External oxidant-free oxidation/[3+2] cycloaddition/

aromatization cascade: electrochemical synthesis of polycyclic

N-heterocycles

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General Methods

All reactions were carried out under atmospheric conditions with dry solvents unless otherwise stated. Reagents and solvents were purchased commercially and used directly as received. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance 400 or 600 instrument. The chemical shifts (δ) were given in part per million and calibrated using residual undeuterated solvent as an internal reference (CDCl₃: 7.26 ppm ¹HNMR, 77.2 ppm ¹³C NMR). Multiplicities were reported by use of the following abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, m = multiplet, br = broad. High–resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent LCMS TOF mass spectrometer by electrospray positive ionization time-of-flight (ESI-TOF) reflectron experiments.

1. General Methods for the Preparation of substrates

1.1 Synthesis of 2-(3,4-Dihydroisoquinolin-2-yl)acetates¹



A 200 mL round bottom flask was charged with 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (10.0 mmol),Na₂CO₃ (12.0 mmol) and THF (60 mL). After stirring for 5 minutes, 2-chloroacetate (11.0 mmol) was added slowly. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with EtOAc/PE as the eluent to give corresponding products.

1.2 Synthesis of Pyridinium and Isoquinolinium Salts



Pyridine or isoquinoline (10 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) in a 100 mL round bottom flask. After stirring for 5 min, bromoacetate (15 mmol) was added dropwise over 10 min. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The precipitate was filtered and washed by MTBE (5 mL \times 3), dried in vacuum to afford the corresponding products.

2. General Procedure for the Electrochemical Oxidative Cascade Reaction

2.1 Synthesis of 4-43

Table S1. Optimization of the conditions for the electrochemical cascade reaction^a



Entry	Catalyst	Electrolyte	Anode/cathode	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b
					3/4
1	-	LiClO ₄	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	МеОН	13/ trace
2	-	ⁿ Bu ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	25/trace
3	LiBr	LiClO ₄	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	20/trace
4	TEMPO	ⁿ Bu ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	52/trace
5	NHPI	ⁿ Bu ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	11/62
6	NHPI	ⁿ Bu ₄ NI	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	23/45
7	NHPI	ⁿ Bu ₄ NBF ₄	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	МеОН	21/26
8	NHPI	Et ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	trace/83
9	TEMPO	Et ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	51/trace
10	-	ⁿ Bu ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	МеОН	27/trace
11	NHSI	Et ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	20/16
12	NHPI	Et ₄ NBr	C(+)/C(-)	MeOH	16/61
13	NHPI	Et ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/C(-)	MeOH	trace/63
14	NHPI	Et ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Fe(-)	MeOH	trace/71
15	NHPI	Et ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Ni(-)	MeOH	trace/77
16	NHPI	Et ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	CH ₃ CN	26/43
17	NHPI	Et ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	THF	21/33
18°	NHPI	Et ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	trace/79
19 ^d	NHPI	Et ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	МеОН	trace/trace

^a Reaction conditions: **1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.26 mmol), catalyst (0.06 mmol), electrolyte (0.3 mmol), solvent (3 mL), undivided cell, 25 °C, 12 h. ^b Isolated yield. ^c Under N₂. ^d No electricity.

With $LiClO_4$ or Bu_4NBr as the electrolyte in a simple undivided cell under 5 mA constant current for 12 h, the oxidation/ [3 + 2] cycloaddition occurred and afforded the nonaromatic heterocycle **3** albeit in poor yields (Table S1, entries 1, 2). We speculated that the methine in **3** may have high redox potentials, thus subsequent oxidative dehydrogenation of the desired C-H bonds might be problematic under direct electrolysis condition. To circumvent the problem, the redox mediator mediated electrochemical oxidation was applied for the accomplishment of the oxidation [3 + 2]cycloaddition/ aromatization cascade reaction. Hopefully, the redox mediator could be oxidized anodically to generate a reactive species, which could facilitate further oxidative aromatization.¹ To our delight, although the mediators such as LiBr and TEMPO showed no reactivity at all, NHPI (Nhydroxyphthalimide) provided the desired product 4 in promising yields (entries 3-5). However, structurally similar NHSI (N-Hydroxysuccinimide) gave a much inferior result (entry 11). An extensive study found Et₄NBr was the optimal and inexpensive electrolyte, which was able to realize the oxidative aromatization of **3** and afford **4** in 83% yield (entries 5-10). Other electrode materials were also examined. Graphite, iron and nickel were found to be inferior in efficiency to platinum, which provide good current efficiency and sufficient corrosion resistance (entries 12-15). The protic solvent MeOH was the most efficient as compared with CH₃CN (entry 16) and THF (entry 17), which resulted in lower yields. It should be mentioned that NHPI/O₂ system has been widely used in the aerobic activation of hydrocarbons. However, good yield was still observed under inert atmosphere (entry 18), which indicated atmospheric oxygen may not act as the terminal oxidant. Consequently, the final optimal reaction conditions were established as electrolyzing 1 and 2 in the presence of 30 mol% NHPI in an undivided cell with a supporting electrolyte solution of Et₄NBr (0.1 M in MeOH) under 5 mA constant currentin the air. In addition, the control experiment carried out in the absence of electricity showed the catalyst system was totally inactive, demonstrating the pivotal role of the electricity (entry 19).

Procedure for the Synthesis of 4 - 43



A 10 mL three necked round bottom flask installed with two platinum electrodes $(1.0 \times 1.0 \text{ cm}^2)$ as the cathode and anode respectively was used as the electrochemical reactor. Without any precaution to exclude air or moisture, the falsk was charged with 2-(3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1*H*-yl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.), dipolarophile (0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), NHPI (0.06 mmol, 0.0098 g), Et₄NBr (0.3 mmol, 0.0630 g) and MeOH (3 mL). After being stirred for 5 minutes, the reaction mixture was electrolyzed under a constant current of 5 mA (the cell voltage ranges from 2.2 to 3.5 V without reference electrode) at 25 °C for 12 h. Then the solvent was removed in vacuum, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with CH₂Cl₂ as the eluent to afford the desired product.

