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# Formic acid as hydrogen source for the iridium-catalyzed reductive amination of levulinic acid and 2-formylbenzoic acid

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## **General remarks**

Levulinic acid (98%), formic acid, formyl benzoic acid and 2,2'-dipyridylamine (98%) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Amines were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. Solvents (water) were HPLC grade and used as received. **Ir1, Ir2, Ir3, Ir4** were synthesized according to reported procedures from our group.<sup>[1, 3]</sup> NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance I 300 MHz or Avance III 400 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts are given as ppm vs TMS by reference to the residual solvent signal.

## General procedure for the reductive amination of LA

Levulinic acid (2 mmol, 0.23 g), formic acid (4 mmol, 0,18 g), amine (2.2 mmol), catalyst (0.01-0.05 mol %) and 2 mL of water were added to a <u>heavy walled Schlenk tube\*</u> equipped with a Teflon screw cap. The mixture was stirred at the appropriate temperature for the desired time. Volatile compounds were removed under vacuum. The crude mixtures were analysed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate with 1% triethylamine as eluent.

## General procedure for the reductive amination of 2-formylbenzoic acid

2-formylbenzoic acid (2 mmol, 0.30 g), formic acid (4 mmol, 0.18 g), amine (2.2 mmol), **Ir1** (0.05mol%) and 2 mL of water were added to <u>heavy walled Schlenk tube\*</u> equipped with a Teflon screw cap. The mixture was stirred at the appropriate temperature for desired time. Volatile compounds were removed under vacuum. The crude mixtures were analysed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. Then the crude product was purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate with 1% triethylamine as eluent.

▲ \* For safety reasons, the reactions were conducted in thick wall Schlenk tubes of small size as the internal pressure increases due to formic acid dehydrogenation. Tube size: H = 11 cm, i.d. = 1.5 cm, glass thickness = 2.7 mm.

## General procedure for the sequential dehydration/reductive amination sequence:

Glucose (0.45 g, 2.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) was loaded into a 20 mL autoclave, and  $H_2SO_4$  (2.5 mL, 0.5 m) was added. The autoclave was quickly heated to 170°C, and vigorously stirred for 2 h at the same temperature. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature. Insoluble by-products were removed by filtration. The filtrate was transferred into a 20 mL reactor containing the desired amount of catalyst **Ir1** (0.05 mol% vs glucose) and aniline (1.1 equiv.). The reactor was heated in an oil bath at 60 °C for 16 h and allowed to cool to r. t. The reaction medium was extracted with dichloromethane (3x5 mL). The combined organic phases were evaporated to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1 v/v) as eluent.

# Intermediate compounds



LA (2 mmol), aniline (2 mmol), FA (4 mmol), **Ir3** (0.05 mol%) and 2 mL water were added to a heavy walled Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap and stirred for 17 h at 40 °C. Water was evaporated under vacuum and the crude mixture was analysed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. As shown in Figure 1, the ratio of the desired product and secondary amine was 25:75. Further stirring this neat mixture for one hour at r.t resulted in a reversed ratio of 71:29 as shown in figure 2.



Figure 1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of crude mixture after the reaction.



Figure 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of crude mixture keep for 1h.



6-Oxoheptanoic acid (2 mmol), 4-chloroaniline (2 mmol), FA (4 mmol), **Ir3** (0.05 mol%) and 2 mL water were added to a heavy walled Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon screw cap and stirred for 17 h at 100 °C. After removal of the solvent, the crude was purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate with 1% triethylamine as eluent. **3a** was isolated in 82% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.09 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 5.98 (br, 1H), 3.44-3.38 (m, 1H), 2.36 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 1.67-1.40 (m, 6H), 1.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  179.5, 146.0, 129.0, 121.5, 114.3, 48.6, 36.6, 33.8, 25.5, 24.6, 20.6.



Figure 3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3a.



Figure 4. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3a

# Synthesis of pyrrolidinone derivatives

1-phenyl-5-Methylpyrrolidin-2-one **1a**<sup>[2]</sup>

97% yield; white solid;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38-7.33 (m, 4H, CH), 7.19-7.15 (m, 1H, CH), 4.30-4.22 (m, 1H, CH), 2.63-2.45 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.35-2.31 (m, 1H, CH), 1.74-1.70 (m, 1H, CH), 1.17 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$ = 6.4 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ174.2, 137.5, 128.9, 125.7, 124.0, 55.6, 31.3, 26.7, 20.1.

1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 1b<sup>[2]</sup>

92% yield; yellow solid;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.24 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=8.8 Hz, 2H, CH), 6.90 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=8.8 Hz, 2H, CH), 4.19-4.13 (m, 1H, CH), 3.78 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.59-2.46 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.37-2.32 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.77-1.63 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.16 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=6.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.5, 157.8, 130.4, 126.2, 114.4, 56.2, 55.5, 31.2, 26.9, 20.3.

