

Supporting Information

Synthesis of Fused Polycyclic Compounds via Intramolecular Oxidative Cyclization/Aromatization of β -Tetralone or β -Tetralone Oximes

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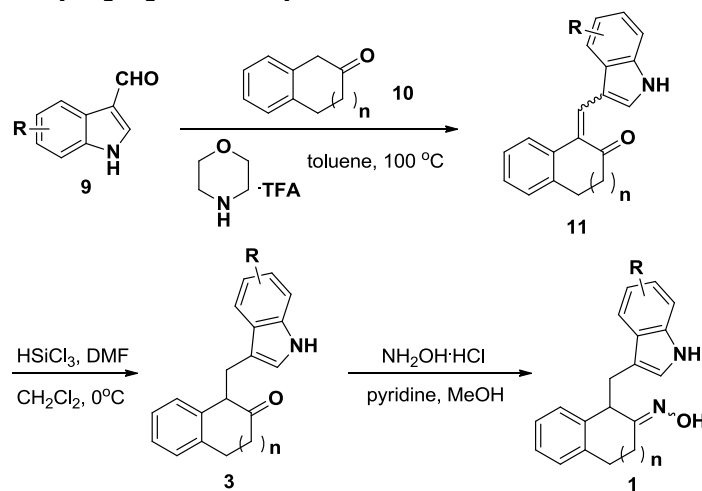
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General

All starting materials were of the highest commercially available grade and used without further purification. All solvents used in the reactions were distilled from appropriate drying agents prior to use. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography using silica gel HSGF254 plates. Flash chromatography (FC) was performed using silica gel HG/T2354-2010. Melting points were measured on a melt-Temp apparatus and uncorrected. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR (300 and 75 MHz, 600 and 151 MHz respectively) spectra were recorded in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ and CDCl_3 . ^1H NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard (CDCl_3 , $\delta = 7.26$ ppm; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, $\delta = 2.50$ ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, br s = broad singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl_3 , $\delta = 77.16$ ppm; $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, $\delta = 39.52$ ppm). ESI HRMS spectra were recorded on BioTOF Q.

General procedure for preparation of the substrates [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]



Indole-3-carbaldehyde **9** (4 mmol, 1 eq), morpholinetrifluoroacetate (80 mg, 0.4 mmol, 0.1 eq) and 3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one **10** (4 mmol, 1 eq) were reacted in toluene at 100 °C for 5-12 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, evaporated the solvent. Purification by recrystallization or column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc = 5/1 to 3/1) to afford pure **11**.

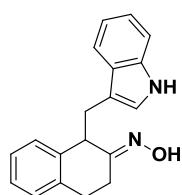
Trichlorosilane (2 eq) was added to a stirred solution of **11** (1 eq) and DMF (5 eq) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir at the same temperature until the reaction finished. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO_3 and was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined extracts were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and the

solvents were evaporated. Purification by recrystallization or column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc = 3/1) to afforded pure **3**.

The solution of compound **3** (1 eq), hydroxylammonium chloride (1.2 eq), pyridine (2.2 eq) in methanol was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Then, the resulting mixture was poured into water, and extracted with EtOAc for three times, the combined extracts were washed with brine, dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by carefully column chromatography to receive a higher *E/Z* ratio of oxime **1**.

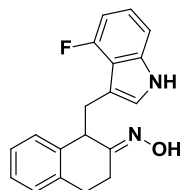
Experiment data for substrate **1**

(E)-1-((1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one oxime (**1a**)



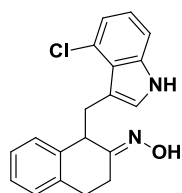
¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.72 (s, 1H), 10.41 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dt, *J* = 15.2, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 6.91-6.97 (m, 3H), 3.82 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.90-2.99 (m, 1H), 2.79 (ddd, *J* = 15.5, 7.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (ddd, *J* = 17.9, 6.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.53-2.61 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 158.05, 139.08, 137.21, 136.13, 127.99, 127.73, 127.35, 126.25, 126.08, 123.45, 120.70, 118.24, 118.18, 111.68, 111.29, 46.09, 30.89, 26.30, 22.37. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₁₉H₁₈N₂O + Na)⁺ requires *m/z* 313.1311, found *m/z* 313.1307.

(E)-1-((4-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one oxime (**1b**)



¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.01 (s, 1H), 10.36 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (td, *J* = 7.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.03-3.13 (m, 2H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.57-2.66 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 157.42, 156.62 (d, *J* = 242.8 Hz), 139.26 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz), 139.12, 137.17, 127.84, 127.76, 126.32, 126.17, 124.18, 121.23 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 115.60 (d, *J* = 19.4 Hz), 110.38, 107.98 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 103.26 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz), 47.05, 31.48, 26.35, 22.20. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₁₉H₁₇FN₂O + H)⁺ requires *m/z* 309.1398, found *m/z* 309.1398.

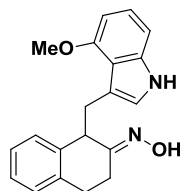
(E)-1-((4-chloro-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one oxime (**1c**)



¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.10 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 10.35 (s, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (qd, *J* = 14.4, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.07-3.18 (m, 1H), 2.85 (ddd, *J* = 15.6, 7.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (ddd, *J* = 17.9, 7.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.58-2.68 (m,

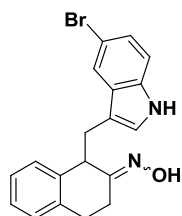
1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 157.40, 139.15, 137.92, 137.19, 127.89, 127.75, 126.32, 126.16, 126.00, 124.59, 123.61, 121.47, 119.18, 111.74, 110.76, 47.49, 30.91, 26.34, 22.28. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₁₉H₁₇ClN₂O + H)⁺ requires m/z 325.1102, found m/z 325.1108.

(E)-1-((4-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one oxime (1d)



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.44 (br s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.4 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.97-3.92 (m, 4H), 3.38-3.31 (m, 1H), 3.26-3.21 (m, 1H), 3.17-3.12 (m, 1H), 2.92-2.90 (m, 1H), 2.87-2.75 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.92, 154.78, 138.89, 137.88, 136.92, 128.69, 127.64, 126.26, 126.13, 122.55, 121.51, 117.37, 113.60, 104.41, 99.26, 54.97, 47.81, 32.47, 26.84, 22.62. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₂₀H₂₀N₂O₂ + Na)⁺ requires m/z 343.1417, found m/z 343.1406.

