

Supporting Information

Diastereoselective construction of pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-based bisprirooxindoles through a three-component [3+2] cycloaddition

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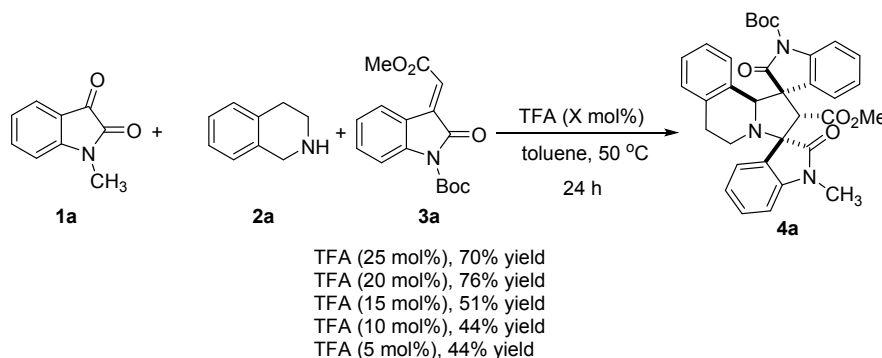
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1. General methods

NMR spectra were recorded with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz, and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz (Bruker Avance). ^1H NMR chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent signal as the internal standard (CDCl_3 at 7.26 ppm, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ at 2.50 ppm). ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl_3 at 77.00 ppm, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ at 39.52 ppm). Data are given as: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), dd (double of doublet), br (broad) or m (multiplets), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. Flash column chromatography was carried out using silica gel eluting with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether. High resolution mass spectra were obtained with the Q-TOF-Premier mass spectrometer. Reactions were monitored by TLC and visualized with ultraviolet light. IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Fisher Nicolet Avatar 360 FTIR spectrometer on a KBr beam splitter. All the solvents were used directly without any purification.

2. Optimization of the TFA loadings



Scheme S1. Optimization of the loadings of TFA

Finally, we investigated the effect of the of TFA loadings to further improve the synthetic efficiency. When 25 mol% of TFA was employed, the yield was decreased to 70%. And much inferior results were obtained with less TFA. Thus, 20 mol% of TFA was proved to be optimal. Notably, we could detect a trace of product without Boc group in the reaction mixture by HRMS (Figure S1), and the Boc group could be removed completely by using 2.0 equivalent of TFA for 72 h.

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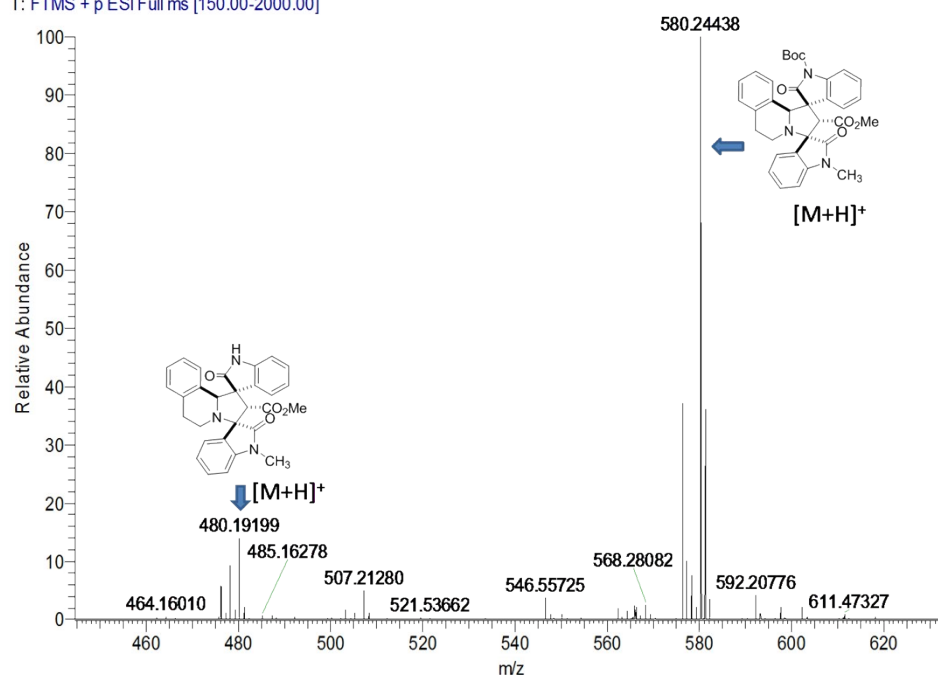
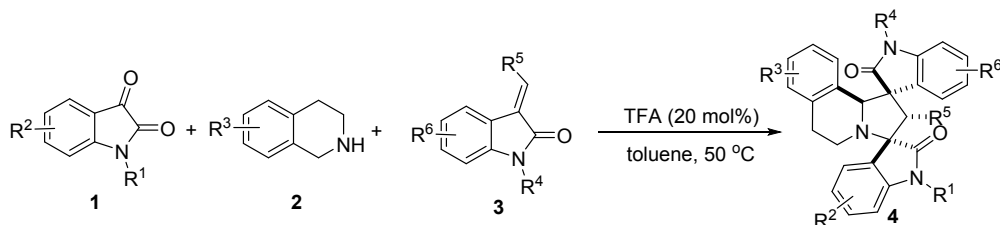
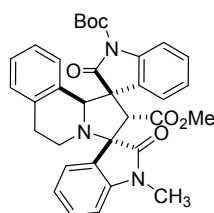