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 1c<sup>[2]</sup>

Cl

85% yield; yellow oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28-7.23 (m, 4H, CH), 4.22-4.14 (m, 1H, CH), 2.57-2.49 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.46-2.38 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.31-2.23 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.69-1.60 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.10 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>= 6.4 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ174.0, 136.0, 130.5, 128.7, 124.7, 55.2, 31.0, 26.3, 19.7.

1-mesityl-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 1d<sup>[2]</sup>

88% yield; colorless oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.90 (s, 1H, CH), 6.87 (s, 1H, CH), 4.04-3.96 (m, 1H, CH), 2.67-2.46 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.42-2.34 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.24 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.81-1.76 (m, 1H, CH), 1.06 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>= 6.4 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>);

 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.2, 137.4, 136.9, 135.0, 131.9, 129.3, 129.2, 56.1, 30.6, 28.2, 20.8, 19.5, 18.5, 18.0.

1-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 1e<sup>[2]</sup>

75% yield; white solid;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.33-7.29 (m, 1H, CH), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2H, CH), 3.97-3.89 (m, 1H, CH), 2.99-2.96 (m, 1H, CH), 2.80-2.76 (m, 1H, CH), 2.63-2.57 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.43-2.41 (m, 1H, CH), 1.85-1.80 (m, 1H, CH), 1.23-1.17 (m, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.09 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>= 6.4 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ175.3, 148.1, 146.5, 131.7, 128.8, 124.2, 124.1, 57.9, 30.9, 29.0, 28.9, 28.5, 25.4, 24.8, 24.2, 23.5, 19.8.

1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 1f<sup>[2]</sup>



91% yield; yellow solid;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.84 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=2 .0 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.78 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=8.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.70-6.67 (dd, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=2.0 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=8.0 Hz 1H, CH), 5.94 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.16-4.07 (m, 1H, CH), 2.61-2.45 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.37-2.28 (m, 1H, CH), 1.75-1.66 (m, 1H, CH), 1.15 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=6.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 174.4, 148.0, 145.9, 131.5, 118.2, 108.3, 106.8, 101.5, 56.5, 31.2, 26.8, 20.3.

4-(2-methyl-5-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)benzonitrile **1g**<sup>[2]</sup>

83% yield; white solid;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.69-7.63 (m, 4H, CH), 4.37-4.29 (m, 1H, CH), 2.64-2.56 (m, 1H, CH), 2.50-2.41 (m, 1H, CH), 2.35-2.25 (m, 1H, CH), 1.75-1.67 (m, 1H, CH), 1.18 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$ = 6.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.3, 141.7, 132.7, 122.0, 118.5, 107.4, 54.6, 31.2, 26.0, 19.4.

1-(4-acetylphenyl)-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 1h<sup>[2]</sup>

77% yield; colorless oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.46-4.36 (m, 1H, CH), 2.64-2.63 (m, 1H, CH), 2.56 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.55-2.47 (m, 1H, CH), 2.42-2.32 (m, 1H, CH), 1.80-1.73 (m, 1H, CH), 1.24 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>= 6.4 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.1, 174.5, 142.1, 133.6, 129.4, 122.1, 55.1, 31.5, 26.6, 26.5, 19.9.

1-hexyl-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (1i)<sup>[2]</sup>

82% yield; yellow oil;

 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.56-3.53 (m, 1H, CH), 3.47-3.38 (m, 1H, CH), 2.78-2.73 (m, 1H, CH), 2.24-2.16 (m, 2H, CH\_2), 2.06-2.00 (m, 1H, CH), 1.42-1.29 (m, 3H, CH), 1.13-1.01 (m, 9H, CH), 0.73-072 (m, 3H, CH\_3);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.5, 53.1, 39.8, 31.3, 30.1, 27.2, 26.6, 26.4, 22.3, 19.6, 13.8.

1-cyclohexyl-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 1j<sup>[2]</sup>

76% yield; colourless oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.76-3.72 (m, 1H, CH), 3.69-3.61 (m, 1H, CH), 2.44-2.35 (m, 1H, CH), 2.23-2.16 (m, 1H, CH), 2.12-2.02 (m, 1H, CH), 1.77-1.68 (m, 3H, CH), 1.63-1.43 (m, 5H, CH), 1.30-1.23 (m, 2H, CH), 1.18 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$ = 6.4 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.11-1.05 (m, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.5, 52.9, 52.6, 31.8, 30.2, 30.4, 27.5, 26.0, 25.9, 25.6, 22.4.

1-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 1k<sup>[2]</sup>

83% yield; yellow oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.08 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>= 7.6 Hz 2H, CH), 6.91-6.79 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=7.6 Hz, 2H, CH), 4.81 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=14.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.84 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>= 14.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.40-3.45 (m, 1H, CH), 2.39-2.28 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.07-2.03 (m, 1H, CH), 1.50-1.48 (m, 1H, CH), 1.07 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=6.4 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 174.7, 158.8, 129.1, 128.7, 113.8, 55.1, 52.6, 43.1, 30.2, 26.5, 19.5.