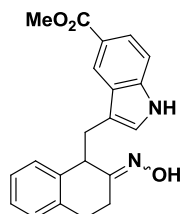
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E/Z = 1.3/1; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.96 (s, 1H), 10.91 (s, 0.75H), 10.67 (s, 0.75H), 10.43 (s, 1H), 7.50 (s, 0.75H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.1 Hz, 1.78H), 7.09-7.18 (m, 4.53H), 6.99-7.09 (m, 3.56H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 0.75H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 0.75H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 5.0 Hz, 0.75H), 3.78 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 4.7 Hz, 0.80H), 3.10 (m, 1.82H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.88-2.99 (m, 1H), 2.76-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.75 (m, 2.62H), 2.51-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.31 (dt, *J* = 13.5, 6.5 Hz, 0.78H), 2.20-2.29 (m, 0.80H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 158.20, 157.96, 138.83, 137.73, 137.20, 136.89, 134.76, 134.69, 129.35, 129.22, 128.86, 128.11, 127.98, 127.74, 126.32, 126.06, 125.78, 125.23, 123.19, 123.14, 120.96, 120.62, 113.24, 113.21, 111.65, 111.42, 110.95, 110.93, 46.06, 30.87, 30.05, 28.21, 27.61, 26.22, 22.33. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₁₉H₁₇BrN₂O + Na)⁺ requires m/z 391.0416, found m/z 391.0406.

methyl

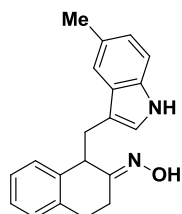
3-((2-(hydroxyimino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)methyl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylate



(1f): E/Z = 4/1; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (major *E* isomer) 11.16 (s, 1H), 10.45 (s, 1H), 8.08-8.11 (m, 1H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.79-3.83 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.18 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.94-2.98 (m, 1H), 2.81 (ddd, *J* = 15.5, 7.0, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.67-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.51-2.60 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (major *E* isomer) 167.35, 157.98, 138.74, 138.68, 137.24, 127.99, 127.79, 126.94, 126.36, 126.07, 125.39, 121.83, 120.96, 119.81, 113.35, 111.29, 51.61, 46.15, 30.64, 26.23, 22.45. ESI

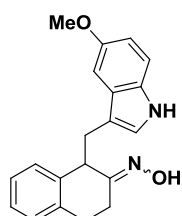
HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{21}H_{20}N_2O_3 + H)^+$ requires m/z 349.1547, found m/z 349.1546.

(E)-1-((5-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one oxime (1g)



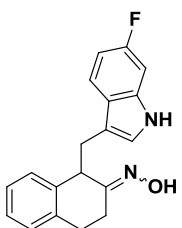
1H NMR (600 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$): δ 10.56 (s, 1H), 10.41 (s, 1H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.12 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J = 10.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 14.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, J = 14.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.89-2.97 (m, 1H), 2.78 (ddd, J = 15.5, 7.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (ddd, J = 17.9, 6.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.52-2.60 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$): δ 158.15, 139.06, 137.22, 134.53, 128.06, 127.70, 127.55, 126.48, 126.21, 126.02, 123.52, 122.31, 117.92, 111.09, 110.96, 46.00, 31.06, 26.27, 22.38, 21.31. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{20}H_{20}N_2O + H)^+$ requires m/z 305.1648, found m/z 305.1646.

1-((5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one oxime (1h)



E/Z = 2.5/1; 1H NMR (600 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$): δ (major *E* isomer) 10.56 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 10.44 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.02-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.07-3.14 (m, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J = 14.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.82-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.51-2.59 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$): δ (major *E* isomer) 158.23, 152.87, 139.05, 137.31, 131.22, 128.91, 128.15, 127.70, 126.24, 126.08, 124.14, 111.86, 111.44, 110.88, 100.04, 55.21, 46.01, 31.29, 26.24, 22.46. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{20}H_{20}N_2O_2 + Na)^+$ requires m/z 343.1417, found m/z 343.1419.

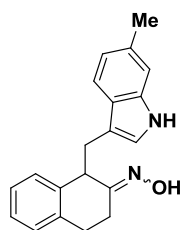
1-((6-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one oxime (1i)



E/Z = 1.5/1; 1H NMR (600 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$): δ 10.81 (s, 1H), 10.76 (s, 0.67H), 10.63 (s, 0.66H), 10.41 (s, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, J = 14.4, 8.6, 5.5 Hz, 1.77H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, J = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 1.2H), 7.105-7.10 (m, 3.73H), 7.03 (ddd, J = 8.7, 5.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76-6.79 (m, 2.41H), 6.65 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 0.68H), 4.49 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.0 Hz, 0.70H), 3.80 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, J = 14.1, 4.8 Hz, 0.72H), 3.11 (ddd, J = 13.9, 7.5, 3.3 Hz, 1.78H), 3.02 (dd, J = 14.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, J = 9.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (ddd, J = 15.6, 7.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, J = 7.0, 4.1 Hz, 0.51H), 2.67 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1.95H), 2.52-2.62 (m, 1.11H), 2.29-2.39 (m, 0.72H), 2.24 (dd, J = 14.1, 7.3 Hz, 0.72H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$): δ 159.49, 158.30, 157.97, 157.94, 138.99, 137.83, 137.22, 136.83, 135.94, 135.86, 128.86, 128.01, 127.75, 126.29, 126.11, 126.00, 125.78, 124.39, 124.26, 124.03 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 119.48 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 119.20 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 112.01, 111.73, 106.67, 106.51, 97.21 (d, J = 25.2 Hz), 97.17 (d,

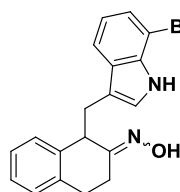
$J = 25.3$ Hz), 46.11, 30.81, 30.18, 28.30, 27.54, 26.27, 22.35. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{19}H_{17}FN_2O + Na)^+$ requires m/z 331.1217, found m/z 331.1214.

1-((6-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one oxime (1j)



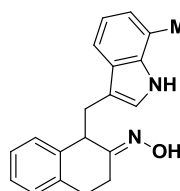
E/Z = 4/1; 1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.60 (s, 0.25H), 10.54 (s, 1H), 10.49 (s, 0.25H), 10.40 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 0.27H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, $J = 7.8, 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.00-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.72-6.76 (m, 0.55H), 6.53 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 0.25H), 4.50 (dd, $J = 7.5, 4.9$ Hz, 0.26H), 3.81 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, $J = 14.0, 4.7$ Hz, 0.25H), 3.10 (dd, $J = 14.4, 7.1$ Hz, 1.31H), 3.00 (dd, $J = 14.4, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.88-2.96 (m, 1H), 2.77 (ddd, $J = 15.5, 7.0, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.66-2.70 (m, 1.57H), 2.51-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 0.85H), 2.30 (dt, $J = 14.0, 6.9$ Hz, 0.28H), 2.19-2.27 (m, 0.29H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ (major *E* isomer) 158.15, 139.06, 137.21, 136.60, 129.63, 128.01, 127.71, 126.23, 126.05, 125.34, 122.71, 119.97, 117.99, 111.51, 111.16, 46.11, 31.09, 26.30, 22.39, 21.39. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{20}H_{20}N_2O + H)^+$ requires m/z 305.1648, found m/z 305.1648.

