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Diversity-oriented Synthesis of Imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolines

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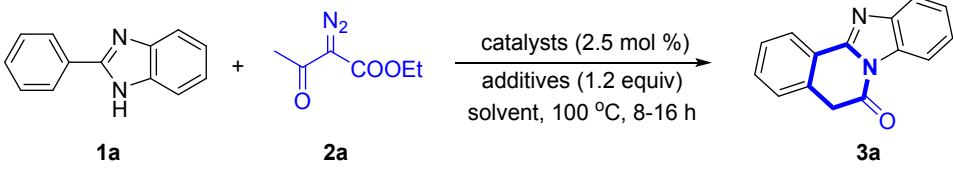
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1. General Information

Unless specified, all metal complexes, reagents, and starting materials were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. Metal salts were stored in a nitrogen atmosphere dry box. Acetonitrile, methanol, toluene, THF, Et₂O, and CH₂Cl₂ were dried by filtration through alumina according to the procedure of Grubbs.^[S1] Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on 0.25 mm extra hard silica gel plates with UV254 fluorescent indicator. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature using Bruker Avance III 500MHz NMR spectrometer. The data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale, multiplicity (br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integrations. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded with a Waters Micromass GCT Premier using an Agilent 1290 with electrospray ionization (ESI) technique.

2. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions

Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions



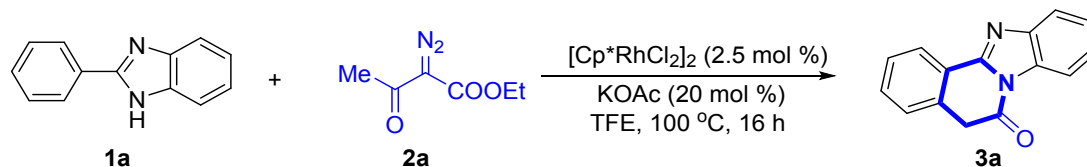
entry	catalysts	additives	solvent	yield (%) ^b
1	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	-	DCE	0
2	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	-	Toluene	0
3	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	-	EtOH	trace
4	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	-	TFE	20
5	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	NaOAc	TFE	46
6	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	CsOAc	TFE	22
7	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	KOAc	TFE	54
8	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	HOAc	TFE	0
9 ^c	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	KOAc	TFE	88
10 ^{c, d}	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	KOAc	TFE	99 (90)^e
11 ^{c, d}	[Ru(<i>p</i> -cymene)Cl ₂]	KOAc	TFE	55
12 ^{c, d}	[Cp*IrCl ₂] ₂	KOAc	TFE	0
13 ^{c, d}	[Cp*Co(CO)I ₂]	KOAc	TFE	0

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.24 mmol) in solvent (1.0 mL) at 100 °C for 8 h. ^bGC yields use *n*-Dodecane as an internal standard. ^c20 mol% KOAc was used for 16 h (entries 9-13).

^d1.5 mL TFE was used. ^eIsolated yield. TFE = 2,2,2-Trifluoroethanol.

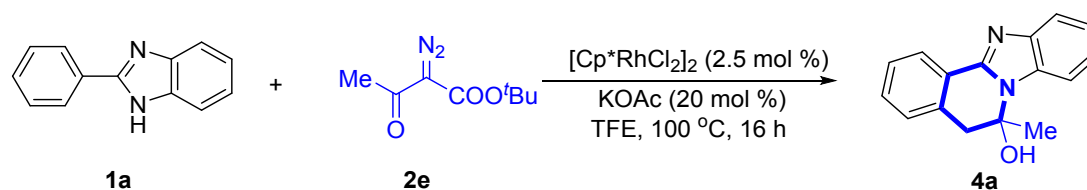
3. General Procedure for Cp*Rh^{III}-Catalyzed [4+2] Annulation

3.1 Synthesis of Imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-ones by [Cp*RhCl₂]₂/KOAc System



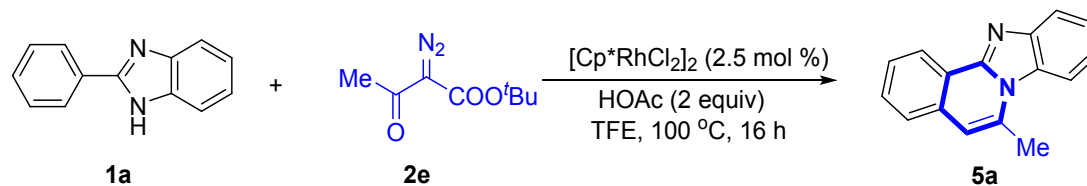
A 25 mL round bottom Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **1a** (38.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate **2a** (37.4 mg, 0.24 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), KOAc (3.9 mg, 0.04 mmol), and TFE (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 16 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the organic product purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 10/1), giving the expected product **3a** (42.1 mg, 90%) as a yellow solid.

3.2 Synthesis of 5,6-Dihydroimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-5-ols by [Cp*RhCl₂]₂/KOAc System



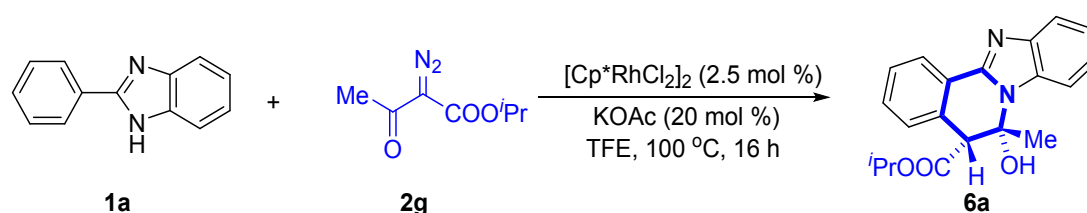
A 25 mL round bottom Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **1a** (38.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate **2e** (44.1 mg, 0.24 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), KOAc (3.9 mg, 0.04 mmol), and TFE (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 16 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the organic product purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 5/1), giving the expected product **4a** (36.0 mg, 72%) as a white solid.

3.3 Synthesis of Imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolines by [Cp*RhCl₂]₂/HOAc System



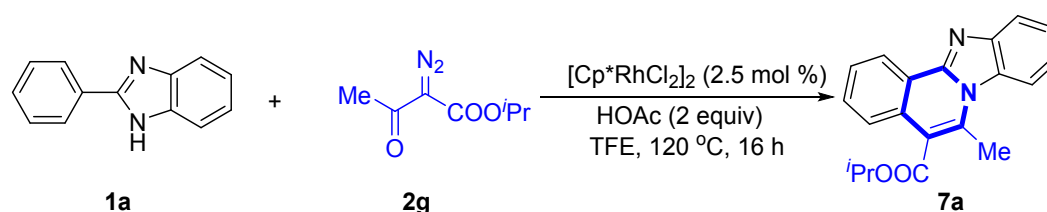
A 25 mL round bottom Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **1a** (38.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate **2e** (44.1 mg, 0.24 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), HOAc (24 μL , 0.4 mmol), and TFE (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 16 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the organic product purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 15/1), giving the expected product **5a** (45.9 mg, 99%) as a yellow solid.

3.4 Synthesis of Isopropyl 5-hydroxy-imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6-carboxylates by $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2/\text{KOAc}$ System



A 25 mL round bottom Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **1a** (38.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), isopropyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate **2g** (40.8 mg, 0.24 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), KOAc (3.9 mg, 0.04 mmol), and TFE (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 16 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the organic product purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 5/1), giving the expected product **6a** (61.8 mg, 92%) as a white solid.

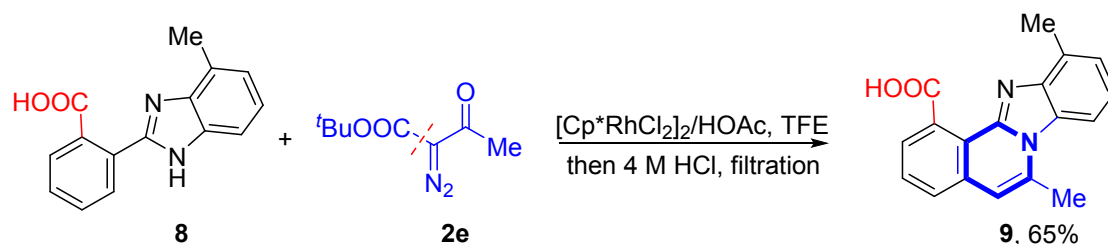
3.5 Synthesis of Isopropyl imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6-carboxylates by $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2/\text{HOAc}$ System



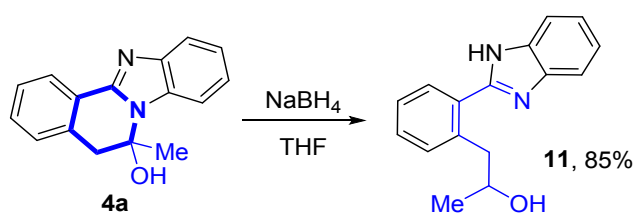
A 25 mL round bottom Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **1a** (38.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), isopropyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate **2g** (40.8 mg, 0.24 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), KOAc (3.9 mg, 0.04 mmol), and TFE (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 16 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the

organic product purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 5/1), giving the expected product **7a** (31.8 mg, 50%) as a yellow solid.

4. Synthetic Applications

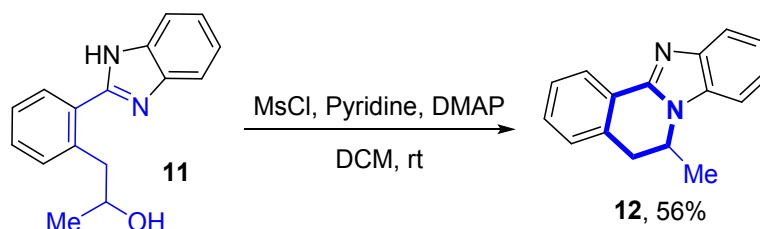


A 100 mL round bottom Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **8** (252 mg, 1.0 mmol), *tert*-butyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate **2e** (220.5 mg, 1.2 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (15.5 mg, 0.025 mmol), HOAc (120 μL , 2 mmol), and TFE (7.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ under nitrogen atmosphere for 16 h. After the reaction was completed, 4 M HCl in MeOH (0.5 mL) was added. After further stirring at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h, the reaction came to end and solid was precipitated out as the desired product. The precipitate was collected by filtration and washed by petroleum ether, and then kept in desiccator under vacuum to afford the **6,11-dimethylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-1-carboxylic acid 9** (188.5 mg, 65%) as a gray solid, m. p. = 117–118; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CF_3COOD) δ 9.11 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 8.19 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 2.89 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CF_3COOD) δ 174.4, 143.1, 139.5, 139.3, 138.4, 137.0, 134.9, 132.0, 131.9, 130.7, 129.0, 127.4, 127.2, 119.7, 116.9, 115.7, 20.0, 16.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 291.1128; Found: 291.1123.

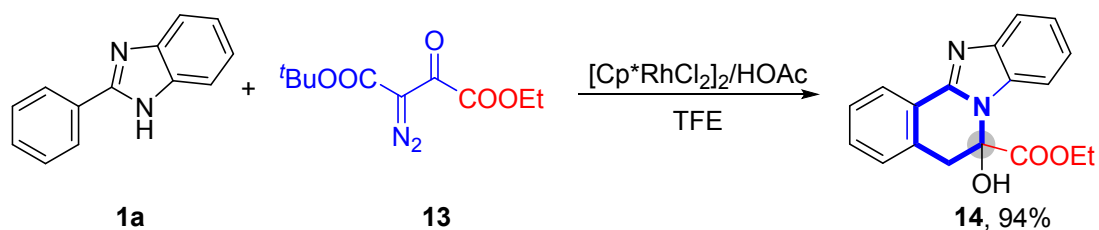


A 50 mL round bottom Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **4a** (250 mg, 1 mmol), Sodium borohydride (76 mg, 2 mmol), and THF (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the organic product purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 1/1), giving the **1-(2-(1H-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)propan-2-ol 11** (214 mg, 85%) as a white solid, m. p. = 193–194; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.77–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.65 (dt, $J = 6.6, 3.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.54–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.25 (m, 2H), 3.95–3.85 (m,

1H), 3.07 (ddd, $J = 21.0, 13.3, 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.12 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 153.0, 140.0, 132.6, 131.0, 130.6, 130.4, 127.2, 126.4, 123.2, 116.0, 68.7, 43.0, 25.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 253.1335; Found: 253.1338.

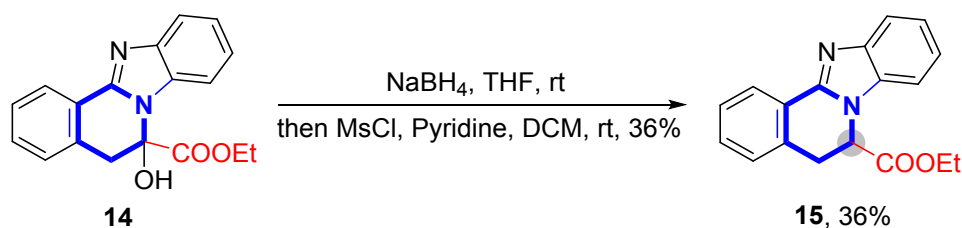


A 25 mL round bottom Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **11** (50.4, 0.5 mmol), MsCl (286 mg, 2.5 mmol), Pyridine (198 mg, 5 mmol), DMAP (30.5 mg, 0.25 mmol) and DCM (5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the organic product purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 3/1), giving the **6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinoline 12** (65.5 mg, 56%) as a white solid, m. p. = 100–101; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.31 (dd, $J = 5.7, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 3H), 4.94–4.82 (m, 1H), 3.58 (dd, $J = 15.7, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.33 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.9, 143.7, 133.6, 132.6, 130.4, 129.0, 127.7, 125.9, 125.6, 122.7, 122.5, 119.7, 109.0, 47.4, 34.7, 19.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 235.1230; Found: 235.1232.