1-(4-trifluoromethyl)-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 11[2]

80% yield; yellow oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=6.8 Hz, 2H, CH), 7.30 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=6.8 Hz, 2H, CH), 4.84 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=15.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.15 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>= 15.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.51-3.48 (m, 1H, CH), 2.45-2.34 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.14-2.12 (m, 1H, CH), 1.57-1.55 (m, 1H, CH), 1.10 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=6.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>);

 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  175.2, 141.6, 129.7 (q,  $^2\text{J}_{\text{C-F}}\text{=}32.1$  Hz), 128.0, 125.4 (q,  $^3\text{J}_{\text{C-F}}\text{=}$  3.8 Hz), 124.7 (q,  $^1\text{J}_{\text{C-F}}\text{=}270.1$  Hz), 53.6, 43.5, 30.0, 26.6, 19.5.

## Synthesis of piperidinones derivatives

6-methyl-1-phenylpiperidin-2-one 1m<sup>[4]</sup>

91% yield, yellow oil;

<sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.39-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.23 (tt,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$ =7.6 Hz,  ${}^{4}J_{H-H}$ =1.2 Hz 1H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 3.93-3.85 (m, 1H), 2.53-2.49 (m, 2H), 2.14-2.05 (m, 1H), 2.02-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.05 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$ =6.4 Hz, 3H) ppm.

 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  170.3, 141.5, 129.1, 128.1, 127.1, 55.7, 32.7, 30.8, 20.8, 18.3.

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-methylpiperidin-2-one 1n<sup>[4]</sup>

83%, yellow oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.88 - 3.80 (m, 1H), 2.47 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>= 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.06-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.69-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=6.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.4, 139.8, 132.5, 129.3, 129.1, 55.6, 32.6, 30.6, 20.7, 18.1.

1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methylpiperidin-2-one 10<sup>[4]</sup>

93% yield, brown oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.06 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=9.2 Hz, 2H, CH), 6.90 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=8.8 Hz, 2H, CH), 3.87-3.82 (m, 1H, CH), 3.80 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.52 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=6.4, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.12-2.09 (m, 1H, CH), 2.03-1.92 (m, 1H, CH), 1.87-1.78 (m, 1H, CH), 1.75-1.67 (m, 1H, CH), 1.07 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=6.4 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 170.5, 158.1, 134.1, 128.8, 114.2, 55.7, 55.2, 32.5, 30.6, 20.6, 18.1.

## Synthesis of isoindolinone derivatives

2-propylisoindolin-1-one (2a)[2]

93% yield; colorless oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>= 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.47-7.43 (m, 1H, CH), 7.39-7.26 (m, 2H, CH), 4.30 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>= 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.66-1.58 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.90 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>= 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.5, 141.1, 132.9, 131.1, 127.8, 123.5, 122.6, 49.8, 43.9, 21.7, 11.2.

2-phenylisoindolin-1-one 2b<sup>[2]</sup>

96% yield; yellow solid;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ7.93 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$ = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.88-7.86 (m, 2H, CH), 7.62-7.60 (m, 1H, CH), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H, CH), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H, CH), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H, CH), 4.86 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ167.6, 140.2, 139.6, 133.4, 132.2, 129.3, 128.5, 124.6, 124.3, 122.7, 119.6, 50.9. 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)isoindolin-1-one (2c)[2]

90% yield; brown solid;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ7.92 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$ = 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.73 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$ = 9.2 Hz, 2H, CH), 7.60-7.57 (m, 1H, CH), 7.52-7.48 (m, 2H, CH), 6.98-6.95 (m, 2H, CH), 4.82 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.83 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ167.6, 157.2, 141.0, 133.8, 133.4, 132.3, 128.7, 124.1, 123.3, 121.9, 114.7, 56.0, 51.7.

4-(1-oxoisoindolin-2-yl)benzonitrile 2d<sup>[2]</sup>



88% yield; brown solid

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ8.00 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=8.8 Hz, 2H, CH), 7.86 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=7.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.65-7.60 (m, 3H, CH), 7.52-7.48 (m, 2H, CH), 4.82 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ167.9, 143.3, 139.8, 133.3, 133.0, 132.4, 128.8, 124.5, 122.9, 118.9, 118.5, 107.0, 50.3.

## 2-mesitylisoindolin-1-one (2e)<sup>[2]</sup>



91% yield; yellow solid

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ7.98-7.96 (m, 1H, CH), 7.61-7.59 (m, 1H, CH), 7.52-7.50 (m, 2H, CH), 6.98 (s, 2H, CH), 4.59 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.32 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.15 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ168.0, 141.8, 138.3, 136.5, 132.9, 132.5, 131.7, 129.4, 128.2, 124.4, 123.0, 51.4, 21.1, 17.9.

2-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)isoindolin-1-one (2f)[2]



84% yield; yellow solid

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.00 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 1H, CH), 7.59-7.54 (m, 2H, CH), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H, CH), 7.28 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>=7.6 Hz, 2H, CH), 4.60 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.84-2.77 (m, 2H, CH), 1.24 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub>= 6.8 Hz, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub>);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ168.7, 147.7, 141.5, 132.8, 132.5, 131.8, 129.4, 128.4, 124.6, 124.2, 123.0, 53.9, 28.9, 24.7, 24.4.

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