1-((7-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one oxime (1k)



E/Z = 2.5/1; 1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ (major *E* isomer) 10.98 (s, 1H), 10.40 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (td, $J = 7.3, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, $J = 14.3, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, $J = 14.5, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.91-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.80 (ddd, $J = 15.5, 7.0, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.64-2.73 (m, 1H), 2.58 (dd, $J = 9.8, 7.3$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ (major *E* isomer) 157.78, 138.92, 137.23, 134.33, 129.17, 127.99, 127.79, 126.33, 126.17, 124.88, 123.29, 119.70, 117.92, 113.28, 104.09, 46.02, 30.73, 26.27, 22.31. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{19}H_{17}BrN_2O + H)^+$ requires m/z 369.0597, found m/z 369.0602.

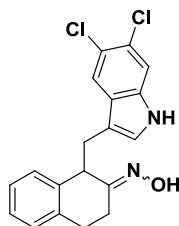
(E)-1-((7-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one oxime (1l)



1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.68 (s, 1H), 10.40 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, $J = 13.2, 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.82 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, $J = 14.5, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, $J = 14.5, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.91-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.79 (ddd, $J = 15.5, 7.0, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.69 (ddd, $J = 17.9, 6.9, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.53-2.63 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 158.08, 139.14, 137.23, 135.67, 127.99, 127.75, 127.04, 126.25, 126.10, 123.19, 121.28, 120.28, 118.44, 115.89, 112.11, 46.11, 31.00, 26.33, 22.36, 16.77. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for

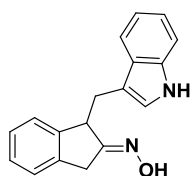
(C₂₀H₂₀N₂O + H)⁺ requires m/z 305.1648, found m/z 305.1644.

1-((5,6-dichloro-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one oxime (1m)



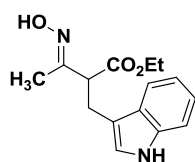
E/Z = 1.6/1; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (major *E* isomer) 11.05 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 10.43 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.10 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.03-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.99-3.11 (m, 2H), 2.87-2.97 (m, 1H), 2.77 (ddd, *J* = 15.6, 7.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66-2.73 (m, 1H), 2.551-2.58 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (major *E* isomer) 157.86, 138.76, 137.23, 134.92, 128.17, 127.76, 127.45, 126.42, 126.37, 126.11, 122.93, 120.84, 119.57, 112.74, 112.04, 46.07, 30.74, 26.20, 22.32. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₁₉H₁₆Cl₂N₂O + H)⁺ requires m/z 359.0712, found m/z 359.0714.

(E)-1-((1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-1H-inden-2(3H)-one oxime (1n)



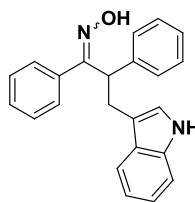
¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.75 (s, 1H), 10.73 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.01-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 22.3 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 22.3 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 162.60, 143.82, 138.80, 135.98, 127.45, 126.92, 126.40, 124.79, 124.54, 123.45, 120.76, 118.49, 118.19, 111.39, 111.25, 46.94, 33.11, 30.66. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₁₈H₁₆N₂O + H)⁺ requires m/z 277.1335, found m/z 277.1335.

(E)-ethyl 2-((1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3-(hydroxyimino)butanoate (1o)



¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.12 (td, *J* = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (qd, *J* = 7.1, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (ddd, *J* = 14.9, 8.0, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (ddd, *J* = 14.9, 7.4, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.89, 156.24, 136.23, 127.40, 122.56, 122.19, 119.56, 118.72, 112.65, 111.27, 61.25, 52.29, 25.09, 14.20, 12.09. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₁₅H₁₈N₂O₃ + H)⁺ requires m/z 275.1390, found m/z 275.1394.

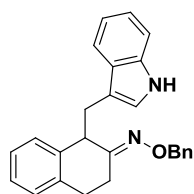
3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one oxime (1p)



E/Z = 1/1.5; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.39 (s, 1.4H), 7.84-7.86 (m, 3.1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2.3H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3.0H), 7.32-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.22-7.29 (m, 10H), 7.14-7.21 (m, 5.5H), 7.07-7.13 (m, 2.4H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3.0H), 6.96-6.98 (m, 1.7H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1.5H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 0.8H), 5.43-5.54 (m, 1.5H), 4.24 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.38-3.50 (m, 3H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.33,

160.79, 140.87, 140.32, 136.26, 136.16, 135.44, 133.89, 128.76, 128.60, 128.51, 128.29, 128.24, 128.10, 128.08, 127.74, 127.70, 127.00, 126.81, 122.62, 122.12, 122.04, 122.00, 119.40, 119.36, 119.07, 118.80, 114.09, 113.80, 111.19, 111.12, 52.41, 42.51, 29.22, 26.35. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₂₃H₂₀N₂O + Na)⁺ requires m/z 363.1468, found m/z 363.1458.

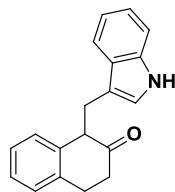
(E)-1-((1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one O-benzyl oxime (5)



¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.74 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 7.12 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 8.3, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.90-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.93-5.05 (m, 2H), 3.82 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.83-2.93 (m, 1H), 2.77 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 7.5, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 160.43, 138.39, 138.33, 137.02, 136.05, 128.21, 128.09, 127.73, 127.62, 127.44, 127.35, 126.39, 126.17, 123.52, 120.71, 118.20, 111.28, 74.61, 46.02, 30.83, 26.03, 23.25. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₂₆H₂₄N₂O + Na)⁺ requires m/z 403.1781, found m/z 403.1773.