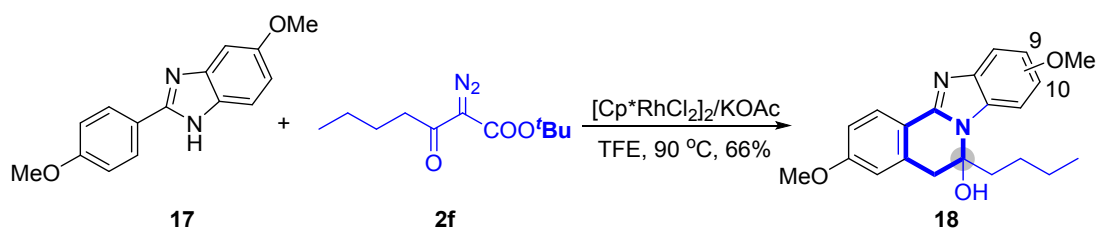


A 100 mL round bottom Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **1a** (194 mg, 1.0 mmol), **13** (290 mg, 1.2 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (15.5 mg, 0.025 mmol), HOAc (120 μL , 2 mmol), and TFE (7.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ under nitrogen atmosphere for 16 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the organic product purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 5/1), giving the **ethyl 6-hydroxy-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-6-carboxylate 14** (31.8 mg, 94%) as a white solid, m. p. = 120–114; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.24–8.16 (m, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.22 (m, 2H), 4.18–

4.02 (m, 2H), 3.68 (dd, $J = 65.7, 16.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.03 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.0, 149.7, 144.6, 134.8, 133.1, 131.3, 129.3, 128.7, 126.2, 125.8, 123.7, 123.3, 120.1, 114.0, 86.6, 62.9, 14.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 309.1234; Found: 309.1233.

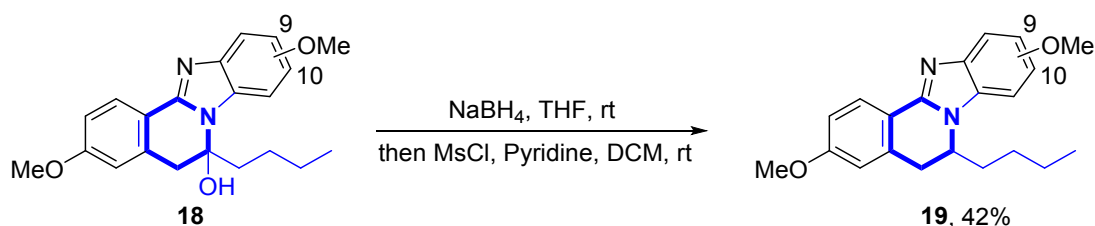


A 25 mL round bottom Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **14** (154 mg, 0.5 mmol), Sodium borohydride (9.5 mg, 0.25 mmol), and THF (4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the MsCl (286 mg, 2.5 mmol), Pyridine (198 mg, 5 mmol), DMAP (30.5 mg, 0.25 mmol) and DCM (5 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the organic product purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 5/1), giving the **ethyl 5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6-carboxylate 15** (52.6 mg, 36%) as slight yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.31 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, $J = 5.4, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.27 (m, 4H), 5.27 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.63 (dt, $J = 36.6, 11.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.1, 148.6, 143.6, 134.5, 131.5, 130.4, 128.2, 128.1, 126.1, 125.7, 123.1, 122.9, 119.9, 108.9, 62.0, 53.4, 31.4, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 293.1285; Found: 293.1287.

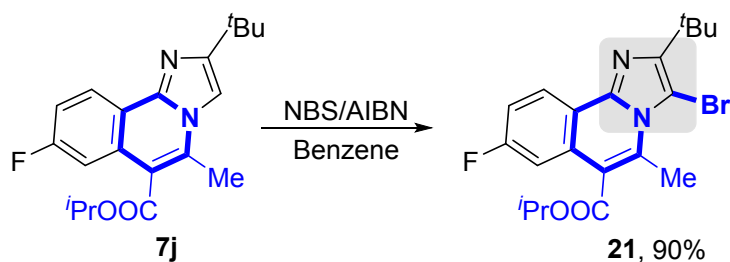


A 100 mL round bottom Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **17** (254 mg, 1.0 mmol), **2f** (271 mg, 1.2 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (15.5 mg, 0.025 mmol), HOAc (120 μL , 2 mmol), and TFE (7.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 90 $^\circ\text{C}$ under nitrogen atmosphere for 12 h. After the reaction was completed,

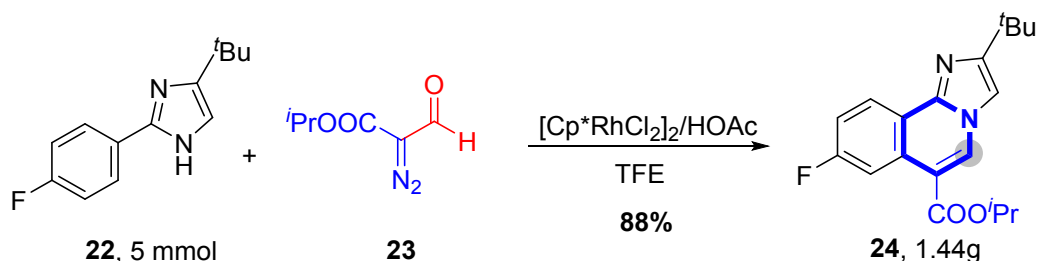
the solvent was evaporated and the organic product purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 2/1), giving the mixture **18** (232 mg, 66%) as a yellow oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 23.6, 5.3$ Hz, 6.81 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz), 6.70 (td, $J = 9.1, 2.1$ Hz), 6.57–6.42 (m), 3.76 (s), 3.74 (s), 3.73 (s), 3.64 (s), 3.27 (dd, $J = 99.4, 15.6$ Hz), 1.28–1.19 (m), 1.18–1.04 (m), 0.73 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.0, 160.8, 156.0, 148.6, 148.1, 143.4, 137.4, 135.4, 135.0, 134.1, 127.9, 126.9, 126.7, 118.4, 118.0, 117.7, 114.2, 113.3, 112.7, 112.6, 112.4, 111.5, 99.9, 97.5, 88.9, 82.5, 60.5, 55.8, 55.3, 55.2, 42.1, 39.1, 39.0, 31.6, 26.0, 24.7, 22.6, 13.9; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 353.1860; Found: 353.1860.



A 25 mL round bottom Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **18** (176 mg, 0.5 mmol), Sodium borohydride (38 mg, 1 mmol), and THF (4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the MsCl (286 mg, 2.5 mmol), Pyridine (198 mg, 5 mmol), DMAP (30.5 mg, 0.25 mmol) and DCM (5 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the organic product purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 5/1), giving the expected mixture **19** (70.5 mg, 42%, 2:1) as yellow oil. Major isomer was isolated: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 (dd, $J = 10.4, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.83 (dd, $J = 8.7, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.44 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.07–3.90 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.04 (dd, $J = 13.7, 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd, $J = 13.7, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.68 (qt, $J = 13.4, 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.59–1.32 (m, 3H), 0.93 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.3, 156.2, 151.9, 140.2, 133.2, 131.0, 123.2, 116.6, 115.4, 113.2, 111.9, 111.6, 99.9, 74.1, 55.7, 55.1, 40.1, 38.3, 27.9, 22.9, 14.2; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 337.1911; Found: 337.1912.



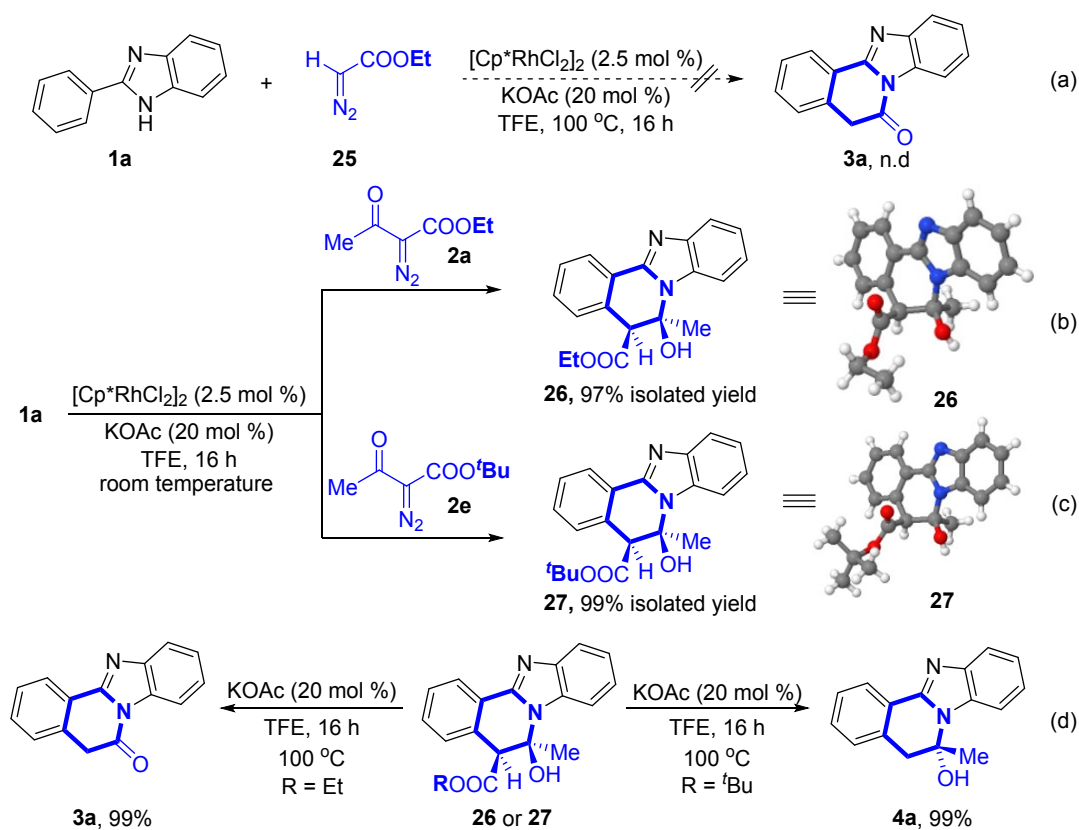
A 25 mL round bottom Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **7j** (68.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), NBS (78.3 mg, 0.44 mmol), AIBN (1.6 mg, 0.02 mmol) and Benzene (2.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 4 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the organic product purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 20/1), giving the **isopropyl 3-bromo-2-(tert-butyl)-8-fluoro-5-methylimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6-carboxylate **21**** (76 mg, 90%) as a yellow solid, m. p. = 150–152;. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (dt, *J* = 12.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 9H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 162.5 (d, *J* = 248.1 Hz), 152.0, 142.0, 134.0, 127.8 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 126.0 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 119.6 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 118.8 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 116.5 (d, *J* = 23.8 Hz), 109.0 (d, *J* = 23.8 Hz), 70.0, 33.4, 29.4, 21.8, 19.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₃BrFN₂O₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 310.1350; Found: 310.1346.



A 100 mL round bottom Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **22** (1.09 g, 5.0 mmol), **23** (936 mg, 6 mmol), [Cp**RhCl*₂]₂ (77.5 mg, 0.025 mmol), HOAc (600 μL, 2 mmol), and TFE (37.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 16 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the organic product purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 20/1), giving the **isopropyl 2-(tert-butyl)-8-fluoroimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6-carboxylate **24**** (1.44g, 88%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.69–8.60 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 5.33 (hept, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 6H), 1.42 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.8, 162.7 (d, *J* = 246.6 Hz), 157.1, 143.0, 130.8, 128.8 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 126.1 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 120.0, 116.5 (d, *J* = 23.9 Hz), 112.4 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 111.6 (d, *J* = 25.4 Hz), 108.7, 68.9, 32.4, 30.1, 22.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₂FN₂O₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 329.1660; Found: 329.1664.

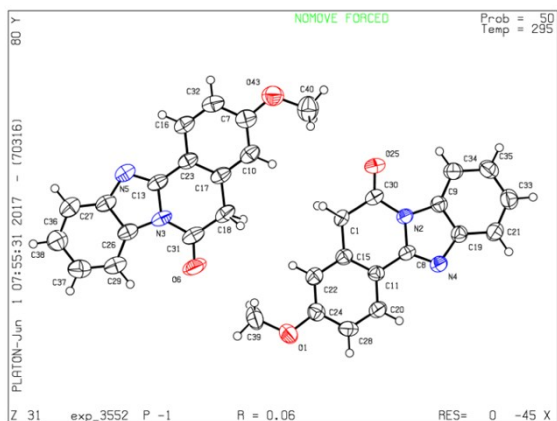
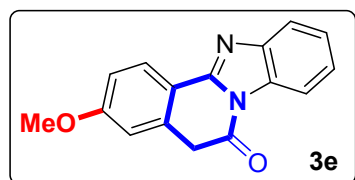
5. Mechanistic Studies

To shed light on the mechanism of the reaction that generates these unexpected products, we conducted a series of control experiments (Scheme S1). Firstly, treatment of **1a** and ethyl diazoacetate **25** under the standard conditions did not lead to any desired products (Scheme S1, a). Furthermore, when the reaction of **1a** with **2a** or **2e** were carried out at room temperature, the direct 1,2-addition products (**26** and **27**) were both isolated in high yields (Scheme S1, b and c). In addition, exposure of **26** or **27** at 100 °C without Rh-catalyst provided the desired products **3a** and **4a** in high yield, which suggested that the Rh-catalyst only play the role in C-H activation process and the different types of ester group are crucial factors for the formation of diverse products (Scheme S1, d).