2.2. Synthesis of 3

Table S2. Optimization Reaction Conditions for the Synthesis of 3ª



entry	Additive (equiv.)	electrolyte	anode/cathode	solvent	yield (%) ^b
1	-	LiClO ₄	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	13
2	-	ⁿ Bu ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	25
3	LiBr (0.3)	LiClO ₄	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	20
4	TEMPO (0.3)	ⁿ Bu ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	52
5	NHPI (0.3)	ⁿ Bu ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	11
6	NHPI (0.3)	ⁿ Bu ₄ NI	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	23
7	NHPI (0.3)	$^{n}Bu_{4}NBF_{4}$	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	21
8	KOAc (1.0)	Et ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	39
9	2,6-lutidine (1.0)	Et ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	53
10	2,6-lutidine (1.0)	ⁿ Bu ₄ NClO ₄	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	MeOH	57
11	2,6-lutidine (1.0)	ⁿ Bu ₄ NClO ₄	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	acetone	65
2,6-lutidine	2,6-lutidine (1.0),	ⁿ Bu/NClO	$\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{r})/\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{r})$	acetone/MeOH (6	70
12	KOAc (1.0)	"Bu ₄ INCIO ₄	Ρι(+)/Ρι(-)	:1)	70
12	2,6-lutidine (1.0),)), \mathbf{p} NGIO \mathbf{p}		aastana/TEE (6.1)	72
15	KOAc (1.0)	"Bu ₄ NCIO ₄	Pu(+)/Pu(-)		/3
14	2,6-lutidine (1.0),	Et NCIO	$\mathbf{D} + (1) / \mathbf{D} + (1)$	aastana/TEE (6.1)	65
14	KOAc (1.0)	Et4INCIO ₄	10_4 Pt(+)/Pt(-) acetone/TFE (03
150	2,6-lutidine (1.0),		$\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{r})/\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{r})$		70
15	KOAc (1.0)		Ρι(+)/Ρι(-)	acetone/IFE (0.1)	/8
16	2,6-lutidine (1.0),	D ₂₂ MClO	C(1)/C(1)	agatana/TEE ((.1)	57
10	KOAc (1.0)	Bu ₄ INCIO ₄	C(+)/C(-)	acetone/IFE (6:1)	57
1 7 d	2,6-lutidine (1.0),		$\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{f}}(1)/\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{f}}(1)$	a_{a}	t#0.00
17ª	KOAc (1.0)	"Bu ₄ NCIO ₄	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	acetone/IFE (0:1)	trace

^a Reaction conditions : undivided cell, **1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.26 mmol), additive, electrolyte (0.3 mmol), solvent (3 mL), constant current, 25 °C, 12h. ^b Isolated yield. ^c Constant current was 2 mA. ^d Without electricity.

The final optimal reaction conditions were established as electrolyzing **1** and **2** in the presence of 2,6-lutidine (1.0 equiv.) and KOAc (1.0 equiv.) in an undivided cell equipped with Pt plate cathode and anode with a supporting electrolyte solution of ${}^{n}Bu_{4}NClO_{4}$ (0.1 M in acetone/TFE = 6 :1) under 2 mA constant current under atmospheric conditions (Table S2, entry 15).

Procedure for the Synthesis of 3



A 10 mL three necked round bottom flask which was charged with a stir bar and installed platinum electrodes $(1.0 \times 1.0 \text{ cm}^2)$ as the cathode and anode respectively was used as electrolysis setup. With no precautions to exclude air or moisture, the device was charged sequentially with methyl 2-(3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H-yl)acetate **1** (0.2 mmol, 0.0410 g), *N*-methylmaleimide (0.26 mmol, 0.0289 g), 2,6-lutidine (0.2 mmol, 0.0215 g), KOAc (0.2 mmol, 0.0196 g), "Bu₄NClO₄ (0.3 mmol, 0.1025 g) and mixed solvent of acetone/TFE (6 :1, 3 mL). After being stirred for 5 minutes, the reaction mixture was electrolyzed under a constant current of 2 mA (the cell voltage ranges from 2.0 to 2.8 V without reference electrode) at 25 °C for 12 h. Then the solvent was removed in vacuum, and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with CH₂Cl₂ as the eluent to afford the **3** (49.0 mg, 78%).

2.3 Synthesis of 44 from 1





entry	Catalyst	Additive	alaatralyta	anode/	solvont	yield	
	(equiv)	(equiv)	electionyte	cathode	sorvent	(%) ^b 4/44	
1	Cl ₄ NHPI		Et ND.	$\mathbf{D}_{t}(1)/\mathbf{D}_{t}(1)$	MaOU	764	
1	(0.3)	-	ELAINBI	Pu(+)/Pu(-)	MeOH	/o/trace	
2	Cl ₄ NHPI		D NCIO	$\mathbf{D}_{4}(1)/\mathbf{D}_{4}(1)$		50/5	
2	(0.3)	-	"Bu ₄ NCIO ₄	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	acetone	39/3	
2	quinuclidine			$\mathbf{D}_{4}(1)/\mathbf{D}_{4}(1)$		(2/12	
3	(0.3)	-	"Bu ₄ INCIO ₄	Ρι(+)/Ρι(-)	acetone	02/13	
4	quinuclidine	pyridine	ⁿ Bu ₄ NClO ₄	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	acetone	66/15	
4	(0.3)	(1.0)					
F	quinuclidine	KOAc	ⁿ Bu ₄ NClO ₄	$\mathbf{D}_{4}(1)/\mathbf{D}_{4}(1)$		71/10	
5	(0.3)	(1.0)		Pt(+)/Pt(-)	acetone	/1/18	
6	quinuclidine	KOAc	D NCIO	$\mathbf{D}_{4}(1)/\mathbf{D}_{4}(1)$	acetone/TFE	52/22	
	(0.3)	(1.0)	"Bu ₄ INCIO ₄	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	(2:1)	55/22	
7	quinuclidine	KOAc	"D NC10	$\mathbf{D}_{4}(1)/\mathbf{D}_{4}(1)$	acetone/TFE	55/20	
	(1.0)	(1.0)	ⁿ Bu ₄ NClO ₄	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	(2:1)	55/28	