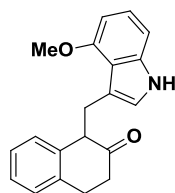
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1-((1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one (3a)



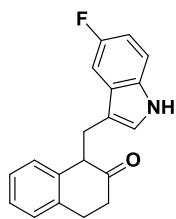
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.31-3.45 (m, 2H), 2.82 (dt, *J* = 15.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (ddd, *J* = 15.5, 9.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42-2.58 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 213.11, 137.43, 136.98, 136.09, 128.67, 127.77, 127.49, 126.81, 126.77, 122.99, 122.06, 119.55, 119.05, 112.63, 111.02, 54.24, 38.32, 28.99, 27.58. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₁₉H₁₇NO + H)⁺ requires m/z 276.1383, found m/z 276.1384.

1-((4-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one (3b)



¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.12-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.84-3.96 (m, 4H), 3.55 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.10-3.22 (m, 1H), 3.00 (dt, *J* = 15.6, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dt, *J* = 17.2, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (ddd, *J* = 17.1, 9.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.54, 154.87, 138.00, 137.79, 136.54, 128.70, 127.65, 126.57, 126.52, 122.91, 121.71, 117.41, 113.44, 104.56, 99.47, 56.13, 55.10, 37.61, 29.88, 28.16. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₂₀H₁₉NO₂ + H)⁺ requires m/z 306.1489, found m/z 306.1485.

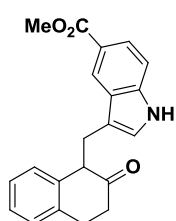
1-((5-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one (3c)



^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.13-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.00-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.88 (dd, $J = 14.2, 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.72-3.84 (m, 1H), 3.37 (dd, $J = 14.5, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.26-3.33 (m, 1H), 2.81 (dt, $J = 15.4, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (ddd, $J = 15.5, 10.2, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.42-2.56 (m, 2H).

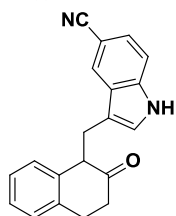
^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 213.02, 157.88 (d, $J = 234.3$ Hz), 137.32, 136.98, 132.51, 128.64, 127.96 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 127.85, 126.95, 126.88, 124.82, 112.88 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 111.57 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 110.45 (d, $J = 26.4$ Hz), 103.93 (d, $J = 23.8$ Hz), 54.09, 38.43, 29.12, 27.50. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO} + \text{H})^+$ requires m/z 294.1289, found m/z 294.1297.

methyl 3-((2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)methyl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylate (3d)



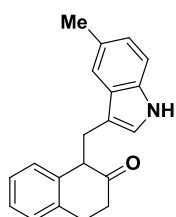
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.84 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.04 (dd, $J = 5.0, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.82 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.41 (qd, $J = 14.6, 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.84 (dt, $J = 15.5, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.66 (ddd, $J = 15.5, 9.6, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.45-2.59 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.70, 168.27, 138.62, 137.14, 136.91, 128.55, 127.82, 127.18, 126.98, 126.90, 124.28, 123.52, 122.07, 121.66, 114.26, 110.78, 54.10, 51.91, 38.30, 28.43, 27.59. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na})^+$ requires m/z 356.1257, found m/z 356.1249.

3-((2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)methyl)-1H-indole-5-carbonitrile (3e)



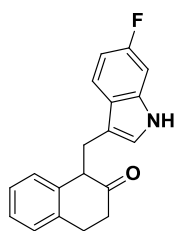
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, $J = 14.5, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, $J = 14.5, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.74-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.40-2.54 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 212.71, 137.57, 137.10, 136.98, 128.66, 128.03, 127.43, 127.27, 127.12, 125.20, 124.95, 124.93, 120.76, 113.80, 111.89, 102.63, 53.94, 38.61, 29.02, 27.38. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O} + \text{Na})^+$ requires m/z 323.1155, found m/z 323.1155.

1-((5-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one (3f)

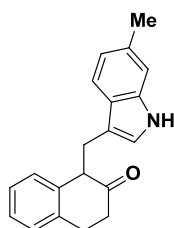


^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.16 (ddd, $J = 10.2, 8.8, 4.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.93-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.60 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.82 (dt, $J = 15.5, 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.66 (ddd, $J = 15.5, 10.0, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.43-2.58 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H).

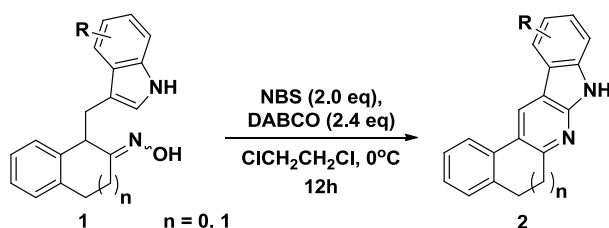
^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 213.22, 137.51, 136.99, 134.45, 128.79, 128.70, 127.74, 126.77, 126.70, 123.66, 123.17, 118.73, 112.09, 110.63, 54.30, 38.32, 29.14, 27.57, 21.54. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO} + \text{H})^+$ requires m/z 290.1539, found m/z 290.1543.

1-((6-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one (3g)

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.15-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.99-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.96 (dd, $J = 9.6, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (ddd, $J = 9.5, 8.9, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.75-3.82 (m, 1H), 3.40 (dd, $J = 14.5, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, $J = 14.5, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dt, $J = 15.3, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.57 (ddd, $J = 15.4, 10.1, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.42-2.53 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 213.15, 160.01 (d, $J = 237.6$ Hz), 137.34, 136.99, 135.91 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz), 128.65, 127.84, 126.88, 126.83, 124.11, 123.22, 119.83 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 112.74, 108.30 (d, $J = 24.4$ Hz), 97.29 (d, $J = 26.2$ Hz), 54.13, 38.45, 29.17, 27.48. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO} + \text{H})^+$ requires m/z 294.1289, found m/z 294.1291.

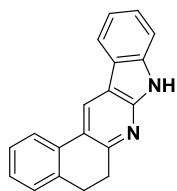
1-((6-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one (3h)

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.30-3.39 (m, 2H), 2.82 (dt, $J = 15.5, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.66 (ddd, $J = 15.5, 9.9, 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.44-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 213.21, 137.47, 136.95, 136.57, 131.82, 128.68, 127.74, 126.75, 126.72, 125.36, 122.34, 121.33, 118.71, 112.39, 110.99, 54.26, 38.31, 29.14, 27.60, 21.80. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO} + \text{H})^+$ requires m/z 290.1539, found m/z 290.1539.

General procedure for the construction of benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinolone 2

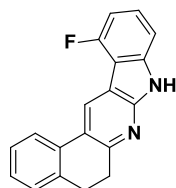
NBS (0.2 mmol, 35.6 mg) and DABCO (0.24 mmol, 27 mg) were added to the stirred solution of oxime 1 (0.1 mmol) in $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ (3 mL) at 0°C in sequence. The mixture was allowed to stir at the same temperature for 12 h. The resulting mixture was directly purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc = 3/1) to afford pure benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinolone 2.