Figure S1. ESI-HRMS spectrum of the reaction of **1a**, **2a** and **3a** with 20 mol% of TFA in 1.0 mL of toluene after 72 h

3. Experimental data for pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]isoquinoline-based bispirooxindoles **4**



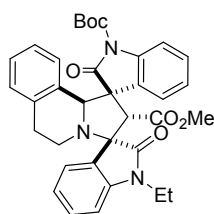
General procedure: To a 5.0 mL vial were successively added *N*-alkyl substituted isatin **1** (0.20 mmol), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **2** (0.24 mmol), methyleneindolinone **3** (0.24 mmol), TFA (0.04 mmol) and 1.0 mL toluene. The resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C until almost full consumption of **1** as monitored by thin layer chromatography, and then the reaction mixture was directly subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding products **4**.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-S3

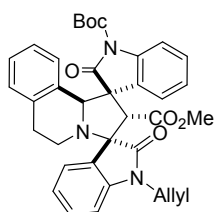
pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4a**)

White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1 to 20:1); 88.5 mg, 76% yield; reaction time = 72 h; mp 190.8-192.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.33 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.10-2.99 (m, 4H), 2.71-2.55 (m, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.7, 175.9, 168.2, 149.2, 144.9, 139.6, 134.9, 134.6, 129.9 (2C), 129.3, 128.7, 126.6, 126.5, 125.5, 125.3, 125.2, 124.5, 123.0, 122.8, 114.7, 108.0, 84.0, 70.3, 69.9, 63.8, 58.4, 51.3, 41.6, 29.7, 28.0, 26.0. IR (KBr) ν 2980, 2941, 1771, 1736, 1721, 1296, 1154, 751 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₃₄N₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 580.2442, found 580.2445.



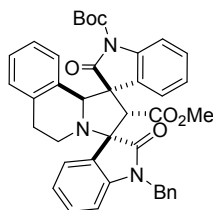
1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 1''-ethyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4b**)

White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 18:1); 108.0 mg, 91% yield; reaction time = 24 h; mp 173.0-174.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24-6.96 (m, 8H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.14-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.89-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.72 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (s, 9H), 0.72 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.2, 173.7, 171.3, 148.7, 143.8, 139.7, 137.7, 134.4, 129.9, 129.0, 128.8, 126.6, 126.3, 125.7, 124.9, 123.8, 123.6, 123.4, 122.3, 114.0, 107.6, one carbon missing in the aromatic region, 83.7, 77.6, 62.2, 60.7, 55.0, 51.6, 42.7, 33.7, 29.6, 27.9, 12.1. IR (KBr) ν 2979, 2935, 1738, 1701, 1474, 1360, 1163, 747 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₆N₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 594.2599, found 594.2597.



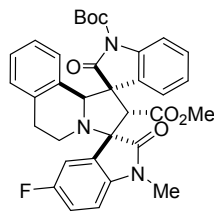
1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 1''-allyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4c**)

White solid obtained by filtration of the precipitate; 90.5 mg, 75% yield; reaction time = 24 h; mp 172.8-174.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.08 (m, 6H), 7.04-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.29-5.20 (m, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.29-4.23 (m, 1H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, *J*₁ = 4.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.11-3.05 (m, 1H), 2.90-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.72 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.2, 173.7, 171.3, 148.7, 144.0, 139.8, 137.6, 134.4, 130.6, 129.9, 129.1, 128.8, 126.5, 126.4 (2C), 125.8, 125.0, 123.8 (2C), 123.1, 122.5, 117.0, 114.1, 108.5, 83.8, 77.8, 62.1, 60.7, 55.1, 51.6, 42.8, 41.4, 29.6, 28.0. IR (KBr) ν 3449, 2938, 1739, 1705, 1473, 1359, 1298, 1162, 747 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₃₆H₃₆N₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 606.2599, found 606.2595.



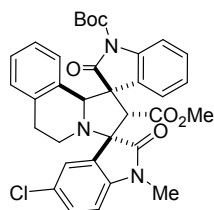
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White solid obtained by filtration of the precipitate; 100.2 mg, 76% yield; reaction time = 28 h; mp 170.1-171.6 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.04 (m, 8H), 6.99-6.91 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.10-2.99 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.71 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 173.9, 171.2, 148.7, 144.0, 139.9, 137.5, 134.9, 134.3, 130.0, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 127.2, 126.7, 126.6, 126.4 (2C), 125.8, 125.0, 124.0, 123.9, 123.2, 122.6, 114.2, 108.8, 83.8, 77.5, 62.0, 60.6, 55.3, 51.6, 43.0, 42.7, 29.6, 27.9. IR (KBr) ν 3437, 2924, 1767, 1736, 1467, 1355, 1294, 1161, 754 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₀H₃₈N₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 656.2755, found 656.2754.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 5''-fluoro-1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4e**)

