-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 14.4, 60.3, 84.2, 92.1, 105.4, 117.3, 124.4, 126.3, 127.7, 127.9, 128.3, 128.8, 128.9, 130.36, 130.40, 131.0, 131.2, 131.4, 131.5, 137.5, 139.5, 164.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 496.1347, found 496.1342.



Methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3l)

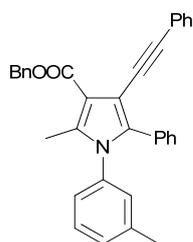
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **3l** as a pale yellow solid (69.0 mg, 43% yield). M.p.: 189-191 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 3.80 (s, 3H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.43 (m, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 51.4, 84.3, 92.3, 105.3, 115.2, 122.7, 124.3, 127.7, 127.9, 128.2, 128.3, 128.8, 129.0, 130.2, 130.4, 130.8, 131.4, 133.0, 137.2, 138.2, 138.9, 164.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrNO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 532.0912, found 532.0917.



Benzyl 2-methyl-5-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1-(o-tolyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3m)

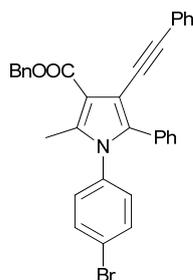
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =

20/1, v/v) afforded **3m** as pale yellow oil (98.2 mg, 68% yield). M.p.: 153-155 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 1.88 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 5.39-5.46 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.23 (m, 8H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 6H), 7.54-7.56 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 12.6, 17.5, 66.0, 85.3, 91.6, 104.1, 112.9, 124.4, 126.9, 127.4, 127.6, 127.8, 127.9, 128.1, 128.4, 128.6, 129.3, 129.4, 129.8, 130.7, 131.2, 131.3, 136.4, 136.6, 136.8, 138.2, 138.3, 165.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₄H₂₈NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 482.2120, found 482.2114.



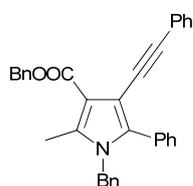
Benzyl 2-methyl-5-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1-(*m*-tolyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3n)

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **3n** as a pale yellow solid (107.6 mg, 74% yield). M.p.: 131-133 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.24 (m, 8H), 7.29-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.53-7.55 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 13.1, 21.4, 65.9, 85.3, 91.6, 104.3, 112.9, 124.5, 125.7, 127.37, 127.44, 127.8, 127.9, 128.1, 128.3, 128.6, 129.1, 129.4, 130.1, 130.8, 131.3, 136.8, 137.5, 138.3, 138.6, 139.4, 165.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₄H₂₈NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 482.2120, found 482.2120.



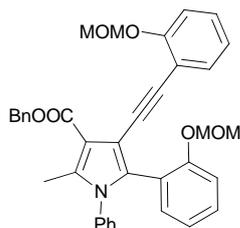
Benzyl 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methyl-5-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3o)

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **3o** as a pale yellow solid (117.1 mg, 71% yield). M.p.: 159-161 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.43 (s, 3H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 6.97-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.31 (m, 11H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.54 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 13.0, 66.0, 84.9, 91.8, 104.8, 113.4, 122.6, 124.3, 127.5, 127.7, 127.96, 128.01, 128.1, 128.3, 128.6, 130.1, 130.2, 130.4, 131.3, 132.6, 136.6, 136.7, 138.1, 138.3, 164.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₃H₂₄BrNNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 568.0888, found 568.0890.



Benzyl 1-benzyl-2-methyl-5-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3p)

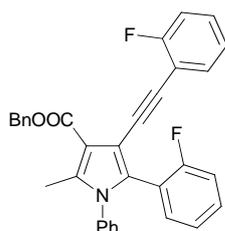
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **3p** as a pale yellow solid (72.1 mg, 50% yield). M.p.: 128-130 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.49 (s, 3H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.05-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.55 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 12.0, 48.4, 65.9, 85.2, 91.2, 104.3, 112.8, 124.4, 125.7, 127.3, 127.6, 127.9, 128.1, 128.36, 128.39, 128.44, 128.6, 129.1, 130.4, 130.8, 131.3, 136.8, 137.1, 137.7, 139.0, 165.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₄H₂₇NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 504.1939, found 504.1935.