Scheme S1. Mechanistic Studies

6. Crystal Structure of Products



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0042 Å

Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=7.0483 (8)

b=12.6910 (13)

c=14.4533 (15)

alpha=103.668 (9)

beta=90.921 (9)

gamma=102.650 (9)

Temperature: 295 K

	Calculated	Reported
Volume	1222.6 (2)	1222.6 (2)
Space group	P -1	P -1
Hall group	-P 1	-P 1
Moiety formula	C16 H12 N2 O2	C16 H12 N2 O2
Sum formula	C16 H12 N2 O2	C16 H12 N2 O2
Mr	264.28	264.29
Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.436	1.436
Z	4	4
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.097	0.097
F000	552.0	552.3
F000'	552.24	
h, k, lmax	8, 15, 17	8, 15, 17
Nref	4298	4294
Tmin, Tmax		
Tmin'		

Correction method= Not given

Data completeness= 0.999

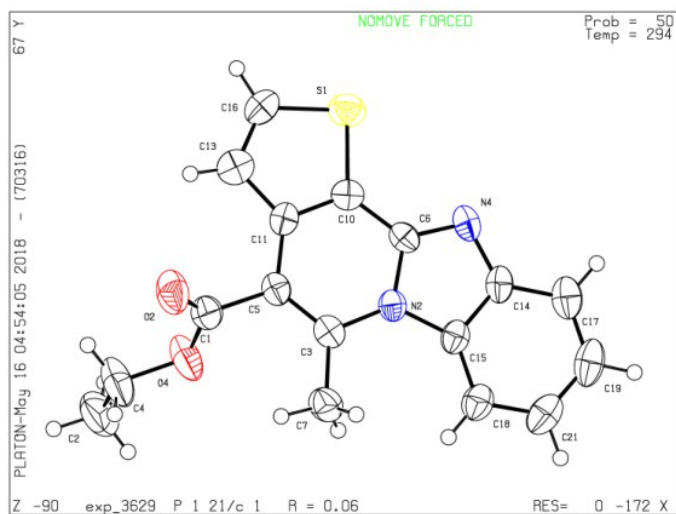
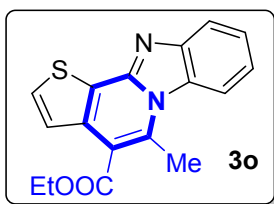
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R(reflections)= 0.0624 (2521)

wR2(reflections)= 0.1270 (4294)

S = 1.054

Npar= 379



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0051 Å

Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=7.1819(13)
alpha=90

b=12.909(3)
beta=99.316(18)

c=16.108(3)
gamma=90

Temperature: 294 K

	Calculated	Reported
Volume	1473.7(5)	1473.7(5)
Space group	P 21/c	P 21/c 1
Hall group	-P 2ybc	-P 2ybc
Moiety formula	C17 H14 N2 O2 S	C17 H14 N2 O2 S
Sum formula	C17 H14 N2 O2 S	C17 H14 N2 O2 S
Mr	310.36	310.38
Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.399	1.399
Z	4	4
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.228	0.228
F000	648.0	648.8
F000'	648.75	
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Tmin, Tmax		
Tmin'		

Correction method= Not given

Data completeness= 1.000

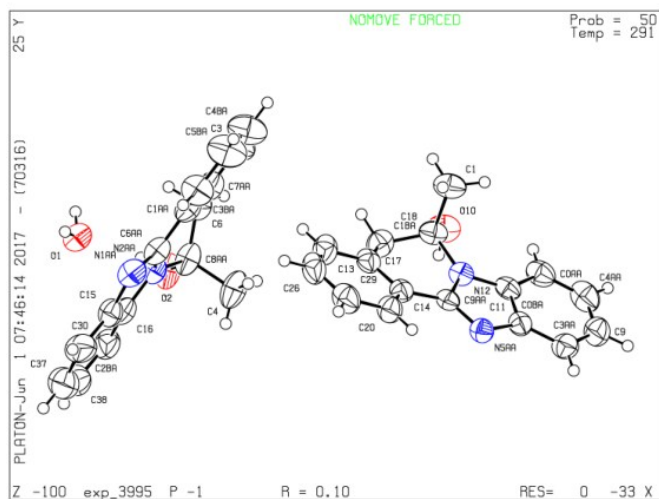
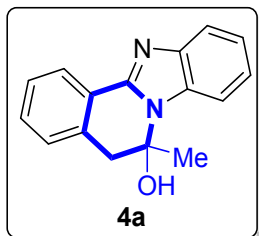
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R(reflections)= 0.0643(1572)

wR2(reflections)= 0.1486(2600)

S = 1.002

Npar= 201



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0081 Å

Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=10.711(3) b=11.136(2) c=13.512(3)
 alpha=100.641(16) beta=104.19(2) gamma=113.52(2)
 Temperature: 291 K

	Calculated	Reported
Volume	1358.4(7)	1358.4(6)
Space group	P -1	P -1
Hall group	-P 1	-P 1
Moiety formula	2(C16 H14 N2 O), H2 O	2(C16 H14 N2 O), H2 O
Sum formula	C32 H30 N4 O3	C32 H30 N4 O3
Mr	518.60	518.62
Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.268	1.268
Z	2	2
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.083	0.083
F000	548.0	548.2
F000'	548.22	
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Nref	4787	4779
Tmin, Tmax		
Tmin'		

Correction method= Not given

Data completeness= 0.998

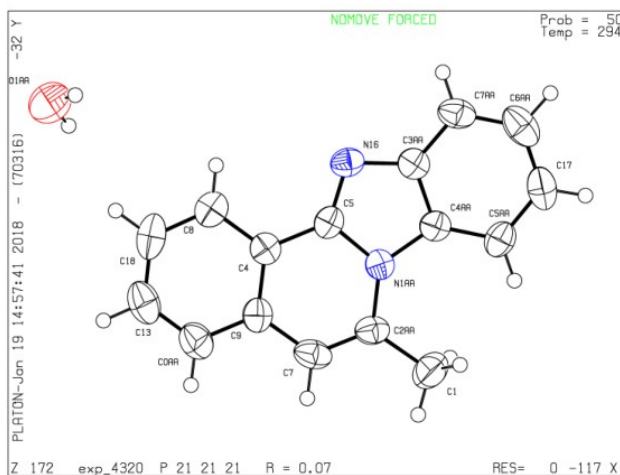
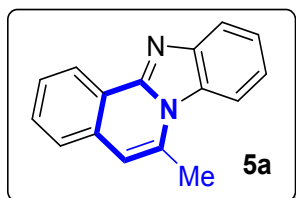
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R(reflections)= 0.0960(2716)

wR2(reflections)= 0.1936(4779)

S = 1.111

Npar= 359



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0063 Å

Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=5.7290 (15)
alpha=90

b=14.295 (5)
beta=90

c=15.456 (4)
gamma=90

Temperature: 294 K

	Calculated	Reported
Volume	1265.8 (6)	1265.9 (6)
Space group	P 21 21 21	P 21 21 21
Hall group	P 2ac 2ab	P 2ac 2ab
Moiety formula	C16 H12 N2, H2 O	C16 H12 N2, H2 O
Sum formula	C16 H14 N2 O	C16 H14 N2 O
Mr	250.29	250.30
Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.313	1.313
Z	4	4
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.084	0.084
F000	528.0	528.2
F000'	528.20	
h, k, lmax	6, 17, 18	6, 16, 18
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Tmin, Tmax		
Tmin'		

Correction method= Not given

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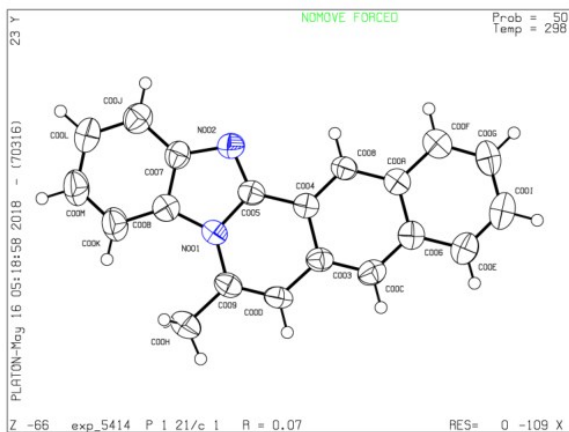
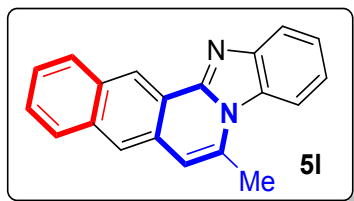
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R(reflections)= 0.0744 (1289)

wR2(reflections)= 0.1071 (2039)

S = 1.059

Npar= 176



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0045 Å

Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=7.0181(4)

b=7.9004(5)

c=25.5706(16)

alpha=90

beta=92.661(6)

gamma=90

Temperature: 298 K

	Calculated	Reported
Volume	1416.25(15)	1416.25(15)
Space group	P 21/c	P 1 21/c 1
Hall group	-P 2ybc	-P 2ybc
Moiety formula	C20 H14 N2	C20 H14 N2
Sum formula	C20 H14 N2	C20 H14 N2
Mr	282.33	282.35
Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.324	1.324
Z	4	4
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.078	0.078
F000	592.0	592.2
F000'	592.20	
h, k, lmax	8, 9, 30	8, 9, 30
Nref	2508	2485
Tmin, Tmax		0.501, 1.000
Tmin'		

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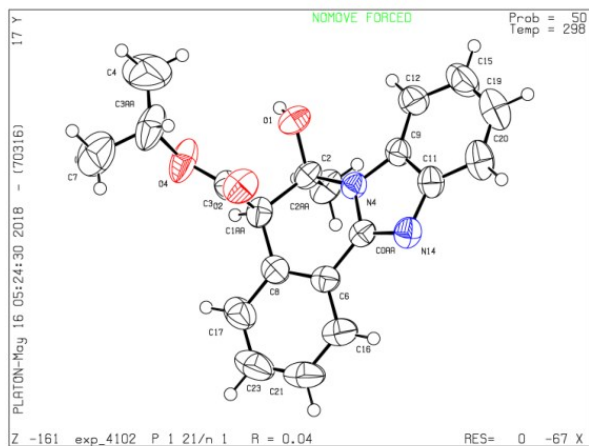
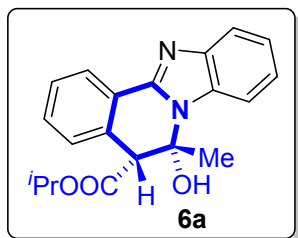
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wR2(reflections)= 0.2151(2485)

S = 0.962

Npar= 200



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0033 Å

Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=9.8482 (6) b=12.1953 (6) c=15.5327 (10)

alpha=90

beta=106.980 (7)

gamma=90

Temperature: 298 K

	Calculated	Reported
Volume	1784.18 (19)	1784.18 (18)
Space group	P 21/n	P 1 21/n 1
Hall group	-P 2yn	-P 2ybc (x-
Moiety formula	C20 H20 N2 O3	C20 H20 N2 O3
Sum formula	C20 H20 N2 O3	C20 H20 N2 O3
Mr	336.38	336.39
Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.252	1.252
Z	4	4
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.085	0.085
F000	712.0	712.4
F000'	712.32	
h, k, lmax	11, 14, 18	11, 14, 18
Nref	3152	3147
Tmin, Tmax		
Tmin'		

Correction method= Not given

Data completeness= 0.998

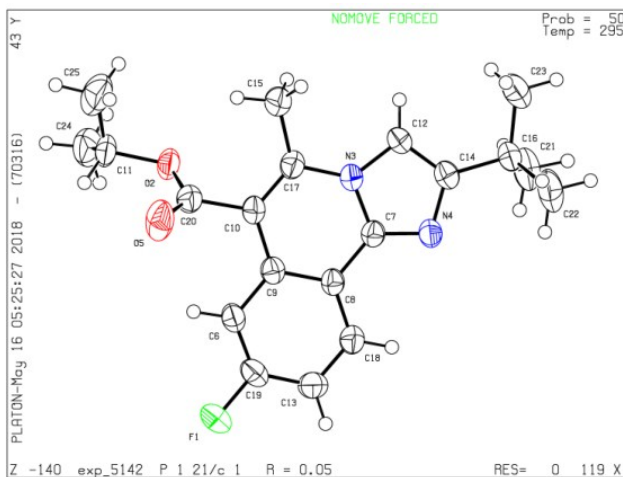
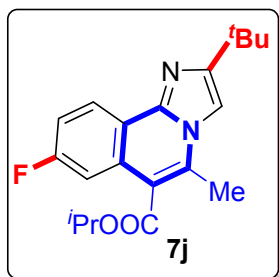
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R(reflections)= 0.0445 (2422)

wR2(reflections)= 0.1153 (3147)