8	quinuclidine	KOAc		$\mathbf{D}_{t}(\perp)/\mathbf{D}_{t}(\cdot)$	acetone/MeOH (2	75/17	
	(1.0)	(1.0)		r((+)/r((-)	:1)		
0	quinuclidine	KOAc	ⁿ Du NClO	$D_{t}(\perp)/D_{t}(\cdot)$	DMF/TFE	61/25	
9	(1.0)	(1.0)		r ((+)/r ((-)	(2:1)	01/23	
10	TDDA (1.0)	KOAc	ⁿ Du NClO	$\mathbf{D}_{t}(\perp)/\mathbf{D}_{t}(\cdot)$	acetone/MeOH (2	70/25	
10	IDPA(1.0)	(1.0)		ru(+)/ru(-)	:1)	10/23	
11c	quinuclidine	KOAc	ⁿ Du NClO	$\mathbf{D}_{t}(\perp)/\mathbf{D}_{t}(\cdot)$	acetone/TFE	tragg	
110	(1.0)	(1.0)	"Bu ₄ NCIO ₄	ru(+)/Pu(-)	(2:1)	uace	

^a Reaction conditions : undivided cell, **1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.26 mmol), catalyst, additive, electrolyte (0.3 mmol), solvent (3 mL), constant current, 25 °C, 12h. ^b Isolated yield. ^c Without electricity. $Cl_4NHPI = tetrachloro-N-hydroxyphthalimide; TBPA = tris(4-bromophenyl)amine.$

The final optimal reaction conditions were established as electrolyzing **1** and **2** in the presence of quinuclidine (1.0 equiv.) and KOAc (1.0 equiv.) in an undivided cell equipped with Pt plate cathode and anode with a supporting electrolyte solution of ${}^{n}Bu_{4}NClO_{4}$ (0.1 M in acetone/TFE = 2 :1) under 2 mA constant currentin the air (Table S3, entry 7).

Procedure for the Synthesis of 44 from 1



A 10 mL three necked round bottom flask which was charged with a stir bar and installed platinum electrodes (1.0 x 1.0 cm²) as cathode and anode respectively was used as electrolysis setup. With no precautions to exclude air or moisture, the device was added methyl 2-(3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H-yl)acetate **1** (0.2 mmol, 0.0410 g), *N*-methylmaleimide (0.26 mmol, 0.0289 g), quinuclidine (0.2 mmol, 0.0222 g), KOAc (0.2 mmol, 0.0196 g), then followed by ${}^{n}Bu_{4}NClO_{4}$ (0.3 mmol, 0.1025 g) as electrolyte. Next, 3 mL of acetone/TFE (2 :1) were added by syringes. After stirring the solution for 5 minutes, the reaction mixture was electrolyzed under a constant current of 5 mA (the cell voltage ranges from 2.7 to 3.5 V without reference electrode) at 25 °C for 12 h. Then the solvent was removed in vacuum, and the crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with CH₂Cl₂ as the eluent to afford the **44** (17.3 mg, 28%).

2.4 Synthesis of 44 - 56

Table S4. Optimization Reaction Conditions for the Synthesis of 44 from S1^a



entr	Catalyst	Additive	alaatraluta	anode/	aalvant	viold (%)b
у	(equiv)	(equiv)	cathode		sorvent	yield (%)
1	-	-	Et ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	МеОН	trace
2	NHPI (0.3)	-	Et ₄ NBr	Pt(+)/Pt(-)	МеОН	22
2	NILIDI (0.2)	KOAc	Et NDr	$D_{t}(\perp)/D_{t}(\cdot)$	МаОЦ	25
3	$\operatorname{NHPI}(0.5)$	(1.0)	ELANDI	ru+)/ru(-)	MEON	55
4	NHDI (0.3)	KOAc	Et NBr	$D_{t}(\perp)/D_{t}()$	CH CN	30
4	$\operatorname{NIII}\left(0.3\right)$	(1.0)	LIANDI	1 ((⁺)/1 ((-)	CHI3CIN	39
5	NHDI (0.3)	KOAc	Et NBr	$D_{t}(\perp)/D_{t}()$	ТИБ	traca
5	5 NHFT(0.5)	(1.0)	LIANDI	1 ((+)/1 ((-)	1111	llace
6	6 NHPI (0.3)	KOAc	Et NBr	$D_{t}(\perp)/D_{t}()$	DMF	63
0		(1.0)	LIAINDI	1 ((')/1 ((-)		
7	NHPI (0.3)	KOAc	ⁿ Bu ₄ NI P	$Dt(+)/Dt(_)$	DMF	91
/	NIII I (0.5)	(1.0)		1 (()/1 ()		
8	NHPI (0.3)	KOAc	ⁿ Bu ₄ NClO	$Pt(+)/Pt(_)$	DME	20
0	NIII I (0.5)	(1.0)	4	1 ((⁺)/1 ((-)	Divit	20
0	NHPI (0.3)	KOAc	NaI	$Dt(+)/Dt(_)$	DMF	65
)	NIII I (0.5)	(1.0)	Indi	1 ((⁺)/1 ((-)	DMI	05
10	NHPI (0.3)	KOAc	ⁿ Bu MI	C(+)/C(-)	DMF	78
10	NIII I (0.5)	(1.0)	Du4INI	$C(\tau)/C(\tau)$	Divit	70
11c	NHPI (0.3)	KOAc	ⁿ Bu MI	$Dt(+)/Dt(_)$	DME	trace
11.	11111 (0.3)	(1.0)	Du4111	I ((')/I ((-)	DIVIL	uace

^a Reaction conditions: undivided cell, **S1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.26 mmol), catalyst, additive, electrolyte (0.3 mmol), solvent (3 mL), constant current, 25 °C, 12h. ^b Isolated yield. ^c Without electricity

The final optimal reaction conditions were established as electrolyzing **1** and **2** in the presence of NHPI (0.3 equiv.) and KOAc (1.0 equiv.) in an undivided cell equipped with Pt plate cathode and anode with a supporting electrolyte solution of ${}^{n}Bu_{4}NI$ (0.1 M in DMF) under 2 mA constant current under atmospheric conditions (Table S4, entry 7).

Procedure for the synthesis of 44 - 56



A 10 mL three necked round bottom flask which was charged with a stir bar and installed platinum electrodes (1.0 x 1.0 cm²) as cathode and anode respectively was used as electrolysis setup. With no precautions to exclude air or moisture, the device was added pyridinium salts or isoquinolinium salt (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.), dipolarophile (0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), NHPI (0.06 mmol, 0.0098 g), KOAc (0.2 mmol, 0.0196 g), then followed by ⁿBu₄NI (0.3 mmol, 0.1108 g) as electrolyte. Next, 3 mL of DMF was added by syringe. After stirring the solution for 5 minutes, the reaction mixture was electrolyzed under a constant current of 5 mA (the cell voltage ranges from 2.2 to 3.7 V without reference electrode) at 25 °C for 12 h. Then the reaction mixture was diluted by CH₂Cl₂ (70 mL), washed successively with water (2×50 mL and brine (1×50 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with CH₂Cl₂ as the eluent to afford the final product.