Benzyl 5-(2-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)-4-((2-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)ethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3q)

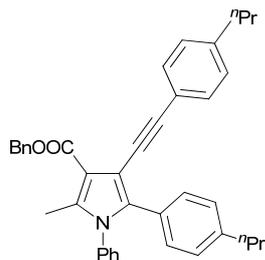
2-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**4a**)

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1, v/v) afforded **4a** as a pale yellow solid (86.3 mg, 49% yield). M.p.: 119-121 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 6.80 (td, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.97 (m, 3H), 6.99-7.04 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.54 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 13.2, 56.0, 56.1, 65.8, 87.8, 88.7, 95.1, 95.4, 105.5, 112.7, 115.1, 115.5, 116.0, 121.4, 121.5, 122.0, 127.8, 128.16, 128.19, 128.5, 128.7, 130.0, 133.3, 133.4, 135.5, 137.0, 137.6, 137.7, 156.0, 157.4, 165.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₇H₃₃NNaO₆ [M+Na]⁺ 610.2206, found 610.2207.



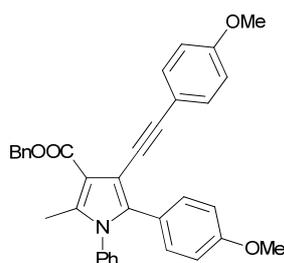
Benzyl 5-(2-fluorophenyl)-4-((2-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)-2-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**4b**)

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **4b** as a pale yellow solid (110.1mg, 73% yield). M.p.: 128-130 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.44 (s, 3H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92-7.01 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.54 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): 13.0, 65.9, 85.4, 89.3 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 105.8, 112.9 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 113.0, 115.3 (d, *J* = 20.0 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 118.9 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 123.7 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 123.8 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 127.8, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 129.0, 129.1, 130.4, 130.5, 133.12 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 133.3 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 136.8, 137.1, 138.8, 160.0 (d, *J* = 247.0 Hz), 162.5 (d, *J* = 250.0 Hz), 164.8 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): δ = -110.6, -109.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₃H₂₃F₂NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 526.1595, found 526.1594.



Benzyl 2-methyl-1-phenyl-5-(4-propylphenyl)-4-((4-propylphenyl)ethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4c)

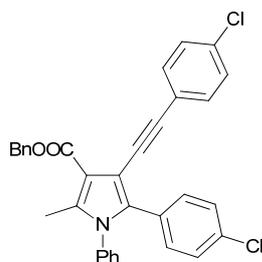
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **4c** as a pale yellow solid (102.1 mg, 62% yield). M.p.: 121-123 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.57-1.65 (m, 4H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 6.99-7.02 (m, 4H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.56 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 13.1, 13.91, 13.93, 24.4, 24.6, 37.9, 38.1, 65.9, 84.7, 91.8, 104.3, 112.9, 121.8, 127.8, 128.1, 128.27, 128.29, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 129.3, 129.9, 131.2, 136.9, 137.8, 138.2, 141.9, 142.1, 165.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₉H₃₇NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 574.2722, found 574.2725.



Benzyl 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-2-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4d)

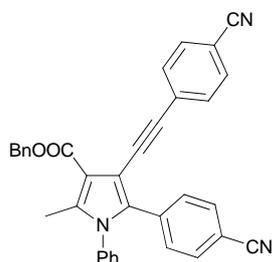
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1, v/v) afforded **4d** as a pale yellow solid (84.0 mg, 53% yield). M.p.: 141-143 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.40 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 4H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.09-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.54 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C

NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 13.1, 55.3, 55.4, 65.9, 83.8, 91.4, 104.1, 112.8, 113.3, 113.8, 116.8, 123.3, 127.9, 128.3, 128.55, 128.63, 128.7, 129.4, 131.4, 132.7, 136.9, 137.75, 137.82, 138.1, 158.8, 159.0, 165.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₅H₂₉NNaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ 550.1994, found 550.1994.