Experiment data for the benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinolone 2**6,8-dihydro-5H-benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinoline (2a)**



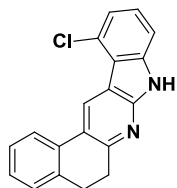
brown yellow solid, mp 264.5-266.2 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 11.72 (br s, 1H), 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.42- 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 2H), 3.06-3.11 (m, 2H), 2.95-2.99 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 155.00, 150.97, 138.95, 135.72, 134.03, 128.08, 127.05, 126.77, 126.17, 123.66, 123.34, 121.23, 121.03, 120.90, 119.41, 114.38, 111.27, 31.99, 28.33; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2 + \text{H})^+$ requires m/z 271.1230, found m/z 271.1222.

12-fluoro-6,8-dihydro-5H-benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinoline (2b)



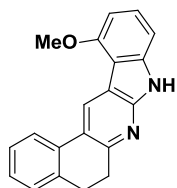
white solid, mp 306.9-308.5 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 12.07 (br s, 1H), 8.70 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.32 (m, 1H), 6.99-7.06 (m, 1H), 3.07-3.12 (m, 2H), 2.95-3.00 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 157.73 (d, $J = 245$ Hz), 155.63, 150.43, 141.08 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz), 135.82, 133.52, 128.07, 127.30, 127.19, 127.03, 124.58 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 123.40, 121.91, 111.48, 108.85 (d, $J = 20.4$ Hz), 107.74 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 105.10 (d, $J = 18.2$ Hz), 32.00, 28.17; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{FN}_2 + \text{H})^+$ requires m/z 289.1136, found m/z 289.1125.

12-chloro-6,8-dihydro-5H-benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinoline (2c)



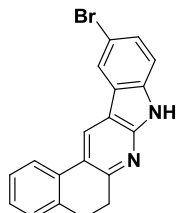
white solid, mp 351.8-353.6 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 12.13 (br s, 1H), 8.99 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.50 (m, 6H), 3.09-3.11 (m, 2H), 2.98-3.00 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 156.09, 150.74, 140.11, 135.92, 133.56, 128.20, 127.59, 127.31, 127.14, 127.11, 124.59, 123.24, 121.70, 119.88, 117.97, 113.14, 110.34, 32.03, 28.19; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2 + \text{H})^+$ requires m/z 305.0840, found m/z 305.0833.

12-methoxy-6,8-dihydro-5H-benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinoline (2d)



white solid, mp 289.3-291.5 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 11.75 (br s, 1H), 8.72 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 3.06-3.10 (m, 2H), 2.95-2.99 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 155.84, 153.96, 150.32, 140.18, 135.76, 133.93, 128.11, 127.36, 127.15, 126.75, 124.36, 123.01, 121.18, 113.64, 109.69, 104.23, 100.86, 55.47, 31.90, 28.32; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O} + \text{H})^+$ requires m/z 301.1335, found m/z 301.1337.

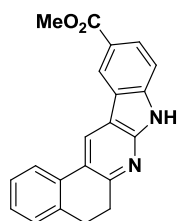
11-bromo-6,8-dihydro-5H-benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinoline (2e)



white solid, mp 361.0-363.2 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 11.90 (br s, 1H), 9.06 (s, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.45

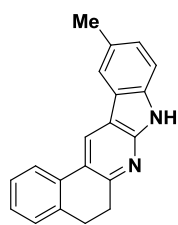
(d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.39 (m, 3H), 3.07-3.11 (m, 2H), 2.95-3.00 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 156.07, 151.10, 137.64, 135.77, 133.83, 128.54, 128.14, 127.12, 126.98, 124.43, 123.64, 123.36, 122.89, 121.78, 113.51, 113.30, 111.46, 32.01, 28.22; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrN}_2 + \text{H})^+$ requires m/z 349.0335, found m/z 349.0327.

Methyl 6,8-dihydro-5H-benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinoline-11-carboxylate (2f)



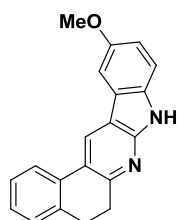
white solid, mp 295.4-297.2 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.15 (br s, 1H), 9.19 (s, 1H), 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.03-8.06 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.08-3.12 (m, 2H), 2.96-3.01 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 166.83, 155.96, 151.53, 141.93, 135.81, 133.80, 128.11, 127.26, 127.13, 127.06, 124.62, 123.66, 123.31, 122.27, 120.85, 120.78, 114.50, 111.21, 51.85, 31.98, 28.23; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H})^+$ requires m/z 329.1285, found m/z 329.1278.

11-methyl-6,8-dihydro-5H-benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinoline (2g)



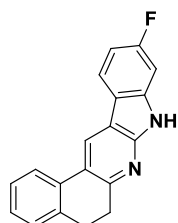
white solid, mp 300.3-301.9 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.58 (br s, 1H), 8.92 (s, 1H), 7.95-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.43 (m, 5H), 3.05-3.09 (m, 2H), 2.96-2.99 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 154.79, 151.17, 137.11, 135.68, 134.09, 128.10, 128.06, 127.42, 127.06, 126.69, 123.50, 123.25, 121.02, 120.83, 114.25, 110.99, 31.97, 28.35, 21.10; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2 + \text{H})^+$ requires m/z 285.1386, found m/z 285.1390.

11-methoxy-6,8-dihydro-5H-benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinoline (2h)



white solid, mp 265.3-266.9 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.51 (br s, 1H), 8.97 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.07 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.05-3.09 (m, 2H), 2.95-2.99 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 154.92, 153.52, 151.38, 135.67, 134.12, 133.54, 128.09, 127.03, 126.68, 123.75, 123.21, 121.33, 120.79, 115.25, 114.53, 112.01, 103.98, 55.54, 32.00, 28.35; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O} + \text{H})^+$ requires m/z 301.1335, found m/z 301.1344.

