

Supporting Information

Synthesis of 2-substituted 3-chlorobenzofurans *via* TMSCl-mediated nucleophilic annulation of isatin-derived propargylic alcohol

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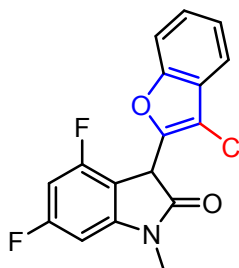
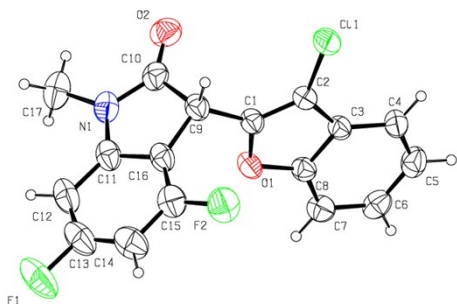
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X-Ray Single Crystal Diffraction Data of 3-(3-chlorobenzofuran-2-yl)-4,6-difluoro-1-methylindolin-2-one (2r).

The CCDC deposition number: CCDC (2r): 1832855



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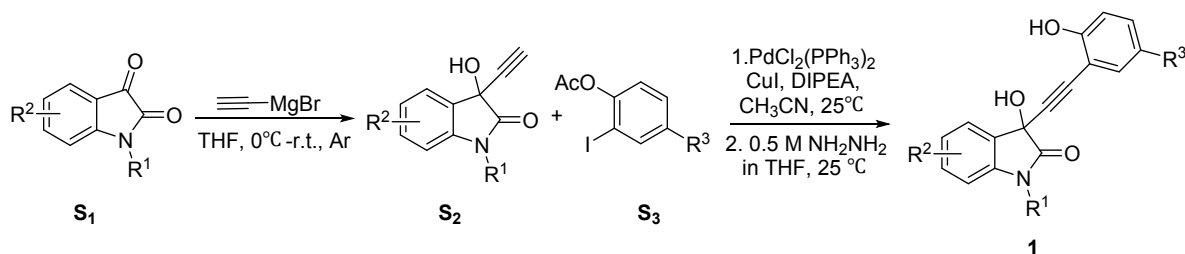
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General Procedure for the Preparation of Isatin Derived Propargylic Alcohols¹.

Step 1: Synthesis of 3-alkynyloxindoles S_2 . To a solution of S_1 (2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF (5 mL) was added ethynylmagnesium bromide (0.5 M in THF, 6 mL, 1.5 equiv) at 0°C under argon for 6 hours. After the reaction was completed as determined by TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl , extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product S_2 .

Step 2: Synthesis of Isatin derived propargylic alcohols I . A mixture of phenyl iodide S_3 (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), S_2 (1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), CuI (0.025 mmol) and $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ (0.025 mmol) in dry CH_3CN (10 mL) was degassed with argon for 10 minutes, and the reaction mixture was treated with $DIPEA$ (0.45 mL, 2.5 mmol), then stirred at 25°C for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the corresponding *o*-propynolphenol acetate. This acetate was treated with 0.5 M NH_2NH_2 in THF (3 mL) at 25°C for 30 min., and then purified by flash column chromatography to afford corresponding Isatin derived propargylic alcohols.



Scheme 1 Preparation of 2-propynolphenols

3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one(**1a**).

Light grey solid **1a** (51% yield over two steps), mp 157-158°C. 1H NMR ($DMSO-d_6$, 400 MHz): δ 9.92 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.6, 1H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.12 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR ($DMSO-d_6$, 100 MHz): δ 173.1, 158.5, 142.6, 133.2, 130.6, 130.4, 129.9, 124.1, 123.0, 119.0, 115.5, 109.1, 108.7, 90.4, 81.8, 68.8, 26.2; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{17}H_{13}NO_3$ $[M+Na]^+$: 302.0793; found 302.0796.

1-ethyl-3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)indolin-2-one(**1b**).

Light grey solid **1b** (53% yield over two steps), mp 158-159°C. 1H NMR ($DMSO-d_6$, 400 MHz): δ 10.01 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.08 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81-3.60 (m, 2H), 1.17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR ($DMSO-d_6$, 100 MHz): δ 172.9, 158.6, 141.6, 133.3, 130.8, 130.5, 130.0, 124.5, 122.9, 119.1, 115.6, 109.2, 108.7, 90.5, 81.9, 69.0, 34.4, 12.4; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{18}H_{15}NO_3$ $[M+Na]^+$: 316.0950; found: 316.0955.

3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-isopropylindolin-2-one(**1c**).