3. X-ray crystallography

Single crystals of **18** was obtained by slow evaporation of its solution in methylene chloride at 22 °C.



Figure S1. Crystal structure of 18

Identification code	a	
Empirical formula	C22 H18 N O3 Cl	
Formula weight	379.82	
Temperature	295.47 К	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 2 ₁ /c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.7422(7) Å	$\Box = 90^{\circ}$

	b = 8.7533(5) Å	$\Box = 96.623(3)^{\circ}$
	c = 21.6004(14) Å	$\Box = 90^{\circ}$
Volume	1829.7(2) Å ³	
Ζ	4	
Density (calculated)	1.379 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.232 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	792.0	
Crystal size	$0.180 \ge 0.150 \ge 0.110 \text{ mm}^3$	
Theta range for data collection	5.026 to 55.038°	
Index ranges	-10<=h<=12, -11<=k<=11, -27	v<=l<=28
Reflections collected	13175	
Independent reflections	4168 [R(int) = 0.0284]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242 ?	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalent	its
Max. and min. transmission	0.946 and 0.973	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	4168 / 0 / 244	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.031	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0431, wR2 = 0.1247	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0474, wR2 = 0.1281	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.27 and -0.28 e Å ⁻³	

	Х	У	Z	U(eq)
Cl1	349.9(7)	2282.4(7)	4547.6(3)	78.1(2)
01	2500.5(14)	-1121.3(15)	1623.1(6)	60.9(3)
02	4002.3(14)	-5817.2(14)	4148.4(5)	56.1(3)
03	2565.6(14)	-3945.8(15)	4349.9(5)	58.2(3)
N1	3364.9(12)	-5083.8(13)	2828.9(5)	35.2(3)
C1	4013.0(16)	-6607.2(17)	2839.4(7)	42.8(3)
C2	3376.7(18)	-7490.0(17)	2276.2(8)	45.2(4)
C3	3492.9(15)	-6603.7(17)	1687.5(7)	39.9(3)
C4	3714.9(18)	-7329(2)	1135.9(8)	50.1(4)
C5	3827.4(19)	-6495(2)	601.2(8)	56.4(4)
C6	3747.3(19)	-4921(2)	615.1(8)	53.9(4)
C7	3535.5(16)	-4170.4(19)	1161.4(7)	44.0(3)
C8	3375.3(13)	-4999.0(17)	1701.0(7)	36.4(3)
С9	3066.2(13)	-4282.4(15)	2287.6(6)	34.3(3)
C10	2936.0(14)	-4279.1(16)	3322.3(6)	35.5(3)
C11	2311.5(13)	-2940.4(16)	3085.0(7)	35.1(3)
C12	2399.2(14)	-2928.4(16)	2434.2(6)	34.9(3)
C13	1835.2(16)	-1690.4(17)	2003.9(7)	41.8(3)
C14	385(2)	-1155(3)	2052.0(9)	65.0(5)
C15	3239.7(15)	-4784.7(17)	3970.8(7)	39.1(3)
C16	2812(2)	-4290(2)	5005.5(8)	62.9(5)
C17	519.6(16)	-1716(2)	3675.0(8)	48.5(4)
C18	65.7(17)	-506(2)	4011.4(8)	52.9(4)
C19	907.0(18)	750.7(19)	4126.0(7)	48.6(4)
C20	2193(2)	819.6(19)	3920.9(8)	51.9(4)
C21	2627.9(16)	-387.2(18)	3578.6(7)	44.2(3)
C22	1802.4(14)	-1667.4(16)	3451.0(6)	36.2(3)

Table S6. Atomic coordinates ($x \ 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($?^2x \ 10^3$)for cd16058. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

	Cl1	C19	1.7423(16)
	01	C13	1.212(2)
	O2	C15	1.2042(18)
	03	C15	1.3286(19)
	03	C16	1.4408(19)
	N1	C1	1.4745(18)
	N1	С9	1.3658(18)
	N1	C10	1.3817(17)
	C1	C2	1.512(2)
	C2	C3	1.505(2)
	C3	C4	1.389(2)
	C3	C8	1.410(2)
	C4	C5	1.381(3)
	C5	C6	1.381(3)
	C6	C7	1.386(2)
	C7	C8	1.397(2)
	C8	C9	1.4756(19)
	С9	C12	1.4052(19)
	C10	C11	1.3907(19)
	C10	C15	1.466(2)
	C11	C12	1.418(2)
	C11	C22	1.4842(19)
	C12	C13	1.491(2)
	C13	C14	1.503(2)
	C17	C18	1.385(2)
	C17	C22	1.392(2)
	C18	C19	1.377(3)
	C19	C20	1.377(2)
	C20	C21	1.384(2)
	C21	C22	1.388(2)
C15	O3	C16	116.88(13)
C9	N1	C1	121.75(12)
С9	N1	C10	110.18(11)
C10	N1	C1	128.04(12)
N1	C1	C2	108.34(12)
C3	C2	C1	110.64(13)
C4	C3	C2	121.58(14)

Table S7. Bond lengths (\AA) and angles $(^{\circ})$ for 18.

C4	C3	C8	119.62(15)
C8	C3	C2	118.80(13)
C5	C4	C3	120.72(16)
C6	C5	C4	119.95(15)
C5	C6	C7	120.37(16)
C6	C7	C8	120.41(16)
C3	C8	C9	117.80(13)
C7	C8	C3	118.87(13)
C7	C8	C9	123.32(13)
N1	C9	C8	118.18(12)
N1	C9	C12	107.38(12)
C12	C9	C8	134.23(13)
N1	C10	C11	107.68(12)
N1	C10	C15	122.50(12)
C10	C11	C12	107.32(12)
C10	C11	C22	126.52(13)
C12	C11	C22	125.76(12)
C9	C12	C11	107.42(12)
C9	C12	C13	128.27(13)
C11	C12	C13	124.29(12)
O1	C13	C12	122.32(14)
O1	C13	C14	119.96(15)
C12	C13	C14	117.73(14)
O2	C15	O3	123.30(14)
O2	C15	C10	125.46(14)
O3	C15	C10	111.24(12)
C18	C17	C22	120.86(16)
C19	C18	C17	119.05(15)
C18	C19	Cl1	119.59(13)
C18	C19	C20	121.44(15)
C20	C19	Cl1	118.96(14)
C19	C20	C21	118.99(16)
C20	C21	C22	121.07(14)
C17	C22	C11	122.07(13)
C21	C22	C11	119.36(13)
C11	C10	C15	129.64(13)
C21	C22	C17	118.57(14)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