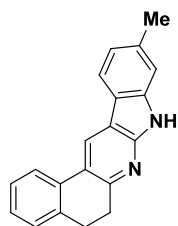
10-fluoro-6,8-dihydro-5H-benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinoline (2i)



white solid, mp 284.4-286.3 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.85 (br s, 1H), 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.19-8.24 (m, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.10 (m, 1H), 3.05-3.10 (m, 2H), 2.95-3.00 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 161.30 (d, $J = 238$ Hz), 154.61, 151.45, 139.66 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz), 135.78, 133.89, 128.11, 127.06, 126.91, 123.56, 123.39, 122.54 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz), 121.67, 117.64, 114.10, 107.42 (d, $J = 23.9$ Hz), 97.86 (d, $J = 26.1$ Hz), 31.87, 28.29;

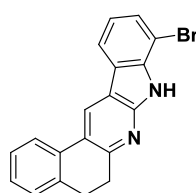
ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{19}H_{13}FN_2 + H)^+$ requires m/z 289.1136, found m/z 289.1135.

10-methyl-6,8-dihydro-5H-benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinoline (2j)



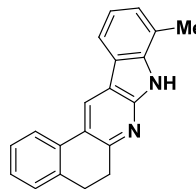
white solid, mp 323.0-324.8 °C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.60 (br s, 1H), 8.88 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.04-3.07 (m, 2H), 2.94-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 154.29, 151.06, 139.40, 135.82, 135.69, 134.09, 128.05, 127.02, 126.68, 123.26, 123.14, 121.07, 120.88, 120.73, 118.58, 114.53, 111.28, 31.92, 28.37, 21.71. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{20}H_{16}N_2 + H)^+$ requires m/z 285.1386, found m/z 285.1389.

9-bromo-6,8-dihydro-5H-benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinoline (2k)



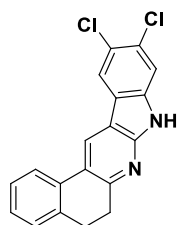
white solid, mp 216.7-218.2 °C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.05 (br s, 1H), 9.03 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.27 (m, 2H), 3.10-3.14 (m, 2H), 2.97-3.01 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 156.02, 151.03, 137.58, 135.82, 133.70, 128.70, 128.15, 127.10, 127.07, 124.41, 123.52, 122.77, 122.11, 120.91, 120.31, 114.63, 103.83, 31.97, 28.21; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{19}H_{13}BrN_2 + H)^+$ requires m/z 349.0335, found m/z 349.0323.

9-methyl-6,8-dihydro-5H-benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinoline (2l)



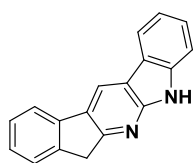
white solid, mp 328.5-330.3 °C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.76 (br s, 1H), 8.94 (s, 1H), 7.97-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.7.16 (m, 1H), 3.08-3.12 (m, 2H), 2.96-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 154.75, 151.17, 138.23, 135.67, 134.03, 128.03, 127.00, 126.72, 123.59, 123.29, 121.16, 120.59, 120.49, 119.50, 118.34, 114.76, 31.97, 28.33, 16.89; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{20}H_{16}N_2 + H)^+$ requires m/z 285.1386, found m/z 285.1388.

10,11-dichloro-6,8-dihydro-5H-benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinoline (2m)



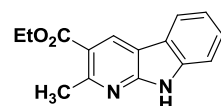
white solid, mp 334.4-336.2 °C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.00 (br s, 1H), 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.39 (m, 3H), 3.05-3.10 (m, 2H), 2.94-2.99 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 156.50, 151.49, 137.94, 135.81, 133.63, 128.16, 128.06, 127.12, 124.59, 123.37, 122.57, 122.17, 121.76, 121.21, 113.23, 112.78, 32.00, 28.14; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{19}H_{12}Cl_2N_2 + H)^+$ requires m/z 339.0450, found m/z 339.0455.

5,7-dihydroindeno[1',2':5,6]pyrido[2,3-b]indole (2n)



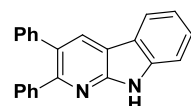
white solid, mp 336.1-337.5 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.77 (br s, 1H), 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.28 (m, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 162.12, 151.71, 140.17, 140.09, 138.84, 126.94, 126.81, 126.08, 125.95, 125.04, 120.74, 119.75, 119.41, 119.37, 113.86, 111.33, 37.85; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₁₈H₁₂N₂ + H)⁺ requires *m/z* 257.1073, found *m/z* 257.1065.

ethyl 2-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-b]indole-3-carboxylate (2o)



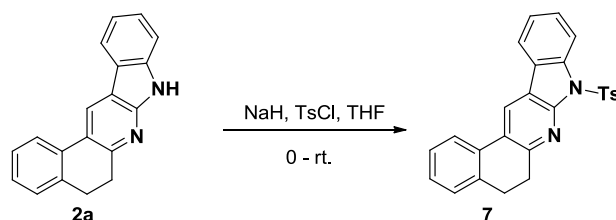
yellowish solid, mp 226.3-227.1 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.10 (d, *J* = 24.8 Hz, 1H), 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 1.49 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.32, 158.02, 153.17, 139.24, 131.96, 127.27, 121.40, 121.21, 120.96, 117.52, 114.33, 111.67, 61.09, 25.71, 14.61. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₁₅H₁₄N₂O₂ + H)⁺ requires *m/z* 255.1128, found *m/z* 255.1123.

2,3-diphenyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-b]indole (2p)



yellow solid, mp 273.5-274.8 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.77 (br s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.39 (m, 8H), 7.14-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.74, 151.87, 141.27, 140.98, 139.77, 131.19, 130.70, 130.43, 128.53, 128.37, 128.34, 127.85, 126.75, 126.68, 120.83, 120.78, 119.96, 115.70, 111.67. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₂₃H₁₆N₂ + H)⁺ requires *m/z* 321.1386, found *m/z* 321.1390.

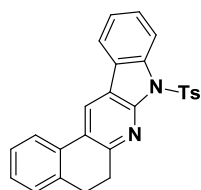
Tosyl protection of 2a



To a stirred solution of **2a** (54 mg, 0.2 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added NaH (1.2 mmol) at 0°C. The mixture was stirred for 10 min at 0°C, then, TsCl (190 mg, 1 mmol) was added in one portion. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature until the start material **2a** consumed. NH₄Cl (aq) was added, and quenched with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. The combined extracts were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvents were evaporated. Purification by

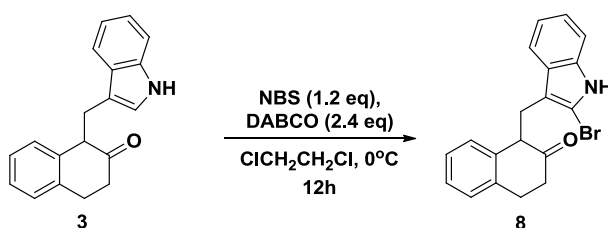
column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to afford pure product **7** as a white solid (90% yield).