Light grey solid **1c** (52% yield over two steps), mp 160-161°C. 1H NMR ($DMSO-d_6$, 400 MHz): δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81-6.77 (m, 1H), 4.48 (septet, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.42

(d, $J = 6.8$, 3H), 1.41 (d, $J = 6.8$, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ 172.9, 158.5, 141.2, 133.2, 131.0, 130.4, 129.8, 124.5, 122.5, 119.0, 115.5, 110.2, 108.7, 90.6, 81.7, 68.8, 43.7, 19.0, 18.8; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 330.1106; found: 330.1110.

1-benzyl-3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)indolin-2-one(1d).

Light yellow solid **1d** (49% yield over two steps), mp 175-176°C. ^1H NMR (Acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ 8.59 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dd, $J = 7.6$, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.21 (m, 6H), 7.11 (td, $J = 7.6$, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.83 (td, $J = 7.6$, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 4.97 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (Acetone- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ 174.4, 159.2, 143.0, 137.0, 133.8, 131.4, 131.1, 130.7, 129.5, 128.3, 128.0, 125.4, 124.0, 120.4, 116.4, 110.5, 109.9, 91.9, 82.4, 70.3, 43.9; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 378.1106; found: 378.1112.

3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1,5-dimethylindolin-2-one(1e).

Light grey solid **1e** (58% yield over two steps) as, mp 159-160°C. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ 9.92 (s, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.24 (dd, $J = 7.6$, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (td, $J = 7.6$, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ 173.1, 158.5, 140.2, 133.2, 132.0, 130.5, 130.3, 130.0, 124.7, 119.0, 115.5, 108.8, 108.7, 90.5, 81.7, 69.0, 26.2, 20.6; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 316.0950; found: 316.0955.

3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1,7-dimethylindolin-2-one(1f).

Light yellow solid **1f** (55% over two steps), mp 157-158°C. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ 9.89 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (td, $J = 7.2$, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 3.33 (H_2O), 2.55 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ 173.7, 158.5, 140.1, 133.3, 133.2, 131.2, 130.3, 122.9, 122.2, 120.3, 119.0, 115.5, 108.7, 90.6, 81.7, 68.3, 29.2, 18.4; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 316.0950; found: 316.0955.

3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-5-methoxy-1-methylindolin-2-one(1g).

White solid **1g** (54% over two steps), mp 164-166°C. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ 9.92 (s, 1H), 7.24 (dd, $J = 7.6$, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.97-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (td, $J = 7.6$, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.13 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ 173.3, 159.0, 156.3, 136.3, 133.7, 132.2, 130.9, 119.5, 116.0, 114.7, 111.7, 110.1, 109.1, 90.9, 82.4, 69.7, 56.1, 26.8; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 332.0899; found: 332.0904.

5-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one(1h).

White solid **1h** (49% over two steps), mp 159-160°C. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 7.6$, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.07-6.89 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ 173.0, 158.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 237.7$), 186.6, 138.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.7\text{Hz}$), 133.3, 132.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.8\text{Hz}$), 130.6, 119.1, 116.3, 116.0, 115.6, 111.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.5\text{Hz}$), 108.5, 89.8, 82.3, 69.0, 26.4; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{FNO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 320.0699; found: 320.0703.

6-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one(1i).

White solid **1i** (50% over two steps), mp 158°C. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ 9.93 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.04 (dd, $J = 9.6$, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.76 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.33 (H_2O), 3.16 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ 173.4, 163.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 242.6$ Hz), 158.5, 144.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 12.4$ Hz), 133.2, 130.5, 126.4, 125.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 10.0$ Hz), 119.0, 115.5, 108.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.4$ Hz), 108.5, 98.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 28.1$ Hz), 90.0, 81.9, 68.4, 26.5; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{FNO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 320.0699; found: 320.0703.

4-bromo-3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-methyl-indolin-2-one(1j).

Light yellow solid **1j** (45% over two steps), mp 173-175°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): δ 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.17 (m, 3H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 100 MHz): δ 173.0, 158.6, 144.2, 133.3, 130.6, 129.8, 125.8, 125.6, 122.8, 119.1, 115.5, 112.4, 108.5, 89.7, 82.2, 68.5, 26.5; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₇H₁₂BrNO₃[M+Na]⁺: 379.9898, found: 379.9903.

5-bromo-3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-methyl-indolin-2-one(1k).

Light yellow solid **1k** (50% yield over two steps) as, mp 176-177°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): δ 9.98 (s, 1H), 7.64–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.17 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 100 MHz): δ 173.2, 158.4, 138.0, 133.3, 133.0, 131.7, 130.4, 124.3, 123.2, 118.8, 115.3, 114.4, 108.2, 89.5, 82.2, 68.2, 29.3; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₇H₁₂BrNO₃[M+Na]⁺: 379.9898; found: 379.9903.