S = 1.069

Npar= 230



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0031 Å

Wavelength=0.71073

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Temperature: 295 K

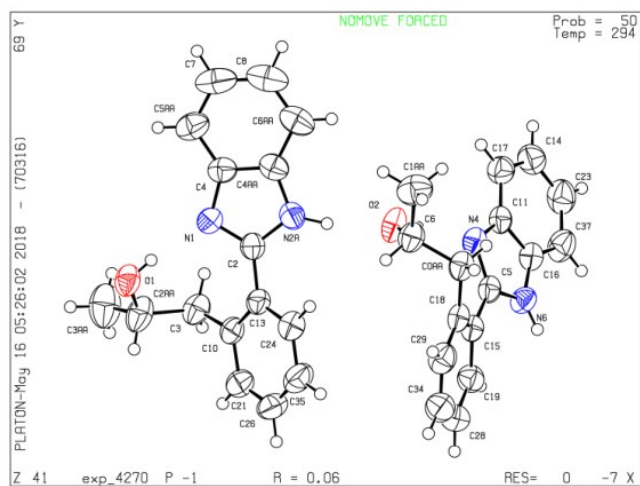
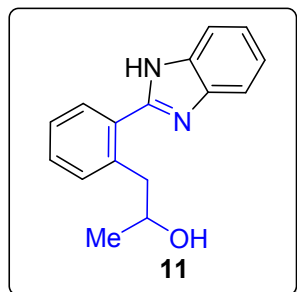
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Hall group	-P 2ybc	-P 2ybc
Moiety formula	C20 H23 F N2 O2	C20 H23 F N2 O2
Sum formula	C20 H23 F N2 O2	C20 H23 F N2 O2
Mr	342.40	342.42
Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.277	1.277
Z	4	4
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.090	0.090
F000	728.0	728.4
F000'	728.35	
h, k, lmax	14, 15, 14	14, 15, 14
Nref	3137	3129
Tmin, Tmax		0.766, 1.000
Tmin'		

Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.766 Tmax=1.000
AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.997 Theta (max)= 25.000

R(reflections)= 0.0494 (2174) wR2(reflections)= 0.1239 (3129)

S = 1.053 Npar= 231



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0040 Å

Wavelength=0.71073

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 Temperature: 294 K

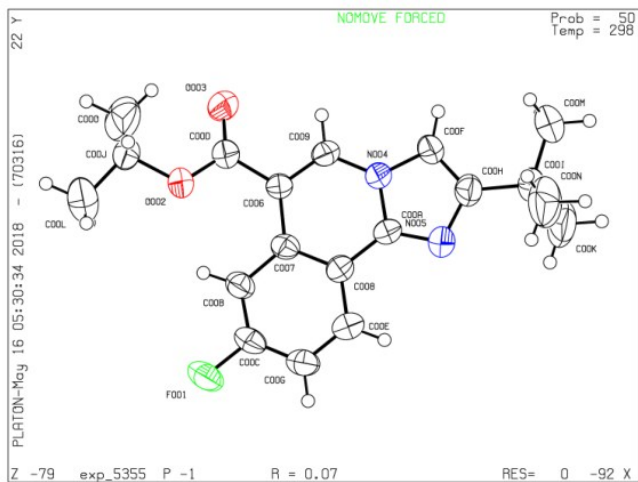
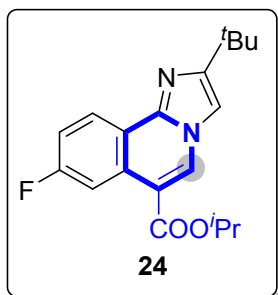
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Hall group	-P 1	-P 1
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Sum formula	C16 H16 N2 O	C16 H16 N2 O
Mr	252.31	252.32
Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.276	1.276
Z	4	4
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.081	0.081
F000	536.0	536.2
F000'	536.20	
h, k, lmax	13, 13, 15	13, 13, 15
Nref	4639	4631
Tmin, Tmax		
Tmin'		

Correction method= Not given

Data completeness= 0.998 Theta(max)= 25.000

R(reflections)= 0.0554(3348) wR2(reflections)= 0.1550(4631)

S = 1.065 Npar= 351



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0051 Å

Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=6.3592 (9) b=9.7262 (14) c=15.058 (2)
 alpha=92.739 (11) beta=99.147 (11) gamma=106.484 (12)

Temperature: 298 K

	Calculated	Reported
Volume	877.5 (2)	877.4 (2)
Space group	P -1	P -1
Hall group	-P 1	-P 1
Moiety formula	C19 H21 F N2 O2	C19 H21 F N2 O2
Sum formula	C19 H21 F N2 O2	C19 H21 F N2 O2
Mr	328.38	328.39
Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.243	1.243
Z	2	2
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.088	0.088
F000	348.0	348.2
F000'	348.17	
h, k, lmax	7, 11, 17	7, 11, 17
Nref	3094	3088
Tmin, Tmax		0.392, 1.000
Tmin'		

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Data completeness= 0.998

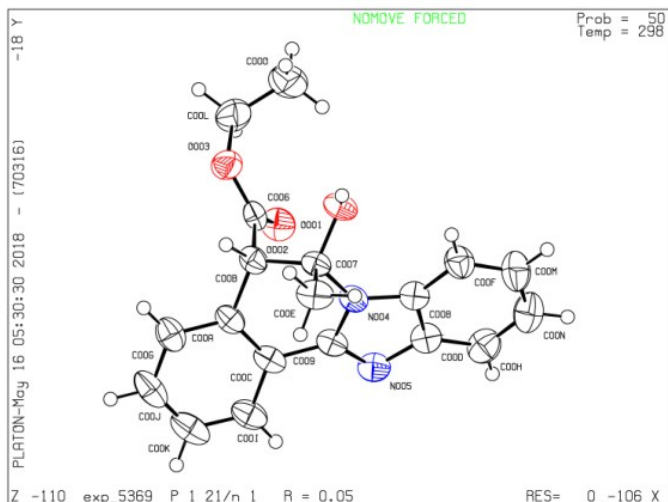
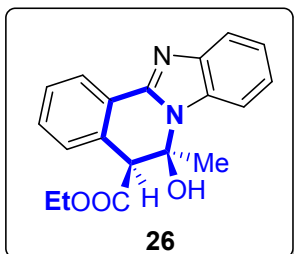
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wR2(reflections)= 0.2011 (3088)

S = 1.041

Npar= 221



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0038 Å

Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=9.0284(9) b=12.6694(8) c=14.2980(11)

alpha=90 beta=96.266(8) gamma=90

Temperature: 298 K

	Calculated	Reported
Volume	1625.7(2)	1625.7(2)
Space group	P 21/n	P 21/n 1
Hall group	-P 2yn	-P 2ybc (x-
Moiety formula	C19 H18 N2 O3	C19 H18 N2 O3
Sum formula	C19 H18 N2 O3	C19 H18 N2 O3
Mr	322.35	322.37
Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.317	1.317
Z	4	4
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.090	0.090
F000	680.0	680.3
F000'	680.31	
h, k, lmax	10, 15, 17	10, 15, 17
Nref	2859	2850
Tmin, Tmax		0.580, 1.000
Tmin'		

Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.580 Tmax=1.000

AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.997

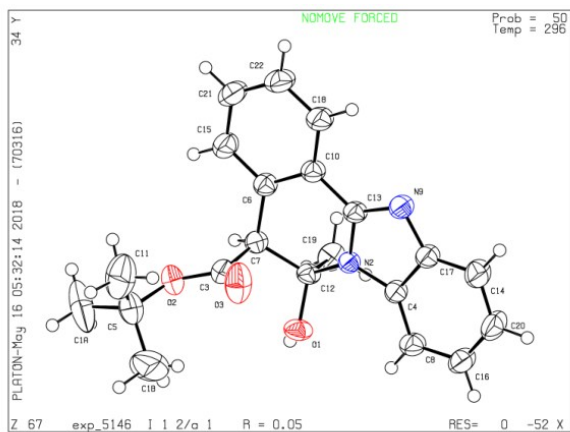
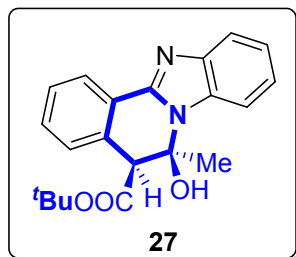
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wR2(reflections)= 0.1359(2850)

S = 1.065

Npar= 220



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0027 Å

Wavelength=0.71073

Cell: a=13.1564 (5) b=14.1743 (6) c=20.5373 (10)
 alpha=90 beta=93.892 (5) gamma=90
 Temperature: 296 K

	Calculated	Reported
Volume	3821.0 (3)	3821.0 (3)
Space group	I 2/a	I 1 2/a 1
Hall group	-I 2ya	-I 2ya
Moiety formula	C21 H22 N2 O3	C21 H22 N2 O3
Sum formula	C21 H22 N2 O3	C21 H22 N2 O3
Mr	350.41	350.42
Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.218	1.218
Z	8	8
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.082	0.082
F000	1488.0	1488.7
F000'	1488.66	
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Tmin, Tmax		0.606, 1.000
Tmin'		

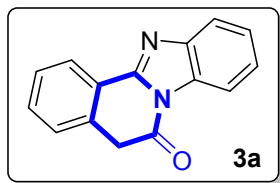
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Data completeness= 0.997 Theta(max)= 24.990

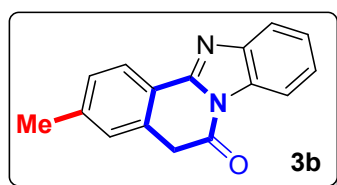
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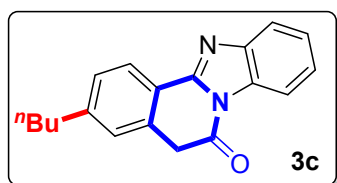
6. Characterization of Products



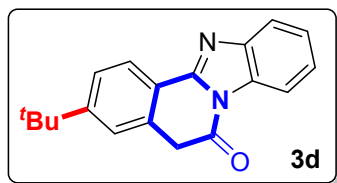
Benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3a) was obtained as a yellow solid (42 mg, 90%), m.p. = 147–150 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44–8.37 (m, 1H), 8.29 (dd, $J = 6.7, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, $J = 6.6, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.36 (m, 4H), 7.35–7.27 (m, 1H), 4.19 (s, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.5, 150.6, 143.8, 132.3, 131.3, 131.1, 128.1, 127.7, 126.1, 125.8, 125.6, 123.2, 119.8, 115.4, 37.5; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 235.0866; Found: 235.0864.**



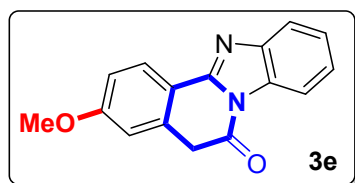
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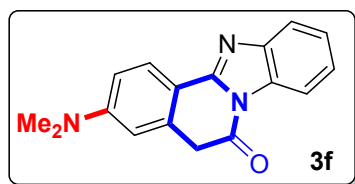
3-Butylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3c) was obtained as a yellow solid (42 mg, 73%), m.p. = 149–151 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.51–8.16 (m, 2H), 7.91–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 2.72–2.58 (m, 2H), 1.63 (dt, $J = 15.4, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.38 (dt, $J = 14.9, 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 150.9, 147.0, 143.9, 132.4, 131.1, 128.5, 127.5, 126.0, 125.7, 125.3, 120.8, 119.6, 115.4, 37.5, 35.6, 33.2, 22.3, 13.9; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 291.1492; Found: 291.1495.**



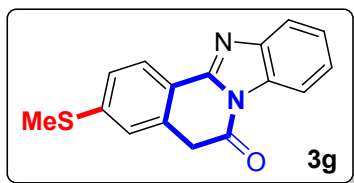
3-(*tert*-Butyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3d) was obtained as a yellow solid (41 mg, 70%), m.p. = 136–137 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37–8.25 (m, 2H), 7.78 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 155.2, 150.8, 143.9, 132.2, 131.1, 125.8, 125.7, 125.5, 125.3, 124.5, 120.6, 119.6, 115.4, 37.8, 35.1, 31.1. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$:** 291.1492; Found: 291.1494.



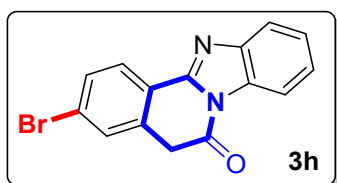
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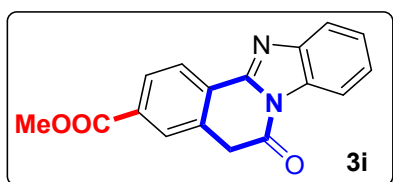
3-(Dimethylamino)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3f) was obtained as a mazarine solid (44 mg, 80%), m.p. = 156–158 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.23 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, $J = 25.9, 11.3, 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.69 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 2.95 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.0, 151.9, 151.8, 144.4, 134.2, 131.1, 127.2, 125.4, 124.3, 118.8, 115.1, 111.7, 110.5, 108.9, 39.9, 37.9; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$:** 278.1288; Found: 278.1290.