8-tosyl-6,8-dihydro-5H-benzo[f]indolo[2,3-b]quinolone (7)



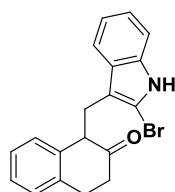
white solid, mp 214.3-215.3 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.29 (m, 5H), 3.11-3.16 (m, 2H), 2.96-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆ + CDCl₃): δ 155.64, 148.68, 144.99, 136.94, 135.94, 134.99, 132.48, 129.40, 127.94, 127.70, 127.21, 126.87, 125.58, 123.87, 123.79, 123.67, 122.85, 121.06, 116.96, 114.24, 31.68, 27.95, 20.98; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₂₆H₂₀N₂O₂S + H)⁺ requires *m/z* 425.1318, found *m/z* 425.1303.

The reaction of α-(indol-3-yl)methyl)-β-tetralone with NBS



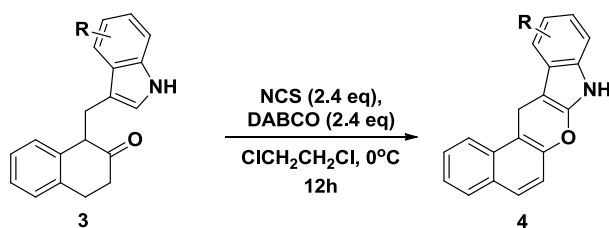
NBS (0.12 mmol, 21.4 mg) and DABCO (0.24 mmol, 27 mg) were added to the stirred solution of β-tetralone **3** (0.1 mmol, 27.5 mg) in ClCH₂CH₂Cl (3 mL) at 0°C in sequence. The mixture was allowed to stir at the same temperature for 12 h. The resulting mixture was directly purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc = 5/1) to afford pure product **8**.

1-((2-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-one (8)



White solid, mp 108.5-110.3 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.07 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.05-3.14 (m, 1H), 2.93 (ddd, *J* = 15.6, 6.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (ddd, *J* = 17.6, 5.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (ddd, *J* = 17.7, 11.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.99, 136.65, 136.55, 136.08, 129.14, 127.88, 127.59, 127.04, 126.75, 122.2, 120.37, 118.41, 112.01, 110.52, 109.92, 54.36, 38.08, 29.27, 27.64. ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for (C₁₉H₁₆BrNO + H)⁺ requires *m/z* 354.0488, found *m/z* 354.0485.

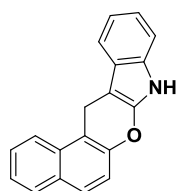
General procedure for the construction of benzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-b]indole 4



NCS (0.24 mmol, 32 mg) was added to the stirred solution of **3** (0.1 mmol) and DABCO (0.24 mmol, 27 mg) in $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ (3 mL) at 0°C . The mixture was allowed to stir at the same temperature for 12 h. The resulting mixture was directly purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to afford pure benzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-b]indole **4**.

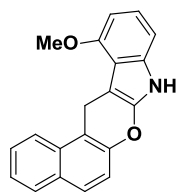
Experiment data for the benzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-b]indole 4

8,13-dihydrobenzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-b]indole (**4a**)



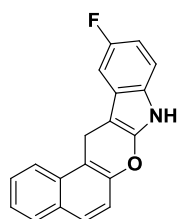
white solid, mp $204.8\text{--}206.3^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 11.49 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.07–7.10 (m, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 148.19, 144.50, 132.32, 131.12, 130.22, 128.43, 128.21, 127.03, 125.99, 124.74, 123.15, 120.05, 119.36, 117.93, 117.10, 112.78, 110.76, 84.73, 20.37; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO} + \text{H})^+$ requires m/z 272.1070, found m/z 272.1069.

12-methoxy-8,13-dihydrobenzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-b]indole (**4b**)



white solid, mp $197.2\text{--}199.2^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 11.40 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.85–6.95 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 153.30, 148.06, 142.86, 132.22, 131.99, 130.17, 128.39, 128.22, 127.08, 124.67, 122.90, 120.72, 117.87, 115.61, 112.87, 104.50, 100.40, 84.21, 55.30, 22.16; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2 + \text{H})^+$ requires m/z 302.1176, found m/z 302.1188.

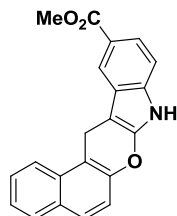
11-fluoro-8,13-dihydrobenzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-b]indole (**4c**)



white solid, mp $196.5\text{--}197.8^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 11.56 (s, 1H), 7.88–8.02 (m, 3H), 7.64–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.27 (m, 2H), 6.81–6.84 (m, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 157.33 (d, $J = 229.8$ Hz), 148.03, 145.90, 132.23, 130.26, 128.52, 128.25, 127.58, 127.09, 126.50 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz), 124.84, 123.13, 117.88, 112.71,

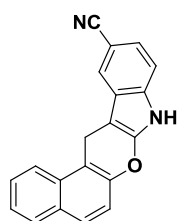
111.60 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 107.37 (d, $J = 25.2$ Hz), 102.51 (d, $J = 23.9$ Hz), 85.52 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 20.25; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{19}H_{12}FNO + H)^+$ requires m/z 290.0976, found m/z 290.0966.

Methyl 8,13-dihydrobenzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-b]indole-11-carboxylate (4d)



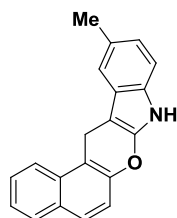
white solid, mp 287.1-288.5 °C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.98 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.95-8.00 (m, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.69-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 167.27, 148.00, 145.62, 134.06, 132.25, 130.33, 128.58, 128.22, 127.13, 125.63, 124.92, 123.34, 121.40, 120.80, 119.29, 117.87, 112.82, 110.65, 86.01, 51.67, 20.19; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{21}H_{15}NO_3 + H)^+$ requires m/z 330.1125, found m/z 330.1131.

8,13-dihydrobenzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-b]indole-11-carbonitrile (4e)



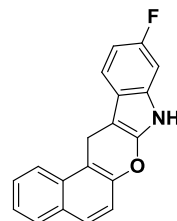
white solid, mp 329.9-331.2 °C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.15 (s, 1H), 7.88-8.00 (m, 4H), 7.63-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 3H), 4.32 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 147.85, 146.16, 133.24, 132.08, 130.32, 128.58, 128.22, 127.11, 125.93, 124.91, 123.17, 123.03, 121.92, 120.69, 117.74, 112.63, 111.75, 101.36, 85.81, 19.97; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{20}H_{12}N_2O + H)^+$ requires m/z 297.1022, found m/z 297.1022.

