Supporting Information

Rhodium(III)-Catalyzed Intramolecular Annulation through C-H Activation: Concise Synthesis of Rosettacin and Oxypalmatime

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1. General Information

Commercially available reagents were used without additional purification. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (70-230 mesh). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM (300 or 400 MHz) spectrometer at ambient temperature using CDCl₃ as solvent. HRMS (ESI) spectrometry data were acquired on a quadrupole orthogonal acceleration time-of-flight mass spectrometer [Synapt G2 high definition mass spectrometer (HDMS), Waters, Milford, MA]. Samples were infused at 3 μ L min⁻¹, and spectra were obtained in the positive ionization mode with a resolution of 15000 [full width at half maximum (FWHM)] with leucine encephalin as lock mass. Melting points were recorded on a Reichert Thermovar apparatus and are uncorrected.

2. Synthesis of the Substrates



General Procedure A

A solution of corresponding 2-alkynylbenzaldehyde¹⁻³ (4 mmol, 1 equiv.) and hydroxylammonium chloride (4.8 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in ethanol (2.5 mL) was stirred for 60 min. Subsequently, hydrochloric acid (12 M, 1.34 mL, 4 equiv.) and zinc dust (10 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) were slowly added to the solution and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. A solution of ammonia (30%, 1.4 mL) and sodium hydroxide (6 M, 3mL) was added dropwise to the resulting slurry, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then, the resultant solution was extracted with DCM, dried over Na₂SO₄, and filtered. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The resulting crude primary amine was used in the subsequent step without further purification⁴.

Under the protection of argon⁵, a solution of the crude primary amine and the corresponding aryl acid (4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in DCM (2 mL) was cooled to 0 °C.

Then, DMAP (0.4 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and DCC (4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in DCM (4 mL) were added dropwise. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature until full consumption of the starting material as monitored by TLC. The crude mixture was filtered and washed with DCM. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (*n*-heptane/ethyl acetate) to afford the product **1a-p**, **1t-1z**.



General Procedure B

To a solution of corresponding 2-bromophenylacetonitrile (5.0 mmol, 1 equiv.) and corresponding ethyne (6.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in Et₃N (20 mL) were added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.25 mmol, 5 mol%) and CuI (0.15 mmol, 3 mol%) at room temperature under argon. Then the reaction mixture was gradually warmed up to 85 °C and stirred at the same temperature for 30 h. After cooling down to room temperature, the crude mixture was filtered and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure and the residue was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (*n*-heptane/ethyl acetate) to afford corresponding 2-ethynylphenylacetonitrile ⁶.

The 2-ethynylphenylacetonitrile, and distilled THF (20 mL) were mixed together, then LiAlH₄ (25 mmol, 5 equiv.) was added portion-wise to the solution at 0 °C. The mixture was left under stirring for 24 h at room temperature, then it was hydrolyzed at 0 °C with water to neutralize excess LiAlH₄ and extracted with DCM. The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was used in the subsequent step without further purification⁷.

Under the protection of argon⁵, a solution of the crude primary amine and benzoic acid (5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in DCM (2.5 mL) was cooled to 0 °C. Then, DMAP (0.5 mmol,

0.1 equiv.) and DCC (5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in DCM (5 mL) were added dropwise. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature until full consumption of the starting material as monitored by TLC. The crude mixture was filtered and washed with DCM. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (*n*-heptane/ethyl acetate) to afford the product **1q-s**.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1a** was obtained as a white solid (64%, three steps). Melting point 100-102 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 7.80-7.74 (2H, m), 7.56 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.7 Hz), 7.54-7.50 (2H, m), 7.46-7.42 (2H, m), 7.40-7.32 (5H, m), 7.32-7.24 (2H, m), 6.78 (1H, s), 4.87 (2H, d, *J* = 5.8 Hz).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 167.3, 139.7, 134.4, 132.4, 131.5, 131.4, 128.8, 128.64, 128.58, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 126.9, 122.8, 122.4, 94.3, 87.1, 43.0.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₂H₁₈NO (M+H) ⁺: 312.1383, found: 312.1383.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1b** was obtained as a white solid (56%, three steps). Melting point 126-128 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.56-7.48 (3H, m), 7.42-7.38 (1H, m), 7.35-7.30 (3H, m), 7.29-7.22 (2H, m), 7.14 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.85 (1H, s), 4.84 (2H, d, J = 5.8 Hz), 2.33 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 141.8, 139.8, 132.3, 131.48, 131.45, 129.1, 128.7,
128.5, 128.38, 128.36, 127.4, 126.9, 122.8, 122.3, 94.3, 87.1, 42.8, 21.3.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₁₉NONa (M+Na) ⁺: 348.1359, found: 348.1354.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1c** was obtained as a yellow solid (62%, three steps). Melting point 143-145 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.58-7.50 (3H, m), 7.44 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.37-7.33 (3H, m), 7.33-7.25 (2H, m), 6.87 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 6.66 (1H, s), 4.85 (2H, d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 3.81 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 166.8, 162.1, 140.0, 132.4, 131.5, 128.8, 128.72, 128.65, 128.6, 128.4, 127.5, 126.7, 122.8, 122.4, 113.7, 94.3, 87.1, 55.3, 42.9.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀NO₂ (M+H) ⁺: 342.1488, found: 342.1481.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1d** was obtained as a white solid (61%, three steps). Melting point 134-136 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.62 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.59-7.55 (1H, m), 7.53-7.49 (2H, m), 7.42 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.2 Hz), 7.37-7.29 (5H, m), 6.86 (1H, s), 4.86 (2H, d, *J* = 5.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 139.3, 137.7, 133.3, 132.9, 132.5, 131.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 125.6 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 122.6, 122.5, 121.8, 94.5, 87.0, 43.1. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.97.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₁₆F₃NONa (M+Na) ⁺: 402.1076, found: 402.1078.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1e** was obtained as a red solid (57%, three steps). Melting point 130-132 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 7.71-7.67 (2H, m), 7.56 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.8 Hz), 7.53-7.49 (2H, m), 7.44-7.40 (1H, m), 7.36-7.29 (7H, m), 6.74 (1H, s), 4.84 (2H, d, *J* = 5.8 Hz).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 166.2, 139.5, 137.7, 132.8, 132.5, 131.5, 128.83, 128.76, 128.72, 128.67, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 122.7, 122.5, 94.4, 87.0, 43.1.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₂H₁₆ClNONa (M+Na) ⁺: 368.0813, found: 368.0810.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1f** was obtained as a white solid (60%, three steps). Melting point 96-98 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (1H, s), 7.52 (4H, m), 7.40 (1H, d, J = 7.1 Hz), 7.35-7.30 (3H, m), 7.30-7.22 (4H, m), 6.87 (1H, s), 4.84 (2H, d, J = 5.8 Hz), 2.29 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 139.8, 138.2, 134.3, 132.3, 132.1, 131.5, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.6, 127.4, 123.9, 122.7, 122.2, 94.3, 87.1, 42.8, 21.2.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₁₉NONa (M+Na) ⁺: 348.1359, found: 348.1352.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1g** was obtained as a yellow solid (54%, three steps). Melting point 128-130 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58-7.48 (3H, m), 7.44 (1H, d, J = 7.1 Hz), 7.36-7.23 (7H, m), 7.18-7.09 (2H, m), 6.31 (1H, s), 4.82 (2H, d, J = 5.7 Hz), 2.40 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 139.6, 136.2, 136.1, 132.4, 131.5, 130.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 126.7, 125.6, 122.7, 122.4, 94.3, 87.0, 42.7, 19.7.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀NO (M+H) ⁺: 326.1539, found: 326.1537.