Benzyl 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)-2-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4e)

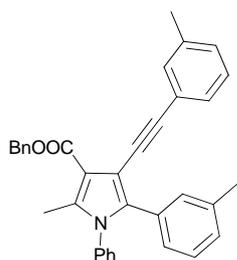
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **4e** as a pale yellow solid (91.4 mg, 57% yield). M.p.: 190-192 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.42 (s, 3H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 6.96 (dt, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.21 (m, 6H), 7.31-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.52 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 13.0, 66.1, 85.8, 90.9, 104.5, 113.2, 122.7, 128.1, 128.2, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 128.9, 129.2, 129.6, 131.3, 132.5, 133.4, 133.5, 136.6, 137.0, 137.3, 138.9, 164.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₃H₂₃Cl₂NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 558.1004, found 558.1001.



Benzyl 5-(4-cyanophenyl)-4-((4-cyanophenyl)ethynyl)-2-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4f)

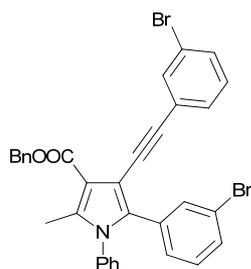
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **4f** as a pale yellow solid (63.1 mg, 41% yield). M.p.: 204-206 °C.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 2.44 (s, 3H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.42-7.44 (m, 9H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 13.0, 66.3, 89.1, 91.1, 105.3, 110.8, 111.1, 113.9, 118.7, 118.8, 128.2, 128.4, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 129.4, 129.8, 130.3, 131.6, 131.7, 131.9, 135.0, 136.4, 136.5, 136.8, 140.2, 164.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI^+): calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$ 540.1688, found 540.1690.



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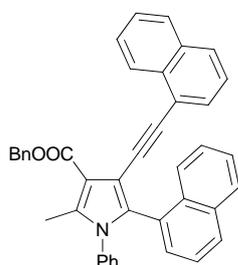
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **4g** as a pale yellow solid (108.8 mg, 73% yield). M.p.: 117-119 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 6.93-7.13 (m, 9H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.54 (dd, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 13.1, 21.4, 21.5, 65.9, 85.0, 92.0, 104.4, 113.0, 124.4, 127.1, 127.6, 127.9, 128.0, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5, 128.57, 128.60, 128.7, 129.3, 130.6, 131.0, 131.9, 136.9, 137.2, 137.67, 137.73, 138.4, 165.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI^+): calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{29}\text{NNaO}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$ 518.2096, found 518.2098.



Benzyl 5-(3-bromophenyl)-4-((3-bromophenyl)ethynyl)-2-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-

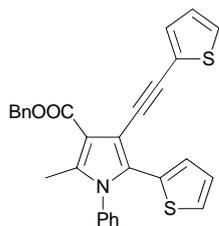
pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**4h**)

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **4h** as a pale yellow solid (104.0 mg, 55% yield). M.p.: 122-124 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.43 (s, 3H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 6.99-7.08 (m, 4H), 7.11-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.39-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.65 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 13.0, 66.1, 86.2, 90.9, 104.8, 113.3, 121.9, 122.0, 126.1, 128.19, 128.24, 128.3, 128.5, 128.7, 129.0, 129.3, 129.6, 130.0, 130.6, 130.7, 132.5, 133.0, 133.9, 136.5, 136.7, 137.2, 139.1, 164.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₃H₂₃Br₂NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 647.9973, found 647.9980.



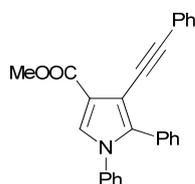
Benzyl 2-methyl-5-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4-(naphthalen-1-ylethynyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**4i**)

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **4i** as a pale yellow solid (89.3 mg, 52% yield). M.p.: 137-139 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.54 (s, 3H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 6.87-6.98 (m, 4H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.37 (m, 7H), 7.45-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.89 (m, 1H), 8.00-8.02 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 13.2, 66.0, 89.4, 90.7, 106.8, 112.6, 121.8, 125.1, 125.9, 126.06, 126.13, 126.3, 126.5, 126.7, 127.5, 127.8, 127.9, 128.2, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 128.98, 129.01, 129.1, 129.5, 130.1, 132.9, 133.0, 133.1, 133.6, 136.87, 136.93, 137.2, 138.3, 165.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₄₁H₂₉NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 590.2096, found 590.2095.