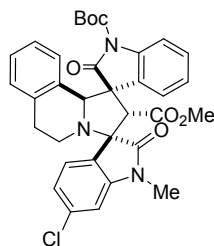
White solid obtained by filtration of the precipitate; 84.6 mg, 71% yield; reaction time = 72 h; mp 198.5-200.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.02 (m, 7H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.15-3.06 (m, 1H), 2.91-2.86 (m, 1H), 2.74 (s, 4H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.0, 173.9, 171.1, 158.9 (d, *J* = 240.0 Hz, 1C), 148.8, 140.6, 139.7, 137.4, 134.2, 129.3, 128.9, 126.4, 126.0, 125.8, 125.0, 124.9, 123.6, 123.4, 116.3 (d, *J* = 24.0 Hz, 1C), 114.5 (d, *J* = 26.0 Hz, 1C), 114.1, 108.1 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1C), 84.2, 77.9, 62.2, 60.9, 54.9, 51.7, 42.9, 29.6, 27.7, 25.3. IR (KBr) ν 3406, 2973, 2924, 2850, 1760, 1615, 1490, 1351, 1300, 1165, 761 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₃₃FN₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 598.2348, found 598.2350.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 5''-chloro-1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4f**)

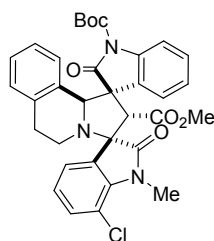
White solid obtained by filtration of the precipitate; 86.4 mg, 70% yield; reaction time = 24 h; mp 196.4-197.7 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 3.13-3.05 (m, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.69-2.57 (m, 3H), 1.56 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.5, 175.6, 168.2, 149.2, 143.5, 139.6, 134.8, 134.4, 130.0, 129.7, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 126.6, 125.6, 125.3, 125.1, 125.0, 123.0, 114.8, 109.1, 84.2, 70.2, 69.9, 64.0, 58.2, 51.5, 41.7, 29.6, 28.0, 26.2. IR (KBr) ν 3428, 2943, 1723, 1487, 1294, 1154, 755 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for

$C_{34}H_{33}ClN_3O_6^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 614.2052, found 614.20544.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 6''-chloro-1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4g**)

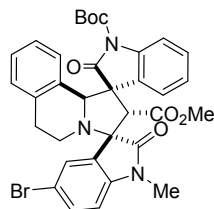
White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1 to 20:1); 89.3 mg, 73% yield; reaction time = 72 h; mp 153.5-155.2 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ 8.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, $J_1 = J_2$ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.39 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.28 (s, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 3.06-3.04 (m, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.72-2.57 (m, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 176.7, 175.9, 168.3, 149.2, 146.1, 139.6, 135.9, 134.9, 134.5, 129.7, 129.4, 128.9, 126.6, 125.6 (2C), 125.3, 125.2, 125.1, 123.0, 122.7, 114.8, 108.9, 84.2, 70.0, 69.9, 63.9, 58.3, 51.5, 41.6, 29.7, 28.0, 26.2. IR (KBr) ν 3435, 2940, 1720, 1607, 1488, 1363, 1294, 1152, 757 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{34}H_{33}ClN_3O_6^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 614.2052, found 614.2056.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 7''-chloro-1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4h**)

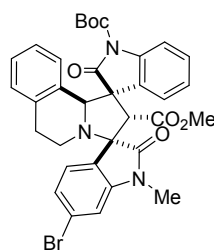
White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1 to 20:1); 97.5 mg, 79% yield; reaction time = 72 h; mp 210.5-211.7 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$), δ 8.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.91-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.11-3.06 (m, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.67-2.56 (m, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 176.6, 176.2, 168.2, 149.2, 140.8, 139.6, 134.9, 134.6, 132.3, 129.8, 129.7, 129.4, 128.9, 126.6, 125.6, 125.3, 125.2, 123.6, 123.1, 123.0, 115.4, 114.8, 84.2,

69.9, 69.7, 64.3, 58.1, 51.5, 41.6, 29.7, 29.3, 28.0. IR (KBr) ν 3430, 2983, 2916, 2831, 1746, 1701, 1601, 1483, 993, 836, 761 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{33}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_6^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 614.2052, found 614.2053.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 5''-bromo-1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4i**)

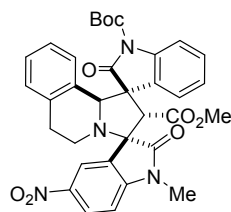
White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 15:1); 91.3 mg, 69% yield; reaction time = 24 h; mp 201.8-203.6 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3), δ 8.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.03 (s, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 3.20-3.06 (m, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.69-2.57 (m, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.5, 175.5, 168.2, 149.2, 144.0, 139.7, 134.9, 134.5, 132.9, 129.7, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 127.7, 126.6, 125.6, 125.3, 125.2, 123.0, 115.5, 114.8, 109.5, 84.2, 70.2, 69.9, 64.0, 58.2, 51.5, 41.7, 29.7, 28.0, 26.2. IR (KBr) ν 3407, 2939, 1735, 1713, 1606, 1481, 1357, 1290, 1246, 1153, 1100, 762 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{33}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_6^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 658.1547, found 658.1549.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 6''-bromo-1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4j**)