Following **General Procedure A**, **1h** was obtained as a yellow solid (62%, three steps). Melting point 84-86 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (1H, td, *J* = 7.9, 1.2 Hz), 7.59-7.53 (3H, m), 7.46 (2H, dd, *J* = 13.4, 7.4 Hz), 7.35 (4H, dd, *J* = 6.9, 4.8 Hz), 7.23 (2H, dd, *J* = 14.7, 7.2 Hz), 7.11-7.06 (1H, m), 4.90 (2H, d, *J* = 5.8 Hz).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.1 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 161.9, 159.4, 139.6, 133.3 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz), 132.4, 132.1 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 131.6, 128.8, 128.5 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 128.4, 127.6,

124.8 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 122.9, 122.5, 120.9 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 116.0 (d, *J* = 24.8 Hz), 94.4, 86.9, 42.9.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.34.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₂H₁₇FNO (M+H) ⁺: 330.1289, found: 330.1288.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1i** was obtained as a red solid (59%, three steps). Melting point 128-130 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.80 (3H, dd, *J* = 12.5, 8.3 Hz), 7.55 (2H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 7.50 (2H, dd, *J* = 6.4, 2.8 Hz), 7.47-7.42 (3H, m), 7.30 (5H, dd, *J* = 6.5, 4.3 Hz), 6.56 (1H, s), 4.90 (2H, d, *J* = 5.7 Hz).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.2, 139.5, 134.2, 133.5, 132.4, 131.5, 130.5, 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.6, 127.0, 126.3, 125.4, 124.9, 124.6, 122.7, 122.5, 94.4, 87.0, 43.0.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₆H₁₉NONa (M+Na) ⁺: 384.1359, found: 384.1361.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1j** was obtained as a yellow solid (57%, three steps). Melting point 126-128 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80-7.74 (2H, m), 7.57-7.52 (1H, m), 7.46-7.39 (5H, m), 7.37 (1H, t, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.31-7.26 (2H, m), 7.15 (2H, dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.6 Hz), 6.78 (1H, s), 4.86 (2H, d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 2.36 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 167.2, 139.6, 138.8, 134.4, 132.3, 131.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 126.9, 122.6, 119.6, 94.6, 86.5, 43.0, 21.5.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₁₉NONa (M+Na) ⁺: 348.1359, found: 348.1356.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1k** was obtained as a white solid (60%, three steps). Melting point 149-151 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 7.80-7.74 (2H, m), 7.65-7.57 (5H, m), 7.50-7.44 (2H, m), 7.43-7.39 (2H, m), 7.38-7.31 (2H, m), 6.61 (1H, s), 4.88 (2H, d, *J* = 5.7 Hz).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 139.9, 134.3, 132.7, 131.8, 131.6, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.7, 126.9, 125.3 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 121.8, 92.9, 89.3, 42.9.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.81.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₁₆F₃NONa (M+Na) ⁺: 402.1076, found: 402.1074.