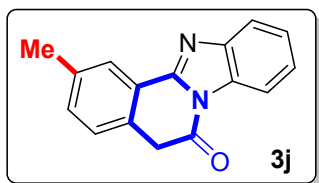
3-(Methylthio)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3g) was obtained as a mazarine solid (42 mg, 75%), m.p. = 108–110 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.36–8.24 (m, 2H), 7.83–7.70 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.2, 150.5, 143.9, 143.8, 132.6, 131.1, 126.3, 125.8, 125.4, 125.1, 123.9, 119.7, 119.6, 115.4, 37.4, 14.9; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{OS}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 281.0743; Found: 281.0746.**



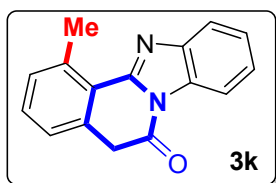
3-Bromobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3h) was obtained as a yellow solid (41 mg, 65%), m.p. = 157–160 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.30–8.20 (m, 2H), 7.76 (dd, J = 5.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.45–7.36 (m, 2H), 4.16 (s, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.5, 149.7, 143.7, 134.0, 131.5, 131.0, 130.7, 127.4, 126.0, 125.9, 125.8, 122.2, 119.8, 115.4, 37.1; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 312.9971; Found: 312.9973.**



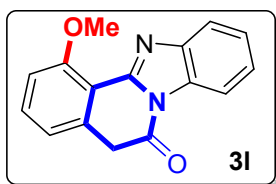
6-Oxo-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-3-yl acetate (3i) was obtained as a yellow solid (23 mg, 40%), m.p. = 208–210 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.50 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.43–8.27 (m, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.92–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.38 (m, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 165.9, 149.5, 143.8, 132.32, 132.28, 131.1, 129.1, 129.0, 127.1, 126.24, 126.14, 126.13, 120.2, 115.6, 52.6, 37.4; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 293.0921; Found: 293.0923.**



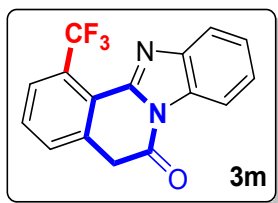
2-Methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3j) was obtained as a yellow solid (37 mg, 75%), m.p. = 142–144 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35–8.28 (m, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.90–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 150.9, 143.8, 138.1, 132.4, 131.1, 129.4, 127.6, 126.2, 125.8, 125.5, 123.0, 119.7, 115.5, 37.2, 21.01; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$:** 249.1022; Found: 249.1024.



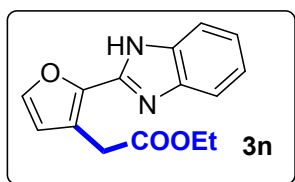
1-Methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3k) was obtained as a yellow solid (26 mg, 53%), m.p. = 155–156 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37–8.26 (m, 1H), 7.83–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 2.97 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.6, 150.8, 143.9, 139.9, 133.2, 131.1, 130.2, 130.0, 125.53, 125.50, 125.42 (s), 121.7, 120.0, 115.3, 38.1 24.0; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$:** 249.1022; Found: 249.1023.



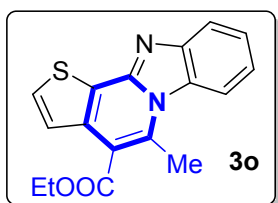
1-Methoxybenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3l) was obtained as a yellow solid (25 mg, 48%), m.p. = 158–159 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.34 (dd, $J = 6.2, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.14–7.93 (m, 1H), 7.80 (dd, $J = 5.9, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.09–6.87 (m, 1H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 156.1, 150.7, 143.8, 131.1, 128.8, 125.8, 125.6, 124.1, 121.3, 119.8, 117.8, 115.5, 112.0, 55.6, 32.9; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$:** 265.0972; Found: 265.0975.



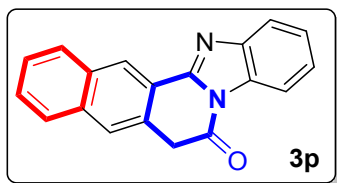
1-(Trifluoromethyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3m) was obtained as a yellow solid (27 mg, 45%), m.p. = 142–144 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37–8.28 (m, 1H), 7.95–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.41 (m, 2H), 4.27 (s, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4, 146.6, 143.7, 134.9, 131.8, 130.4, 130.1, 128.4 (d, $J = 33.1$ Hz), 127.5 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 126.5, 125.9, 123.3 (q, $J = 273.4$ Hz), 122.1, 120.9, 115.4, 38.2; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$:** 303.0740; Found: 303.0741.



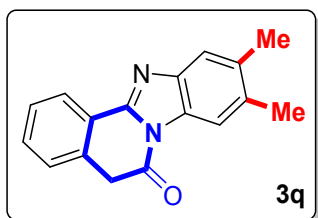
Ethyl 2-(2-(1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)furan-3-yl)acetate (3n) was obtained as a mazarine oil (27 mg, 50%); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.40 (s, 1H), 7.63 (s, 2H), 7.45 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 2H), 6.58 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.9, 143.8, 143.1, 142.2, 123.0, 122.89, 122.85, 118.9, 114.4, 61.4, 31.3, 14.1; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$:** 271.1077; Found: 271.1076.



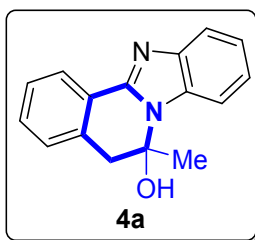
Ethyl 5-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]thieno[2,3-*c*]pyridine-4-carboxylate (3o) was obtained as a yellow solid (40 mg, 64%), m.p. = 127–128 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.17 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.30 (m, 1H), 4.54 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 1.50 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.0, 145.2, 145.2, 138.6, 136.6, 131.2, 129.8, 125.4, 125.1, 124.9, 121.7, 119.9, 115.2, 112.8, 61.8, 19.0, 14.4; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$:** 311.0849; Found: 311.0846.



Benzo[g]benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(7H)-one (3p) was obtained as a yellow solid (24 mg, 42%), m.p. = 140–142 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.96 (s, 1H), 8.32 (dd, $J = 7.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.89–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.74 (s, 2H), 7.53 (pd, $J = 6.8, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.49–7.33 (m, 2H), 4.36 (s, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.5, 150.7, 143.9, 134.4, 132.4, 131.3, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 125.9, 125.6, 120.9, 119.7, 115.5, 37.6; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 285.1022; Found: 285.1021.**

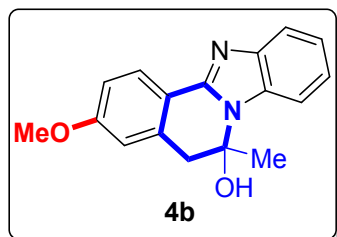


9,10-Dimethylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3q) was obtained as a yellow solid (21 mg, 41%), m.p. = 148–151 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.39 (dd, $J = 6.1, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.28 (m, 1H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.5, 149.9, 142.3, 134.9, 134.8, 132.2, 130.9, 129.4, 128.0, 127.7, 125.9, 123.6, 120.0, 115.7, 37.5, 20.5, 20.5; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 263.1179; Found: 263.1176.**

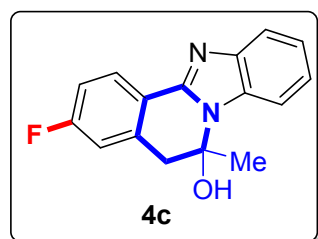


6-Methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-ol (4a) was obtained as a white solid (36 mg, 72%), m.p. = 95–98 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.25–8.11 (m, 1H), 8.09–7.95 (m, 1H), 7.79–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.36–7.21 (m, 3H), 3.46 (dd, $J = 85.1, 15.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 149.0, 144.2, 135.2, 134.2, 131.4, 129.7, 128.5, 126.0, 123.6, 123.1,

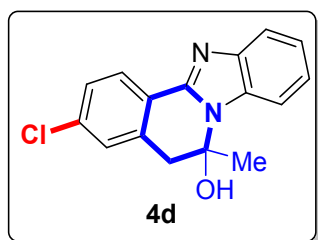
119.8, 114.6, 87.3, 44.2, 27.2; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** C₁₆H₁₅N₂O⁺ [M + H]⁺: 251.1179; Found: 251.1180.



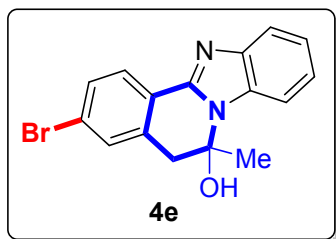
3-Methoxy-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-ol (4b) was obtained as a white solid (39 mg, 69%), m.p. = 100–101 °C; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.93–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.05 (m, 2H), 6.66–6.54 (m, 1H), 6.51 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.27 (dd, *J* = 108.2, 15.6 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 161.1, 148.7, 143.5, 134.9, 133.2, 127.3, 122.5, 122.3, 118.5, 117.7, 113.6, 113.3, 112.9, 86.6, 55.3, 44.8, 26.2; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 281.1285; Found: 281.1283.



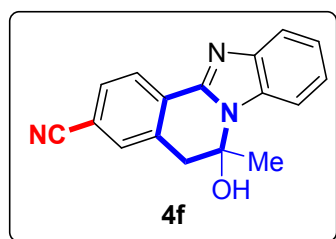
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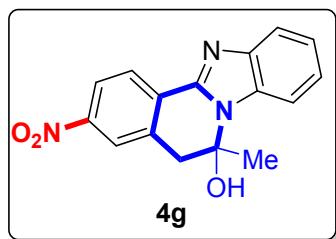
3-Chloro-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6-ol (4d) was obtained as a white solid (45 mg, 79%), m.p. = 130–131 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.03–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.76–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.24 (m, 3H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 49.3, 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 148.2, 144.8, 137.3, 135.5, 134.4, 129.5, 128.6, 127.6, 125.3, 123.6, 123.1, 120.1, 114.5, 87.0, 43.8, 27.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₄ClN₂O⁺ [M + H]⁺: 285.0789; Found: 285.0787.



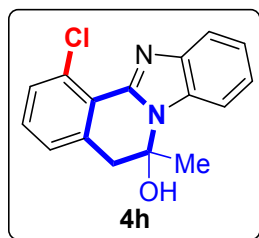
3-Bromo-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6-ol (4e) was obtained as a white solid (42 mg, 64%), m.p. = 143–145 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.05–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.69 (m, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.23 (m, 3H), 3.47 (dd, *J* = 51.4, 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 148.3, 144.8, 137.5, 134.3, 132.3, 131.4, 127.8, 125.6, 124.2, 123.6, 123.1, 120.1, 114.5, 87.0, 43.7, 27.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₄BrN₂O⁺ [M + H]⁺: 329.0284; Found: 329.0288.



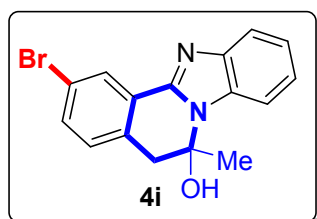
6-Hydroxy-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3-carbonitrile (4f) was obtained as a white solid (31 mg, 56%), m.p. = 185–186 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.06–7.96 (m, 2H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, *J* = 14.2, 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (q, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 147.4, 144.8, 136.1, 134.4, 133.5, 132.2, 130.5, 126.4, 124.3, 123.4, 120.6, 119.5, 114.7, 112.9, 87.0, 43.6, 27.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N₃O⁺ [M + H]⁺: 276.1131; Found: 276.1134.



6-Methyl-3-nitro-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6-ol (4g) was obtained as a white solid (42 mg, 77%), m.p. = 160–162 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.45–8.34 (m, 2H), 8.28 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.37–7.23 (m, 2H), 3.62 (q, J = 16.1 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 148.8, 147.1, 144.9, 136.6, 134.5, 132.2, 127.0, 124.9, 124.5, 123.7, 123.6, 120.7, 114.8, 87.1, 43.7, 27.4; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 296.1030; Found: 296.1031.**

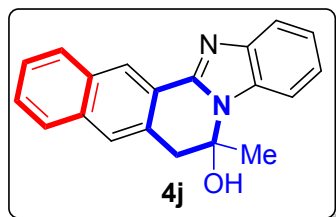


1-Chloro-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6-ol (4h) was obtained as a white solid (44 mg, 78%), m.p. = 133–135 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.04 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 3.45 (dd, J = 61.7, 15.5 Hz, 2H), 1.58 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 146.3, 144.4, 138.3, 133.4, 132.2, 131.6, 131.5, 128.8, 124.0, 122.9, 120.6, 114.5, 86.2, 45.2, 26.9; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 285.0789; Found: 285.0787.**

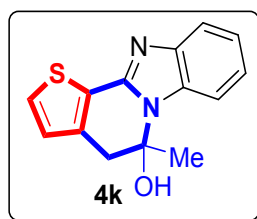


2-Bromo-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6-ol (4i) was obtained as a white solid (36 mg, 55%), m.p. = 148–151 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.26 (m, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 41.8, 19.7 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (m, 3H), 3.49–3.32 (m, 2H), 1.57 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 147.6, 144.7, 134.4, 134.3, 133.6, 132.0, 128.4, 128.0, 123.8,

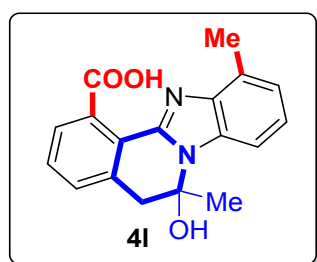
123.2, 121.3, 120.3, 114.6, 87.1, 43.7, 27.3; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** C₁₆H₁₄BrN₂O⁺ [M + H]⁺: 329.0284; Found: 329.0282.