4. Mechanistic studies

4.1 Electrochemical oxidative aromatization of 3



A 10 mL three necked round bottom flask which was charged with a stir bar and installed platinum electrodes (1.0 x 1.0 cm²) as cathode and anode respectively was used as electrolysis setup. With no precautions to exclude air or moisture, compound **3** (0.12 mmol, 0.0377 g), NHPI (0.036 mmol, 0.0059 g), and Et₄NBr (0.3 mmol, 0.0630 g) were added. Next, 3 mL of MeOH was added by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA at 25 °C for 12 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with CH₂Cl₂ as the eluent to afford **4** (27.9 mg, 75%).

4.2. The determination of H₂ emission in the reaction

Under the standard procedure for the synthesis of 4, the mixture was flushed with N_2 for 10 min before being electrolyzed for 12 h, then 600 uL of the gaseous phase was taken out by micro-syringe and analyzed by GC with a TCD detector.



Figure S2. Gaseous phase analysis

4.3 Procedure for the sampling experiments

A 10 mL three necked round bottom flask which was charged with a stir bar and installed platinum electrodes ($1.0 \times 1.0 \text{ cm}^2$) as cathode and anode respectively was used as electrolysis setup. With no precautions to exclude air or moisture, the device was added methyl 2-(3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)acetate (0.2 mmol, 0.0411 g), *N*-methylmaleimide (0.26 mmol, 0.0289 g), NHPI (0.06 mmol, 0.0098 g), followed by Et₄NBr (0.3 mmol, 0.0630 g) as electrolyte. Next, 3 mL of MeOH was added by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA at 25 °C. 10 uL of reaction solution was taken out and mixed with 10 uL the solution of 1,3,5-

Reaction time (min)	0	10	20	40	70
Yield of 3 with NHPI (%)	0	15.2	29.9	35.5	49.6
Yield of 3 without NHPI (%)	0	9.1	14.2	15.1	20.0

trimethoxy-benzene (0.2 mmol in 3 mL MeOH), then the sample was analyzed by GC-MS. By using the above procedure, a similar sets of experiments were conducted without NHPI.

Table S8. The yields of 3 determined by GC-MS



Figure S3. Kinetic study of oxidation/cycloaddition cascade

Characterization Data for the Electrolysis Products



methyl10-methyl-9,11-dioxo-5,8,8a,9,10,11,11a,11b-octahydro-6H-
pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 78%; White solid; ¹H NMR
(600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.17 (tt, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08
(d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.71 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd,
J = 7.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (ddd, J = 11.1, 5.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.00 – 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.78 (m, 4H), 2.75
– 2.64 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.7, 175.5, 170.4, 134.2, 131.93, 128.8, 128.3, 126.8,
125.1, 66.5, 62.1, 51.9, 47.6, 46.5, 45.2, 30.0, 25.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O₄ [M+H]+:
315.1345; found: 315.1350.



methyl 10-methyl-9,11-dioxo-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 83%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.74 – 4.64 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.13 (m, 2H), 3.07 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 162.8, 160.1, 133.0, 132.3, 130.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 125.9, 125.6, 117.6, 116.6, 52.3, 43.2, 28.2, 24.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 311.1032; found: 311.1030.



methyl 10-ethyl-9,11-dioxo-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 82%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (dd, J = 5.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, J = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 4.79 – 4.50 (m, 2H), 4.13 – 3.86 (m, 3H), 3.80 – 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.13 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (td, J = 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 162.7, 160.2, 133.0, 132.3, 130.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 125.9, 125.5, 117.5, 116.7, 52.3, 43.2, 33.1, 28.3, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 325.1188; found: 325.1189.



methyl 9,11-dioxo-10-propyl-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 70%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 4.76 – 4.61 (m, 2H), 3.97 (m, 3H), 3.57 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1, 162.9, 160.2, 133.0, 132.3, 130.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 125.9, 125.6, 117.5, 116.7, 52.3, 43.3, 39.9, 28.3, 21.9, 11.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{19}H_{18}N_2O_4$ [M+H]+: 339.1345; found: 339.1345.



methyl 10-cyclohexyl-9,11-dioxo-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 80%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (tt, J = 12.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.17 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (qd, J = 12.6, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 1.74 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (dd, J = 26.3, 13.1 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (ddd, J = 12.8, 9.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 163.0, 160.3, 132.9, 132.3, 130.2, 127.96, 127.9, 127.6, 125.8, 125.7, 117.4, 116.8, 52.32, 5.10, 43.3, 29.9, 28.3, 26.2, 25.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₂₂N2O4 [M+H]+: 379.1658; found: 379.1658.



methyl 9,11-dioxo-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-8carboxylate. Yield = 62%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.17 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.5, 162.2, 160.1, 133.4, 132.3, 130.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 126.2, 125.5, 117.8, 117.1, 52.5, 43.5, 28.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₆H₁₂N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 297.0875; found: 297.0877.



methyl 10-benzyl-9,11-dioxo-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 88%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 4.74 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C

NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 162.5, 160.1, 137.1, 133.3, 132.3, 130.3, 128.6, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 125.7, 125.5, 117.8, 116.6, 52.4, 43.3, 41.9, 28.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₃H₁₈N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 387.1345; found: 387.1343.



methyl 9,11-dioxo-10-phenyl-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 71%; White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.59 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41 (m, 5H), 7.31 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.20 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.0, 161.7, 160.1, 133.7, 132.6, 132.5, 130.4, 128.9, 128.0, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.0, 125.5, 125.3, 118.2, 116.3, 52.3, 43.4, 28.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₁₆N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 373.1188; found: 373.1188.



methyl 10-(4-nitrophenyl)-9,11-dioxo-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 69%; White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.22 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.1, 160.6, 159.8, 146.0, 138.5, 134.3, 132.6, 130.8, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 126.8, 125.2, 124.6, 124.2, 118.8, 115.7, 52.6, 43.6, 28.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₁₅N₃O₆ [M+H]+: 418.1039; found: 418.1037.



methyl

10-(4-bromophenyl)-9,11-dioxo-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-