Following **General Procedure A**, **11** was obtained as a white solid (48%, three steps). Melting point 77-79 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83-7.76 (2H, m), 7.47 (5H, m), 7.32-7.22 (2H, m), 6.89 (1H, s), 4.79 (2H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 1.01 (9H, s), 0.21 (6H, s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 140.3, 134.4, 132.8, 131.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 127.4, 126.9, 122.3, 103.7, 97.9, 42.9, 26.1, 16.6, -4.6.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₂H₂₇NOSiNa (M+Na) ⁺: 372.1754, found: 372.1749.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1m** was obtained as a yellow solid (50%, three steps). Melting point 82-84 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.80-7.75 (2H, m), 7.51-7.45 (1H, m), 7.45-7.36 (4H, m), 7.27-7.20 (2H, m), 6.74 (1H, s), 4.76 (2H, d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 2.64 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.7, 8.8, 3.7 Hz), 1.87 (2H, dd, *J* = 9.7, 3.6 Hz), 1.79-1.66 (2H, m), 1.53 (3H, m), 1.34 (3H, m).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 139.5, 134.5, 132.3, 131.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.4, 126.9, 123.3, 99.7, 78.4, 43.1, 32.7, 29.8, 25.8, 24.8.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₂H₂₃NONa (M+Na) ⁺: 340.1672, found: 340.1671.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1n** was obtained as a yellow solid (46%, three steps). Melting point 96-98 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82-7.75 (2H, m), 7.53-7.43 (2H, m), 7.41 (2H, dd, J = 8.5, 1.9 Hz), 7.38-7.34 (1H, m), 7.27-7.20 (2H, m), 6.70 (1H, s), 4.73 (2H, d, J = 5.8 Hz), 1.48 (1H, tt, J = 8.2, 5.1 Hz), 0.93-0.84 (2H, m), 0.79 (2H, m).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 167.1, 139.6, 134.5, 132.4, 131.4, 128.5, 127.9, 127.4, 126.9, 123.1, 98.7, 73.6, 43.0, 8.8, 0.2.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₁₉H₁₇NONa (M+Na) ⁺: 298.1203, found: 298.1196.



Following **General Procedure A**, **10** was obtained as a yellow solid (61%, three steps). Melting point 144-146 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82-7.75 (2H, m), 7.55-7.44 (5H, m), 7.39 (1H, d, J = 1.5 Hz), 7.37-7.33 (3H, m), 7.15 (1H, dd, J = 9.2, 2.6 Hz), 6.97 (1H, td, J = 8.4, 2.7 Hz), 6.85 (1H, s), 4.85 (2H, d, J = 6.0 Hz).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.0, 167.5, 164.2, 160.9, 142.5 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 134.1 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 133.6, 131.6 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz), 130.1, 128.5 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.8 Hz), 127.0, 122.6, 118.2 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J* = 22.9 Hz), 114.7 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 94.0, 86.1, 42.5.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -109.78.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₂H₁₆FNONa (M+Na) ⁺: 352.1108, found: 352.1105.





Following **General Procedure A**, **1p** was obtained as a yellow solid (64%, three steps). Melting point 168-170 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80-7.73 (2H, m), 7.52-7.43 (3H, m), 7.41-7.32 (5H, m), 7.04 (1H, s), 6.98 (1H, s), 6.73 (1H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 4.81 (2H, d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 3.90 (3H, s), 3.89 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 149.6, 148.1, 134.4, 133.4, 131.4, 131.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 126.9, 122.9, 114.5, 114.4, 112.1, 92.7, 87.3, 56.0, 42.8, 30.9.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₄H₂₁NO₃Na (M+Na) ⁺: 394.1414, found: 394.1409.



Following **General Procedure B**, **1q** was obtained as a white solid (49%, three steps). Melting point 100-102 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74-7.67 (2H, m), 7.50-7.38 (4H, m), 7.25-7.14 (3H, m), 6.31 (1H, s), 3.85-3.70 (2H, m), 3.18-3.06 (2H, m), 2.66-2.51 (1H, m), 1.83 (2H, dd, J = 9.5, 3.4 Hz), 1.72 (2H, dd, J = 9.0, 3.6 Hz), 1.57-1.42 (3H, m), 1.36-1.25 (3H, m).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 167.5, 140.7, 134.6, 132.4, 131.3, 129.3, 128.4, 128.0, 126.9, 126.5, 123.7, 98.8, 79.1, 40.8, 33.8, 32.6, 29.7, 25.8, 24.8.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₂₅NONa (M+Na) ⁺: 354.1829, found: 354.1829.



Following **General Procedure B**, **1r** was obtained as a yellow solid (55%, three steps). Melting point 103-105 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70-7.64 (2H, m), 7.58-7.48 (3H, m), 7.40 (1H, dt, J = 2.6, 1.8 Hz), 7.34-7.22 (8H, m), 6.40 (1H, s), 3.89-3.77 (2H, m), 3.20 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 141.0, 138.3, 134.5, 132.4, 131.5, 131.2, 129.5, 128.8, 128.43, 128.37, 126.8, 126.6, 122.90, 122.88, 93.4, 87.9, 40.9, 34.0.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₁₉NONa (M+Na) ⁺: 348.1359, found: 348.1360.



Following **General Procedure B**, **1s** was obtained as a red solid (50%, three steps). Melting point 63-65 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67-7.60 (2H, m), 7.53-7.40 (4H, m), 7.32-7.21 (8H, m), 6.38 (1H, s), 3.51 (2H, dd, *J* = 12.7, 6.7 Hz), 2.97 (2H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 2.11-1.96 (2H, m).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.6, 143.3, 134.4, 132.3, 131.4, 131.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.34, 128.29, 126.8, 126.1, 123.1, 122.5, 93.0, 88.0, 39.5, 31.9, 30.4.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₄H₂₁NONa (M+Na) ⁺: 362.1516, found: 362.1511.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1t** was obtained as a red solid (50%, three steps). Melting point 76-78 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (3H, dd, J = 6.2, 3.6 Hz), 7.46-7.40 (1H, m), 7.38-7.32 (4H, m), 7.32-7.24 (2H, m), 7.11 (1H, d, J = 3.4 Hz), 6.94 (1H, s), 6.46 (1H, dd, J = 3.5, 1.7 Hz), 4.84 (2H, d, *J* = 6.1 Hz).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 147.9, 143.8, 139.5, 132.3, 131.5, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.5, 122.8, 122.4, 114.3, 112.1, 94.4, 86.9, 41.9.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NO₂ (M+H) ⁺: 302.1175, found: 302.1174.