6-Methyl-6,7-dihydrobenzo[g]benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-ol (4j) was obtained as a white solid (35 mg, 58%), m.p. = 117–119 °C; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO)** δ 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.07–8.01 (m, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (dd, *J* = 64.5, 15.4 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO)** δ 149.0, 145.0, 134.6, 134.5, 133.1, 132.0, 129.5, 128.3, 128.3, 127.9, 127.3, 125.7, 124.6, 123.4, 123.0, 120.0, 114.6, 87.1, 44.7, 27.4; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** C₂₀H₁₇N₂O⁺ [M + H]⁺: 301.1335; Found: 301.1334.

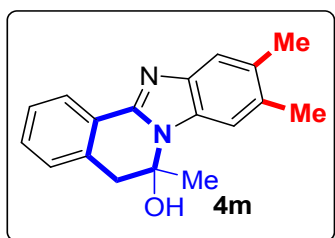


5-Methyl-4,5-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]thieno[2,3-c]pyridin-5-ol (4k) was obtained as a white solid (16 mg, 32%), m.p. = 128–131 °C; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO)** δ 7.95 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.27–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.46–3.35 (m, 2H), 1.57 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO)** δ 146.4, 144.9, 139.8, 134.2, 129.9, 128.9, 125.9, 123.4, 122.8, 119.7, 114.0, 88.8, 41.2, 27.2; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** C₁₄H₁₃SN₂O⁺ [M + H]⁺: 257.0743; Found: 257.0746.

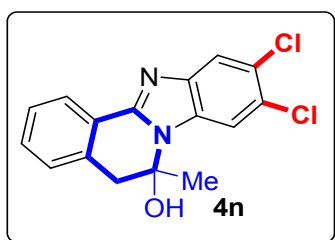


6-Hydroxy-6,11-dimethyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-1-carboxylic acid (4l) was obtained as a white solid (46 mg, 75%), m.p. = 180–183 °C;

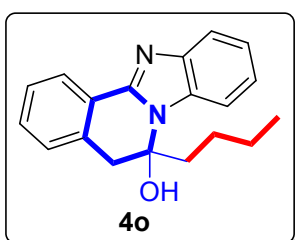
¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.01 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.33–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd, J = 59.6, 15.8 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO)** δ 168.9, 146.4, 140.4, 136.6, 133.3, 132.6, 132.5, 131.7, 131.2, 128.7, 124.8, 124.1, 122.5, 112.5, 86.8, 44.9, 26.8, 17.2.



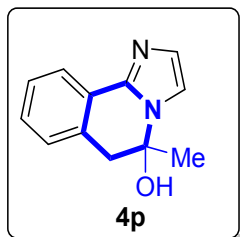
6,9,10-Trimethyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6-ol (4m) was obtained as a white solid (32 mg, 58%), m.p. = 111–112 °C; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO)** δ 8.16–8.09 (m, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.46–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.41 (dd, J = 78.6, 15.7 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO)** δ 148.3, 143.5, 134.8, 132.9, 131.9, 131.2, 130.7, 129.5, 128.3, 126.6, 125.6, 120.0, 114.5, 86.9, 44.3, 27.2, 21.3, 20.9; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₂O⁺ [M + H]⁺: 279.1492; Found: 279.1495.**



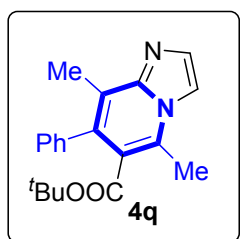
9,10-Dichloro-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6-ol (4n) was obtained as a white solid (45 mg, 70%), m.p. = 119–120 °C; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO)** δ 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.17–8.13 (m, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.57–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 3.46 (dd, J = 72.5, 15.8 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO)** δ 151.5, 144.5, 135.4, 133.7, 132.0, 129.8, 128.7, 126.2, 125.5, 125.5, 121.1, 115.4, 87.7, 43.9, 27.1; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₃Cl₂N₂O⁺ [M + H]⁺: 319.0399; Found: 319.0398.**



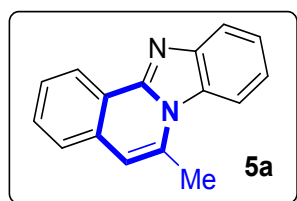
6-Butyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6-ol (4o) was obtained as a white solid (46 mg, 78%), m.p. = 111–112 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CHCl_3) δ 8.02–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.59 (dd, $J = 6.2, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.11 (m, 3H), 7.10–6.98 (m, 2H), 3.35 (q, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.98–1.69 (m, 2H), 1.36–1.22 (m, 2H), 1.14 (ddd, $J = 14.4, 9.7, 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 0.75 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CHCl_3) δ 148.5, 143.4, 133.6, 133.1, 130.1, 127.8, 127.5, 125.5, 125.3, 122.8, 122.4, 118.9, 113.9, 89.1, 42.3, 38.9, 26.0, 22.6, 13.8; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$** : 293.1648; Found: 293.1648.



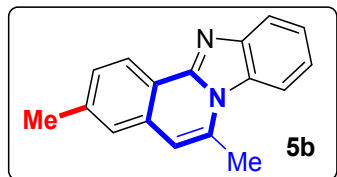
5-Methyl-5,6-dihydroimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-5-ol (4p) was obtained as a white solid (25 mg, 62%), m.p. = 200–201 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.95–7.79 (m, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 3.23 (s, 2H), 1.63 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 143.4, 133.0, 129.7, 129.5, 129.1, 128.0, 127.1, 123.6, 116.6, 83.9, 43.1, 28.6; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$** : 201.1022; Found: 201.1024.



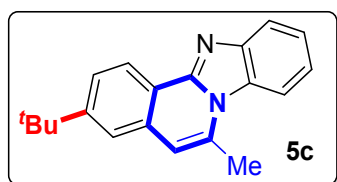
tert-Butyl 5,8-dimethyl-7-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine-6-carboxylate (4q) was obtained as a yellow solid (49 mg, 76%), m.p. = 103–106 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.46–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.26 (m, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.8, 145.4, 138.0, 134.1, 129.7, 129.6, 128.1, 127.5, 126.4, 122.9, 121.8, 110.6, 82.2, 27.4, 16.2, 14.3; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$** : 323.1754; Found: 323.1756.



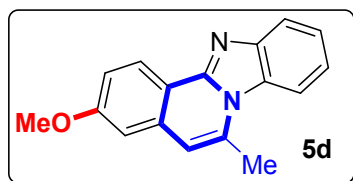
6-Methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline (5a) was obtained as a yellow solid (46 mg, 99%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.88–8.74 (m, 1H), 8.05 (dd, $J = 16.5, 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.68–7.56 (m, 3H), 7.49 (dd, $J = 11.3, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.29 (m, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.3, 144.2, 134.7, 131.7, 131.3, 129.9, 127.1, 125.7, 124.9, 124.2, 122.1, 121.6, 119.8, 113.9, 110.8, 21.2; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 233.1073; Found: 233.1075.



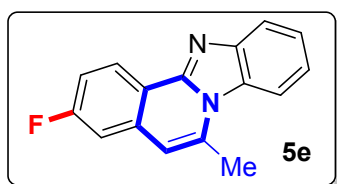
3,6-Dimethylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline (5b) was obtained as a yellow solid (47 mg, 95%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.64 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.22 (m, 2H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.3, 144.1, 140.0, 134.5, 131.7, 131.1, 128.5, 125.4, 124.6, 123.9, 121.2, 119.6, 119.5, 113.7, 110.5, 21.7, 21.1. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 247.1230; Found: 247.1231.



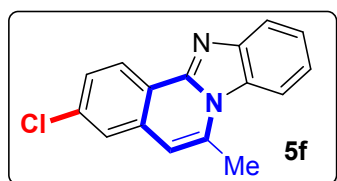
3-(*tert*-butyl)-6-Methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline (5c) was obtained as a yellow solid (53 mg, 92%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.74 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.69 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 11.3, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.17 (m, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.6, 147.9, 143.3, 134.5, 131.8, 130.9, 125.6, 124.8, 124.3, 121.8, 121.6, 119.3, 119.2, 113.9, 111.6, 35.2, 31.3, 21.2. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 289.1699; Found: 289.1698.



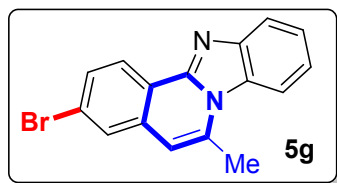
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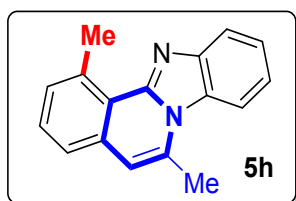
3-Fluoro-6-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline (5e) was obtained as a yellow solid (44 mg, 88%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.74 (dd, $J = 8.8, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 9.3, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 2.91 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.5 (d, $J = 250.0$ Hz), 147.7, 144.0, 136.0, 133.5 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 131.1, 127.5 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 124.3, 121.7, 119.7, 118.6, 115.7 (d, $J = 23.7$ Hz), 113.8, 110.6 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz), 109.9 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 21.1. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{F}^+$ [M + H] $^+$:** 251.0979; Found: 251.0977.



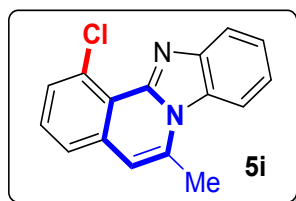
3-Chloro-6-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline (5f) was obtained as a yellow solid (51 mg, 95%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.64 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, $J = 12.6, 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 2.88 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.4, 144.0, 136.0, 135.9, 132.7, 131.0, 127.5, 126.4, 124.9, 124.4, 121.9, 120.2, 119.8, 113.8, 109.5, 21.2. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{Cl}^+$ [M + H] $^+$:** 267.0684; Found: 267.0682.



3-Bromo-6-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline (5g) was obtained as a yellow solid (56 mg, 91%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.55 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dd, $J = 20.1, 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.65–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.26 (m, 1H), 6.47 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.85 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.3, 143.9, 135.9, 132.8, 130.9, 130.1, 127.9, 126.3, 124.3, 124.2, 121.8, 120.4, 119.7, 113.8, 109.3, 21.1. $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{Br}^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 311.0178; Found: 311.0179.

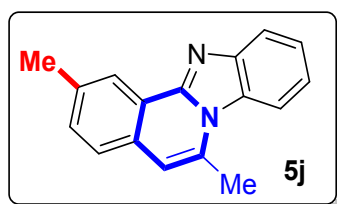


1,6-Dimethylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline (5h) was obtained as a yellow solid (44 mg, 90%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.51–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 11.8, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.8, 144.1, 138.4, 134.2, 132.9, 130.3, 129.6, 128.8, 123.6, 123.6, 121.5, 121.05, 120.11, 113.7, 111.5, 24.5, 21.2. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 247.1230; Found: 247.1233.**

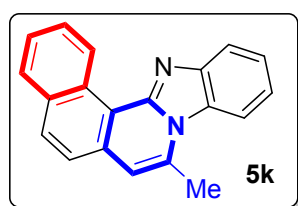


1-Chloro-6-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline (5i) was obtained as a yellow solid (52 mg, 98%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, $J = 7.0, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 2.93 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.9, 143.8, 135.5, 134.1, 132.1, 130.1, 129.8, 129.3,

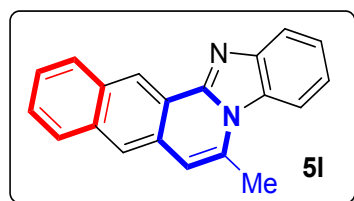
124.6, 124.1, 122.3, 120.8, 119.5, 113.7, 110.9, 21.3. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $C_{16}H_{12}ClN_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 267.0684; Found: 267.0686.



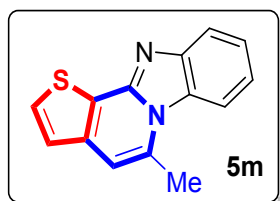
2,6-Dimethylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline (5j) was obtained as a yellow solid (42 mg, 85%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.57 (s, 1H), 7.99 (dd, J = 15.2, 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (ddd, J = 7.2, 4.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 2.87 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 148.1, 143.9, 137.1, 133.6, 131.4, 131.2, 129.4, 125.5, 124.5, 124.0, 121.8, 121.4, 119.6, 113.8, 110.6, 21.5, 21.0. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $C_{17}H_{15}N_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 247.1230; Found: 247.1235.



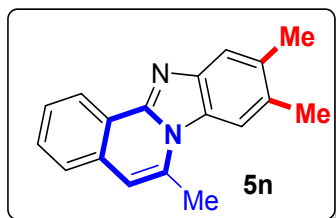
8-methylbenzo[*h*]benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline (5k) was obtained as a white solid (42 mg, 75%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.91 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, J = 16.4, 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.01–7.87 (m, 3H), 7.68 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.36 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 148.4, 144.6, 135.6, 132.4, 131.9, 131.0, 130.1, 130.0, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 126.3, 124.4, 124.3, 121.4, 120.1, 116.8, 114.1, 111.8, 21.4. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $C_{20}H_{15}N_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 283.1230; Found: 283.1228.



