# **Supplementary Information**

# Dual Visible-light Photoredox and Palladium(II) Catalysis for Dehydrogenative C-2 Acylation of Indoles at Room Temperature

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**General Information**: All manipulations with air-sensitive reagents were carried out under a dry nitrogen atmosphere. Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents were used without additional purification. Solvents were dried using standard methods and distilled before use. The starting materials were prepared using literature reported method.<sup>1</sup> TLC was performed on silica gel plates (Merck silica gel 60, f<sub>254</sub>), and the spots were visualized with UV light (254 and 365 nm) or by charring the plate dipped in KMnO<sub>4</sub> or vanillin charring solution. <sup>1</sup>H NMR was recorded at 300 MHz and 600 MHz frequency and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 75 MHz and 150 MHz frequency in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solvent using TMS as the internal standard. Chemical shifts were measured in parts per million (ppm) referenced to 0.0 ppm for tetramethylsilane. The following abbreviations were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br. = broad. Coupling constants, *J* were reported in Hertz unit (Hz). HRMS (m/z) were measured using EI and ESI techniques. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy, only intense peaks were reported.



Figure 1. Reaction setup for acylation under dual catalysis

## **General Experimental Procedure for the C-H Acylation of** *N***-pyrimidylindole Derivatives:**

To an oven dried 5 mL reaction vial, a mixture of *N*-pyrimidylindole derivative (0.2 mmol), aldehyde (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) and photoredox catalyst Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %) was taken and 1 mL dry acetonitrile was added to it. The reaction vial was purged with nitrogen for 3 min to remove oxygen from the reaction mixture and the vial was immediately closed with teflon cap. A decane solution of TBHP (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture via micro-liter syringe and the reaction vial was irradiated with blue LED at room temperature. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion the reaction, the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL) and was extracted with EtOAc (2x25 ml). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane as eluent to afford the desired acylation product.

## **Spectral data:**



#### (1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone, 2a, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 9:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (57 mg, 92%), mp 118-120 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.64 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.07

(t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  187.4, 158.0, 157.3, 143.6, 138.2, 137.3, 135.3, 129.8, 129.1, 128.0, 126.4, 122.8, 122.4, 117.4, 115.0, 114.2, 21.7; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1639, 1565, 1431, 1281, 1213, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>ONa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 336.1113; found: 336.1122.



### (4-Methoxyphenyl)(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)methanone, 2b, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 17:3 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (51 mg, 78%), mp 102-104 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.66 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  186.5, 163.3, 157.9, 157.3, 138.1, 137.3, 131.9, 130.8, 128.0, 126.2, 122.7, 122.3, 117.3, 114.6, 114.2, 113.6, 55.5; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1646, 16021567, 1428, 1267, 1164, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI, m/z) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>[M]<sup>+</sup>: 329.1164; found: 329.1172.



### (4-Bromophenyl)(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)methanone, 2c, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 9:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (55 mg, 73%), mp 96-98 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.62 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 H, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  186.4, 157.9, 157.0, 138.2, 136.7, 136.6, 131.6, 130.9, 127.8, 127.7, 126.6, 122.9, 122.4, 117.4, 115.3, 114.3; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1651, 1572, 1427, 1211, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>ONa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 400.0061; found: 400.0049.



### 4-(1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole-2-carbonyl)benzonitrile, 2d, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 4:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (26 mg, 40%), mp 156-158 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.63 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.47 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73-7.75 (m, 3H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 185.8, 158.0, 157.0, 141.5, 138.3, 136.2, 132.2, 129.5, 127.1, 123.2, 122.6, 118.0, 117.4, 115.9, 115.7, 114.6; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  2226, 1646, 1564, 1433, 1209, 956, 761 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>ONa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 347.0909; found: 347.0927.



4-(1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole-2-carbonyl)phenyl acetate, 2e, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 4:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (60 mg, 85%), mp 122-124 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.66 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  186.3, 168.9, 158.0, 157.2, 154.1, 138.3, 136.9, 135.5, 131.1, 127.9, 126.5, 122.8, 122.5, 121.6, 117.4, 115.3, 114.2, 21.2; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1762, 1646, 1570, 1421, 1187, 956, 705 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 380.1011; found: 380.1009.



# (1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone, 2f, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 17:3 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (62 mg, 69%), mp 118-120 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.63 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.73 (m, 3H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 186.3, 158.0, 157.1, 141.0, 138.4, 136.6, 133.9 (q, J = 32.3 Hz), 129.7, 127.9, 127.0, 125.4 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 123.7 (q, J = 271.1 Hz), 123.1, 122.7, 117.5, 115.9, 114.5; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1662, 1572, 1435, 1324, 1169, 1121, 1065, 703 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 368.1011; found: 368.1010.



# Benzo[*b*]thiophen-3-yl(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)methanone, 2g, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 17:3 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (44 mg, 62%), mp 162-164 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.65-8.68 (m, 3H), 8.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  181.8, 158.0, 157.3, 140.1, 138.4, 138.03, 137.97, 137.1, 135.8, 127.9, 126.5, 125.6, 125.5, 125.2, 122.8, 122.5, 122.3, 117.5, 115.2, 114.1; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1634, 1569, 1421, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. for  $C_{21}H_{13}N_3OSNa$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 378.0677; found: 378.0677.



#### Naphthalen-1-yl(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)methanone, 2h, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 9:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (52 mg, 75%), mp 142-144 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.71 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.38 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd,  $J_1 = 6.9$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 188.8, 157.8, 157.3, 138.9, 138.5,

136.0, 133.7, 132.3, 131.1, 129.0, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 126.7, 126.4, 126.0, 124.1, 122.8, 122.6, 117.3, 116.2, 114.2; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1654, 1572, 1447, 779 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI, m/z) calcd.for  $C_{23}H_{15}N_{3}O[M]^{+}$ : 349.1215; found: 349.1202.



### (5-Bromo-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone, 2i, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 9:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (54 mg, 72%), mp 122-124 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.63 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J<sub>I</sub>* = 9.0 Hz, *J<sub>2</sub>* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  187.4, 158.0, 156.9, 138.0, 137.6, 136.6, 132.9, 129.7, 129.5, 129.1, 128.4, 124.7, 117.6, 116.0, 115.9, 113.6; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1665,1571, 1442, 1266, 798, 715 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>ONa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 400.0061; found: 400.0068.



### (1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(thiophen-3-yl)methanone, 2j, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 9:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (45 mg, 74%), mp 152-154 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.71 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.36 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.4 Hz,  $J_2$  = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 8.13-8.14 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 4.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.47

(m, 1H), 7.36-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  180.8, 158.0, 157.4, 142.2, 138.5, 137.5, 133.5, 127.9, 127.8, 126.6, 126.2, 122.8, 122.5, 117.5, 115.1, 114.0; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1638, 1567, 1424, 1341, 824, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OSNa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 328.0521; found: 328.0506.



## (3-Phenoxyphenyl)(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)methanone, 2k, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 8:2 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as colorless gummy liquid, (51 mg, 65%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.65 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.48 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00-7.04 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  186.7, 157.9, 157.5, 157.2, 156.6, 139.7, 138.3, 136.8, 129.9, 129.7, 127.9, 126.6, 124.4, 123.7, 122.9, 122.8, 122.5, 119.2, 119.0, 117.4, 115.7, 114.2; IR (neat):  $\nu_{max}$  1653, 1572, 1428, 1241, 747 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 414.1218; found: 414.1215.



(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)(5-methoxy-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)methanone, 2l, (Table 2) The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 17:3 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as `white solid, (43 mg, 54%), mp 152-154 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.62 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.39 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd,  $J_1 = 9.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 185.1, 157.9, 156.1, 137.8, 137.1, 136.6, 133.3, 133.0, 131.1, 130.4, 128.6, 128.3, 117.2, 116.9, 115.7, 115.1, 103.4, 55.7; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1659, 1569, 1428, 1216, 807 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>[M]<sup>+</sup>: 397.0385; found: 397.0391.



### (3-Methyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone, 2m, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 9:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (52 mg, 83%), mp 154-156 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 3H), 6.86 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  189.4, 157.5, 157.0, 139.2, 136.3, 133.2, 132.2, 130.2, 128.5, 128.3, 126.1, 122.5, 121.7, 120.1, 116.1, 115.1, 9.3; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1657, 1563, 1435, 1262, 948, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>ONa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 336.1113; found: 336.1109.



### (7-Methyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone, 2n, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 9:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as yellow gummy liquid, (59 mg, 91%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.87 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.13-7.14 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  187.0, 160.0, 158.3, 143.4, 138.4, 136.3, 135.7, 130,0, 129.3, 129.2, 127.4, 122.7, 122.0, 121.2, 120.4, 116.2, 21.8, 19.6; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  2922, 1639,1529, 1422, 1233, 960, 749 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>ONa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 350.1269; found: 350.1266.



### (5-Fluoro-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone, 20, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 8:2 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (50 mg, 75%), mp 124-126 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.63 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.42-8.44 (m, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19, (td, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 9.6 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  187.3, 159.2 (d, *J* = 237.9 Hz), 157.9, 157.0, 143.7, 138.6, 135.1, 134.4, 129.7, 129.1, 128.7 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 117.4, 115.6 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 114.4 (d, *J* = 25.2 Hz), 113.8 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 107.1 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 21.7; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1646, 1567, 1424,1169, 816, 749 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>ONa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 354.1019; found: 354.1017.



# (3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)methanone, 2p, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 4:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (62 mg, 87%), mp 178-180 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.67 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  186.5, 157.9, 157.3, 153.1, 148.9, 138.1, 137.1, 130.9, 128.0, 126.2, 124.8, 122.7, 122.3, 117.3, 114.7, 114.2, 111.3, 109.9, 56.1, 56.0; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1641, 1514, 1427, 1266, 1139, 760 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 382.1168; found: 382.1171.



## 2-(4-Methylbenzoyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole-4-carbonitrile, 2q, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 4:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (45 mg, 67%), mp 188-190 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.67-8.69 (m, 3H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  186.9, 158.2, 156.7, 144.3, 139.2, 137.4, 134.5, 129.9, 129.4, 129.3, 127.7, 125.6, 119.3, 118.1, 117.7, 111.4, 104, 9, 21.7; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  2219, 1666, 1571, 1431, 1266, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>ONa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 361.1065; found: 361.1071.



# (4-Fluorophenyl)(5-methyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)methanone, 2r, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 9:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as yellow gummy liquid, (56 mg, 80%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.61 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.98-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.05 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  186.2, 165.5 (d, *J* = 253.5 Hz), 157.9, 157.3, 136.9, 136.6, 134.5 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 132.4, 132.0 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 128.3, 128.2, 122.1, 117.2, 115.5 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 115.1, 114.1, 21.4 IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1653, 1568, 1428, 1222, 1154, 757, 597 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 332.1199; found: 332.1200.



# (5-Chloro-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)methanone, 2s, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 8:2 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (49 mg, 63%), mp 52-54 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.63 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.11 (m, 4H), 6.64-6.66 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  187.1, 160.8, 158.1, 157.1, 139.6, 138.2, 136.5, 129.2, 128.4, 126.7, 121.8, 117.7, 115.8, 114.0, 107.4, 105.7, 55.7; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1657, 1593, 1430, 1159, 757 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 394.0958; found: 394.0965.



# (4-(Allyloxy)phenyl)(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)methanone, 2t, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 4:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (46 mg, 65%), mp 84-86 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.65 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.00-6.12 (m, 1H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  186.4, 162.3, 157.9, 157.2, 138.0, 137.2, 132.4, 131.8, 130.7, 127.9, 126.2, 122.7, 122.3, 118.1, 117.3, 114.6, 114.2, 114.1, 68.8; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1647, 1567, 1428, 1270, 1164, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 378.1218; found: 378.1190.



# Methyl 3-(2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate, 2u, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 4:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (60 mg, 76%), mp 130-132 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 189.0, 173.2, 157.5, 156.9, 143.0, 136.5, 136.2, 133.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 125.9, 123.6, 122.7, 120.0, 116.2, 115.4, 51.5, 35.1, 21.6, 19.7; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1737, 1654, 1566, 1435, 1266, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 422.1481; found: 422.1498.



## Cyclohexyl(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)methanone, 2v, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 9:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (52 mg, 94%), mp 142-144 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.79 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.30 (m, 3H), 2.97-3.07 (m, 1H), 1.99-2.03 (m, 2H), 1.83-

1.88 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.25-1.41 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  197.7, 158.2, 157.9, 138.9, 137.6, 127.7, 126.4, 122.53, 122.49, 117.9, 113.5, 112.7, 48.7, 29.4, 25.9, 25.8; IR (neat):  $\upsilon_{max}$  2923, 1676, 1571, 1437, 1337, 1250, 1150, 806, 747 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 306.1606; found: 306.1604.



### 3-Methyl-1-(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)but-2-en-1-one, 2w, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 9:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (35 mg, 63%), mp 90-92 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.78 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.28 (m, 3H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 183.4, 158.1, 156.4, 139.6, 139.0, 127.5, 126.4, 122.6, 122.4, 122.3, 118.0, 113.3, 112.9, 27.9, 21.0; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1652, 1607, 1564, 1428, 1006, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O[M]<sup>+</sup>: 277.1215; found: 277.1216.



## 1-(1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)hexan-1-one, 2x, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 9:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as yellow gummy liquid, (51 mg, 88%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.79 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H),

2.94 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.76-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.41 (m, 4H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  193.9, 158.2, 157.8, 139.1, 137.9, 127.5, 126.7, 122.7, 122.5, 118.2, 113.5, 113.2, 40.5, 31.4, 24.4, 22.5, 14.0; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  2924, 2859, 1677, 1569, 1427, 810, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>ONa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 316.1426; found: 316.1416.



## Ethyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-(2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate, 2y, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 1:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (106 mg, 72%), mp 190-192  $^{\circ}$ C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.27 (m, 1H), 6.78-6.84 (m, 3H), 5.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  188.0, 168.6, 167.2, 157.5, 142.6, 135.94, 135.89, 134.8, 133.4, 131.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 126.0, 123.1, 122.8, 120.2, 119.6, 116.3, 115.3, 62.0, 52.7, 23.6, 21.5, 14.1; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1720, 1569, 1428, 1383, 1252, 1029, 720 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>[M]<sup>+</sup>: 558.1903; found: 558.1898.



# Ethyl 2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2-(thiophene-3carbonyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate, 2z, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 6:4 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (73 mg, 50%), mp 140-142 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.54 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.25 (m, 2H), 6.94 (dd,  $J_1 = 5.1$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.2 H, 2H), 3.90 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 181.8, 168.6, 167.2, 157.6, 157.0, 143.3, 136.2, 135.1, 133.7, 131.6, 128.9, 126.8, 126.3, 125.6, 123.2, 122.9, 120.9, 119.8, 116.4, 115.1, 62.1, 52.8, 23.6, 14.1; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1717, 1568, 1437, 1030, 719 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S[M]<sup>+</sup>:550.1311; found: 550.1307.



### (9-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-9H-carbazol-1-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone, 2aa, (Table 2)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 8:2 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (49 mg, 68%), mp 204-206 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.54 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.22 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 195.1, 158.0, 157.4, 143.1, 140.0, 136.2, 134.9, 130.0, 128.9, 127.4, 127.1, 127.0, 126.8, 125.1, 122.4, 122.2, 121.5, 119.7, 117.2, 114.4, 21.7; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1641, 1564, 1416, 1275, 751 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O[M]<sup>+</sup>: 363.1372; found: 363.1373.

## General procedure for the deportation of the directing group:<sup>1</sup>

To an oven dried 10 ml sealed tube a mixture of the acylation product 2a (0.2 mmol) and sodium ethoxide (0.6 mmol, 3 equiv) were taken and dry DMSO (1 mL) was added to it. The reaction tube was placed into a preheated oil bath at 100 °C and allowed to stir for 24h. After completion the reaction, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x20 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane as eluent to afford the desired product.



#### (1*H*-indol-2-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone, 3a, (Scheme 1b)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 19:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (36 mg, 76%), mp 190-192 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.45 (br. s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.19 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 186.9, 143.1, 137.4, 135.3, 134.4, 129.4, 129.2, 127.7, 126.3, 123.1, 120.9, 112.4, 112.2, 21.7;

#### Gram scale experiment:

To an oven dried 100 mL round bottom flask, a mixture of *N*-pyrimidylindole (1.0 gm, 5.12 mmol), *p*-tolualdehyde (15.4 mmol, 1.5 equiv),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.51 mmol, 10 mol %) and photoredox catalyst  $Ru(bpy)_3Cl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  (0.13 mmol, 2.5 mol %) was taken and 25 mL dry acetonitrile was added to it. The reaction vessel was purged with nitrogen for 3 min to remove oxygen from the reaction mixture. After purging a decane solution of TBHP (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture via syringe and the reaction vessel was immediately closed with glass stopper. The reaction vessel was irradiated with blue LED at room temperature.

The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion the reaction (36 h), the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and was extracted with EtOAc (2x100 ml). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane as eluent to afford the desired acylation product in78% yield.

### **Control experiment:**

The standard reaction was performed in presence of 2 equivalent of TEMPO as a radical scavenger and the reaction did not afford the desire product. The ESI mass spectroscopy of the crude reaction mixture shows an adduct formation of the aldehyde with TEMPO.



## Synthesis of anticancer D-64131 and D-68144:



# (5-Methoxy-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone, 2ab, (Scheme 3)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 17:3 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (48 mg, 73%), mp 128-130 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.60 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J<sub>I</sub>* = 9.0 Hz, *J<sub>2</sub>* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  187.8, 158.0, 156.1, 138.3, 137.8, 133.4, 132.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.4, 117.2, 116.6, 115.6, 115.0, 103.7, 55.9; IR (neat):  $v_{max}$  1653, 1592, 1435, 1207, 753 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 352.1062; found: 352.1063.



# (5-Methoxy-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone, 2ac, (Scheme 3)

The same general procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 17:3 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (45 mg, 65%), mp 164-166 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.62 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.35 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd,  $J_I = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 187.4, 157.9, 157.2, 155.9, 143.5, 137.7, 135.4, 133.1, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 117.1, 116.3, 115.4, 114.5, 103.4, 55.7, 21.7; IR (neat):  $\nu_{max}$  1657, 1567, 1444, 1247, 1117, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd.for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 344.1399; found: 344.1392.

## **Deprotection:**



## (5-Methoxy-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone, (D-64131), 3b, (Scheme 3)

The same general deportation procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 19:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (33 mg, 66%), mp 164-166 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.20 (br. s, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.11 (m, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 186.9, 154.8, 138.0, 134.7, 132.9, 132.3, 129.2, 128.4, 128.0, 118.4, 113.0, 112.2, 102.8, 55.7;



## (5-Methoxy-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone, (D-68144), 3c, (Scheme 3)

The same general deportation procedure was followed. Column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, eluting with 19:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white solid, (37 mg, 71%), mp 208-210  $^{\circ}$ C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.21 (br. s, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.09-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.07 (dd,  $J_I = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 186.6, 154.8, 143.0, 135.3, 134.9, 132.8, 129.3, 129.1, 128.1, 118.2, 113.0, 111.8, 102.7, 55.7, 21.7;

## **References:**

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