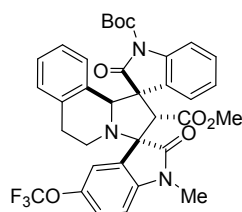
White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1 to 20:1); 96.0 mg, 73% yield; reaction time = 72 h; mp 165.3-166.8 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3), δ 8.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 3.10-3.03 (m, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.72-2.56 (m, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.6, 175.9, 168.2, 149.2, 146.3, 139.7, 134.9, 134.5, 129.8, 129.3, 128.9, 126.6, 125.9, 125.7 (2C), 125.6, 125.3, 125.2, 123.8, 123.1, 114.8, 111.6, 84.2, 70.1, 70.0, 63.9, 58.3, 51.5, 41.7, 29.7, 28.0, 26.2. IR (KBr) ν 3435, 2978, 2940, 1723, 1604, 1485, 1362, 1294, 1154, 757 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₃₃BrN₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 658.1547, found 658.1549.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 1''-methyl-5''-nitro-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4k**)

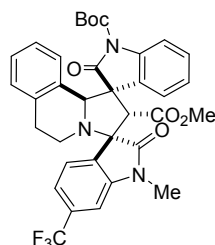
Light yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1 to 5:1); 26.2 mg, 21% yield; reaction time = 24 h; mp 203.1-204.7 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (s, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 4.36 (s, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.21-3.10 (m, 1H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 2.71-2.59 (m, 3H), 1.56 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.3, 176.1, 168.2, 150.5, 149.1, 143.8, 139.8, 134.7, 134.1, 129.4 (2C), 129.0, 127.8, 127.2, 126.7, 125.7, 125.2, 125.0, 123.0, 120.5, 114.9, 107.8, 84.3, 70.1, 70.0, 64.2, 58.2, 51.6, 41.9, 29.6, 28.0, 26.5. IR (KBr) ν 3441, 2945, 1772, 1728, 1614, 1339, 1152, 752 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₃₃N₄O₈⁺ [M+H]⁺ 625.2293, found 625.2293.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-5''-(trifluoromethoxy)-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4l**)

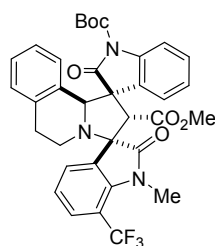
Light yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 12:1); 76.1 mg, 57% yield; reaction time = 36 h; mp 128.9-130.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.03 (s, 2H), 6.91-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s,

3H), 3.13-3.06 (m, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.68-2.56 (m, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.5, 175.8, 168.2, 149.2, 145.0 (2C), 143.6, 139.7, 134.8, 134.4, 129.7, 129.4, 128.9, 128.4, 126.6, 125.6, 125.2 (2C), 123.2, 123.0, 118.6, 114.8, 108.5, 84.2, 70.3, 69.9, 64.0, 58.3, 51.5, 41.7, 29.7, 28.0, 26.2. IR (KBr) ν 3449, 1722, 1359, 1156, 756 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{33}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_7^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 664.2265, found 664.2268.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6''-(trifluoromethyl)-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4m**)

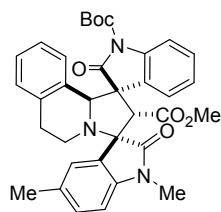
White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1 to 30:1); 67.1 mg, 52% yield; reaction time = 36 h; mp 198.3-199.6 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 3H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.13-3.07 (m, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.68-2.56 (m, 3H), 1.56 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.6, 175.7, 168.2, 149.1, 145.6, 139.7, 134.8, 134.4, 132.6, 130.8, 129.6, 129.4, 128.9, 126.7, 125.7, 125.3, 125.2, 124.9, 123.0, 119.9 (2C), 114.9, 104.8, 84.3, 70.1, 70.0, 64.0, 58.3, 51.5, 41.8, 29.7, 28.0, 26.2. IR (KBr) ν 3451, 2931, 1762, 1730, 1463, 1324, 1159, 777 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{33}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_6^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 648.2316, found 648.2318.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-7''-(trifluoromethyl)-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4n**)

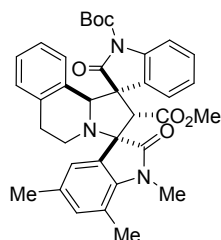
Light yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1 to 40:1); 20.9 mg, 16% yield; reaction time = 18 h; mp 180.5-181.9 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz,

2H), 6.89 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 4.28 (s, 1H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.10-3.06 (m, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.64-2.56 (m, 3H), 1.56 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.7, 176.6, 168.0, 149.1, 143.0, 139.6, 134.9, 134.5, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.0, 127.9, 126.6, 125.7, 125.3, 125.2, 123.0, 122.2, 114.9, 112.6, 112.2, 84.2, 69.9, 68.4, 64.4, 58.1, 51.5, 41.5, 29.7, 28.7, 28.0. IR (KBr) ν 3431, 2953, 1720, 1466, 1350, 1150, 746 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{33}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_6^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 648.2316, found 648.2316.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 1'',5''-dimethyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4o**)