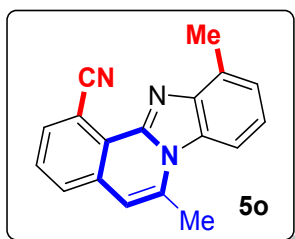
6-Methylbenzo[*g*]benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline (5l) was obtained as a yellow solid (30 mg, 54%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.29 (s, 1H), 8.07 (dd, $J = 6.0, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (*d*, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.97–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.85 (dd, $J = 5.9, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.28 (m, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 2.89 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.3, 143.8, 133.9, 133.9, 132.0, 131.7, 128.9, 128.7, 127.6, 127.0, 126.0, 124.7, 123.9, 123.8, 122.2, 120.6, 119.8, 113.6, 110.8, 21.2; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2^+$ [M + H] $^+$** : 283.1230; Found: 283.1235.



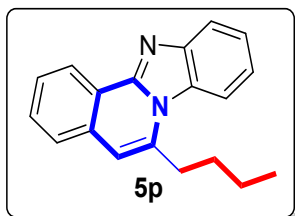
5-Methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]thieno[2,3-*c*]pyridine (5m) was obtained as a yellow solid (39 mg, 81%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (*d*, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (*d*, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (*d*, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.20 (m, 2H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 2.95 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.7, 144.5, 139.0, 135.0, 130.7, 129.7, 124.6, 124.3, 123.9, 121.0, 119.3, 114.1, 107.2, 21.2; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{SN}_2^+$ [M + H] $^+$** : 239.0637; Found: 239.0638.



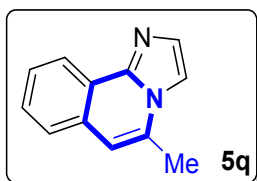
6,9,10-Trimethylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline (5n) was obtained as a yellow solid (28 mg, 54%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.77 (*d*, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (*d*, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.63–7.48 (m, 3H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.7, 134.7, 133.2, 131.5, 130.7, 129.4, 126.9, 125.6, 124.7, 122.2, 119.6, 113.9, 110.2, 21.2, 20.8, 20.4; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2^+$ [M + H] $^+$** : 261.1386; Found: 261.1389.



6,11-Dimethylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-1-carbonitrile (5o) was obtained as a yellow solid (54 mg, 99%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, Acetone) δ 8.14–8.03 (m, 3H), 7.83 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.81 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, Acetone) δ 145.1, 139.3, 136.1, 134.5, 132.2, 131.8, 130.8, 126.0, 124.3, 123.3, 119.8, 113.7, 111.3, 110.3, 21.9, 17.6; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 272.1182; Found: 272.1185.

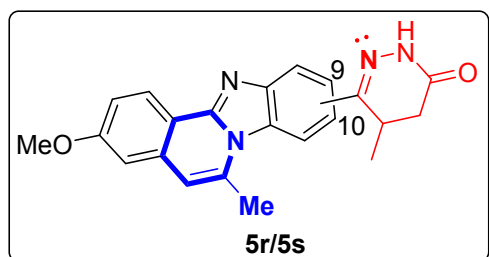


6-Butylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline (5p) was obtained as a white solid (43 mg, 79%), m.p. = 166–168 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.87–8.74 (m, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, J = 6.7, 2.4 Hz, 3H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 3.53–2.93 (m, 2H), 1.96–1.76 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.02 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.2, 143.7, 138.9, 131.6, 130.5, 130.0, 127.1, 125.8, 125.0, 124.2, 121.9, 121.8, 119.7, 114.2, 109.7, 33.0, 29.3, 22.3, 13.9. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 275.1543; Found: 275.1544.

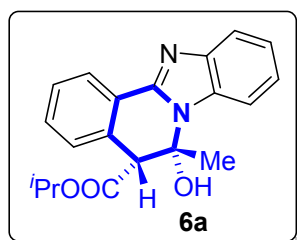


5-Methylimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline (5q) was obtained as a white solid (21 mg, 58%); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.64 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 7.61–7.51 (m, 3H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz,

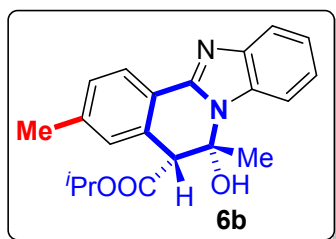
CDCl_3) δ 143.3, 131.5, 131.1, 129.9, 128.2, 127.3, 126.1, 123.2, 122.3, 111.6, 111.4, 18.6. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 183.0917; Found: 183.0919.**



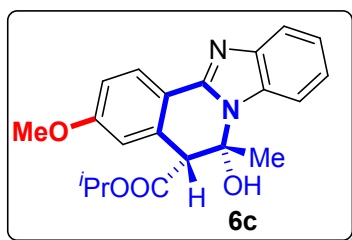
6-(3-Methoxy-6-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-10-yl)-5-methyl-4,5-dihydropyridazin-3(2*H*)-one (5r) and 6-(3-Methoxy-6-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-9-yl)-5-methyl-4,5-dihydropyridazin-3(2*H*)-one (5s) was Yellow solid (49 mg, 66%); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ [9.06 (s) + 9.01 (s), 1H], 8.76, (t, 1H), [8.55 (s) + 8.29 (s), 1H], 8.03 (dd, $J = 29.8, 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, $J = 37.6, 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.01 (dd, $J = 11.0, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 1H), [3.95 (s) + 3.94 (s), 3H], 3.61–3.45 (m, 1H), [3.03 (s) + 3.02 (s), 3H], 2.82 (ddd, $J = 16.8, 6.7, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.56 (d, $J = 15$ Hz, 1H), 1.38–1.31 (m, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.9, 166.8, 161.6, 161.5, 154.6, 154.1, 149.6, 148.9, 135.2, 135.0, 134.0, 133.8, 131.6, 127.78, 127.0, 122.4, 119.5, 118.8, 117.2, 117.2, 116.8, 114.2, 111.7, 111.6, 111.5, 107.2, 107.0, 55.5, 34.0 28.6, 28.3, 22.6, 21.3, 21.2, 16.5, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 373.1659; Found: 373.1658.**



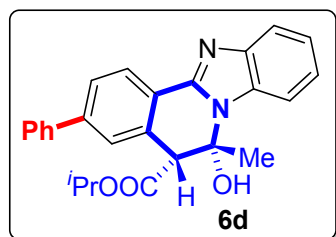
Isopropyl 6-hydroxy-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (6a) was obtained as a white solid (62 mg, 92%), m. p. = 140–142; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.31–8.23 (m, 1H), 8.09–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.78 (dt, $J = 4.6, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.23 (m, 2H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 4.88 (hept, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 1H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.17 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 147.7, 144.2, 133.7, 131.0, 130.2, 130.1, 129.1, 128.9, 126.7, 125.9, 125.2, 123.2, 122.6, 119.6, 113.4, 87.2, 70.2, 55.5, 26.6, 21.4, 21.1. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 337.1547; Found: 337.1548.**



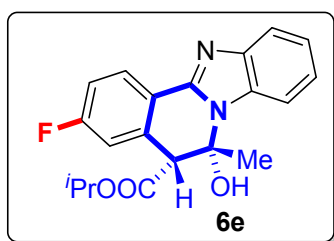
Isopropyl 6-hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (6b) was obtained as white solid (48 mg, 68%), m. p. = 144–145; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, $J = 6.6$, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, $J = 6.5$, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.20 (m, 4H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 4.92–4.80 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.16 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 148.0, 144.1, 140.5, 133.6, 131.0, 130.6, 129.9, 125.8, 122.9, 122.5, 122.4, 119.4, 113.2, 87.1, 70.0, 55.6, 26.6, 21.5, 21.4, 21.1. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 351.1703; Found: 351.1709.**



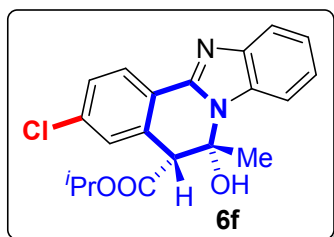
Isopropyl 6-hydroxy-3-methoxy-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (6c) was obtained as white solid (53 mg, 73%), m. p. = 159–162; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (m, $J = 13.4$, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 7.04–6.93 (m, 2H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 4.96–4.72 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.17 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.6, 161.0, 147.9, 143.9, 133.5, 132.8, 127.8, 122.8, 122.4, 119.1, 117.9, 115.6, 114.5, 113.1, 87.1, 70.1, 55.8, 55.5, 26.5, 21.5, 21.2. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 367.1652; Found: 367.1657.**



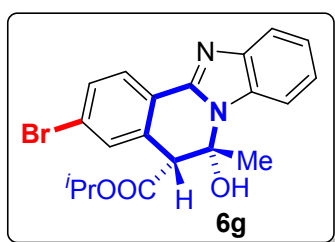
Isopropyl 6-hydroxy-6-methyl-3-phenyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (6d) was obtained as a white solid (73 mg, 88%), m. p. = 150–152; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.34 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd, $J = 6.2$, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, $J = 6.1$, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, $J = 21.1$, 7.1 Hz, 4H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, $J = 9.3$, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 4.97–4.81 (m, 1H), 4.12 (s, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.7, 147.6, 144.2, 142.9, 139.7, 133.7, 131.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.0, 127.8, 127.0, 126.4, 124.0, 123.2, 122.6, 119.5, 113.3, 87.2, 70.2, 55.7, 26.7, 21.5, 21.2. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$:** 413.1860; Found: 413.1864.



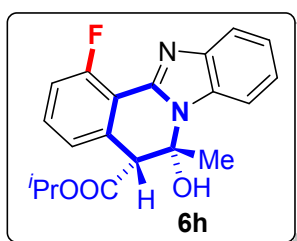
Isopropyl 3-fluoro-6-hydroxy-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (6e) was obtained as a white solid (46 mg, 65%), m. p. = 126–128; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 (dd, $J = 8.5$, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.11–7.89 (m, 1H), 7.84–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.17 (ddd, $J = 17.0$, 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 5.00–4.76 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.18 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.2, 163.4 (d, $J = 251.6$ Hz), 146.9, 144.0, 133.6, 133.4 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 128.2 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 123.3, 122.7, 121.7 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 119.5, 117.1 (d, $J = 23.1$ Hz), 116.5 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz), 113.3, 87.1, 70.5, 55.3, 26.7, 21.4, 21.1. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{FO}_3^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$:** 355.1452; Found: 355.1456.



Isopropyl 3-chloro-6-hydroxy-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (6f) was obtained as a white solid (55 mg, 74%), m. p. = 111–112; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.04–7.97 (m, 1H), 7.81–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.23 (m, 2H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 4.94–4.83 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.18 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.3, 146.8, 144.0, 135.8, 133.6, 132.6, 130.1, 129.4, 127.2, 123.8, 123.5, 122.8, 119.6, 113.4, 87.2, 70.6, 55.1, 26.7, 21.4, 21.1; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{ClO}_3^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$:** 371.1157; Found: 371.1157.

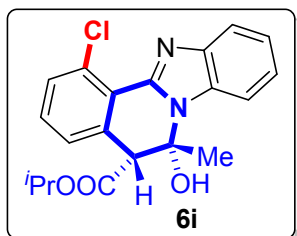


Isopropyl 3-bromo-6-hydroxy-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (6g) was obtained as a white solid (46 mg, 56%), m. p. = 108–109; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.04–7.99 (m, 1H), 7.80–7.73 (m, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.23 (m, 2H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 4.93–4.83 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.18 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.2, 146.8, 144.0, 133.6, 133.0, 132.8, 132.3, 127.3, 124.2, 124.0, 123.5, 122.8, 119.6, 113.4, 87.1, 70.5, 55.1, 26.7, 21.4, 21.1. $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{BrO}_3^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 415.0652; Found: 415.0658.

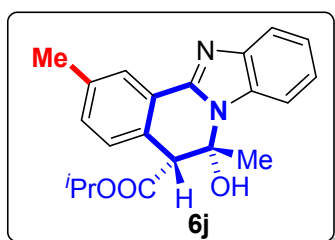


Isopropyl 1-fluoro-6-hydroxy-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (6h) was as a white solid (45 mg, 63%), m. p. = 156–157; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, $J = 5.7, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 12.8, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.14 (m, 4H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 4.92–4.77 (m, 1H), 4.03 (s, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.13 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.87 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.5, 159.7 (d, $J = 260.2$ Hz), 144.4, 143.7 (d,

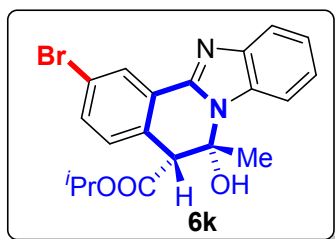
$J = 7.3$ Hz), 133.6, 132.7, 130.9 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz), 126.1 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 123.6, 122.5, 120.3, 117.2 (d, $J = 21.6$ Hz), 113.9 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz), 113.2, 87.0, 70.5, 55.6, 26.6, 21.3, 21.1. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $C_{20}H_{20}N_2FO_3^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 355.1452; Found: 355.1454.



