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Expedient Cobalt(II)-Catalyzed Site-Selective C7 Arylation of Indolines with

Arylboronic Acids

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General Information. Indoles, 2-chloropyrimidine (95%), boronic acids, Co(acac)₂ (97%), Co(OAc)₂ (99.995%), PCy₃, 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanol (99%), 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol, DDQ (98%) and 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperdine-1-oxyl (99%) purchased of Aldrich, NaCNBH₃ procured of Spectrochem, Mn(OAc)₂·4H₂O and butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) of Merck were used as received. Tricyclohexylphosphine oxide (O=PCy₃) was synthesized according to the literature.¹ Merck silica gel G/GF 254 plates for analytical TLC and Rankem silica gel (100-200 mesh) for column chromatography were used. DRX-400 Varian spectrometer and Bruker Avance III 600 and 400 spectrometers were used for recording NMR (¹H and ¹³C) spectra using CDCl₃ and as solvent and TMS as an internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) and spin-spin coupling constant (J) are reported in ppm and in Hz respectively, and other data are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, q = quartet, and br s = broad singlet. Melting points were determined with a Büchi B-540 apparatus and are uncorrected. FT-IR were collected on PerkinElmer IR spectrometer. Q-Tof ESI-MS instrument (model HAB 273) was used for recording mass spectra.

General Procedure for the Preparation of N-Pyrimidyl Indolines 1.^{2a} To a stirred solution of indoles (1.0 equiv, 5.0 mmol) in AcOH (25 mL) at 0 °C was added NaBH₃CN (5.0 equiv, 25.0 mmol) in portions. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until completion. The resultant mixture was diluted with water and basified with aq. NaOH solution, and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 30 mL). Drying (Na₂SO₄) and evaporation of the solvent gave a residue that was purified on silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate as an eluent to afford analytically pure indolines. Next, indolines (1.0 equiv) and 2-chloropyrimidine (1.2 equiv) were dissolved in DMSO. The resultant mixture was stirred at 100 °C and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC using ethyl acetate and hexane as an eluent. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (3 x 30 mL) and washed with brine (2 x 10 mL) and water (1 x 10 mL). Drying (Na₂SO₄) and evaporation of the solvent gave a residue that was purified on silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate that was purified on silica ethyl acetate and hexane as an eluent. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (3 x 30 mL) and washed with brine (2 x 10 mL) and water (1 x 10 mL). Drying (Na₂SO₄) and evaporation of the solvent gave a residue that was purified on silica gel column chromatography using n-hexane and ethyl acetate as an eluent to afford substituted 1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indolines **1**.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of *N*-Acetyl, *N*-Pivaloyl and *N*-Carbamoyl Indolines (1a-A-C).^{2b} To a stirred solution of indoline (0.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and triethylamine (2.1 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was added dropwise a solution of corresponding acid chloride or *N*-carbamoyl chloride (0.84 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) at 0 ° C. The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 15 min and further stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The resulting mixture was with water (1 ML) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 10 mL). Drying (Na₂SO₄) and evaporation of the solvent gave a residue that was purified on silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate as an eluent to afford analytically pure corresponding directing groups.

General Procedure for Cobalt(II)-Catalyzed C7 Arylation of Indolines. To a stirred solution of 1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline (0.1 mmol), Co(acac)₂ (20 mol %, 0.02 mmol, 5.1 mg), Mn(OAc)₂.4H₂O (0.2 mmol, 49 mg) and PCy₃ (40 mol %, 0.04 mmol, 11.2 mg) in HFIP (0.5 mL) under O₂ atmosphere, boronic acid (0.2 mmol) was added. The resultant mixture was stirred at 60 °C and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC using ethyl acetate and hexane as an eluent. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL) and then washed with brine (2 x 5 mL) and water (1 x 5 mL). Drying (Na₂SO₄) and evaporation of the solvent gave a residue that was purified on silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate as an eluent to afford analytically pure substituted C7 arylated indolines.

Preparation of 1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline-7-*d* **(1a-***d***).**³ The titled compound was prepared according to the reported procedure as a pale yellow liquid. The deuterium incorporation was determined using 400 MHz ¹H NMR as 93%.



Scheme S1

Intermolecular Kinetic Isotope Effect Study.^{4a} Phenylboronic acid **2a** (0.2 mmol, 24 mg) was reacted with 1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline **1a** (0.1 mmol, 19.7 mg) and 1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline-7-*d* **1a**-*d* (0.1 mmol, 19.8 mg) for 3 h under standard reaction condition. The resulting solution was then diluted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL) and washed with brine (2 x 5 mL) and water (5 mL). Drying (Na₂SO₄) and evaporation of the solvent gave a residue that was purified on silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate as an eluent to afford **3a** and a mixture of unreacted **1a** and **1a**-*d* as a yellowish liquid. The intermolecular $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$ was found to be 1.04 after 3 h at 14% conversion, based on 400 MHz ¹H NMR of the recovered substrates **1a** and **1a**-*d*.