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pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 72%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 – 8.51 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dtd, *J* = 14.5, 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 4.77 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.19 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.6, 161.3, 160.0, 133.9, 132.5, 132.0, 131.6, 130.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 125.4, 125.1, 121.4, 118.3, 116.0, 52.4, 43.5, 28.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₁₅BrN₂O₄ [M+H]+: 451.0293; found: 451.0291.



methyl 1-acetyl-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 80%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 4.69 – 4.52 (m, 2H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.14 – 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.02 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.7, 161.9, 135.2, 133.9, 133.3, 132.8, 129.9, 128.6, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 126.6, 123.9, 118.9, 51.1, 42.7, 32.2, 29.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₁₉NO₃ [M+H]+: 346.1443; found: 346.1445.



methyl 1-acetyl-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 65%; White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.37 (ddd, J = 7.2, 6.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 4.67 – 4.52 (m, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.39 – 3.06 (m, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.6, 161.6, 160.0 (d, J = 246.1 Hz), 134.0, 133.9, 132.0 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.5 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 128.7, 127.8, 127.2, 126.9, 126.8, 125.4, 123.7, 123.6 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 123.1 (d, J = 15.1Hz), 119.7, 115.1 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 51.3, 42.8, 31.6, 29.3. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.25. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₁₈FNO₃ [M+H]+: 364.1349; found: 364.1350.



methyl 1-acetyl-2-(m-tolyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield =

73%; White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (m, 2H), 4.71 – 4.51 (m, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.30 – 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.8, 161.9, 137.3, 135.0, 133.9, 133.3, 132.9, 130.6, 128.5, 128.15, 127.7, 127.6, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 123.9, 118.9, 51.1, 42.8, 32.2, 29.4, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₃H₂₁NO₃ [M+H]+: 360.1600; found: 360.1602.



methyl 1-acetyl-2-(3-chlorophenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 71%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.20 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.68 – 4.48 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.16 – 3.06 (m, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.0, 161.6, 137.0, 133.9, 133.6 133.5, 131.0, 130.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 126.8, 126.6, 123.7, 119.1, 51.2, 42.8, 32.3, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₁₈ClNO₃ [M+H]+: 380.1053; found: 380.1053.



methyl 1-acetyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 71%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.14 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 4.77 – 4.44 (m, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.16 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.06 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.2, 162.3 (d, *J* = 255.2 Hz), 161.7, 133.9, 133.4, 131.6 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 131.5, 131.0, 128.6, 127.8, 127.2, 126.9, 126.6, 123.9, 119.1, 114.7 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 51.2, 42.7, 32.2, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₁₈FNO₃ [M+H]+: 364.1349; found: 364.1351.



methyl 1-acetyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 76%; White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 4.78 – 4.48 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s,3H), 3.24 – 3.00 (m, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.3, 161.7, 133.9, 133.6, 133.5, 133.4, 131.3, 131.3, 128.7, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 126.9,

126.6, 123.9, 119.0, 51.2, 42.8, 32.3, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{22}H_{18}CINO_3$ [M+H]+: 380.1053; found: 380.1052.



methyl 1-acetyl-2-(4-bromophenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 72%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 4.64 – 4.48 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.15 – 2.99 (m, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.3, 161.7, 134.1, 133.9, 133.5, 131.7, 131.3, 130.9, 128.7, 127.8, 127.2, 126.9, 126.6, 123.8, 121.6, 118.9, 51.3, 42.8, 32.3, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₁₈BrNO₃ [M+H]+: 424.0548; found: 424.0551.



methyl 1-acetyl-2-(4-iodophenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 77%; White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.71 – 4.53 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.10 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.3, 161.7, 136.9, 134.7, 133.8, 133.5, 131.3, 128.7, 127.8, 127.2, 126.8, 126.6, 123.8, 118.9, 93.3, 51.3, 42.8, 32.3, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₁₈INO₃ [M+H]+: 472.0410; found: 472.0413.



methyl 1-acetyl-2-(p-tolyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 81%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.20 (m, 4H), 4.65 – 4.53 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.15 – 3.04 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9, 137.0, 133.9, 133.2, 132.9, 131.9, 129.8, 128.5, 128.5, 127.6, 127.1, 127.1, 126.6, 124.0, 118.9, 51.1, 42.7, 32.2, 29.4, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₃H₂₁NO₃ [M+H]+: 360.1600; found: 360.1602.



methyl 1-acetyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 76%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 4.71 – 4.45 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.23 – 2.96 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.8, 161.9, 158.9, 133.9, 133.2, 132.5, 131.1, 128.5, 127.7, 127.2, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 124.1, 118.9, 113.2, 55.2, 51.2, 42.7, 32.2, 29.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₃H₂₁NO₄ [M+H]+: 376.1549; found: 376.1550.



methyl 1-acetyl-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 71%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 4.68 – 4.43 (m, 2H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.26 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.6, 161.3, 140.4, 133.9, 133.9, 131.4, 130.9, 130.5, 128.9, 127.9, 127.3, 126.8, 126.6, 123.6, 119.1, 118.9, 111.1, 51.3, 42.9, 32.3, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₃H₁₈N₂O₃ [M+H]+: 371.1396; found: 371.1395.



methyl 1-benzoyl-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 70%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.72 – 4.61 (m, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.15 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.3, 162.1, 138.2, 134.3, 133.5, 133.3, 132.9, 130.1, 129.8, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.2, 127.15, 126.9, 126.9, 126.2, 121.2, 118.9, 99.9, 51.2, 42.8, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₇H₂₁NO₃ [M+H]+: 408.1600; found: 408.1602.



methyl 1-benzoyl-2-(p-tolyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 66%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.85 – 4.61 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.18 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.4, 162.2, 138.2, 136.3, 133.4, 133.3, 132.9, 131.2, 129.9, 129.9, 128.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.1, 126.9, 126.3, 121.2, 118.9, 51.2, 42.9, 29.3, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₈H₂₃NO₃ [M+H]+: 422.1756; found: 422.1756.



methyl 1-benzoyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 63%; White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.12 (m, 7H), 7.08 (dd, J = 16.2, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.18 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.9, 162.3 (d, J = 247.6 Hz), 162.0, 140.4, 134.2, 133.8, 133.3 (d, J = 13.6 Hz), 130.1, 129.7 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 128.3, 127.8, 127.3, 127.1 (d, J = 30.2 Hz), 126.7, 126.2, 125.6, 120.7, 119.8 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 118.9, 116.2 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 51.2, 42.9, 29.3. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -112.81. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₇H₂₀FNO₃ [M+H]+: 426.1505; found: 426.1502.



