

Supporting information

for

Gold-Catalyzed formation of Indole Derivatives from 2-Alkynyl

Arylazides and Oxygen-Containing Heterocycles

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General Considerations

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck 60 F254 pre-coated silica gel plate. Visualization was achieved by UV light (254 nm). Flash chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 with freshly distilled solvents. Unless otherwise stated, ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were measured on Bruker AVANCE III 600 MHz spectrometer. Unless otherwise stated, chemical shifts (ppm) were recorded with respect to TMS in CDCl_3 . Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet), bs (broad singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), dd (doublet, doublet) or m (multiplets). The number of protons (n) for a given resonance is indicated by nH. Coupling constants are reported as a J value in Hz. Infrared spectra were recorded on NICOLET 6700 FTIR Spectrometer. High Resolution Mass (HRMS) spectra were obtained using LTQ Orbitrap. Mass spectral data were reported in units of mass to charge (m/z).

General procedure for gold-catalyzed formation of indole derivatives from 2-alkynyl arylazides and oxygen-containing heterocycles:

To a solution of 2-alkynyl arylazides **1** (0.1 mmol), oxygen-containing heterocycles **2** (0.5 mL) and MsOH (0.3 mmol) was added *t*BuXPhosAuNTf₂ (2 mol%). The mixture was stirred at room temperature or 60 °C and monitored by TLC analysis. On completion, the reaction mixture was directly subjected to purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petrol ether: ethyl acetate = 8:1 to 4:1) to give the desired product **3**.

2-(2-((2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)oxy)ethoxy)ethyl methanesulfonate (3a):

yield: 35.6 mg (95%); brown oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ: 2.99 (s, 3H), 3.70-3.71 (m, 2H), 3.77-3.78 (m, 2H), 4.25-4.26 (m, 2H), 4.33-4.34 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ: 37.6, 68.9, 69.2, 70.4, 72.8, 111.4, 117.9, 119.8, 122.6, 122.8, 124.8, 125.7, 127.2, 128.8, 131.3, 133.7, 135.9; IR (neat): 2924, 1541, 1173, 785 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₁₉H₂₁NO₅SNa [M+Na]⁺ 398.1038, found: 398.1015.

2-(2-((2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)oxy) ethoxy)ethyl methanesulfonate (3b):

yield: 34.4 mg (85%); brown oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ: 3.00 (s, 3H), 3.71-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.77-3.78 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 4.23-4.24 (m, 2H), 4.34-4.36 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.09-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ: 37.6, 55.3, 68.9, 69.2, 70.5, 72.7, 111.2, 114.3, 117.6, 119.7, 122.4, 124.0, 124.9, 127.1, 133.5, 158.8; IR (neat): 2915, 1182, 744 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₂₀H₂₃NO₆SNa [M+Na]⁺ 428.1144, found: 428.1118.

2-(2-((2-(4-ethylphenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)oxy)ethoxy)ethyl methanesulfonate (3c):

yield: 37.5 mg (93%); brown oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ: 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 2.67-2.71 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 3.71-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.77-3.79 (m, 2H), 4.24-4.26 (m, 2H), 4.34-4.36 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.97

(br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ : 15.4, 28.6, 37.6, 68.9, 69.2, 70.4, 72.7, 111.3, 117.7, 119.7, 122.6, 122.7, 125.0, 125.7, 128.3, 128.7, 133.6, 135.4, 143.4; IR (neat): 2931, 1176, 771 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 426.1351, found: 426.1324.

2-(2-((2-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)oxy)ethoxy)ethyl methanesulfonate (3d):

yield: 34.2 mg (88%); brown oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz) δ : 2.39 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 3.71-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.77-3.79 (m, 2H), 4.24-4.25 (m, 2H), 4.34-4.36 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.93 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ : 21.2, 37.6, 68.9, 69.2, 70.5, 72.7, 111.3, 117.7, 119.7, 122.6, 122.7, 125.0, 125.6, 128.5, 129.6, 133.6, 135.4, 137.1; IR (neat): 2923, 1175, 770 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 412.1195, found: 412.1170.

2-(2-((2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)oxy)ethoxy)ethyl methanesulfonate(3e):

yield: 27.0 mg (66%); brown oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz) δ : 3.00 (s, 3H), 3.72-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.77-3.79 (m, 2H), 4.26 (br, 2H), 4.34-4.36 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.92 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ : 37.6, 69.0, 69.1, 70.4, 72.7, 111.5, 118.0, 120.0, 123.2, 123.6, 126.8, 129.0, 129.8, 132.7, 133.9; IR (neat): 2923, 1174, 746 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_5\text{SClNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 432.0648, found: 432.0622.

2-(2-((2-(thiophen-3-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)oxy)ethoxy)ethyl methanesulfonate(3f):

yield: 29.0 mg (76%); brown oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz) δ : 3.02 (s, 3H), 3.75-3.76 (m, 2H), 3.81-3.82 (m, 2H), 4.29-4.30 (m, 2H), 4.37-4.39 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.91 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ : 37.6, 69.0, 69.1, 70.4, 72.7, 111.5, 118.0, 120.0, 123.2, 123.6, 126.8, 129.0, 129.8, 132.7, 133.9; IR (neat): 2923, 1075, 769 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_5\text{S}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 404.0602, found: 404.0580.

2-(2-((2-pentyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)oxy)ethoxy)ethyl methanesulfonate(3g):

yield: 18.7 mg (63%); brown oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz) δ : 0.90 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.34-1.37 (m, 4H), 1.64-1.69 (m, 2H), 2.74 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 3.81-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.84-3.86 (m, 2H), 4.19-4.20 (m, 2H), 4.42-4.44 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ : 14.0, 22.4, 24.6, 28.9, 31.5, 37.6, 69.1, 69.3, 70.6, 73.4, 110.8, 116.9, 119.2, 121.3, 121.8, 127.5, 132.8, 134.5; IR (neat): 2925, 1075, 746 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_5\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 392.1508, found: 392.1490.

2-(2-((2-*tert*-butyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)oxy)ethoxy)ethyl methanesulfonate(3h):

yield: 10.0 mg (28%); brown oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz) δ : 1.45 (s, 9H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 3.89-3.90 (m, 4H), 4.22-4.23 (m, 2H), 4.45-4.46 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.51 (br, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ : 29.7, 32.0, 37.7, 69.2, 69.3, 70.9, 73.2, 110.9, 117.2, 119.2, 121.3, 122.4, 131.9, 133.6,

133.8; IR (neat): 2924, 1174, 748 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 378.1351, found: 378.1330.

2-(2-((2-butyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)oxy)ethoxy)ethyl methanesulfonate(3i):

yield: 17.9 mg (60%); brown oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz) δ : 0.94 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.38-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.67 (m, 4H), 2.75 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.06 (s, 1H), 3.81-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.84-3.86 (m, 2H), 4.19-4.20 (m, 2H), 4.42-4.44 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.55 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ : 13.8, 22.5, 24.4, 31.4, 37.7, 69.1, 69.3, 70.6, 73.4, 110.8, 116.9, 119.2, 121.3, 121.8, 127.5, 132.8, 134.5; IR (neat): 2925, 1175, 755 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 378.1351, found: 378.1326.

2-(2-((6-chloro-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)oxy)ethoxy)ethyl methanesulfonate(3l):

yield: 36.8 mg (90%); brown oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz) δ : 3.00 (s, 3H), 3.70-3.71 (m, 2H), 3.76-3.77 (m, 2H), 4.21-4.22 (m, 2H), 4.33-4.34 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.82 (m, 2H), 8.04 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ : 37.6, 69.0, 69.1, 70.4, 72.9, 111.3, 118.8, 120.5, 121.2, 125.5, 125.7, 127.4, 128.6, 128.9, 130.9, 133.9, 135.7; IR (neat): 2924, 1074, 770 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_5\text{SClNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 432.0648, found: 432.0622.

2-(2-((5,7-dichloro-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)oxy)ethoxy)ethyl methanesulfonate(3m):

yield: 24.8 mg (56%); brown oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz) δ : 3.02 (s, 3H), 3.72-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.76-3.78 (m, 2H), 4.19-4.21 (m, 2H), 4.35-4.36 (m, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.35-

7.37 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.84-7.86 (m, 2H), 8.07 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ: 37.6, 69.0, 69.0, 70.3, 73.1, 116.2, 117.3, 122.1, 124.5, 125.5, 126.0, 127.4, 128.1, 129.0, 129.1, 130.3, 135.7; IR (neat): 2924, 1174, 772 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₁₉H₁₉NO₅SCl₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 466.0259, found: 466.0233.

5,7-dichloro-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl methanesulfonate(4b):

yield: 10.3 mg (29%); brown oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ: 2.80 (s, 3H), 7.15-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.65-7.67 (m, 2H), 8.24 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ: 37.3, 117.1, 117.4, 123.1, 124.1, 125.1, 127.1, 128.6, 128.8, 128.9, 129.5, 130.2, 134.3; IR (neat): 2923, 1075, 775 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₁₅H₁₁NO₃SCl₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 377.9734, found: 377.9738.

2-((5,7-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)oxy)ethoxyethyl methanesulfonate(3n):

yield: 17.7 mg (44%); brown oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ: 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 3.71-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.77-3.79 (m, 2H), 4.25-4.26 (m, 2H), 4.34-4.36 (m, 2H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.59 (br, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ: 16.1, 21.4, 37.6, 69.0, 69.3, 70.5, 72.7, 115.2, 120.2, 122.4, 124.8, 125.3, 125.7, 127.1, 127.6, 128.8, 129.4, 131.7, 136.1; IR (neat): 2923, 1174, 768 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For C₂₁H₂₅NO₅SNa [M+Na]⁺ 426.1351, found: 426.1324.

5-((2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)oxy)pentyl methanesulfonate (3o):

yield: 27.2 mg (73%); brown oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz) δ : 1.61-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.77-1.86 (m, 4H), 4.13-4.15 (m, 2H), 4.23 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.91 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ : 22.2, 28.9, 29.6, 37.3, 69.8, 73.4, 111.4, 118.0, 119.7, 122.8, 124.6, 125.7, 127.1, 128.8, 131.5, 133.8; IR (neat): 2922, 1071, 768 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 396.1245, found: 396.1267.

2-((2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)oxy)ethoxy)ethyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (5):

yield: 27.6 mg (61%); yellow oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz) δ : 2.38 (s, 3H), 3.63-3.65 (m, 2H), 3.67-3.69 (m, 2H), 4.11-4.13 (m, 2H), 4.15-4.16 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.94 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ : 21.5, 68.6, 69.2, 70.3, 72.8, 111.3, 118.0, 118.1, 119.7, 119.8, 122.7, 122.8, 124.8, 125.7, 127.1, 127.9, 128.8, 129.8, 133.0, 144.7; IR (neat): 2924, 1075, 776 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. For $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 474.1351, found: 474.1360.



