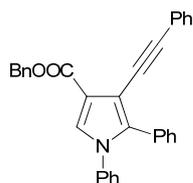
Benzyl 2-methyl-1-phenyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4-(thiophen-2-ylethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4j)

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **4j** as a pale yellow solid (55.7 mg, 39% yield). M.p.: 148-149 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.36 (s, 3H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.97 (m, 2H), 7.00-7.01 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 12.9, 65.9, 87.1, 89.1, 104.2, 113.1, 124.6, 125.9, 126.5, 126.7, 127.0, 127.6, 127.9, 128.2, 128.6, 129.1, 129.5, 129.7, 131.1, 132.0, 132.1, 136.7, 137.3, 139.0, 164.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₉H₂₂NO₂S₂ [M+H]⁺ 480.1092, found 480.1095.



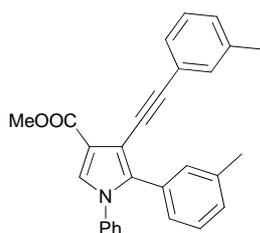
Methyl 1,5-diphenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (5a)

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **5a** as a pale yellow solid (42.8 mg, 57% yield). M.p.: 184-186 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 3.92 (s, 3H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 6H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 51.5, 84.0, 92.4, 105.8, 117.3, 124.3, 125.8, 127.7, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.3, 128.8, 129.4, 130.1, 130.3, 131.5, 138.2, 139.2, 164.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₆H₁₉NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 400.1313, found 400.1317.



Benzyl 1,5-diphenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**5b**)

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **5b** as a pale yellow solid (41.2 mg, 45% yield). M.p.: 136-138 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 5.40 (s, 2H), 7.13-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.30 (m, 8H), 7.32-7.35 (m, 8H), 7.49-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 66.1, 84.1, 92.4, 105.8, 117.2, 124.2, 125.8, 127.7, 127.9, 127.98, 128.05, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 128.7, 129.1, 129.4, 130.1, 130.3, 131.5, 136.6, 138.4, 139.2, 163.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₂H₂₃NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 476.1626, found 476.1632.

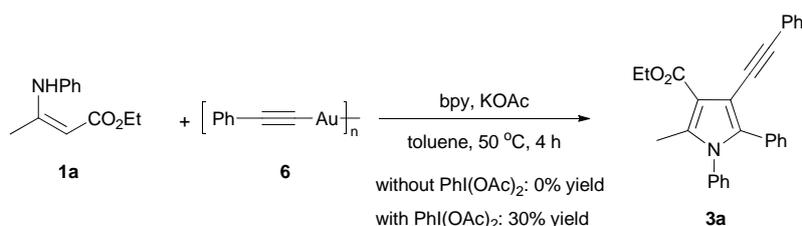


Methyl 1-phenyl-5-(*m*-tolyl)-4-(*m*-tolyethynyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (**5c**)

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1, v/v) afforded **5c** as a pale yellow solid (37.8 mg, 47% yield). M.p.: 116-118 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.54 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 21.4, 21.6, 51.5, 83.8, 92.7, 105.7, 117.2, 124.1, 125.7, 127.1, 127.86, 127.90, 128.2, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 129.4, 130.1, 130.8, 132.0, 137.6, 137.9, 138.3, 139.3, 164.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 406.1807, found 406.1807.