methyl 1-benzoyl-2-(m-tolyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 62%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33

(d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 m, 3H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.76 – 4.57 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.17 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.4, 162.2, 138.3, 136.6, 134.1, 133.5, 133.3, 132.8, 130.8, 129.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 127.2, 127.1, 127.1, 126.9, 126.2, 121.2, 118.8, 51.1, 42.9, 29.3, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₈H₂₃NO₃ [M+H]+: 422.1756; found: 422.1755.



methyl 1-benzoyl-2-(3-bromophenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 70%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.20 (td, *J* = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.77 – 4.59 (m, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.17 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.9, 161.8, 138.2, 136.4, 133.8, 133.3, 133.2, 133.1, 131.6, 129.9, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.2, 126.7, 126.3, 121.1, 118.9, 51.3, 42.9, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₇H₂₀BrNO₃ [M+H]+: 486.0705; found: 486.0707.



methyl 1-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[**2,1-a**]**isoquinoline-3-carboxylate**. Yield = 61%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.69 – 4.61 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.14 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.0, 163.5, 162.2, 134.3, 133.2, 132.9, 132.8, 132.3, 131.3, 130.0, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 126.8, 126.0, 121.5, 118.7, 113.4, 55.4, 51.1, 42.8, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₈H₂₃NO₄ [M+H]+: 438.1705; found: 438.1703.



methyl 1-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2-(m-tolyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate. Yield = 75%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.76 – 4.60 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.16 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 162.2, 143.7, 136.6, 135.8, 134.1, 133.3, 133.2, 133.0, 130.8, 129.9, 128.9, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.2, 127.1, 127.1, 127.0, 126.2, 121.4, 118.8, 51.1, 42.8, 29.3, 21.7, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₉H₂₅NO₃ [M+H]+: 436.1913; found: 436.1912.



1-ethyl 3-methyl 5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-1,3-dicarboxylate. Yield = 82%; White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.33 (ddt, *J* = 8.6, 7.3, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.80 – 4.54 (m, 2H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.19 – 2.92 (m, 2H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 161.4, 137.9, 134.1, 128.9, 128.6, 127.3, 127.1, 126.9, 121.5, 120.7, 112.4, 60.3, 51.5, 42.3, 29.5, 14.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₇H₁₇NO₄ [M+H]+: 300.1236; found: 300.1237.



1-ethyl 3-methyl 2-phenyl-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-1,3-dicarboxylate. Yield = 56%; White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.73 – 4.34 (m, 2H), 4.03 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.16 – 2.99 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 161.9, 135.5, 134.6, 134.1, 133.8, 129.7, 128.5, 127.6, 127.2, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 126.8, 119.2, 113.9, 60.5, 51.1, 42.8, 29.4, 13.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₃H₂₁NO₄ [M+H]+: 376.1549; found: 376.1550.



1,2-diethyl 3-methyl 5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-1,2,3-tricarboxylate. Yield = 87%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (dd, J = 6.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 4.55 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.10 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 163.4, 160.3, 136.8, 134.3, 129.3, 128.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.9, 126.3, 118.8, 110.7, 61.5, 60.8, 51.9, 42.6, 29.3, 14.3, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₀H₂₁NO₆ [M+H]+: 372.1447; found: 372.1445.



methyl 12-oxo-5,6,9,10,11,12-hexahydroisoindolo[1,2-a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 62%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.71 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.90 – 4.46 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.05 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.03 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.64 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.13 – 2.05 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.5, 162.2, 138.2, 137.1, 134.0, 129.3, 128.9, 127.1, 127.0, 127.0, 118.2, 117.4, 51.3, 42.6, 40.3, 29.3, 24.1, 23.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₁₇NO₃ [M+H]+: 296.1287; found: 296.1283.



methyl 9,14-dioxo-5,6,9,14-tetrahydrobenzo[5,6]isoindolo[1,2-a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 71%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.97 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.32 – 8.25 (m, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 3.09 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.7, 179.6, 161.9, 135.9, 135.6, 134.7, 133.7, 133.4, 133.1, 130.2, 128.9, 127.5, 127.5, 127.3, 126.6, 126.3, 125.5, 123.5, 117.5, 53.2, 43.2, 29.1. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₁₅NO₄ [M+H]+: 358.1079; found: 358.1079.



methyl 4,10-dimethyl-9,11-dioxo-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 81%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 3.09 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1, 162.9, 160.2, 135.2, 133.6, 132.0, 130.9, 127.6, 126.1, 125.9, 125.5, 117.3, 116.6, 52.3, 42.9, 24.8, 24.3, 19.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 325.1188; found: 325.1189.



methyl3-methoxy-10-methyl-9,11-dioxo-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 79%; White solid; ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H),4.69 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.18 – 3.04 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 162.9, 161.1, 160.2, 134.4, 133.5, 129.7, 125.9, 118.5, 117.1, 115.3, 113.3, 113.2, 55.5, 52.2, 43.0,28.6, 24.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₅ [M+H]+: 341.1137; found: 341.1136.



methyl2,3-dimethoxy-10-methyl-9,11-dioxo-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 77%; White solid; ¹H NMR(600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 4.64 (dd, J = 9.8, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H),3.94 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.05 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 162.8, 160.1, 150.6, 148.5,133.6, 125.7, 125.5, 118.1, 117.3, 115.2, 110.3, 110.2, 56.1, 56.0, 52.2, 43.3, 27.8, 24.1. HRMS (ESI)calculated for C₁₉H₁₈N₂O₆ [M+H]+: 371.1243; found: 371.1245.



methyl 2-bromo-10-methyl-9,11-dioxo-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 91%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.67 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.78 – 4.68 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.17 – 3.07 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 162.6, 160.0, 133.0, 131.3, 130.9, 130.3, 129.2, 127.3, 125.8, 121.6, 118.1, 117.3, 52.4, 43.1, 27.9, 24.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₇H₁₃BrN₂O₄ [M+H]+: 389.0137; found: 389.0137.



methyl 1-chloro-10-methyl-9,11-dioxo-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 73%; White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 3.00 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 162.7, 160.1, 137.8, 133.1, 130.3, 130.0, 128.1, 125.9, 125.7, 125.3, 119.1, 117.9, 52.5, 42.5, 30.5, 24.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₇H₁₃ClN₂O₄ [M+H]+: 345.0642; found: 345.0642.



ethyl 10-methyl-9,11-dioxo-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 76%; White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 4.70 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1, 162.8, 159.7, 132.9, 132.3, 130.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 125.8, 125.6, 118.1, 116.7, 61.6, 43.2, 28.3, 24.2, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 325.1188; found: 325.1189.



benzyl 10-methyl-9,11-dioxo-5,9,10,11-tetrahydro-6H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 81%; White solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 4.66 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.15 – 2.97 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 162.6, 159.4, 135.5, 132.9, 132.3, 130.2, 128.6, 128.9, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.0, 125.5, 117.6, 116.7, 66.9, 43.2, 28.2, 24.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₃H₁₈N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 387.1345; found: 387.1346.