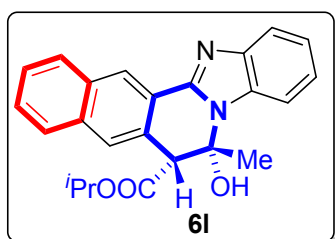
Isopropyl 1-chloro-6-hydroxy-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1- α]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (6i) was obtained as a white solid (52 mg, 70%), m. p. = 263–265; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.07–8.00 (m, 1H), 7.92–7.86 (m, 1H), 7.55 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 2H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 4.89–4.68 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.10 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.84 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.6, 144.9, 143.8, 134.1, 132.9, 132.7, 132.3, 129.8, 129.0, 123.8, 123.3, 122.4, 120.5, 113.1, 86.5, 70.6, 56.1, 26.6, 21.3, 21.1; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $C_{20}H_{20}N_2ClO_3^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 371.1157; Found: 371.1157.



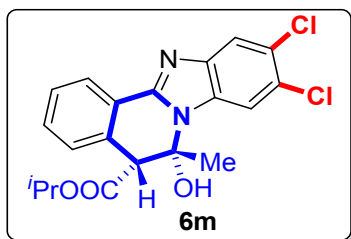
Isopropyl 6-hydroxy-2,6-dimethyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1- α]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (6j) was obtained as a white solid (39 mg, 55%), m. p. = 163–165; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.05–7.98 (m, 1H), 7.83–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.16 (m, 3H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 4.95–4.78 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.17 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.0, 147.9, 144.2, 139.1, 133.7, 131.0, 130.1, 128.0, 126.3, 124.9, 123.1, 122.5, 119.5, 113.3, 87.2, 70.0, 55.1, 26.6, 21.5, 21.17, 21.09; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $C_{21}H_{23}N_2O_3^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 351.1703; Found: 351.1704.



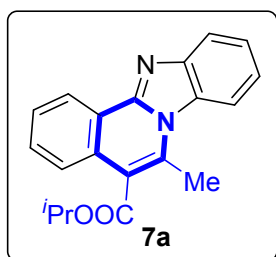
Isopropyl 2-bromo-6-hydroxy-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (6k) was obtained as a white solid (52 mg, 63%), m. p. = 166–167; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.08–7.97 (m, 1H), 7.83–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 2H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.01–4.73 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.18 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.4, 146.3, 144.1, 133.7, 132.9, 131.8, 129.8, 128.7, 127.0, 123.7, 123.2, 122.9, 119.8, 113.4, 87.2, 70.5, 54.9, 26.7, 21.5, 21.2; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{BrO}_3^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 415.0652; Found: 415.0651.**



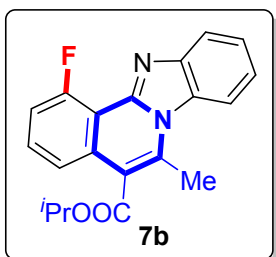
Isopropyl 6-hydroxy-6-methyl-6,7-dihydrobenzo[g]benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-7-carboxylate (6l) was obtained as a yellow solid (31 mg, 40%), m. p. = 118–120; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.06 (dd, $J = 7.0, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.00–7.94 (m, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.89–7.85 (m, 1H), 7.83 (dd, $J = 7.0, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.30 (dt, $J = 7.5, 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 4.91–4.82 (m, 1H), 4.23 (s, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.14 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.84 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.1, 147.9, 144.4, 133.9, 133.8, 133.3, 129.5, 128.8, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 127.1, 126.1, 123.2, 122.7, 122.6, 119.6, 113.5, 87.3, 70.3, 56.1, 27.0, 21.4, 21.1; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 387.1703; Found: 387.1704.**



Isopropyl 9,10-dichloro-6-hydroxy-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (6m) was obtained as a white solid (69 mg, 85%), m. p. = 155–157; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.25–8.17 (m, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.52–7.42 (m, 3H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 4.88 (hept, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.17 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.7, 149.6, 143.5, 132.7, 131.2, 130.8, 130.4, 129.3, 127.0, 126.7, 126.1, 124.4, 120.4, 114.5, 87.4, 70.5, 55.2, 26.6, 21.4, 21.1. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_2^+$ [M + H] $^+$: 405.0767; Found: 405.0766.**

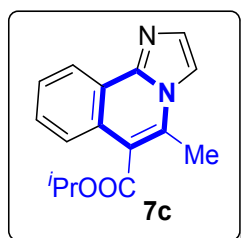


Isopropyl 6-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (7a) was obtained as a yellow solid (32 mg, 50%), m. p. = 139–140; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.94–8.79 (m, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.76–7.62 (m, 3H), 7.56–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 7.2, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.48 (hept, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 1.49 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.3, 147.6, 144.5, 134.3, 131.6, 130.4, 128.7, 127.7, 125.3, 124.7, 123.9, 122.1, 122.1, 120.2, 116.6, 114.4, 69.9, 21.9, 19.0. **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ [M + H] $^+$: 319.1441; Found: 319.1442.**

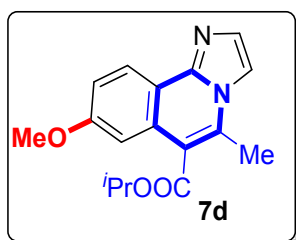


Isopropyl 1-fluoro-6-methylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (7b) was obtained as a yellow solid (28 mg, 41%), m. p. = 135–139; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (dd, $J = 18.1, 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.41–

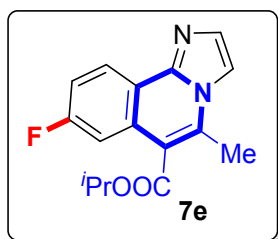
7.31 (m, 2H), 5.55–5.40 (m, 1H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 1.48 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.0, 156.0 (d, $J = 260.9$ Hz), 144.6, 143.8 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 135.2, 130.9, 130.8 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 130.4, 124.8, 122.7, 120.8, 119.6 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 116.3 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 114.4 (d, $J = 21.0$ Hz), 114.2, 111.5 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz), 70.1, 21.8, 19.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 337.1347; Found: 337.1346.



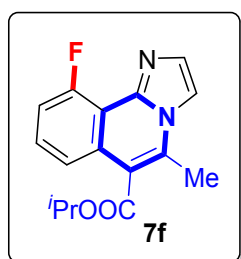
Isopropyl 5-methylimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6-carboxylate (**7c**) was obtained as a green oil (17 mg, 32%); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.69–8.60 (m, 1H), 7.78–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.55 (m, 3H), 5.51–5.38 (m, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.1, 143.0, 132.2, 131.0, 128.5, 127.8, 126.7, 124.1, 123.4, 122.4, 117.4, 112.1, 69.8, 21.9, 16.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 269.1285; Found: 269.1285.



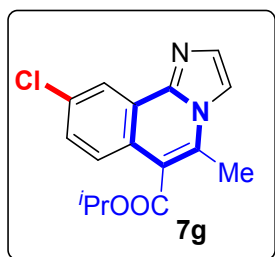
Isopropyl 8-methoxy-5-methylimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6-carboxylate (**7d**) was obtained as a yellow solid (24 mg, 40%), m. p. = 127–1128; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.56 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.45 (hept, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.1, 159.8, 143.2, 132.0, 131.9, 128.4, 125.1, 117.4, 116.9, 116.6, 111.5, 105.8, 69.6, 55.3, 21.9, 16.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 299.1390; Found: 299.1389.



Isopropyl 8-fluoro-5-methylimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6-carboxylate (7e) was obtained as a yellow solid (36 mg, 62%), m. p. = 129–130; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.65 (dd, $J = 8.9, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 10.5, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, $J = 8.5, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.49–5.39 (m, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.6, 162.5 (d, $J = 247.6$ Hz), 142.7, 132.9, 132.4, 128.5 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 125.9 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz), 119.0 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 116.7, 116.7 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 116.5, 112.1, 109.8 (d, $J = 24.1$ Hz), 70.1, 21.9, 16.9; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$:** 287.1190; Found: 287.1188.

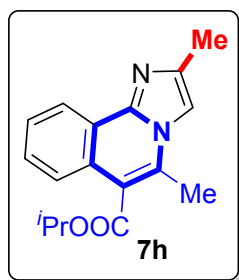


Isopropyl 10-fluoro-5-methylimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6-carboxylate (7f) was obtained as a yellow solid (33 mg, 58%), m. p. = 142–143; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, $J = 5.6, 3.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.30 (m, 1H), 5.52–5.31 (m, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 1.44 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 158.8 (d, $J = 258.1$ Hz), 139.3 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 133.0 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 131.9 (s), 129.0 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 128.7 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 119.8 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 117.1 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 114.1 (d, $J = 20.3$ Hz), 112.0, 111.9, 70.0, 21.8, 16.9; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$:** 287.1190; Found: 287.1193.

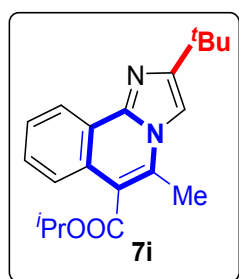


Isopropyl 9-chloro-5-methylimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6-carboxylate (7f) was obtained as a yellow solid (18 mg, 30%), m. p. = 139–140; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.65 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, $J = 9.4, 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.75–5.18 (m, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 141.8, 133.9, 132.5, 131.6, 129.1,

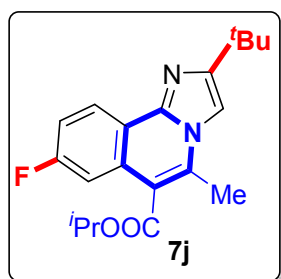
125.9, 125.1, 123.3, 122.9, 117.0, 112.6, 70.1, 21.9, 16.8; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $C_{16}H_{16}ClN_2O_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 303.0895; Found: 303.0896.



Isopropyl 2,5-dimethylimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6-carboxylate (7h) was obtained as a yellow solid (20 mg, 35%), m. p. = 117–118; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.83–8.54 (m, 1H), 7.88–7.70 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.44 (hept, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.45 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.2, 142.5, 142.0, 130.9, 128.3, 127.5, 126.7, 124.1, 123.3, 121.8, 116.7, 109.1, 69.7, 21.9, 16.8, 14.4; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $C_{17}H_{18}N_2O_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 283.1441; Found: 283.1443.

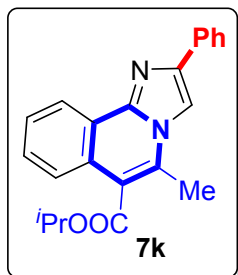


Isopropyl 2-(*tert*-butyl)-5-methylimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6-carboxylate (7i) was obtained as a yellow solid (34 mg, 53%), m. p. = 161–163; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.69 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 5.49–5.38 (m, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 6H), 1.45 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.4, 156.1, 142.4, 131.2, 128.0, 127.2, 126.6, 124.0, 123.7, 122.2, 116.4, 106.1, 69.6, 32.4, 30.3, 21.9, 16.8; **HRMS (ESI) calcd for** $C_{20}H_{25}N_2O_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 325.1911; Found: 325.1913.

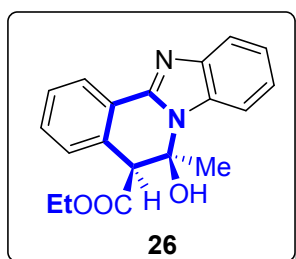


Isopropyl 2-(*tert*-butyl)-8-fluoro-5-methylimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6-carboxylate (7j) was obtained as a yellow solid (57 mg, 84%), m. p. = 151–152; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.68 (dd, $J = 8.7, 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 10.6, 1.7$ Hz,

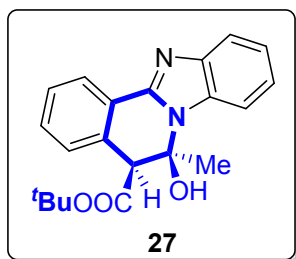
1H), 7.30 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 5.42 (m, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 162.3 (d, $J = 246.7$ Hz), 156.2, 142.1, 133.1, 128.3 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 126.2 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 118.8, 116.0 (d, $J = 23.8$ Hz), 115.6 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 109.5 (d, $J = 24.0$ Hz), 106.0, 69.8, 32.4, 30.2, 21.9, 17.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{FO}_2^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 343.1816; Found: 343.1816.



Isopropyl 5-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6-carboxylate (7k) was obtained as a yellow solid (32 mg, 46%), m. p. = 125–127; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.76 (dd, $J = 7.8, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.08–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.53–5.40 (m, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 1.48 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.1, 144.7, 143.2, 133.7, 131.0, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 126.8, 125.9, 124.1, 123.7, 122.2, 117.3, 107.6, 69.8, 21.9, 16.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 345.1598; Found: 345.1599.



Ethyl 6-hydroxy-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (26) was obtained as a white solid (62 mg, 97%), m. p. = 150–152; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.33–8.22 (m, 1H), 8.03 (dd, $J = 6.1, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.22 (m, 2H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 1H), 4.14–3.94 (m, 2H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.07 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.4, 147.7, 144.2, 133.7, 130.9, 130.3, 130.2, 129.1, 126.0, 125.3, 123.3, 122.6, 119.6, 113.4, 87.3, 62.2, 55.3, 26.6, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 323.1390; Found: 323.1394.



***tert*-Butyl 6-hydroxy-6-methyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-5-carboxylate (27)** was obtained as a white solid (69 mg, 99%), m. p. = 162–165; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.29 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.09–7.95 (m, 1H), 7.85–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.33–7.14 (m, 2H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.7, 147.8, 144.2, 133.7, 131.6, 130.2, 130.0, 128.9, 125.9, 125.2, 123.2, 122.5, 119.6, 113.4, 87.3, 83.8, 56.1, 27.6, 26.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 351.1703; Found: 315.1705.

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