3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)indolin-2-one(1l).

Light yellow solid **1l** (44% yield over two steps), mp 178-179°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): δ 10.02 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.15 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83–6.75 (m, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 100 MHz): δ 173.0, 158.7, 144.5 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 2.0Hz), 141.7, 133.3, 132.2, 130.7, 123.2, 120.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 25.4Hz), 119.1, 117.8, 115.6, 110.4, 108.4, 89.5, 82.5, 68.8, 26.5; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₈H₁₂F₃NO₄[M+Na]⁺: 386.0616; found: 386.0622.

3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-methyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)indolin-2-one(1m).

Light yellow solid **1m** (45% over two steps), mp 173-175°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): δ 10.06 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.21 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 100 MHz): δ 174.1, 158.8, 140.3, 133.4, 132.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 261.7Hz), 128.7, 127.6 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 25.4Hz), 124.8, 123.3, 122.1, 119.1, 115.6, 111.5 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 5.9Hz), 108.4, 89.4, 82.6, 67.2, 28.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 6.0Hz); HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₈H₁₂F₃NO₃[M+Na]⁺: 370.0667; found: 370.0674.

4-chloro-3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-methyl-indolin-2-one(1n).

Light yellow solid **1n** (46% over two steps), mp 169-171°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): δ 9.93 (s, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 100 MHz): δ 173.1, 159.0, 144.9, 133.9, 131.9, 130.9, 130.8, 127.0, 124.1, 119.5, 116.0, 109.1, 108.5, 88.6, 82.3, 69.5, 27.0; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₇H₁₂ClNO₃[M+Na]⁺: 336.0403; found: 336.0409.

5-chloro-3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one(1o).

Light gray solid **1o** (51% over two steps), mp 174-176°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (H₂O), 3.16 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 100 MHz): δ 172.7, 158.6, 141.4, 133.3, 132.4, 130.6, 129.7, 126.9, 124.1, 119.0, 115.5, 110.8, 108.4, 89.6, 82.3, 68.7, 26.4; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C₁₇H₁₂ClNO₃[M+Na]⁺: 336.0403; found: 336.0409.

6-chloro-3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one(1p).

Light yellow solid **1p** (51%), mp 169–170°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.18 (m, 3H), 7.16–7.10 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ 173.4, 158.6, 138.2, 133.5, 133.2, 131.9, 130.6, 124.5, 123.3, 119.0, 115.5, 114.6, 108.4, 89.7, 82.4, 68.4, 29.5; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₇H₁₂ClNO₃[M+Na]⁺: 336.0403; found: 336.0409.

7-chloro-3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one(1q)

light yellow solid **1q** (45% over two steps) as, mp 176–177°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ 173.5, 158.6, 138.2, 133.6, 133.2, 131.9, 130.6, 124.5, 123.4, 119.0, 115.5, 114.7, 108.4, 89.7, 82.4, 68.4, 29.5; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₇H₁₂ClNO₃[M+Na]⁺: 336.0403; found: 336.0409.

4,6-difluoro-3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one(1r).

Light yellow solid **1r** (40% over two steps), mp 179–180°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ 10.01 (s, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.30–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.03–6.92 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ 173.0, 164.0 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 244.8, 13.1 Hz), 158.0 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 250.6, 15.3 Hz), 145.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 25.3 Hz), 133.4, 130.7, 119.1, 115.6, 112.1 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 19.3, 3.0 Hz), 108.4, 98.37, 98.36 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 51.2 Hz), 95.0 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 27.9, 3.3 Hz), 88.3, 81.9, 67.4, 27.0; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₇H₁₁F₂NO₃[M+Na]⁺: 338.0605; found: 338.0612.

3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1,5,7-trimethylindolin-2-one(1s).

Light yellow solid **1s** (42% over two steps), mp 179–180°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 7.26–7.13 (m, 3H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ 173.8, 158.5, 137.8, 133.7, 133.3, 132.0, 131.2, 130.4, 122.8, 120.1, 119.1, 115.5, 108.8, 90.8, 81.7, 68.5, 29.3, 20.4, 18.3; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₉H₁₇NO₃[M+Na]⁺: 330.1106; found: 330.1110.

4,7-dichloro-3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one(1t).

Light gray solid **1t** (44% yield over two steps), mp 185–187°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85–6.79 (m, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.39 (H₂O); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ 173.0, 158.6, 139.9, 133.4, 133.2, 130.6, 129.6, 128.9, 124.9, 119.0, 115.5, 113.6, 108.4, 87.3, 82.2, 68.6, 29.6; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₇H₁₁Cl₂NO₃[M+Na]⁺: 370.0014; found: 370.0021.

3-hydroxy-3-((2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)ethynyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one(1u).