Independent Kinetic Isotope Effect Study.^{4b} In a set of two experiments: in first set, phenylboronic acid **2a** (0.2 mmol, 24 mg) was reacted with 1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline **1a** (0.1 mmol, 19.7 mg) under standard reaction conditions. Whereas in another set, 1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline-7-*d* **1a**-*d* (0.1 mmol, 19.8 mg, 93% D) was used instead of **1a** in the reaction with phenyl boronic acid **2a** under the standard reaction conditions. The two reactions were allowed to stir at 60 °C for 5 h. For the both cases, the resulting solution was then diluted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL) and washed with brine (2 x 5 mL) and water (5 mL). Drying (Na₂SO₄) and evaporation of the solvent gave a residue that was purified on silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate as an eluent to afford **3a**. The yield of **3a** was obtained as 16 and 11% yields, respectively. The KIE value of 1.56 was determined by the ratio of obtained yield of **3a** (KIE = 16%/11%/93% = 1.56).

Procedure for the Late-stage Removal of Pyrimidyl Directing Group.⁵ To a stirred solution of 7phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline **3a** (0.1 mmol, 27.3 mg) in 1,4-dioxane, DDQ (0.2 mmol, 45.4 mg) was added at room temperature. The resultant solution was further stirred at 90 °C for 14 h. After completion, as indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (1 x 15 mL). The mixture was successively washed with brine (2 x 5 mL) and water (5 mL). Drying (Na₂SO₄) and evaporation of the solvent gave a residue that was purified on silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate as an eluent to afford 7-phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H- indole **4** as a colorless liquid. Next, indole **4** (0.1 mmol, 27.1 mg) was dissolved in DMSO (1 mL) and NaOEt (5 equiv.) in EtOH (0.2 mL) was added to the mixture. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 3 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (1 x 15 mL). The mixture was then washed with 2 N HCl (1 x 5 mL), brine (2 x 5 mL) and water (5 mL). Drying (Na₂SO₄) and evaporation of the solvent gave a residue that was purified on silica gel column chromatography using *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate as an eluent to afford 7-phenyl-1H-indole **5** as a brown liquid.

Characterization Data



7-Phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3a. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane R_f = 0.43; yellowish liquid; yield 61% (16.4 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.07 (m, 4H), 6.37 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3, 156.6, 142.4, 141.2, 135.1, 130.5, 129.1, 128.0, 126.8, 126.2, 123.9, 123.8, 111.9, 52.3, 29.7.; FT-IR (neat) 2917, 2851, 1696, 1577, 1550, 1458, 1443, 1439, 1105 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₃: 274.1339, found: 274.1349.



1-(3-(1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)indolin-7-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one 3c. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.39$; colorless sticky oil; yield 60% (18.9 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 3H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.37

(t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.4, 159.2, 156.7, 142.9, 141.2, 137.1, 135.4, 131.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 127.2, 125.9, 124.3, 124.1, 112.2, 52.4, 29.6, 26.8.; FT-IR (neat) 2958, 2924, 2853, 1682, 1575, 1550, 1455, 1433, 1110 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]+ calcd for C₂₀H₁₈N₃O: 316.1444, found: 316.1443.



7-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3d. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.43$; yellow liquid; yield 58% (17.8 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.366-7.361 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.43 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3, 156.8, 144.3, 141.2, 135.3, 134.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 127.0, 126.2, 125.1, 124.3, 124.0, 112.2, 52.3, 29.6.; FT-IR (neat) 2960, 2923, 2852, 1637, 1576, 1550, 1455, 1432 ,1110 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅ClN₃: 308.0949, found: 308.0946.



1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-7-(*m***-tolyl)indoline 3e.** Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.42$; yellowish gummy liquid; yield 54% (15.5 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz) δ 159.3, 156.6, 142.2, 141.2, 137.6, 135.0, 130.3, 129.1, 127.9, 127.5, 126.9, 124.0, 123.8,

123.7, 111.9, 52.4, 29.7, 21.4; FT-IR (neat) 2958, 2924, 2953, 1637, 1597, 1576, 1550, 1441, 1261, 1222, 1198, 1108 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N₃: 288.1495, found: 288.1496.



7-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3f. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.40$; brown sticky liquid; yield 60% (18.1 mg); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.918-6.915 (m, 1H), 6.66-6.64 (m, 1H), 6.40 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.18 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.6, 159.4, 157.3, 156.7, 143.7, 141.1, 135.1, 130.1, 129.0, 123.95, 123.90, 119.5, 112.6, 112.0, 111.7, 55.4, 52.4, 29.7; FT-IR (neat) 2960, 2923, 2851, 1602, 1575, 1550, 1457, 1435, 1380, 1224, 1176, 1042 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N₃O: 304.1444, found: 304.1455.