8-benzoyl-10-methyl-5,6-dihydro-9H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-9,11(10H)dione. Yield = 80%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.59 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.72 – 4.39 (m, 2H), 3.22 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.6, 164.2, 162.8, 137.8, 133.7, 133.5, 132.7, 130.3, 129.9, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 125.8, 125.5, 125.2, 116.3, 43.9, 28.5, 24.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₁₆N₂O₃ [M+H]+: 357.1239; found: 357.1239.



methyl 10-methyl-9,11-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-9H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 91%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.17 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 9.07 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 3.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 162.9, 160.3, 131.1, 130.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 127.3, 126.6, 124.7, 123.7, 115.9, 113.1, 111.5, 52.3, 24.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₇H₁₂N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 309.0875; found: 309.0873.



methyl 10-ethyl-9,11-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-9H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-8carboxylate. Yield = 87%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.23 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 9.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 3.75 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 162.8, 160.4, 131.2, 130.2, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 127.3, 126.5, 124.7, 123.8, 115.9, 113.2, 111.5, 52.3, 33.3, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 323.1032; found: 323.1032.



methyl 9,11-dioxo-10-propyl-10,11-dihydro-9H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 88%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.99 (dd, J = 6.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 3.75 – 3.54 (m, 2H), 1.74 (dd, J = 14.7, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.99 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 162.7, 160.2, 130.8, 130.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 127.2, 126.4, 124.5, 123.5, 115.8, 112.9, 111.3, 52.2, 40.1, 22.0, 11.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₉H₁₆N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 337.1188; found: 337.1187.



methyl 10-benzyl-9,11-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-9H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 79%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 9.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 2H), 4.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 162.5, 160.3, 137.0, 131.3, 130.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.6, 127.3, 126.5, 124.7, 123.6, 116.1, 112.8, 111.6, 52.3, 42.1. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₃H₁₆N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 385.1188; found: 385.1189.



ethyl 10-methyl-9,11-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-9H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-8carboxylate. Yield = 86%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.06 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 8.95 (m, 1H), 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 1.52 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 162.9, 159.8, 130.05, 129.0, 128.8, 128.2, 127.2, 126.5, 124.6, 123.6, 115.7, 112.9, 111.9, 61.5, 29.71, 24.3, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 323.1032; found: 323.1033.



methyl 3,10-dimethyl-9,11-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-9H-pyrrolo[3',4':3,4]pyrrolo[2,1a]isoquinoline-8-carboxylate. Yield = 82%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.88 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 162.9, 160.3, 140.7, 131.2, 130.5, 129.2, 128.4, 127.1, 126.2, 124.6, 121.4, 115.7, 112.3, 111.2, 52.2, 24.3, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 323.1032; found: 323.1031.



ethyl 2-methyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,4-a]indolizine-4-carboxylate. Yield = 73%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.50 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, *J* = 8.9, 6.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (td, *J* = 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 163.2, 160.0, 131.3, 130.2, 129.1, 127.0, 118.6, 115.5, 110.6, 110.0, 61.3, 24.1, 14.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₄H₁₂N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 273.0875; found: 273.0873.



methyl 2,6-dimethyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,4-a]indolizine-4-carboxylate. Yield = 65%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 163.7, 160.2, 139.7, 133.2, 130.7, 127.2, 117.1, 116.5, 112.6, 109.8, 52.8, 24.1, 22.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₄H₁₂N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 273.0875; found: 273.0876.



methyl 2,7-dimethyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,4-a]indolizine-4-carboxylate. Yield = 71%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.42 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 2.80 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 163.2, 160.5, 133.3, 130.4, 129.9, 126.7, 126.3, 115.9, 111.1, 109.6, 52.1, 24.3, 19.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₄H₁₂N₂O₄ [M+H]+: 273.0875; found: 273.0876.



methyl 2,8-dimethyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,4-a]indolizine-4-carboxylate. Yield = 63%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.42 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 163.4, 160.5, 138.9, 132.0, 130.5, 128.4, 118.5, 117.2, 109.3, 109.2, 52.1, 24.1, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C14H12N2O4 [M+H]+: 273.0875; found: 273.0875.



1,2-diethyl 3-methyl pyrrolo[**2,1-a**]isoquinoline-1,2,3-tricarboxylate. Yield = 93%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.39 (dd, J = 6.3, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 9.26 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, J = 14.3, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.40 (dd, J = 14.3, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2, 163.9, 160.4, 134.5, 130.4, 129.7, 129.1, 127.9, 127.2, 126.9, 124.3, 123.8, 115.9, 113.2, 107.9, 61.6, 61.1, 51.9, 14.3, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₀H₁₉NO₆ [M+H]+: 370.1291; found: 370.1289.



triethyl indolizine-1,2,3-tricarboxylate. Yield = 78%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.53 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.41 – 4.34 (m, 4H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 162.9, 160.2, 137.9, 130.6, 127.9, 126.6, 119.9, 115.3, 111.8, 103.1, 61.8, 60.8, 60.3, 14.3, 14.1, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₇H₁₉NO₆ [M+H]+: 334.1291; found: 334.1292.



methyl 7-cyanoindolizine-1,2,3-tricarboxylate. Yield = 71%; White solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.56 (dd, J = 7.4, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 8.72 (s, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.59, 161.99, 160.03, 135.09, 131.44, 128.30, 126.09, 117.04, 115.01, 114.00, 109.23, 106.48, 62.14, 61.10, 52.31, 14.25, 14.18. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₁₈N₂O₆ [M+H]+: 359.1243; found: 359.1243.

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