Following General Procedure A, 1u was obtained as a red solid (52%, three steps). Melting point 64-66 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.46 (4H, m), 7.41-7.36 (2H, m), 7.35-7.30 (3H, m), 7.28-7.21 (2H, m), 6.97 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.8, 3.9 Hz), 6.85 (1H, s), 4.80 (2H, d, *J* = 5.9 Hz).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.8, 139.6, 138.7, 132.2, 131.5, 129.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 122.7, 122.2, 94.4, 87.0, 42.6.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₀H₁₅NOSNa (M+Na) ⁺: 340.0767, found: 340.0769.





Following General Procedure A, 1v was obtained as a red oil (56%, three steps).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (3H, m), 7.40 (1H, d, J = 7.3 Hz), 7.33 (3H, dd, J = 4.9, 1.8 Hz), 7.26 (2H, m), 6.69-6.64 (1H, m), 6.52 (2H, dd, J = 4.0, 1.7 Hz), 6.02 (1H, dd, *J* = 3.9, 2.6 Hz), 4.77 (2H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.90 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.7, 140.2, 132.2, 131.5, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1,
127.8, 127.3, 125.5, 122.8, 122.2, 111.5, 107.1, 94.2, 87.1, 41.9, 36.6.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $C_{21}H_{18}N_2ONa$ (M+Na) ⁺: 337.1312, found: 337.1313.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1w** was obtained as a red solid (58%, three steps). Melting point 107-109 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.61-7.55 (3H, m), 7.46 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.35 (5H, m), 7.33-7.28 (3H, m), 7.26-7.23 (1H, m), 4.89 (2H, d, J = 6.1 Hz).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.6, 154.6, 148.6, 139.3, 132.4, 131.6, 128.8, 128.63, 128.58, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 126.8, 123.6, 122.8, 122.6, 122.5, 111.6, 110.5, 94.5, 87.0, 42.2.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₄H₁₇NO₂Na (M+Na) ⁺: 374.1152, found: 374.1147.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1x** was obtained as a white solid (55%, three steps). Melting point 174-176 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (1H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.73 (2H, d, *J* = 11.2 Hz), 7.56 (3H, m), 7.45 (1H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 7.40-7.33 (5H, m), 7.33-7.28 (2H, m), 6.78 (1H, d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 4.87 (2H, d, *J* = 5.9 Hz).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.1, 140.8, 139.4, 139.0, 138.3, 132.5, 131.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 126.3, 125.3, 125.0, 124.8, 122.7, 122.6, 122.5, 94.5, 87.0, 43.0.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₄H₁₇NOSNa (M+Na) ⁺: 390.0923, found: 390.0918.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1y** was obtained as a red solid (59%, three steps). Melting point 137-139 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (4H, m), 7.47-7.42 (1H, m), 7.36-7.28 (7H, m), 7.13-7.08 (1H, m), 6.81 (1H, s), 6.77 (1H, t, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 4.85 (2H, d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 4.03 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.3, 139.7, 139.0, 132.5, 131.8, 131.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 127.6, 126.0, 124.0, 122.8, 122.4, 121.7, 120.4, 110.1, 103.8, 94.4, 87.1, 42.5, 31.5.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₅H₂₁N₂O (M+H) ⁺: 365.1648, found: 365.1647.



Following **General Procedure A**, **1z** was obtained as a white solid (55%, three steps). Melting point 122-124 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.61 (2H, d, J = 4.6 Hz), 7.59-7.53 (3H, m), 7.50 (2H, dd, J = 6.6, 3.0 Hz), 7.39 (1H, d, J = 6.4 Hz), 7.36-7.32 (3H, m), 7.32-7.27 (2H, m), 7.11 (1H, s), 4.84 (2H, d, J = 5.7 Hz).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.3, 150.4, 141.4, 139.0, 132.5, 131.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 122.6, 122.5, 120.8, 94.5, 86.9, 43.1.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₁H₁₆N₂ONa (M+Na) ⁺: 335.1155, found: 335.1151.



To a round-bottom flask equipped with 2-chloroquinoline (5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ (0.25 mmol, 0.05 equiv.) and CuI (0.25 mmol, 0.05 equiv.) was added degassed PhMe (25 mL) under nitrogen. The mixture was added Et₃N (20 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) and (*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)acetylene (7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12 h, filtered through a pad of celite, concentrated, and purified by a silica gel column chromatography (*n*-heptane/ethyl acetate) to afford the 2-ethynylquinoline⁸.

To a solution of 2-ethynylquinoline in DCM (25 mL) was added TFA (5 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12 h. Then extracted with DCM, the combined organic phases were washed with saturated solution of Na₂CO₃, dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was used in the subsequent step without further purification⁸.