7-(3-Nitrophenyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3g. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.41$; brown liquid; yield 65% (20.6 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 (t, *J*= 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.98-7.95 (m, 3H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.2, 156.9, 148.3, 144.4, 141.3, 135.6, 133.0, 128.86, 128.84, 128.3, 124.9, 124.3, 121.8, 121.0, 112.4, 52.3, 29.5.; FT-IR (neat) 2958, 2923, 2852, 1575, 1551, 1527, 1455, 1434, 1350, 1261, 1003 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₄O₂: 319.1189, found: 319.1187.



1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-7-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)indoline 3h. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.44$; yellow liquid; yield 65% (22.1 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 156.7, 143.3, 141.3, 135.4, 130.9 (q, $J_{C-F} = 31.65$ Hz), 130.126, 130.120, 128.94, 128.91, 128.4, 124.5, 124.07, 124.00 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.6$ Hz), 122.83 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.75$ Hz), 112.27, 52.3, 29.6; FT-IR (neat) 2956, 2923, 2852, 1638, 1575, 1552, 1456, 1440, 1339, 1260, 1163, 1122, 1071 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₅F₃N₃: 342.1212, found: 342.1219.



7-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3i. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.43$; colorless gummy liquid; yield 60% (21 mg); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3, 156.8, 141.4, 141.1, 135.3, 131.1, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 124.1, 124.0, 120.0, 112.3, 52.3, 29.6; FT-IR (KBr) 2957, 2924, 2852, 1574, 1548, 1451, 1427, 1261, 1065 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅BrN₃: 352.0443, found: 352.0441.



7-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3j. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.45$; yellowish sticky liquid; yield 67% (20.5 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.08 (m, 3H), 6.44 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 156.8, 141.2, 141.0, 135.3, 132.0, 129.4, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 124.1, 124.0, 112.3, 52.4, 29.7; FT-IR (neat) 2954, 2922, 2852, 1638, 1576, 1551, 1453, 1429, 1112, 1068 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅ClN₃: 308.0949, found: 308.0954.



7-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3k. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.41$; colorless sticky liquid; yield 62% (18 mg); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86–6.83 (m, 2H), 6.42 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2($J_{C-F} = 243.3$), 159.1, 156.6, 141.0, 138.3($J_{C-F} = 3.3$), 135.1, 129.4, 128.7, 128.2 ($J_{C-F} = 7.8$), 123.8, 123.7, 114.7($J_{C-F} = 21.3$), 112.0, 52.2, 29.5; FT-IR (KBr) 2955, 2924, 2853, 1636, 1575, 1549, 1508, 1455, 1426, 1377, 1283, 1153, 1093 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅FN₃: 292.1244, found: 292.1251.



Methyl 4-(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indolin-7-yl)benzoate 31. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.40$; sticky liquid; yield 57% (18.8 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ^{7.95} (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.85-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.41(m, 2H), 7.28-7.26(m, 2H), 7.14 - 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.38 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.19 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 159.3, 156.8, 147.4, 141.2, 135.3, 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 127.7, 126.7, 124.5, 124.0, 112.4, 52.2, 52.1, 29.6; FT-IR (neat) 2952, 2924, 2853, 1721, 1609, 1575, 1551, 1454, 1434, 1275, 1103 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₈N₃O₂: 332.1393, found: 332.1397.



2-Methyl-7-phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3r. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.42$; Purification (hexane/ethyl acetate 88/12); yellow liquid; yield 62% (17.7 mg); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.36 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.94 – 4.89 (m, 1H), 3.52 (dd, J = 15.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 156.7, 142.5, 139.7, 133.9, 130.9, 129.0, 128.1, 126.7, 126.1, 124.3, 124.0, 111.9, 59.7, 37.0, 21.3; FT-IR (neat) 3054, 3031, 2972, 2923, 2851, 1638, 1598, 1577, 1549, 1461, 1436, 1384, 1209 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N₃: 288.1495, found: 288.1512.



3-Methyl-7-phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3s. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.43$; yellow liquid; yield 64% (18.3 mg); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dd, J = 10.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (dd, J = 10.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 1.37 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 156.7, 142.3, 140.8, 140.3, 130.4, 129.2, 128.0, 126.9, 126.2, 124.1, 122.6, 111.9, 60.2, 36.4, 19.2; FT-IR (neat) 2958, 2924, 2854, 1597, 1576, 1550, 1459, 1441, 1380, 1261, 1222, 1108 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N₃: 288.1495, found: 288.1509.



4-Bromo-7-phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3t. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.43$; colorless sticky liquid; yield 56% (19.6 mg); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.2, 156.7, 142.2, 141.5, 135.5, 130.8, 129.3, 128.2, 126.7, 126.6, 126.5, 118.4, 112.5, 51.6, 31.1; FT-IR (neat) 2954, 2923, 2852, 1638, 1576, 1552, 1467, 1434, 1407, 1286, 1078 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅BrN₃: 352.0443, found: 352.0441.



5-Bromo-7-phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3u. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.41$; colorless solid; mp 122-123 °C; yield 52% (18.2 mg); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.407-7.404 (m, 1H), 7.344 – 7.340 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.40 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 156.7, 141.1, 140.5, 137.4, 132.0, 131.7, 128.2, 126.77, 126.71, 126.6, 116.2, 112.3, 52.4, 29.5; FT-IR (KBr) 2924, 2852, 1644, 1637, 1576, 1459, 1439, 1112 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅BrN₃: 352.0443, found: 352.0459.



5-Fluoro-7-phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3v. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.42$; yellow liquid; yield 58% (16.8 mg); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.15 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7($J_{C-F} = 240$), 159.4, 156.7, 141.3, 137.3($J_{C-F} = 1.95$), 137.2($J_{C-F} = 8.85$), 131.7($J_{C-F} = 7.95$), 128.2, 126.78, 126.70, 115.2 ($J_{C-F} = 23.55$), 112.0, 111.1($J_{C-F} = 23.7$), 52.6, 30.03($J_{C-F} = 1.95$); FT-IR (neat) 2962, 2924, 2853, 1636, 1578, 1551, 1462, 1443, 1433, 1149 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅FN₃: 292.1244, found: 292.1254.



5-Methyl-7-phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3w. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.42$; yellow liquid; yield 61% (17.5 mg); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.09 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.34 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.13 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.5, 156.7, 142.4, 138.9, 135.3, 133.6, 130.3, 129.5, 128.0, 126.8, 126.1, 124.6, 111.7, 52.4, 29.8, 21.2; FT-IR (neat) 2952, 2922, 2852, 1577, 1549, 1465, 1441, 1222, 1104 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N₃: 288.1501, found: 288.1507.



5-Methoxy-7-phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3x. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.39$; colorless stick liquid; yield 64% (19.3 mg); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.34 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.13 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 156.7, 156.5, 142.0, 136.6, 134.6, 131.2, 127.9, 126.6, 126.2, 113.39, 111.38, 110.2, 55.8, 52.3, 30.0; FT-IR (neat) 2961, 2921, 2850, 1637, 1578, 1548, 1463, 1443, 1261, 1160, 1104 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N₃O: 304.1444, found: 304.1455.



5-(Benzyloxy)-7-phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline 3y. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.40$; yellowish sticky liquid; yield 57% (21.6 mg); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.34 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 4.45 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.13 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.5, 156.7, 156.1, 142.2, 137.4, 136.8, 135.0, 131.4, 128.7, 128.1, 127.6, 126.8, 126.4, 114.8, 111.6, 111.2, 70.8, 52.5, 30.2; FT-IR (neat) 2956, 2921, 2849, 1635, 1578, 1462, 1443, 1431, 1166, 1110 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₂N₃O: 380.1757, found: 380.1769.



Methyl 7-phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)indoline-5-carboxylate 3z. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.3$; yellowish sticky liquid; yield 51% (16.8 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 – 7.97 (m, 3H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.45 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.23 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 158.8, 156.7, 145.5, 141.6, 135.2, 132.0, 129.3, 128.1, 126.8, 126.5, 125.1, 125.0, 112.9, 52.6, 52.1, 29.0; FT-IR (neat) 2958, 2922, 2854, 1652, 1638, 1464, 1386, 1179, 1113, 990 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₈N₃O₂: 332.1393, found: 332.1398.



7-Phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole 4.⁵ Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane R_f = 0.44; Colourless liquid; yield 90% (24.4 mg); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.33–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.80-6.78 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.2, 157.1, 142.3, 132.9, 132.2, 129.4, 128.7, 127.9, 127.7, 126.1, 125.8, 122.3, 120.4, 116.9, 106.6; FT-IR (neat) 2958, 2921, 1639, 1652, 1435, 1386, 1183, 1114 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₃: 272.1182, found: 272.1180.



7-Phenyl-1H-indole 5.⁶ Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:4 ethyl acetate/hexane $R_f = 0.53$; brown liquid; yield 84% (16.3 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (br s, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.63 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.4, 133.9, 129.3, 128.47, 128.45, 127.6, 125.8, 124.5, 122.1, 120.5, 120.2, 103.2; FT-IR (neat) 2952, 2924, 2853, 1637, 1476, 1461, 1420, 1338, 1113, 1027 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N: 194.0964, found: 194.0956.

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