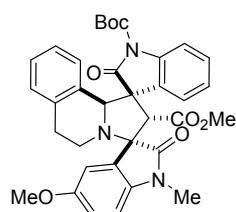
White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 15:1); 57.5 mg, 48% yield; reaction time = 48 h; mp 199.4-200.6 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.15 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.90-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 3.13-3.04 (m, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.70-2.56 (m, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.9, 175.9, 168.3, 149.3, 142.6, 139.6, 135.0, 134.8, 132.5, 130.2, 130.0, 129.3, 128.7, 126.6, 126.5, 125.5, 125.3 (2C), 125.2, 123.1, 114.7, 107.7, 84.1, 70.4, 70.0, 63.8, 58.4, 51.3, 41.6, 29.7, 28.0, 26.0, 20.9. IR (KBr) ν 3446, 2980, 2939, 2820, 1768, 1736, 1708, 1492, 1358, 1293, 1154, 760 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 594.2599, found 594.2600.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 1'',5'',7''-trimethyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4p**)

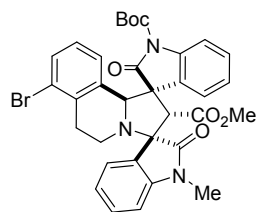
White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1 to 15:1); 80.9 mg, 67% yield; reaction time = 72 h; mp 200.2-201.9 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

8.15 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.88-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.40 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.12-3.04 (m, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.72-2.59 (m, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.9, 176.5, 168.3, 149.3, 140.2, 139.6, 135.0, 134.9, 134.2, 132.3, 130.1, 129.3, 128.7, 127.4, 126.4, 125.5, 125.3, 125.2, 123.1, 123.0, 119.2, 114.7, 84.1, 69.9, 69.6, 64.2, 58.2, 51.3, 41.5, 29.7, 29.3, 28.0, 20.6, 18.8. IR (KBr) ν 3447, 2982, 2940, 1737, 1701, 1477, 1357, 1294, 1154, 1095, 759 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 608.2755, found 608.2753.



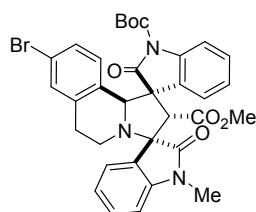
1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 5''-methoxy-1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4q**)

White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 12:1 to 8:1); 87.6 mg, 72% yield; reaction time = 72 h; mp 160.0-161.9 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.17 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.91-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.29 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 3.13-3.05 (m, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.73-2.64 (m, 2H), 2.58 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.8, 175.7, 168.2, 156.4, 149.2, 139.6, 138.4, 135.0, 134.8, 130.0, 129.4, 128.7, 128.0, 126.5, 125.6, 125.5, 125.3, 123.1, 115.2, 114.7, 111.0, 108.6, 84.2, 70.7, 70.0, 64.0, 58.4, 55.9, 51.3, 41.7, 29.7, 28.0, 26.1. IR (KBr) ν 3394, 2942, 2829, 1707, 1607, 1494, 1360, 1158, 1035, 760 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 610.2548, found 610.2544.



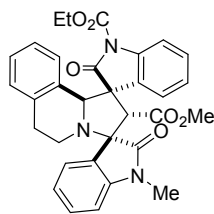
1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 7'-bromo-1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4r**)

White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1 to 18:1); 117.2 mg, 89% yield; reaction time = 24 h; mp 143.2-144.9 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.91-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.77-2.61 (m, 3H), 1.57 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.4, 175.8, 168.1, 149.1, 144.9, 139.5, 137.3, 134.9, 130.8, 130.1, 129.6, 128.9, 126.8, 126.4, 125.8, 125.4, 125.3, 124.5, 122.9, 122.2, 114.8, 108.1, 84.3, 70.0, 69.7, 63.9, 58.2, 51.4, 41.3, 31.0, 28.0, 26.0. IR (KBr) ν 3448, 2978, 2942, 2826, 1716, 1610, 1472, 1361, 1295, 1248, 1153, 759 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{33}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_6^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 658.1547, found 658.1549.



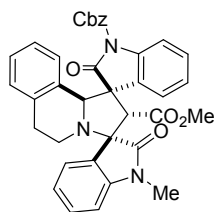
1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 8'-bromo-1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4s**)

Light yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 16:1); 98.6 mg, 75% yield; reaction time = 72 h; mp 141.7-142.8 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 4.30 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.07-3.03 (m, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.75-2.53 (m, 3H), 1.57 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.5, 176.0, 168.2, 149.1, 144.9, 139.5, 137.5, 133.7, 132.1, 130.1, 129.6, 128.9, 128.6, 126.4, 125.3, 124.9, 124.6, 122.9, 120.3, 114.8, 108.1, one carbon missing in the aromatic region, 84.4, 70.3, 69.5, 63.6, 58.4, 51.4, 41.2, 29.6, 28.0, 26.1. IR (KBr) ν 3442, 2977, 2941, 1717, 1609, 1476, 1361, 1294, 1248, 1153, 758 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{33}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_6^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 658.1547, found 658.1544.