VIII. Mechanism study

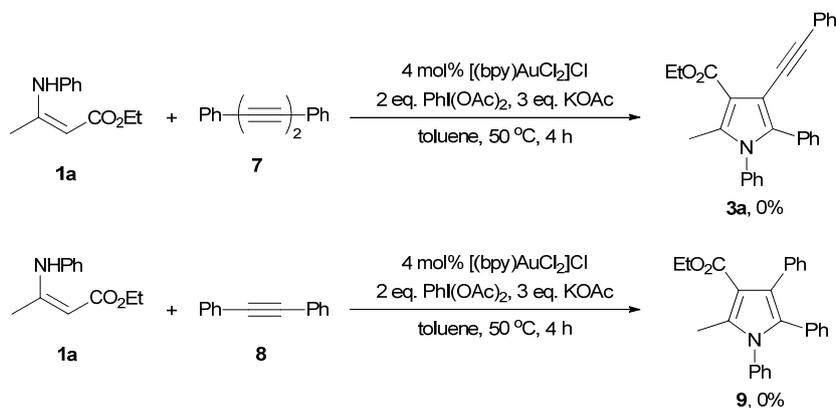
1. The reaction of enamino ester **1a** with gold(I)-acetylide **6**



A flame-dried sealable tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with (*Z*)-ethyl 3-(phenylamino)but-2-enoate **1a** (97.7 μ L, 0.5 mmol), gold(I)-acetylide **6**⁷ (59.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), *bpy* (156.2 mg, 1.0 mmol), PhI(OAc)₂ (128.8 mg, 0.4 mmol), KOAc (58.9 mg, 0.6 mmol), and toluene (1.0 mL) under an N₂ atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 4 h. After being cooled to ambient temperature, the reaction solution was diluted with 20 mL of CH₂Cl₂, filtered through a celite pad and washed with 10 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ether = 20/1, v/v) to afford 12.1 mg of **3a** (30% yield).

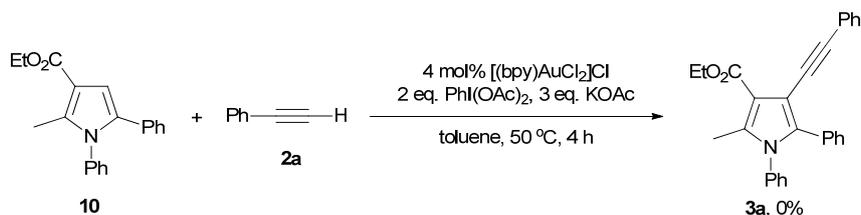
When the reaction was carried out in the absence of PhI(OAc)₂, no desired **3a** was observed.

2. The reaction of enamino ester **1a** with internal alkynes



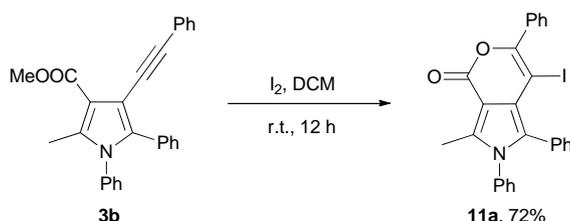
A flame-dried sealable tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with (*Z*)-ethyl 3-(phenylamino)but-2-enoate **1a** (1.5 mmol), 1,4-diphenylbuta-1,3-diyne **7** (121.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) or 1,2-diphenylacetylene **8** (121.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), [(*bpy*)AuCl₂]Cl (11.1 mg, 0.024 mmol), KOAc (176.7 mg, 1.8 mmol), PhI(OAc)₂ (386.5 mg, 1.2 mmol), and toluene (3.0 mL) under an N₂ atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 4 h. No **3a** or **9** was formed.

3. The reaction of C3-unsubstituted pyrrole **10** with phenylacetylene **2a**



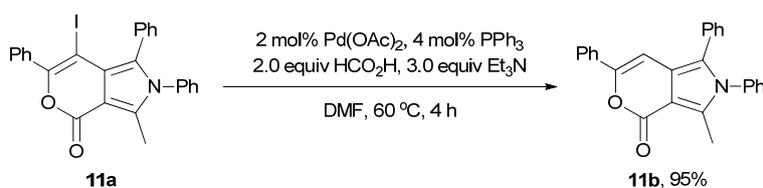
A flame-dried sealable tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with pyrrole **10**⁸ (182.3 mg, 0.6 mmol), phenylacetylene **2a** (65.9 μ L, 0.6 mmol), [(bpy)AuCl₂]Cl (11.1 mg, 0.024 mmol), KOAc (176.7 mg, 1.8 mmol), PhI(OAc)₂ (386.5 mg, 1.2 mmol), and toluene (3.0 mL) under an N₂ atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 4 h. No desired **3a** was formed.