Light yellow solid **1u** (55% over two steps), mp 161–163°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ 9.66 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08–7.02 (m, 3H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (H₂O), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ 173.2, 156.3, 142.6, 133.2, 131.0, 130.6, 123.0, 127.6, 124.1, 123.0, 115.4, 109.0, 108.3, 90.1, 82.0, 68.9, 26.2, 19.7; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₈H₁₅NO₃[M+Na]⁺: 316.0950; found: 316.0955.

3-((5-fluoro-2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one(1v)

Light yellow solid **1v** (43% over two steps), mp 174–176°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.09–7.02 (m, 3H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ 172.9, 155.7, 155.2 (d,

$J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.7\text{Hz}$), 153.4, 142.6, 130.3, 130.0, 124.2, 123.0, 118.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 23.9\text{Hz}$), 117.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.8$), 116.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 10.3\text{Hz}$), 109.1, 91.2, 80.6, 68.8, 26.3; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{FNO}_3[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 320.0699; found: 320.0703.

3-((5-chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-3-hydroxy-1-methyl-indolin-2-one(1w).

Light yellow solid **1w** (44% yield over two steps), mp 163-164°C. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ 10.30 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.33(H_2O), 3.16 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ 173.0, 158.6, 144.2, 133.3, 130.6, 129.8, 125.8, 125.6, 122.8, 119.1, 115.5, 112.4, 108.5, 89.7, 82.2, 68.5, 26.5; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNO}_3[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 336.0403; found: 336.0409.

3-((5-(tert-butyl)-2-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-3-hydroxy-1-methylindolin-2-one(1x).

Light yellow solid **1x** (52% over two steps), mp 182-184°C. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ 7.70 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.20 (m, 3H), 7.00–6.89 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ 175.4, 155.6, 142.8, 142.6, 130.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 125.0, 124.3, 115.2, 109.1, 107.2, 90.7, 82.5, 34.0, 31.3, 26.9; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 358.1419; found: 358.1426.

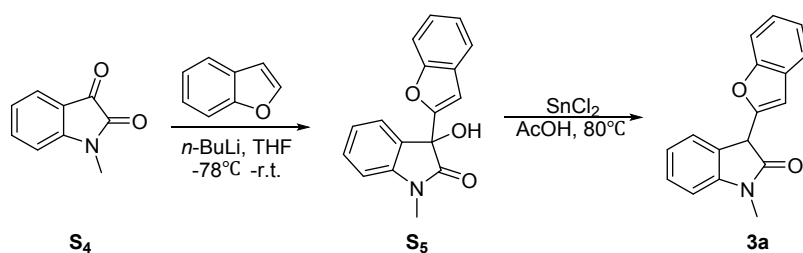
3-hydroxy-3-((4-hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)ethynyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one(1y).

Light yellow solid **1y** (46% over two steps), mp 188-189°C. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ 10.16 (s, 1H), 7.60–7.50 (m, 5H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.3-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.18–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.39 (H_2O), 3.17 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ 173.1, 158.2, 142.6, 139.1, 131.1, 131.0, 130.5, 129.9, 128.9, 126.8, 126.0, 124.2, 123.0, 116.1, 109.2, 109.1, 90.6, 81.7, 68.9, 26.3; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 378.1106, found: 378.1112.

Procedure for Synthesis of compound 3a².

Step 1: To a solution of benzofuran (1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in anhydrous THF (20 mL) at -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv). After the resulting light yellow coloured solution stirring for 2 h, the N-methylisatin **S₄** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (20 mL) was added to the mixture dropwise and the stirring was continued for 1 h at the same temperature. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature for 1 h and then quenched by saturated aqueous NH_4Cl . Then the mixture was extracted with EtOAc, and the organic layer was separated and washed with water and brine respectively. Then the organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum Ether/EtOAc = 4:1) to afford the alcohol **S₅** (76% yield).

Step 2: The alcohol **S₅** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 10 ml of glacial acetic acid and SnCl_2 (10.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 2 h. Next, the solution was cooled to room temperature, concentrated in vacuo, and then diluted with EtOAc (50 ml). The solution was washed with water, saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 , and brine. The organic layer was dried with anhydrous MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (Petroleum Ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to afford **3a** (82% yield) as light yellow solid.



Scheme 2 Preparation of **3a**

3-(benzofuran-2-yl)-1-methylindolin-2-one(3a).

Light yellow solid **3a** (62% yield over two steps), mp 183-184°C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.50 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.08 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 172.9, 155.3, 151.8, 144.2, 128.9, 128.2, 125.9, 125.0, 124.1, 122.9, 122.8, 120.8, 111.2, 108.4, 105.1, 46.3, 26.6; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 286.0844; found 286.0849.

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NMR Spectra of Compounds