1-ethyl 2'-methyl 1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4t**)

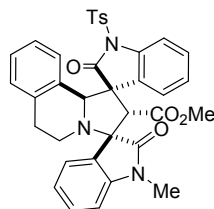
White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1 to 12:1); 44.8 mg, 41% yield; reaction time = 72 h; mp 209.2-210.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.45-4.35 (m, 2H), 4.31 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.07-3.02 (m, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.75-2.56 (m, 3H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.8, 176.0, 168.2, 150.8, 145.0, 139.3, 135.0, 134.5, 130.0 (2C), 129.4, 128.9, 126.7, 126.6, 125.8, 125.6, 125.4, 124.5, 123.0, 122.9, 114.8, 108.1, 70.2, 69.8, 64.2, 63.3, 58.4, 51.4, 41.6, 29.9, 26.0, 14.2. IR (KBr) ν 3422, 2940, 1721, 1611, 1473, 1362, 1293, 1234, 756 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₃₀N₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 552.2129, found 552.2128.



1-benzyl 2'-methyl 1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4u**)

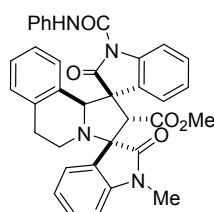
White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 18:1); 57.2 mg, 47% yield; reaction time = 72 h; mp 176.7-178.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.28 (m, 8H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82-6.78 (m, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (s, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 3.11-3.03 (m, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.74-2.57 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.6, 176.0, 168.1, 150.7, 145.0, 139.2, 135.1, 135.0, 134.5, 130.0, 129.9, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 126.6, 125.8, 125.6, 125.4, 124.5, 122.9 (2C), 114.8, 108.1, one carbon missing in

the aromatic region, 70.2, 69.9, 68.3, 64.1, 58.4, 51.4, 41.6, 29.8, 26.0. IR (KBr) ν 3039, 2931, 1738, 1718, 1469, 1343, 1292, 1229, 1154, 756 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 614.2286, found 614.2284.



methyl 1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-1-tosyl-6',10b'-dihydro-2'H,5'H-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-2'-carboxylate (**4v**)

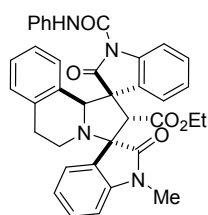
White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 15:1); 73.9 mg, 58% yield; reaction time = 24 h; mp 227.4-228.6 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3), δ 8.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J_1 = 4.0 Hz, J_2 = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.17 (s, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 3.01-2.95 (m, 1H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 2.68-2.51 (m, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.6, 175.8, 167.8, 145.3, 144.9, 139.1, 135.3, 134.7, 134.0, 130.1, 129.8, 129.6, 129.1, 129.2, 127.9, 126.4, 126.0 (2C), 125.7, 125.6, 124.5, 122.9, 122.6, 113.0, 108.1, 70.2, 69.3, 64.4, 58.0, 51.4, 41.6, 29.7, 26.0, 21.7. IR (KBr) ν 3412, 2922, 1748, 1710, 1608, 1464, 1374, 1183, 1148, 1084, 753 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 634.2006, found 634.2000.



methyl 1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-1-(phenylcarbamoyl)-6',10b'-dihydro-2'H,5'H-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-2'-carboxylate (**4w**)

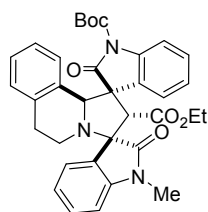
Light yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 15:1); 99.3 mg, 83% yield; reaction time = 40 h; mp 210.6-211.7 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3), δ 10.51 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J_1 = J_2 = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.43 (dd, J_1 = 8.0 Hz, J_2 = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.10 (m,

2H), 7.05 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.91 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.14-3.08 (m, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.71 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.63 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.6, 175.7, 167.8, 149.2, 145.0, 140.0, 137.1, 134.7, 134.5, 130.2, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 126.9, 126.5, 126.3, 125.8, 125.2, 124.4, 124.2, 123.0, 122.8, 120.4, 116.3, 108.2, 70.2, 69.5, 64.2, 58.9, 51.6, 41.7, 29.7, 26.1. IR (KBr) ν 3245, 2931, 1721, 1606, 1551, 1156, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_4\text{O}_5^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 599.2289, found 599.2283.



ethyl 1'',5-dimethyl-2,2''-dioxo-1-(phenylcarbamoyl)-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-2'-carboxylate (**4x**)

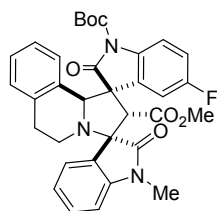
White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1 to 20:1); 87.8 mg, 72% yield; reaction time = 24 h; mp 166.4-168.1 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.53 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.46-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.04 (m, 4H), 6.91 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 4.29 (s, 1H), 3.58-3.49 (m, 2H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.15-3.07 (m, 1H), 2.68 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 16.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.56 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.7, 175.7, 167.2, 149.1, 145.0, 140.2, 137.1, 134.7, 134.6, 130.1, 129.8, 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 126.8, 126.5, 126.2, 125.8, 125.5, 124.3, 124.2, 122.9, 122.8, 120.3, 116.3, 108.2, 70.2, 69.6, 64.1, 60.9, 58.9, 41.7, 29.7, 26.1, 13.1. IR (KBr) ν 3257, 2927, 1721, 1607, 1549, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_4\text{O}_5^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 613.2446, found 613.2447.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-ethyl 1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4y**)