To a solution of the crude primary amine in DCM (10 mL) was added Et₃N (2 mL) and benzoyl chloride (5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12 h, then quenched with saturated solution of NH₄Cl. Extracted with DCM, the combined organic phases dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (*n*-heptane/ethyl acetate) to afford the product **3a** as a yellow solid (50%, three steps)⁹. Melting point 140-142 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (1H, s), 8.08 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.83-7.77 (2H, m), 7.76-7.65 (2H, m), 7.55-7.46 (2H, m), 7.46-7.38 (2H, m), 7.07 (1H, t, J = 6.0 Hz), 4.92 (2H, d, J = 6.1 Hz), 1.03 (9H, s), 0.26 (6H, s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 147.2, 142.6, 135.4, 134.0, 132.6, 131.7, 129.9, 128.9, 128.6, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 126.9, 103.0, 98.7, 41.8, 26.2, 16.6, -4.7, -4.7.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₅H₂₉N₂OSi (M+H) ⁺: 401.2044, found: 401.2040.



Following General Procedure B, 3b was obtained as a yellow oil (54%, three steps).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (1H, s), 7.71 (1H, d, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.13 (1H, t, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.02 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.97 (1H, s), 6.76 (1H, s), 3.87 (6H, s), 3.82 (3H, s), 3.78 (2H, dd, J = 12.9, 6.6 Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.09 (2H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.00 (9H, s), 0.19 (6H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1, 152.4, 149.4, 147.4, 147.0, 134.9, 126.5, 124.1, 122.6, 115.2, 114.9, 114.5, 112.2, 104.2, 94.8, 60.9, 55.9, 55.9, 55.8, 39.9, 33.8, 26.0, 16.5, -4.6.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₇H₃₈NO₅Si (M+H) ⁺: 484.2514, found: 484.2515.

3. Rhodium(III)-Catalyzed Intramolecular Annulations



To a Schlenk flask equipped with a stir bar were added **1a-z** (0.3 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (9.3 mg, 5 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (109 mg, 2 equiv.), CsOAc (28.8 mg, 50 mol%) and *t*-AmOH (3.0 mL) without any particular precautions to extrude oxygen or moisture. The reaction was stirred for 8 h at 110°C, cooled to room temperature. The solvent was removed in *vacuo* and the remaining residue was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (*n*-heptane/ethyl acetate) to afford the product **2a-z**.



2a was obtained as a red solid (93%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 0.9 Hz), 7.57 (4H, m), 7.54-7.46 (2H, m), 7.43-7.37 (2H, m), 7.35 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.23 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.10 (1H, t, J = 7.7 Hz), 6.44 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.24 (2H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 138.7, 138.4, 138.0, 135.2, 134.3, 131.9, 131.0, 129.4, 129.2, 128.4, 127.8, 127.2, 126.2, 125.1, 124.1, 124.0, 123.0, 114.4, 51.8.

Spectral data was consistent with that previously reported¹⁰.



2b was obtained as a yellow solid (75%). Melting point 271-273 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.62-7.56 (3H, m), 7.49 (1H, s), 7.42-7.37 (2H, m), 7.35-7.28 (2H, m), 7.08 (1H, s), 6.99 (1H, s), 6.39 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.20 (2H, s), 2.36 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.6, 142.4, 138.8, 138.4, 138.0, 135.3, 134.4, 131.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.3, 127.81, 127.76, 127.2, 124.8, 123.9, 122.9, 122.0, 114.3, 51.6, 21.9. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₁₈NO (M+H) $^+$: 324.1383, found: 324.1382.



2c was obtained as a yellow solid (95%). Melting point 258-260 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (1H, d, J = 8.9 Hz), 7.63-7.50 (4H, m), 7.43-7.32 (3H, m), 7.13-7.04 (2H, m), 6.58 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 6.42 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.23 (2H, s), 3.73 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.5, 160.4, 140.9, 139.0, 138.3, 135.3, 134.4, 131.0, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.4, 127.8, 124.0, 123.0, 118.2, 115.0, 114.1, 106.9, 55.2, 51.6. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₁₈NO₂ (M+H) ⁺: 340.1332, found: 340.1332.



2d was obtained as a yellow solid (83%). Melting point 275-277°C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.66-7.60 (4H, m), 7.56-7.47 (2H, m), 7.39 (3H, m), 7.13 (1H, t, J = 7.7 Hz), 6.44 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.22 (2H, s). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8, 139.9, 138.7, 138.1, 134.1, 133.84, 133.79, 133.4, 130.9, 129.7, 128.9, 128.3, 128.0, 125.9, 125.5, 124.3, 123.1, 122.3 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 122.0, 114.0, 51.9.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.85.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₁₅F₃NO (M+H) ⁺: 378.1100, found: 378.1096.



2e was obtained as a red solid (84%). Melting point 283-285 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.64-7.57 (3H, m), 7.52 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.41-7.34 (4H, m), 7.18 (1H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 7.11 (1H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 6.42 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.21 (2H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 140.1, 139.7, 138.7, 138.2, 134.4, 134.0, 131.0, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.0, 126.6, 124.4, 124.2, 123.0, 122.4, 113.4, 51.8.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₂H₁₅ClNO (M+H) ⁺: 344.0837, found: 344.0826.



2f was obtained as a yellow solid (82%). Melting point 274-276 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (1H, s), 7.59-7.54 (3H, m), 7.49 (1H, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.38 (3H, m), 7.30 (1H, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.13 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.08 (1H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 6.43 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.20 (2H, s), 2.47 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.5, 137.9, 137.4, 136.4, 136.3, 135.3, 134.4, 133.4, 131.0, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 127.7, 126.7, 125.1, 124.0, 123.7, 122.9, 114.4, 51.7, 21.3. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₁₇NONa (M+Na) $^+$: 346.1203, found: 346.1200.



2g was obtained as a yellow solid (96%). Melting point 305-307 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (3H, m), 7.53 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.38 (3H, m), 7.34 (1H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.25 (1H, s), 7.10-7.05 (2H, m), 6.36 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.20 (2H, s), 3.06 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6, 141.6, 140.5, 138.2, 138.2, 135.9, 134.5, 131.2, 131.1, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.3, 127.8, 124.0, 123.6, 123.0, 122.6, 114.4, 51.9, 24.0.
HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₁₇NONa (M+Na) ⁺: 346.1203, found: 346.1211.



2h was obtained as a yellow solid (92%). Melting point 269-271 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63-7.57 (3H, m), 7.54 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.47 (1H, td, J = 8.1, 5.1 Hz), 7.38 (3H, t, J = 7.7 Hz), 7.12 (2H, dd, J = 13.2, 6.6 Hz), 6.99 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz), 6.39 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.23 (2H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 161.4, 158.1 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 141.8, 139.5, 138.3, 135.1, 134.1, 132.6 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 131.1, 129.6, 128.6, 127.9, 124.2, 123.1, 121.1 (d, J = 4.4 Hz), 113.5 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 113.3 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 113.0 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 51.9. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -111.38.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₂H₁₄FNONa (M+Na) ⁺: 350.0952, found: 350.0952.



2i was obtained as a yellow solid (91%). Melting point 236-238 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.37 (1H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.83 (1H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.80 (1H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.72-7.69 (1H, m), 7.58 (3H, m), 7.48 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.40 (2H, m), 7.29 (3H, m), 7.07 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.39 (1H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 5.23 (2H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 139.8, 139.7, 138.3, 135.7, 134.3, 133.0, 131.9, 131.8, 131.2, 129.4, 129.2, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 126.1, 123.9, 123.1, 122.9, 117.1, 114.6, 52.5.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₆H₁₈NO (M+H) ⁺: 360.1383, found: 360.1370.



2j was obtained as a yellow solid (95%). Melting point 253-255 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (1H, dd, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz), 7.56-7.45 (3H, m), 7.36 (3H, m), 7.26 (3H, m), 7.11 (1H, t, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.52 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.24 (2H, s), 2.52 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 138.9, 138.3, 138.1, 138.0, 134.4, 132.0, 131.9, 130.8, 130.1, 129.1, 127.8, 127.2, 126.1, 125.2, 124.0, 123.0, 114.5, 51.8, 21.4.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₁₈NO (M+H) ⁺: 324.1383, found: 324.1377.



2k was obtained as a red solid (93%). Melting point 254-256 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (1H, dd, J = 7.9, 1.0 Hz), 7.88 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.61-7.52 (4H, m), 7.51-7.45 (1H, m), 7.40 (1H, dd, J = 10.9, 4.1 Hz), 7.14 (2H, dd, J = 13.0, 7.8 Hz), 6.43 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.22 (2H, s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.6, 139.3, 138.5, 138.2, 138.1, 133.9, 132.2, 131.8, 130.9, 130.5, 129.6, 128.0, 127.4, 126.4 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 124.7, 124.1, 123.7, 123.2, 122.3, 112.7, 51.8.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.37.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₁₅F₃NO (M+H) ⁺: 378.1100, found: 378.1105.



2I was obtained as a red oil (82%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz), 8.15 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.96 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.62 (2H, m), 7.47 (3H, m), 5.21 (2H, s), 1.32 (9H, s), 0.39 (6H, s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 161.1, 149.3, 142.2, 139.1, 135.1, 130.6, 129.7, 129.6, 127.1, 126.5, 126.3, 125.7, 124.5, 123.1, 108.3, 51.9, 29.7, 19.4, 2.1.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₂H₂₆NOSi (M+H) +: 348.1778, found: 348.1774.



2m was obtained as a red solid (79%). Melting point 151-153 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz), 8.24 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.03 (1H, d, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.71-7.63 (1H, m), 7.60 (1H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 7.53-7.44 (3H, m), 5.18 (2H, s), 3.81 (1H, tt, J = 12.6, 3.3 Hz), 2.43-2.29 (2H, m), 2.01 (2H, d, J = 13.0 Hz), 1.90 (3H, d, J = 12.0 Hz), 1.60-1.44 (3H, m).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.3, 138.6, 138.1, 137.6, 135.1, 130.8, 128.9, 128.2, 127.8, 125.8, 125.1, 124.5, 123.5, 118.7, 51.7, 39.0, 31.2, 27.5, 26.1.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₂H₂₂NO (M+H) ⁺: 316.1696, found: 316.1692.

2n was obtained as a yellow solid (96%). Melting point 196-198 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz), 8.39-8.32 (1 H, m), 8.28 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.72-7.64 (1 H, m), 7.55-7.42 (4 H, m), 5.12 (2 H, s), 2.12-1.97 (1 H, m), 1.36-1.28 (2 H, m), 0.70-0.60 (2 H, m).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 160.4, 141.0, 139.2, 138.2, 134.3, 131.4, 129.0, 127.6, 127.2, 125.8, 125.7, 124.8, 124.2, 122.8, 113.4, 51.7, 10.7, 7.9.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₁₉H₁₆NO (M+H) ⁺: 274.1226, found: 274.1231.

20 was obtained as a yellow solid (90%). Melting point 188-190 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (1H, dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz), 7.61-7.48 (5H, m), 7.41-7.37 (2H, m), 7.22 (2H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.81 (1H, td, J = 8.8, 2.2 Hz), 6.38 (1H, dd, J = 8.8, 5.0 Hz), 5.22 (2H, s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.9, 161.6, 160.6, 140.2 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 138.7, 137.5, 135.0, 132.1, 131.0, 130.5 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 129.5, 128.5, 126.7 (d, J = 73.3 Hz), 125.7 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 125.1, 123.9, 115.6 (d, J = 22.9 Hz), 114.0, 110.4 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 51.5. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -110.32.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₂H₁₄FNONa (M+Na) ⁺: 350.0952, found: 350.0937.

2p was obtained as a yellow solid (91%). Melting point 202-204 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz), 7.63-7.52 (4H, m), 7.45 (3H, m), 7.27-7.23 (1H, m), 6.98 (1H, s), 5.88 (1H, s), 5.14 (2H, s), 3.91 (3H, s), 3.41 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 150.6, 148.8, 138.8, 138.7, 135.3, 131.9, 131.6, 131.1, 129.2, 128.2, 127.2, 126.5, 125.7, 124.7, 123.5, 112.6, 106.0, 105.1, 56.1, 55.2, 51.6.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₄H₂₀NO₃ (M+H) ⁺: 370.1438, found: 370.1432.

2q was obtained as a yellow solid (68%). Melting point 118-120 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.4 Hz), 8.29 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.65 (1H, ddd, J = 8.5, 7.1, 1.6 Hz), 7.58-7.53 (1H, m), 7.50-7.44 (1H, m), 7.38-7.29 (3H, m), 4.23 (2H, s), 3.48-3.32 (1H, m), 2.90 (2H, t, J = 5.8 Hz), 2.37 (2H, dd, J = 23.2, 11.3 Hz), 1.86 (4H, d, J = 11.1 Hz), 1.39-1.22 (4H, m).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 161.2, 139.3, 136.4, 135.6, 131.5, 130.9, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 127.1, 126.1, 125.9, 125.74, 125.65, 120.3, 42.0, 41.8, 32.4, 29.7, 27.1, 26.1.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₃H₂₄NO (M+H) ⁺: 330.1852, found: 330.1850.

2r was obtained as a yellow solid (77%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62-8.46 (1H, m), 7.54-7.37 (5H, m), 7.35-7.30 (1H, m), 7.27-7.11 (4H, m), 6.81 (2H, m), 4.51-4.19 (2H, m), 3.04-2.88 (2H, m).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6, 138.3, 137.7, 137.3, 134.6, 131.9, 131.0, 130.4,
128.9, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 126.6, 125.5, 124.8, 117.8, 41.5, 29.6.

Spectral data was consistent with that previously reported¹⁰.

2s was obtained as a yellow solid (70%). Melting point 245-247 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63-8.52 (1H, m), 7.58-7.39 (4H, m), 7.38-7.31 (1H, m), 7.26-7.13 (3H, m), 7.10-7.01 (1H, m), 6.92-6.80 (2H, m), 6.60 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 5.19 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.5, 5.2 Hz), 3.08 (1H, td, *J* = 13.2, 4.9 Hz), 2.85-2.64 (2H, m), 2.40 (1H, tdd, *J* = 16.0, 5.9, 2.7 Hz), 1.93-1.77 (1H, m).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.4, 140.8, 138.7, 137.1, 136.7, 133.9, 132.3, 131.9, 131.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.5, 126.9, 126.5, 125.7, 125.3, 124.7, 118.1, 41.5, 29.8, 28.6.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₄H₁₉NONa (M+Na) ⁺: 360.1359, found: 360.1356.

2t was obtained as a red solid (50%). Melting point 190-192°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz), 7.55 (4H, m), 7.48 (2H, m), 7.37 (1H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.15 (1H, t, J = 7.7 Hz), 6.91 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.47 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz), 5.25 (2H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 154.2, 137.8, 135.8, 135.1, 134.9, 134.4, 131.4, 130.3, 128.9, 127.9, 127.9, 127.6, 123.0, 122.7, 121.5, 112.5, 101.9, 51.2.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for $C_{20}H_{13}NO_2Na$ (M+Na) ⁺: 322.0839, found: 322.0840.

2u was obtained as a yellow solid (60%). Melting point 259-261 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (1H, d, J = 5.1 Hz), 7.55 (4H, m), 7.45 (2H, d, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.37 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.13 (1H, t, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.92 (1H, d, J = 5.2 Hz), 6.71 (1H, d, J = 7.9 Hz), 5.25 (2H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* 156.9, 147.8, 140.1, 138.1, 135.4, 134.1, 132.8, 130.4, 129.24, 129.15, 128.5, 127.9, 127.3, 124.3, 123.5, 123.1, 113.6, 51.7.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₀H₁₄NOS (M+H) ⁺: 316.0791, found: 316.0786.

2v was obtained as a yellow solid (54%). Melting point 282-284 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (6H, m), 7.29 (1H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.10 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.99 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 6.81 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.03 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 5.17 (2H, s), 4.26 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.2, 137.8, 135.8, 135.1, 134.9, 134.4, 131.4, 130.3, 128.9, 127.93, 127.88, 127.6, 123.0, 122.7, 121.5, 112.5, 101.9, 51.2, 35.8.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N₂O (M+H) ⁺: 313.1335, found: 313.1335.

2w was obtained as a red solid (76%). Melting point 358-360 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66-7.64 (3H, m), 7.60-7.54 (4H, m), 7.47 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.38 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.16-7.08 (2H, m), 6.83 (1H, d, J = 7.9 Hz), 6.73 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.31 (2H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.2, 152.4, 142.0, 139.5, 138.3, 134.5, 134.0, 130.3, 129.9, 129.6, 129.0, 128.5, 128.0, 123.5, 123.3, 123.2, 123.2, 122.8, 112.8, 112.7, 111.4, 52.2.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₄H₁₆NO₂ (M+H) ⁺: 350.1175, found: 350.1173.

2x was obtained as a green solid (78%). Melting point 306-308 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.66 (3H, d, J = 6.2 Hz), 7.58-7.50 (3H, m), 7.38 (2H, dd, J = 14.9, 7.5 Hz), 7.13-7.06 (2H, m), 6.81 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.40 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.27 (2H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.1, 142.6, 141.2, 141.0, 138.0, 135.8, 135.5, 134.4, 130.7, 129.9, 129.1, 129.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 125.6, 124.3, 123.7, 123.4, 123.1, 114.3, 51.8.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₄H₁₆NOS (M+H) ⁺: 366.0947, found: 366.0953.

2y was obtained as a yellow solid (94%). Melting point 304-306 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (3H, m), 7.53 (2H, dd, J = 6.5, 3.0 Hz), 7.48 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.40 (2H, d, J = 5.0 Hz), 7.26 (1H, dd, J = 13.6, 6.1 Hz), 7.09 (1H, t, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.94 (1H, ddd, J = 8.0, 5.4, 2.6 Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 6.57 (1H, d, J = 7.9 Hz), 5.16 (2H, s), 4.34 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.4, 141.2, 137.4, 136.0, 134.9, 134.8, 130.4, 129.4, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 126.3, 125.8, 125.3, 123.0, 122.7, 122.5, 121.8, 119.7, 113.4, 109.8, 51.6, 31.2.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₅H₁₉N₂O (M+H) ⁺: 363.1492, found: 363.1484.

2z was obtained as a yellow solid (43%). Melting point 236-238 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.69 (2H, d, J = 5.7 Hz), 8.29 (1H, d, J = 5.2 Hz), 7.65-7.60 (3H, m), 7.56 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.47-7.38 (3H, m), 7.15 (1H, t, J = 7.7 Hz), 6.54 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.27 (2H, s).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.6, 149.1, 145.6, 140.1, 137.9, 133.8, 133.4, 132.9, 130.9, 129.8, 129.6, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 124.3, 123.1, 119.3, 112.7, 52.0.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₁H₁₅N₂O (M+H) ⁺: 311.1179, found: 311.1181.

4. Synthesis of Rosettacin and Oxypalmatime

To a Schlenk flask equipped with a stir bar were added **3a** (0.6 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (18.6 mg, 5 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (218 mg, 2 equiv.), CsOAc (57.6 mg, 50 mol%) and *t*-AmOH (6.0 mL) without any particular precautions to extrude oxygen or moisture. The reaction was stirred for 8 h at 110°C, cooled to room temperature. The solvent was removed in *vacuo* and the remaining residue was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (*n*-heptane/ethyl acetate) to afford the product **4a** as a yellow solid (71%). Melting point 212-214 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz), 8.26 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 8.14 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.86 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.80-7.66 (2H, m), 7.62-7.50 (2H, m), 5.32 (2H, s), 1.35 (9H, d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 0.52 (6H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.0, 154.2, 147.6, 146.1, 141.9, 130.8, 130.3, 129.8, 129.61, 129.57, 129.2, 129.0, 127.8, 127.3, 127.2, 126.5, 125.6, 112.3, 49.1, 29.4, 19.2, 2.8, 2.7.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C₂₅H₂₇N₂OSi (M+H) ⁺: 399.1887, found: 399.1888.

A 25 mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a stirring bar is charged with **4a** (0.4 mmol), *tetra-n*-butylammonium fluoride (TBAF, 1 M in THF, 0.8 mL, 0.8 mmol) and 2 mL of anhydrous THF. Then allowed to stir at 60°C for 12 h. The solvent was removed

and the residue purified by a silica gel column chromatography (*n*-heptane/ethyl acetate) to afford the product **5a** as a yellow solid $(88\%)^{11}$.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 8.26 (1H, s), 8.18 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.85 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.78-7.69 (3H, m), 7.61 (1H, s), 7.55 (2H, ddd, J = 8.2, 5.0, 1.5 Hz), 5.32 (2H, d, J = 0.8 Hz).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.0, 153.6, 148.8, 139.9, 137.5, 132.4, 130.7, 130.2, 129.4, 128.8, 128.0, 128.0, 127.5, 127.3, 126.0, 101.1, 49.4.

Spectral data was consistent with that previously reported⁸.

To a Schlenk flask equipped with a stir bar were added **3b** (0.6 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (18.6 mg, 5 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (218 mg, 2 equiv.), CsOAc (57.6 mg, 50 mol%) and *t*-AmOH (6.0 mL) without any particular precautions to extrude oxygen or moisture. The reaction was stirred for 8 h at 110°C, cooled to room temperature. The solvent was removed in *vacuo* and the remaining residue was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (*n*-heptane/ethyl acetate) to afford the product **5b** as a yellow solid (66%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (2H, d, J = 3.1 Hz), 7.23 (1H, s), 6.74 (2H, d, J = 9.2 Hz), 4.31 (2H, s), 4.02 (3H, s), 3.98 (3H, s), 3.94 (6H, d, J = 4.3 Hz), 2.92 (2H, t, J = 5.6 Hz).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 151.2, 150.0, 149.4, 148.3, 135.5, 132.3, 128.4,
122.2, 122.1, 119.2, 118.9, 110.4, 107.4, 100.8, 61.5, 56.7, 56.1, 55.9, 39.3, 28.1.

Spectral data was consistent with that previously reported⁸.

4. NMR Spectra






















































































































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