IX. The derivation of 3-alkynylpyrroles



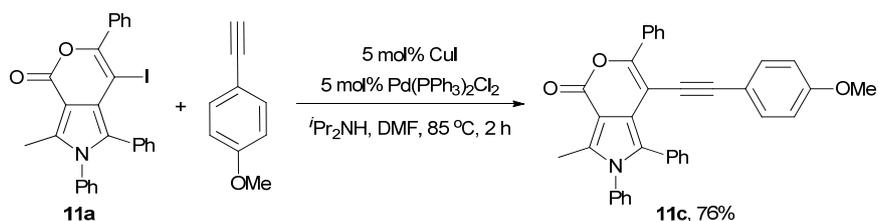
7-Iodo-3-methyl-1,2,6-triphenylpyrano[3,4-*c*]pyrrol-4(2*H*)-one (**11a**)⁹

A solution of I₂ (76.2 mg, 0.3 mmol) in DCM (1.5 mL) was added to a solution of **3b** (39.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DCM (1.5 mL) and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (10 mL), washed with NaHSO₃, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1, v/v) to afford **11a** as a pale yellow solid (36.3 mg, 72% yield). M.p.: >250 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.54 (s, 3H), 7.06-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.31-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 12.2, 64.9, 105.6, 120.7, 127.3, 128.0, 128.5, 128.6, 129.0, 129.2, 129.4, 129.9, 130.3, 133.8, 135.4, 136.1, 136.7, 151.7, 160.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₆H₁₈INNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 526.0280, found 526.0277.



3-Methyl-1,2,6-triphenylpyrano[3,4-*c*]pyrrol-4(2*H*)-one (**11b**)¹⁰

A flame-dried sealable tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **11a** (50.3 mg, 0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.5 mg, 0.002 mmol), PPh₃ (1.1 mg, 0.004 mmol), formic acid (7.5 μL, 0.2 mmol), Et₃N (41.7 μL, 0.3 mmol), and DMF (1.5 mL) under an N₂ atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 4 h. After being cooled to ambient temperature, the reaction solution was diluted with 10 mL of CH₂Cl₂, filtered through a celite pad, and washed with 30 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was evaporated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1, v/v) to afford **11b** as a pale yellow solid (36.0 mg, 95% yield). M.p.: 227-229 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.59 (s, 3H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.81-7.83 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 12.4, 96.5, 106.4, 120.6, 124.9, 126.9, 127.2, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 129.5, 129.6, 130.8, 133.5, 136.3, 137.3, 151.4, 160.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₆H₁₉NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 400.1313, found 400.1315.



7-((4-Methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-3-methyl-1,2,6-triphenylpyrano[3,4-*c*]pyrrol-4(2*H*)-one (**11c**)⁹

A flame-dried sealable tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **11a** (25.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), (PPh₃)₂PdCl₂ (2.0 mg, 5 mol%), CuI (0.5 mg, 5 mol%), 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (25.9 μL, 0.2 mmol), *i*Pr₂NH (0.5 mL), and DMF (1.0 mL) under an N₂ atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 85 °C for

2 h. After being cooled to ambient temperature, the reaction solution was diluted with 10 mL of CH₂Cl₂, filtered through a celite pad, and washed with 30 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was collected and evaporated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1, v/v) to provide **11c** as a pale yellow solid (19.2 mg, 76% yield). M.p.: 223-225 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 2.56 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 6.61-6.67 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.45 (m, 3H), 8.12-8.14 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 12.4, 55.3, 83.3, 96.2, 96.4, 105.2, 113.6, 115.4, 118.5, 127.4, 127.75, 127.85, 128.5, 128.6, 128.8, 128.9, 129.2, 130.7, 132.4, 132.6, 133.6, 135.8, 137.0, 154.5, 159.4, 160.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₅H₂₆NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 508.1913, found 508.1909.

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XI. Copies of ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR spectra