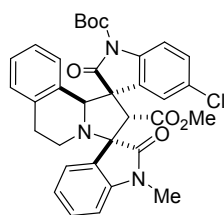
White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 15:1);

74.4 mg, 63% yield; reaction time = 5 h; mp 148.9-150.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 1H), 3.51-3.48 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.09-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.71-2.56 (m, 3H), 1.56 (s, 9H), 0.54 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9, 176.0, 167.7, 149.2, 145.0, 139.8, 135.0, 134.7, 130.1, 129.9, 129.3, 128.7, 126.8, 126.5, 125.6 (2C), 125.3, 124.6, 123.1, 122.8, 114.7, 108.0, 84.1, 70.3, 70.1, 63.9, 60.6, 58.4, 41.7, 29.7, 28.0, 26.0, 13.1. IR (KBr) ν 2980, 2934, 1724, 1473, 1296, 1155, 755 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₆N₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 594.2599, found 594.2593.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 5-fluoro-1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4z**)

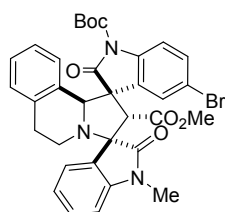
White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1 to 20:1); 62.9 mg, 53% yield; reaction time = 24 h; mp 177.4-179.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.03 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 4.31 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.08-3.01 (m, 4H), 2.71-2.56 (m, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.4, 175.9, 168.0, 160.4 (d, *J* = 243.0 Hz, 1C), 149.2, 145.1, 135.6 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 135.1, 134.4, 132.1 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1C), 130.1, 129.5, 126.7, 126.5, 125.7, 124.6, 123.0 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1C), 116.1 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1C), 115.5, 115.3, 113.1 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz, 1C), 108.2, 84.4, 70.4, 70.2, 63.6, 58.7, 51.6, 41.7, 29.7, 28.1, 26.1. IR (KBr) ν 3431, 2927, 1736, 1717, 1481, 1296, 1151, 753 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₃₃FN₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 598.2348, found 598.2349.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 5-chloro-1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4y**)

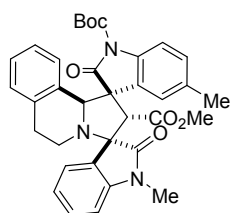
3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4aa**)

White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1 to 20:1); 41.1 mg, 34% yield; reaction time = 72 h; mp 138.2-140.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.09-3.01 (m, 4H), 2.73-2.55 (m, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.1, 175.7, 167.9, 149.0, 145.1, 138.2, 135.0, 134.3, 131.9, 130.7, 130.1, 129.4, 128.9, 126.7, 126.4, 125.6 (2C), 124.5, 122.9, 122.8, 116.0, 108.1, 84.5, 70.3, 70.1, 63.5, 58.4, 51.5, 41.6, 29.7, 28.0, 26.1. IR (KBr) ν 3429, 2927, 1736, 1714, 1470, 1340, 1295, 1155, 752 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₃₃ClN₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 614.2052, found 614.2055.



1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 5-bromo-1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4ab**)

White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1 to 20:1); 55.2 mg, 42% yield; reaction time = 72 h; mp 162.2-163.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.09-3.00 (m, 4H), 2.72-2.55 (m, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.0, 175.7, 167.9, 149.0, 145.1, 138.8, 135.1, 134.3, 132.3, 131.9, 130.1, 129.4, 128.4, 126.7, 126.5, 125.6, 124.5, 123.0, 122.8, 118.2, 116.4, 108.1, 84.5, 70.3, 70.1, 63.5, 58.3, 51.6, 41.6, 29.7, 28.0, 26.1. IR (KBr) ν 3440, 2941, 1738, 1713, 1469, 1339, 1295, 1155, 752 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₃₃BrN₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 658.1547, found 658.1541.



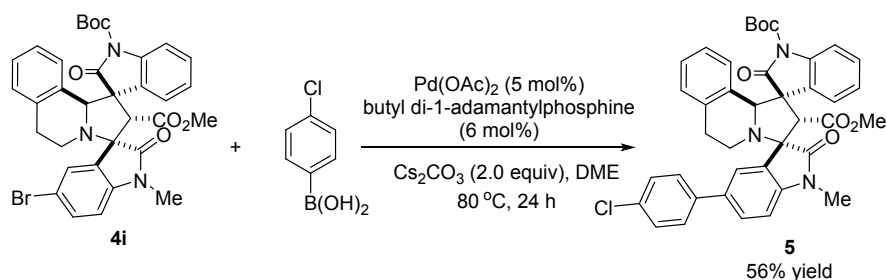
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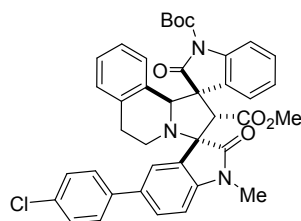
pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**4ac**)