11-methyl-8,13-dihydrobenzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-b]indole (4f)



white solid, mp 219.8-221.5 °C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.01 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 148.65, 144.70, 132.84, 131.02, 130.60, 129.63, 129.13, 128.28, 128.22, 127.03, 126.80, 124.58, 123.08, 121.93, 121.70, 118.01, 117.42, 113.14, 110.21, 85.93, 21.59, 20.85; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for $(C_{20}H_{15}NO + H)^+$ requires m/z 286.1226, found m/z 286.1214.

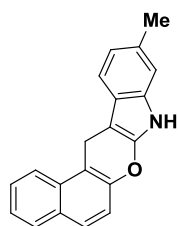
10-fluoro-8,13-dihydrobenzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-b]indole (4g)



white solid, mp 191.6-192.7 °C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.63 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.94 (m, 1H), 4.34 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 158.12 (d, $J = 230.9$ Hz), 148.00, 144.62 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 132.26, 131.01 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz), 130.23, 128.48, 128.22, 127.06, 124.80, 123.16, 122.67, 117.89, 117.78, 112.66, 107.17 (d, J

= 23.5 Hz), 97.51 (d, $J = 26.1$ Hz), 84.73, 20.29; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for ($C_{19}H_{12}FNO + H$)⁺ requires m/z 290.0976, found m/z 290.0964.

10-methyl-8,13-dihydrobenzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-b]indole (4h)



white solid, mp 228.5-230.6 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.31 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 148.18, 143.98, 132.33, 131.45, 130.18, 128.95, 128.37, 128.19, 127.01, 124.70, 123.73, 123.14, 120.74, 117.94, 116.85, 112.73, 110.85, 84.41, 21.45, 20.42; ESI HRMS exact mass calcd. for ($C_{20}H_{15}NO + H$)⁺ requires m/z 286.1226, found m/z 286.1217.

X-ray crystal structure of substrate 1d and compound 7

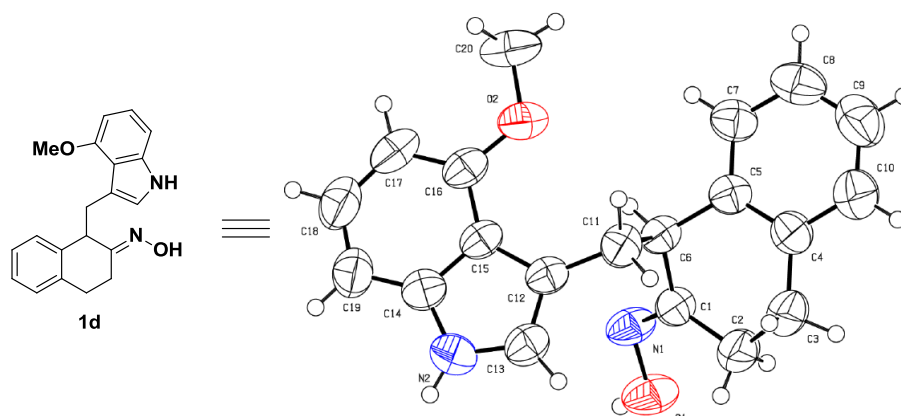


Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **1d**.

Identification code	1d
Empirical formula	C ₂₀ H ₂₀ N ₂ O ₂
Formula weight	320.38
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P21/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.761(2) Å alpha = 90 deg. b = 5.4290(10) Å beta = 117.22(3) deg. c = 27.3250(10) Å gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	1683.4(4) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.264 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.082 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	680
Crystal size	0.26 x 0.21 x 0.15 mm
Theta range for data collection	1.68 to 25.00 deg.
Limiting indices	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, -6 ≤ k ≤ 6, -25 ≤ l ≤ 32

Reflections collected / unique	8071 / 2965 [R(int) = 0.0805]
Completeness to theta = 25.00	99.8 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.9877 and 0.9789
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	2965 / 0 / 217
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.079
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0543, wR2 = 0.1170
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1317, wR2 = 0.1327
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.152 and -0.201 e.Å ⁻³

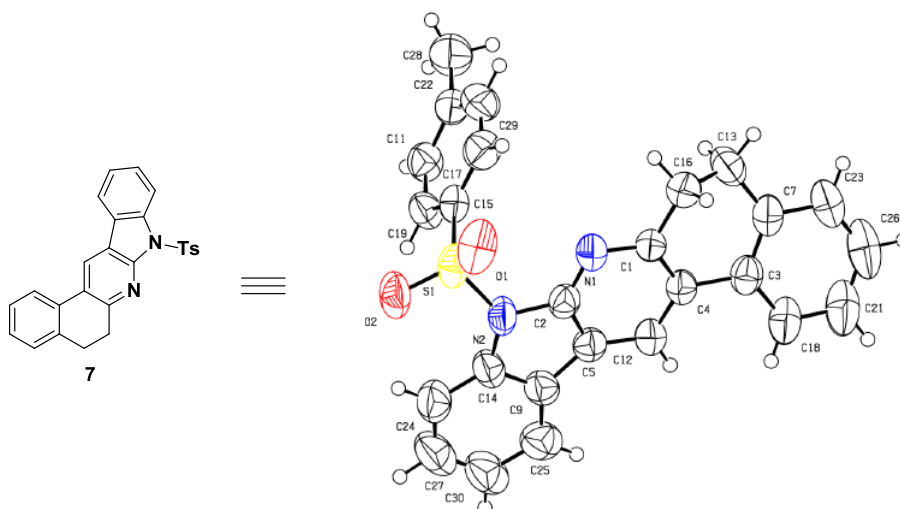


Table 2. Crystal data and structure refinement for 7.

Identification code	7
Empirical formula	C ₂₆ H ₂₀ N ₂ O ₂ S
Formula weight	424.50
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, Pna2(1)
Unit cell dimensions	a = 7.979(3) Å alpha = 90 deg. b = 19.9763(13) Å beta = 90 deg. c = 13.149(4) Å gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	2095.9(9) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.345 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.181 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	888
Crystal size	0.29 x 0.25 x 0.22 mm
Theta range for data collection	1.85 to 25.00 deg.
Limiting indices	-9<=h<=9, -23<=k<=23, -15<=l<=14
Reflections collected / unique	10090 / 3296 [R(int) = 0.0791]
Completeness to theta = 25.00	99.8 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.9613 and 0.9494

Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	3296 / 1 / 280
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.967
Final R indices [I>2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0533, wR2 = 0.0967
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1220, wR2 = 0.1158
Absolute structure parameter	-0.14(12)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.148 and -0.162 e.Å ⁻³

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