White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1 to 15:1); 70.8 mg, 60% yield; reaction time = 48 h; mp 139.5-141.6 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.33 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.09-3.02 (m, 4H), 2.71-2.55 (m, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9, 175.8, 168.3, 149.2, 145.0, 137.2, 134.9, 134.8, 134.7, 129.9 (2C), 129.3, 129.2, 126.7, 126.4, 125.6, 125.5, 124.6, 123.1, 122.7, 114.5, 107.9, 83.9, 70.2, 69.9, 63.7, 58.4, 51.3, 41.6, 29.7, 28.0, 26.0, 21.3. IR (KBr) ν 3419, 2940, 1720, 1486, 1341, 1295, 1156, 753 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₆N₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 594.2599, found 594.2598.

4. Experimental data for derivations of **4i** and **4y**

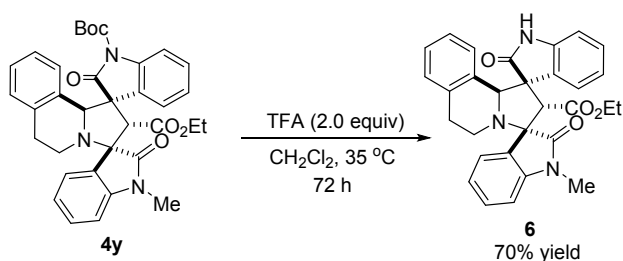


General procedure: Under nitrogen atmosphere, compound **4i** (131.7 mg, 0.20 mmol), 4-chlorophenyl boronic acid (1.5 equiv), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.05 equiv) and butyl di-1-adamantylphosphine (0.06 equiv) were successively added to a 15 mL dried tube, followed by adding 2.0 mL DME. The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h till almost full consumption of **4i** monitored by thin layer chromatography, and then the reaction mixture was directly subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding product **5**.

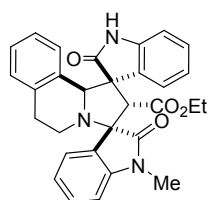


1-(*tert*-butyl) 2'-methyl 5''-(4-chlorophenyl)-1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-1,2'-dicarboxylate (**5**)

White solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 18:1 to 15:1); 77.7 mg, 56% yield; reaction time = 24 h; mp 145.8-146.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.87 (m, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 4.38 (s, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.14-3.03 (m, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.82-2.57 (m, 3H), 1.56 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.8, 176.0, 168.3, 149.2, 144.6, 139.6, 138.7, 135.0, 134.9, 134.7, 133.1, 129.9, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.6, 126.6, 125.6, 125.3 (2C), 123.1, 123.0, 114.8, 108.4, 84.3, 70.5, 70.1, 64.1, 58.4, 51.4, 41.8, 29.7, 28.0, 26.2. IR (KBr) ν 3425, 2929, 1719, 1482, 1153, 741 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₀H₃₇ClN₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 690.2365, found 690.2367.



General procedure: To a 5.0 mL vial were successively added **4y** (75.6 mg, 0.13 mmol), TFA (29.6 mg, 0.26 mmol) and 1.0 mL CH₂Cl₂. The resulting mixture was stirred at 35 °C for 72 h, and then the reaction mixture was directly subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding products **6**.

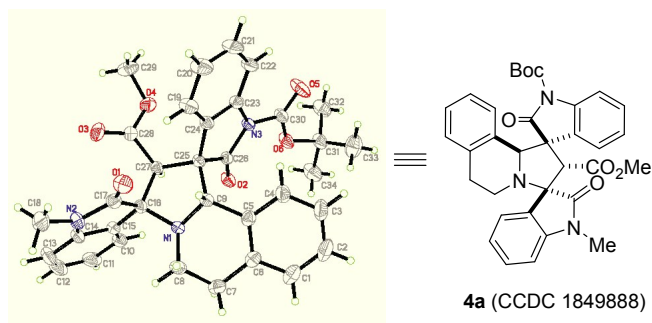


ethyl 1''-methyl-2,2''-dioxo-6',10b'-dihydro-2'*H*,5'*H*-dispiro[indoline-3,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-3',3''-indoline]-2'-carboxylate (**6**)

Light yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8:1 to 6:1); 44.9 mg, 70% yield; reaction time = 72 h; mp 131.9-133.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90-6.84 (m, 3H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 3.53-3.49 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.13-3.05 (m, 1H), 2.73-2.59 (m, 3H), 1.74-1.68 (m, 1H), 0.54 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.2,

176.1, 168.0, 145.0, 140.9, 135.3, 134.8, 131.6, 129.9, 129.1, 128.5, 126.8, 126.5, 126.3, 125.7, 124.6, 123.4, 122.8, 109.4, 108.0, one carbon missing in the aromatic region, 70.5, 68.6, 63.2, 60.5, 58.0, 41.9, 29.8, 26.0, 13.1. IR (KBr) ν 3277, 2927, 1723, 1471, 752 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 494.2074, found 494.2073.

5. Crystal structure of 4a



Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

6. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra

