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## A multicomponent two-step strategy for synthesis of polysubstituted pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-ones using solid acid as recyclable catalyst

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## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

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## **General information**

All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and were used without further purification. The reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis using silica gel (GF254) plates.  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz instrument (Bruker Avance 400 Spectrometer). Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are given in ppm relative to TMS as the internal reference, with coupling constants ( $J$ ) in Hz.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz. Chemical shift were reported in ppm with the internal dimethyl sulphoxide signal at 39.9 ppm and chloroform signal at 77.7 ppm as a standard. HRMS (ESI) was measured with a Bruker Daltonics APEXII instrument. The carbonaceous material catalyst<sup>1</sup> was prepared using furaldehyde and hydroxyethylsulfonic acid as substrates.

## **Synthesis and property of solid acid (C-SO<sub>3</sub>H) catalyst**

According to literature method,<sup>1</sup> furaldehyde (10 g), hydroxyethylsulfonic acid (5 g) were dropped into deionized water (80 mL) and placed in 100 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclaves, which were heated in an oven at 200 °C for 4 h. The resulting products were filtered, washed with water and methanol, and dried in a vacuum oven at 110 °C for 5 h. The acidity of the solid acid was 2.4 mmol/g, which was determined through the neutralization titration. This solid acid owned much higher acidity than that of the sulfonated solid acid, which was obtained via the sulfonation of the inactive carbon. The acid strength of the catalyst was determined by thermodesorption of chemisorbed ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>-TPD). The result showed that the catalyst had great acid strength in which ammonia was desorbed at 400 to 600 °C. IR (KBr) = 3020 (Ar-H), 1704 (C=O), 1604 (C=C), 1204 (C-O), 1040 (S=O), 940 (S-O) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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## **X-ray Crystallography**

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction measurement was carried out on a Rigaku Saturn CCD diffractometer at 99.99(10) K using graphite monochromated CuK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  =

1.54184). An empirical absorption correction was applied using the SADABS program. The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least squares on  $F^2$  using the SHELXTL-97 program package.

### **General procedure for the synthesis of 3.**

In a 10-mL reaction vial, **1** (0.5 mmol) and **2** (1.1 mmol), solid acid (10 mg), water (3.0 mL), were mixed and then capped at 80 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC until conversion of the substrates was complete. The mixture was cooled to room temperature. The resulted precipitate was filtered and dried along with the catalyst. The crude product was further purified by recrystallization from hot 95% ethanol to give the pure desired product **3**.

### **General procedure for the synthesis of 6.**

In a 10-mL reaction vial, **3** (0.5 mmol), **4** (0.5 mmol), **5** (0.5 mmol), solid acid (10 mg) and 50% ethanol (3.0 mL), were mixed and then capped at 80 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC until conversion of the substrates was complete about 6 h. Upon completion, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered and washed by 50% EtOH. Then, the pure products were obtained by direct crystallization from the mother liquid.

### **General procedure for the synthesis of 7.**

In a 10-mL reaction vial, **3a** (0.5 mmol), **4** (0.5 mmol), solid acid (10 mg) and 50% ethanol (3.0 mL), were mixed and then capped at 80 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC until conversion of the substrates was complete about 6 h. Upon completion, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered and washed by 50% EtOH. Then, the pure products were obtained by direct crystallization from the mother liquid.

### **Spectral data of the compounds**

#### **6-methyl-1-phenyl-4-(phenylamino)pyridin-2(1H)-one (**3a**)**

Pale yellow solid; Mp: 212-214 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.48-7.51 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.40-7.47 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.33-7.37 (m, 2H, ArH<sub>2</sub>), 7.18-7.23 (m, 4H, ArH),

7.12-7.16 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.41 (br, s, 1H, NH), 6.01 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.82 (dd,  $J$  = 2.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.88 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  165.1, 153.0, 146.0, 139.2, 138.9, 129.5, 129.4, 128.5, 124.4, 122.7, 99.6, 93.7, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 277.1335, found: 277.1333.

### **6-methyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)-4-(*p*-tolylamino)pyridin-2(1*H*)-one (3b)**

Yellow solid; Mp: 245-246 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.27 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.07-7.09 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.30 (br, s, 1H, NH), 5.92 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.77 (s, 1H, CH), 2.40 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.35 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.88 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  165.2, 153.3, 146.0, 138.3, 136.5, 136.3, 134.2, 130.2, 129.9, 128.1, 123.1, 99.3, 93.3, 21.6, 21.2, 20.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 305.1648, found: 305.1653.

### **1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-6-methylpyridin-2(1*H*)-one (3c)**

Gray solid; Mp: 263-264 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , TMS):  $\delta$  8.50 (br, s, 1H, NH), 7.07-7.13 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.93-7.00 (m, 4H, ArH), 5.84 (s, 1H, CH), 5.47 (s, 1H, CH), 3.78 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.74 (s, 3H, OMe), 1.81 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , TMS):  $\delta$  164.2, 159.0, 156.3, 154.1, 146.4, 133.0, 132.0, 130.2, 130.0, 124.8, 114.9, 114.8, 114.6, 99.0, 90.6, 55.7, 21.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3 [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 337.1547, found: 337.1551.

### **1-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-((4-fluorophenyl)amino)-6-methylpyridin-2(1*H*)-one (3d)**

White powder; Mp: 280-282 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , TMS):  $\delta$  8.70 (br, s, 1H, NH), 7.20-7.32 (m, 8H, ArH), 5.89 (s, 1H, CH), 5.56 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.83 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , TMS):  $\delta$  164.0, 161.8 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^1$  = 261.0 Hz), 158.8 ( $J'_{\text{CF}}^1$  = 239.0 Hz), 153.5, 146.3, 136.6, 131.4, 116.4 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^3$  = 9.0 Hz), 124.4, 116.4 ( $J'_{\text{CF}}^3$  = 8.0 Hz), 116.4 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^2$  = 22.0 Hz), 116.3 ( $J'_{\text{CF}}^2$  = 23.0 Hz), 99.2, 91.2, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 313.1147, found: 313.1146.

### **1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-6-methylpyridin-2(1*H*)-one (3e)**

White powder; Mp: >300 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , TMS):  $\delta$  8.85 (br, s, 1H, NH), 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.40 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.20-7.26 (m, 4H, ArH), 5.94 (s, 1H, CH), 5.68 (s, 1H, CH), 1.85 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , TMS):  $\delta$  163.8, 152.8, 146.2, 139.5, 138.2, 131.1, 131.2, 129.7, 127.2, 123.3, 99.5, 92.2, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 345.0556, found:

345.0565.

**1-(4-bromophenyl)-4-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-6-methylpyridin-2(1H)-one (3f)**

White powder; Mp: 262-264 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, TMS): δ 8.85 (br, s, 1H, NH), 7.67 (s, 2H, ArH), 7.52 (s, 2H, ArH), 7.17 (s, 4H, ArH), 5.94 (s, 1H, CH), 5.69 (s, 1H, CH), 1.85 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, TMS): δ 163.7, 152.7, 146.2, 139.9, 138.6, 132.6, 132.5, 131.6, 123.5, 121.6, 115.1, 99.5, 92.4, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 432.9546, found: 432.9547.

**6-methyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)pyridin-2(1H)-one (3g)**

Yellow solid; Mp: 275-276 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, TMS): δ 9.23 (br, s, 1H, NH), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.07 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.92 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.87 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, TMS): δ 163.8, 152.1, 146.2, 144.5, 142.9, 130.4, 129.4, 127.0, 126.7, 125.8, 120.3, 100.1, 94.0, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 413.1083, found: 413.1077.

**6-methyl-1-(*o*-tolyl)-4-(*o*-tolylamino)pyridin-2(1H)-one (3h)**

Yellow solid; Mp: 190-192 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 7.19-7.30 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.13-7.17 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.09 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.33 (br, s, 1H, NH), 5.81 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.62 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.23 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.10 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.79 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 164.5, 154.4, 145.6, 138.1, 137.2, 135.8, 133.8, 131.1, 131.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.1, 126.7, 126.0, 125.9, 99.6, 92.9, 21.1, 17.9, 17.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 305.1648, found: 305.1651.

**1-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-4-((2,4-dimethylphenyl)amino)-6-methylpyridin-2(1H)-one (3i)**

Gray solid; Mp: 195-196 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 7.05-7.10 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.12 (br, s, 1H, NH), 5.75 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.56 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.33 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.19 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.07 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.80 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 164.6, 154.7, 145.8, 138.4, 135.9, 134.5, 133.9, 131.8, 131.7, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 126.3, 99.3, 92.6, 21.2, 21.1, 21.0, 17.8, 17.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 333.1961,

found: 333.1954.

**1-(3-chlorophenyl)-4-((3-chlorophenyl)amino)-6-methylpyridin-2(1*H*)-one (3j)**

White solid; Mp: 227-228 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, TMS): δ 8.94 (br, s, 1H, NH), 7.50-7.52 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.36-7.40 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.17-7.23 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.95 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.74 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.87 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, TMS): δ 163.7, 152.5, 146.3, 142.2, 140.6, 134.0, 133.7, 131.4, 131.1, 129.4, 128.8, 128.2, 123.1, 120.8, 119.8, 99.7, 92.7, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 345.0556, found: 345.0560.

**1-benzyl-4-(benzylamino)-6-methylpyridin-2(1*H*)-one (3k)**

Yellow crystal; Mp: 225-226 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 7.27-7.37 (m, 7H, ArH), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 5.58 (s, 1H, CH), 5.56 (s, 1H, CH), 5.23 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.84 (br, s, 1H, NH), 4.26 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.11 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 164.9, 154.9, 145.6, 137.8, 137.6, 128.8, 128.6, 127.6, 127.5, 127.0, 126.3, 99.8, 90.7, 46.9, 46.1, 20.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 305.1648, found: 305.1655.

**1-butyl-4-(butylamino)-6-methylpyridin-2(1*H*)-one (3l)**

White crystal; Mp: 133-134 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 5.46 (s, 1H, CH), 5.40 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.42 (br, s, 1H, NH), 3.86 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.99-3.04 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.23 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.49-1.61 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.32-1.39 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.88-0.93 (m, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 164.6, 154.8, 144.5, 99.6, 90.3, 43.2, 42.3, 31.2, 30.9, 20.3, 20.2, 20.1, 13.8, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 237.1961, found: 237.1957.

**6-methyl-1-propyl-4-(propylamino)pyridin-2(1*H*)-one (3m)**

White crystal; Mp: 128-130 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 5.66 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.34 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.24 (br, s, 1H, NH), 3.73 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.88 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.44-1.57 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.80-0.84 (m, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 167.2, 155.4, 144.4, 100.5, 89.4, 45.0, 44.2, 22.3, 21.9, 20.1, 11.4, 11.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 209.1648, found: 209.1655.

**1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-hydroxy-6-methylpyridin-2(1*H*)-one (3aa)**

White powder; Mp: 271-272 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, TMS): δ 10.70 (s, 1H,

OH), 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 5.90 (s, 1H, CH), 5.56 (s, 1H, CH), 1.84 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

**6-methyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-3-(phenylamino)-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6a).**

Pale yellow solid; Mp: 265-266 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3393, 3064, 2901, 1642, 1594, 1545, 1474, 1385, 1322, 1285, 1075, 1030, 770; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.44-7.54 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.08-7.14 (m, 6H, ArH+NH), 6.94 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.64 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 3H, ArH), 6.16 (s, 1H, CH), 1.98 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  161.3, 144.7, 139.7, 138.9, 138.4, 137.6, 131.3, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 126.6, 125.5, 124.3, 118.8, 115.6, 107.8, 94.7, 22.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 468.2070, found: 468.2069.

**6-methyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-3-(*p*-tolylamino)-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6b).**

Pale yellow crystal; Mp: 295-296 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3283, 1659, 1597, 1494, 1343, 1072, 853, 768, 698; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.52 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.39 -7.47 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.25-7.31 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.06-7.16 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.00 (s, 1H, NH), 6.75 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.15 (s, 1H, CH), 2.14 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.97 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  161.3, 142.5, 139.7, 139.0, 138.4, 137.7, 131.3, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 126.5, 125.3, 124.9, 115.7, 107.8, 94.7, 22.2, 20.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 482.2227, found: 482.2231.

**3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-6-methyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6c).**

Pale yellow crystal; Mp: 241-242 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3291, 1660, 1599, 1494, 1332, 1070, 847, 769, 700; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.47-7.55 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.39-7.46 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.24-7.28 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.04-7.10 (m, 5H, ArH+NH), 6.50 (dd,  $J$  = 6.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.60 (dd,  $J$  = 6.8, 2.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.15 (s, 1H, CH), 3.64 (s, 3H, OMe), 1.97 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  161.4, 153.0, 439.6, 138.9, 138.3, 137.7, 131.3, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 126.4, 125.6, 124.0, 117.5, 113.7, 107.4, 94.8, 55.5, 22.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M +

$\text{H}]^+$ : 498.2176, found: 498.2181.

**3-((4-fluorophenyl)amino)-6-methyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6d).**

White crystal; Mp: 281-282 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3380, 1659, 1598, 1502, 1344, 1250, 1206, 1033, 830, 789, 707;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , TMS):  $\delta$  11.07 (br, s, 1H, NH), 7.96 (s, 2H, ArH), 7.43-7.53 (s, 7H, ArH), 7.08 (s, 3H, ArH), 6.90 (s, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (s, 2H, ArH), 6.08 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.85 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.72 (s, 1H, CH), 1.75 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  161.4, 156.6 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^1 = 234.0$  Hz), 140.7, 139.8, 138.8, 138.3, 137.5, 131.1, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^3 = 8.0$  Hz), 126.6, 124.8, 124.6, 116.9, 116.8, 114.7 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^2 = 23.0$  Hz), 107.5, 94.8, 22.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{25}\text{FN}_3\text{O}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 486.1976, found: 486.1970.

**3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-6-methyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6e).**

White solid; Mp: 283-284 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3366, 3271, 3030, 2674, 1658, 1598, 1493, 1406, 1289, 826, 760, 696;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.44-7.53 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.27 (s, 4H, ArH), 7.11 (s, 5H, ArH), 7.02 (s, 1H, NH), 6.87 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.54 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.16 (s, 1H, CH), 1.98 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  161.2, 143.5, 139.9, 138.8, 138.4, 137.5, 131.0, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 126.9, 125.7, 123.8, 123.3, 116.6, 107.7, 94.8, 22.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 502.1681, found: 502.1681.

**3-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-6-methyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6f).**

White powder; Mp: 276-278 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3336, 1662, 1582, 1496, 1347, 1289, 1245, 1177, 1070, 1029, 828, 707;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.47-7.54 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.25-7.29 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.12 (s, 4H, ArH), 7.00-7.03 (m, 3H, ArH+NH), 6.50 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.18 (s, 1H, CH), 1.98 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3+\text{DMSO}$ , TMS):  $\delta$  196.5, 146.2, 146.4, 133.0, 131.6, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 115.6, 106.2, 100.4, 54.9, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 546.1176, found: 546.1176.

**6-methyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-3-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6g).**

Pale yellow powder; Mp: >300 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3264, 3102, 1656, 1599, 1493, 1325, 1109, 1066, 832, 761, 698; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 7.44-7.54 (m, 8H, ArH), 7.25-7.29 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.14-7.19 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.06 (s, 1H, NH), 6.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.19 (s, 1H, CH), 1.99 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 161.1, 148.0, 140.1, 138.7, 138.6, 137.2, 130.6, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3 (*J*<sub>CF</sub><sup>1</sup> = 14.0 Hz), 125.7, 122.4, 114.4, 113.9, 108.1, 94.8, 22.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 536.1944, found: 536.1946.

**6-methyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-3-(*o*-tolylamino)-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6h).**

Yellow Solid; Mp: 251-252 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3353, 3055, 1663, 1596, 1492, 1446, 1343, 1249, 1071, 768, 745, 698; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 7.51 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.36-7.45 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.20-7.25 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.95-7.04 (m, 6H, ArH), 6.93 (s, 1H, NH), 6.52-6.62 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.13 (s, 1H, CH), 2.31 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.93 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>TMS): δ 161.5, 142.2, 139.7, 139.0, 138.4, 137.7, 131.3, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 126.3, 125.4, 125.3, 124.7, 124.3, 118.8, 114.1, 107.6, 94.8, 22.2, 18.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 482.2227, found: 482.2232.

**3-((2-methoxyphenyl)amino)-6-methyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6i).**

Brown crystal; Mp: 240-242 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3290, 1661, 1599, 1495, 1324, 1072, 847, 688; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 7.46-7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.39-7.44 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.23-7.28 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.13-7.18 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.05-7.11 (m, 3H, ArH+NH), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.56-6.60 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.37-6.45 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.15 (s, 1H, CH), 3.84 (s, 3H, OMe), 1.95 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 161.1, 148.0, 139.7, 139.1, 138.6, 137.7, 134.4, 131.3, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 126.6, 123.6, 119.8, 117.8, 112.8, 109.3, 108.1, 94.6, 55.5, 22.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 498.2176, found: 498.2169.

**3-((2,4-dimethylphenyl)amino)-6-methyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6j).**

White solid; Mp: 253-254 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3356, 1662, 1597, 1494, 1447, 1344,

1263, 1221, 1071, 753, 699;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.53 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.40-7.47 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.25-7.28 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.01-7.05 (m, 5H, ArH), 6.89 (s, 1H, NH), 6.82 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.45 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.37 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.16 (s, 1H, CH), 2.31 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.12 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.96 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  161.5, 140.0, 139.6, 139.0, 138.4, 137.8, 131.4, 130.4, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 126.2, 125.8, 125.4, 125.3, 124.0, 114.4, 107.5, 94.8, 22.2, 20.5, 18.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_3\text{O} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 496.2383, found: 496.2377.

**3-((2-fluorophenyl)amino)-6-methyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6k).**

Brown crystal; Mp: 264-266 °C; IR (KBr, v,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3381, 1661, 1599, 1500, 1344, 1257, 1200, 837, 789, 705;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.44-7.46 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.42-7.44 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.27 (s, 4H, ArH), 7.14-7.16 (m,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.09-7.12 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.01 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H, NH), 6.87-6.92 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.53-6.57 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.43-6.48 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.17 (s, 1H, CH), 1.97 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  161.1, 140.0, 138.9, 138.5, 137.5, 133.2 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^1 = 230.0$  Hz), 133.1, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 126.8, 123.2 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^4 = 3.0$  Hz), 122.9, 118.3 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^3 = 7.0$  Hz), 115.2, 114.4 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^2 = 19.0$  Hz), 108.0, 94.6, 22.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{25}\text{FN}_3\text{O} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 486.1976, found: 486.1977.

**3-((2-chlorophenyl)amino)-6-methyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6l).**

White solid; Mp: 254-256 °C; IR (KBr, v,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3370, 1659, 1595, 1501, 1451, 1251, 1183, 1110, 1028, 843, 747, 708;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.52 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.42-7.48 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.27 (s, 4H, ArH), 7.17-7.20 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.08-7.10 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.69 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.49-6.56 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.16 (s, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.96 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  161.0, 140.9, 140.0, 139.0, 138.6, 137.4, 130.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 126.8, 126.4, 126.3, 122.5, 121.1, 118.7, 114.6, 108.1, 94.6, 22.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClN}_3\text{O} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 502.1681, found: 502.1687.

**3-((3-chlorophenyl)amino)-6-methyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6m).**

White solid; Mp: 248-250 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3356, 1661, 1595, 1501, 1457, 1251, 1186, 1028, 844, 747, 707; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, TMS): δ 7.51-7.54 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.44-7.48 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.25-7.28 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.14 (s, 5H, ArH), 7.02 (s, 1H, NH), 6.86 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.52-6.59 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.18 (s, 1H, CH), 1.98 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, TMS): δ 159.2, 150.5, 140.9, 139.5, 139.3, 137.2, 133.6, 131.9, 130.4, 130.3, 130.0, 129.8, 129.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 120.5, 116.3, 112.9, 112.3, 109.4, 94.0, 22.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 502.1681, found: 502.1681.

**2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-3-(phenylamino)-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6n).**

Brown crystal; Mp: 278-280 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3290, 1658, 1597, 1494, 1330, 851, 769, 701; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.41-7.48 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.24-7.28 (m, 4H, ArH+NH), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H, ArH), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 5H, ArH), 6.15 (s, 1H, CH), 3.71 (s, 3H, OMe), 1.96 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 161.2, 158.2, 145.3, 139.4, 139.0, 138.1, 137.6, 130.5, 129.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 126.2, 123.6, 123.5, 118.6, 115.5, 113.5, 107.9, 94.8, 55.1, 22.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 498.2176, found: 498.2182.

**2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-3-(*p*-tolylamino)-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6o).**

Pale yellow crystal; Mp: 227-228 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3290, 1659, 1597, 1496, 1331, 851, 771, 700; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 7.50-7.54 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.41-7.48 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.25-7.28 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.06-7.10 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.89 (s, 1H, NH), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.56-6.67 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.14 (s, 1H, CH), 3.72 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.15 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.96 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 161.2, 158.2, 143.0, 139.4, 139.0, 138.5, 137.7, 130.5, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 125.8, 124.1, 123.7, 115.6, 113.5, 107.9, 94.7, 55.1, 22.1, 20.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 512.2333, found: 512.2338.

**3-((4-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6p).**

Pale yellow solid; Mp: 250-252 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3294, 1659, 1597, 1496, 1337, 851,

774, 706;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.51-7.54 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.39-7.47 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.24-7.28 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.04 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.96 (s, 1H, NH), 6.63-6.67 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.57-6.60 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.15 (s, 1H, CH), 3.72 (s, 3H, OMe), 1.97 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  161.3, 158.3 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^1 = 226.0$  Hz), 141.2 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^4 = 3.0$  Hz), 139.5, 138.9, 138.0, 137.6, 130.4, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 125.2, 124.0, 123.5, 116.7 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^3 = 7.0$  Hz), 114.8 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^2 = 22.0$  Hz), 114.6, 113.5, 107.6, 94.8, 55.1, 22.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{27}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ : 516.2082, found: 516.2094.

**3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6q).**

White solid; Mp: 258-260 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3380, 1661, 1594, 1500, 1457, 1259, 1186, 849, 744, 705;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.54 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.41-7.48 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.24-7.28 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.04-7.07 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.95 (s, 1H, NH), 6.88-6.92 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.57-6.68 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.55-6.57 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.15 (s, 1H, CH), 3.72 (s, 3H, OMe), 1.97 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  161.2, 158.4, 143.9, 139.6, 138.9, 138.1, 137.5, 130.4, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 126.1, 123.3, 123.1, 123.0, 116.5, 113.6, 107.8, 94.8, 55.1, 22.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ : 532.1786, found: 532.1789.

**3-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6r).**

Brown solid; Mp: 260-262 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3336, 1660, 1595, 1500, 1457, 1250, 1188, 1024, 844, 746, 706;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.53 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.41-7.48 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.24-7.28 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.04 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H, ArH), 6.93 (s, 1H, NH), 6.67 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.52 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.15 (s, 1H, CH), 3.73 (s, 3H, OMe), 1.97 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  161.1, 158.4, 144.4, 139.7, 138.9, 138.1, 137.4, 131.1, 130.4, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 126.3, 123.3, 122.8, 117.0, 113.6, 110.4, 107.8, 94.7, 55.1, 22.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{27}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ : 576.1281, found: 576.1287.

**2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-3-(*o*-tolylamino)-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6s).**

Brown crystal; Mp: 240-242 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3452, 3290, 1658, 1597, 1497, 1331,

850, 776, 699;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.53 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.39-7.48 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.25-7.28 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.98-7.02 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.86 (m, 1H, NH), 6.68 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.56-6.61 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.48 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.15 (s, 1H, CH), 3.69 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.34 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.95 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  158.0, 151.2, 142.7, 139.4, 137.7, 136.4, 130.3, 129.6, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 125.6, 125.0, 118.6, 113.4, 94.8, 55.0, 22.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ : 512.2333, found: 512.2338.

**3-((2,4-dimethylphenyl)amino)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6t).**

Brown solid; Mp: 225-226 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3450, 3291, 1659, 1596, 1496, 1337, 851, 772, 698;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.51-7.55 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.40-7.48 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.26-7.28 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.78-6.83 (s, 2H, NH+ArH), 6.61 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.50 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.42 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.16 (s, 1H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.69 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.32 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.14 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.95 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  161.4, 158.0, 140.4, 139.3, 139.1, 138.1, 137.8, 130.7, 130.5, 130.3, 129.6, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 126.0, 125.2, 124.6, 124.5, 123.8, 114.3, 113.4, 113.3, 107.7, 94.8, 55.1, 22.2, 20.5, 18.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ : 526.2489, found: 526.2499.

**2-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-3-(*p*-tolylamino)-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6u).**

White powder; Mp: 261-262 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3455, 3287, 1659, 1597, 1496, 1340, 856, 777, 700;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.52 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.41-7.48 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.23-7.27 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.08-7.11 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.01 (s, 1H, NH), 6.74-6.81 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.54 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.13 (s, 1H, ArH), 2.14 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.96 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  161.3 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^1 = 245.0$  Hz), 142.2, 139.8, 138.9, 138.3, 137.5, 130.8 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^3 = 8.0$  Hz), 129.9, 129.6, 129.2, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 125.0, 123.9, 121.1, 115.9, 115.0 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^2 = 21.0$  Hz), 114.9, 107.6, 94.7, 22.1, 20.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{27}\text{FN}_3\text{O}$  [M + H] $^+$ : 500.2133, found: 500.2136.

**3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6v).**

White powder; Mp: 272-274 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3457, 3284, 1661, 1597, 1498, 1344, 856, 775, 699; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 7.53 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.44-7.48 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.22-7.27 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.07-7.10 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.04 (s, 1H, NH), 6.89 (dd, J = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.81 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.54 (dd, J = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.14 (s, 1H, ArH), 1.97 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 161.2 ( $J_{CF}^1$  = 246.0 Hz), 143.3, 140.1, 138.8, 138.4, 137.2, 130.8 ( $J_{CF}^3$  = 8.0 Hz), 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.1, 124.5, 123.8, 123.5, 116.7, 115.2 ( $J_{CF}^2$  = 21.0 Hz), 107.6, 94.7, 22.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClFN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 520.1586, found: 520.1588.

**2-(4-bromophenyl)-6-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-3-(*p*-tolylamino)-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6w).**

Pale yellow powder; Mp: 255-256 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3448, 3285, 1659, 1599, 1496, 1342, 854, 774, 700; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 7.52 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.42-7.49 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.18-7.27 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.05 (s, 1H, NH), 6.98 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.53 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.12 (s, 1H, ArH), 2.15 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.96 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 161.3, 142.0, 140.0, 138.8, 138.7, 137.4, 131.0, 130.5, 130.3, 129.6, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 125.5, 123.6, 120.4, 116.0, 107.6, 94.6, 22.2, 20.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 560.1332, found: 560.1331.

**3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6x).**

Pale yellow powder; Mp: 283-284 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3459, 3282, 1660, 1598, 1499, 1342, 855, 778, 699; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 7.41-7.52 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.19-7.25 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.04 (s, 1H, NH), 6.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.87 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.51 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.11 (s, 1H, ArH), 1.94 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 161.2, 143.2, 140.3, 138.8, 138.7, 137.2, 131.3, 130.4, 129.9, 129.6, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 124.3, 123.7, 120.9, 116.7, 107.7, 94.7, 22.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrClN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 580.0786, found: 580.0791.

**3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-6-methyl-2-phenyl-1,5-di-*p*-tolyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6aa).**

Brown crystal; Mp: 247-248 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3325, 3291, 1659, 1597, 1495, 1330,

851, 771, 699;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.31-7.33 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.23-7.28 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.09-7.14 (m, 9H, ArH+NH), 6.86-6.88 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.61-6.64 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.54 (dd,  $J = 6.8, 2.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.14 (s, 1H, CH), 2.43 (s, 6H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.98 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  161.4, 143.7, 140.0, 138.5, 138.4, 137.9, 136.1, 134.8, 131.0, 130.2, 130.0, 129.1, 129.0, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 126.8, 125.9, 123.6, 123.1, 116.5, 116.0, 107.7, 94.8, 22.1, 21.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{29}\text{ClN}_3\text{O} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 530.1994, found: 530.1987.

**1,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-6-methyl-2-phenyl-3-(*p*-tolylamino)-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6bb).**

White solid; Mp: 230-232 °C; IR (KBr, v,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3366, 3291, 1659, 1596, 1335, 847, 775, 699;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.35-7.40 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.25-7.32 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.12-7.20 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.03 (s, 1H, NH), 6.75 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.46 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.17 (s, 1H, CH), 2.09 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.89 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , TMS):  $\delta$  197.0, 164.1, 163.8, 161.9 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^1 = 226.0$  Hz), 146.8, 145.4, 136.1, 135.3, 133.4, 131.1, 131.0 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^3 = 9.0$  Hz), 129.8, 128.8, 128.0, 125.3, 116.6 ( $J_{\text{CF}}^2 = 22.0$  Hz), 113.8, 106.6, 100.2, 55.2, 40.5, 39.2, 21.4, 20.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{N}_3\text{O} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 518.2038, found: 518.2034.

**1,5-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-6-methyl-2-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6cc).**

Brown solid; Mp: 238-240 °C; IR (KBr, v,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3349, 3290, 1660, 1597, 1497, 1337, 772, 701;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.49-7.51 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.41-7.44 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.25-7.29 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.17-7.21 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.09-7.14 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.94 (s, 1H, NH), 6.86-6.89 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.59-6.62 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.15-6.55 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.14 (s, 1H, CH), 1.99 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  161.0, 143.3, 139.9, 138.4, 137.2, 135.9, 134.6, 133.9, 130.5, 130.2, 130.1, 129.9, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.3, 128.0, 127.2, 125.7, 124.0, 123.5, 116.7, 116.2, 107.7, 94.8, 22.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{23}\text{Cl}_3\text{N}_3\text{O} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : 570.0901, found: 570.0897.

**1,5-bis(4-bromophenyl)-3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-6-methyl-2-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6dd).**

Brown solid; Mp: 255-256 °C; IR (KBr, v,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3352, 3291, 1659, 1591, 1496, 855, 778, 698;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.65 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.57 (d,  $J = 8.4$

Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.08-7.16 (m, 9H, ArH), 6.91 (br, s, 1H, NH), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.52 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.13 (s, 1H, CH), 1.98 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  161.5, 143.3, 139.8, 138.3, 136.4, 132.9, 132.7, 130.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.3, 128.2, 127.2, 116.6, 94.8, 22.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>23</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 657.9891, found: 657.9896.

**3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-1,5-bis(2-fluorophenyl)-6-methyl-2-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6ee).**

Pale yellow solid; Mp: 280-282 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3352, 1659, 1599, 1496, 1330, 855, 698; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.42-7.45 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.21-7.31 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.12 (s, 5H, ArH), 6.92 (s, 1H, NH), 6.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.04 (s, 1H, CH), 2.01 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  160.5, 158.3 ( $J_{CF}^1$  = 248.0 Hz), 158.2 ( $J'_{CF}^1$  = 248.0 Hz), 143.3, 140.1, 139.0, 130.8 ( $J_{CF}^3$  = 8.0 Hz), 130.6, 128.7 ( $J'_{CF}^3$  = 5.0 Hz), 128.2 ( $J_{CF}^4$  = 2.0 Hz), 127.2, 126.3, 124.9, 123.7, 123.4, 116.9 ( $J_{CF}^2$  = 13.0 Hz), 116.7 ( $J'_{CF}^2$  = 13.0 Hz), 107.9, 95.0, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClF<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 538.1492, found: 538.1487.

**3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-6-methyl-2-phenyl-1,5-di-*o*-tolyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6ff).**

Brown powder; Mp: 217-218 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3352, 3288, 1655, 1592, 1341, 851, 778, 700; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.26-7.36 (m, 7H, ArH), 7.05-7.14 (m, 7H, ArH+NH), 6.86 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.54 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 5.86 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.11 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.95 (d,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.86 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  160.6, 143.4, 143.3, 139.7, 138.4, 137.9, 136.8, 136.5, 136.0, 131.3, 131.2, 131.1, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.2, 126.9, 126.8, 125.7, 123.3, 123.1, 116.6, 116.5, 107.5, 94.7, 21.6, 17.7, 17.6, 17.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>29</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 530.1994, found: 530.1992.

**3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-1,5-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-6-methyl-2-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6gg).**

Brown powder; Mp: 221-222 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3349, 1658, 1596, 1491, 1336, 851, 770, 699; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.20-7.28 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.03-7.17 (m, 9H, ArH+NH), 6.88 (dd,  $J$  = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.63 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.55

(dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 5.86 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.41 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.38 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.09 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.91 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.89 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  161.0, 139.8, 138.8, 138.6, 136.4, 135.3, 131.9, 131.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 126.7, 123.1, 126.5, 94.6, 21.6, 21.2, 17.6, 17.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{33}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$  [M + H] $^+$ : 558.2307, found: 558.2311.

**1,5-bis(3-chlorophenyl)-3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-6-methyl-2-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridin-4-one (6hh).**

Brown crystal; Mp: 222-224 °C; IR (KBr, v,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3344, 3290, 1659, 1597, 1496, 1335, 850, 770, 699;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.46-7.48 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.26-7.40 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.08-7.18 (m, 5H, ArH), 6.90 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H, ArH+NH), 6.60 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.54 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.17 (s, 1H, CH), 2.01 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  160.9, 143.3, 139.8, 138.5, 138.4, 135.2, 134.9, 130.6, 130.4, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 127.2, 126.4, 125.8, 124.0, 123.5, 116.7, 116.2, 107.9, 94.8, 22.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{23}\text{Cl}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}$  [M + H] $^+$ : 570.0901, found: 570.0906.

**1,5-dibenzyl-3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-6-methyl-2-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridin-4-one (6ii).**

Brown solid; Mp: 211-212 °C; IR (KBr, v,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3344, 1659, 1599, 1496, 1337, 852, 772, 699;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.22-7.41 (m, 11H, ArH), 7.18 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.05 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.92 (dd,  $J = 6.8, 1.6$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.81 (s, 1H, NH), 6.60 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.11 (s, 1H, CH), 5.39 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.24 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.29 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  160.8, 144.2, 139.9, 137.7, 137.6, 130.8, 130.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 127.1, 126.9, 126.3, 125.8, 123.1, 122.5, 116.4, 107.6, 95.0, 47.7, 46.0, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{29}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$  [M + H] $^+$ : 530.1994, found: 530.1988.

**1,5-dibutyl-3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-6-methyl-2-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridin-4-one (6jj).**

Yellow crystal; Mp: 185-186 °C; IR (KBr, v,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3366, 3281, 1659, 1592, 1496, 1336, 851, 771, 699;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.33-7.35 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.26-7.29 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.53-6.56 (m, 3H, ArH+NH), 6.19 (s, 1H,

CH), 3.97-4.04 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.47 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.66-1.70 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.56-1.59 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.41-1.46 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.15-1.21 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  160.3, 144.9, 138.6, 136.9, 131.3, 130.1, 129.6, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 127.3, 122.8, 121.7, 116.2, 107.8, 94.5, 43.9, 43.2, 32.4, 31.3, 21.2, 20.4, 19.8, 13.8, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>33</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 462.2307, found: 462.2310.

**3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-6-methyl-2-phenyl-1,5-dipropyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (6kk).**

Brown crystal; Mp: 179-180 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3342, 1659, 1596, 1492, 853, 771, 699; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.31-7.33 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.25-7.26 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.52 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.48 (br, s, 1H, NH), 6.17 (s, 1H, CH), 3.91-3.99 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.44 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.67-1.73 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.57-1.63 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  160.3, 145.0, 137.0, 131.3, 129.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.5, 122.8, 121.8, 116.1, 107.9, 94.6, 45.7, 44.9, 23.7, 22.5, 21.2, 11.4, 11.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>29</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 434.1994, found: 434.1989.

**6-methyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (7a)**

Brown crystal; Mp: 248-250 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3422, 1659, 1600, 1505, 1345, 1250, 1115, 1030, 840, 787, 695; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.68 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.19-7.38 (m, 12H, ArH), 5.97 (s, 1H, CH), 1.91 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  198.5, 172.2, 162.9, 162.6, 143.1, 142.4, 141.4, 134.6, 134.4, 134.0, 133.9, 133.8, 133.4, 132.5, 132.4, 131.2, 97.7, 60.1, 27.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 377.1648, found: 377.1651.

**2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (7b)**

Pale yellow solid; Mp: 212-214 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3426, 1658, 1600, 1506, 1345, 1249, 1185, 1111, 1031, 840, 780, 693; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.56 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.39-7.50 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.24-7.30 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 3H, ArH), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.19 (s, 1H, CH), 3.78 (m, 3H, OMe), 1.98 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  161.6, 138.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7,

127.6, 127.4, 113.7, 95.4, 55.2, 22.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 407.1754, found: 407.1745.

**2-(4-bromophenyl)-6-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrrolo[3,2-*c*]pyridin-4-one (7c)**

Pale yellow solid; Mp: 247-248 °C; IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3423, 1659, 1602, 1505, 1345, 1247, 1186, 1114, 843, 782, 693; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.41-7.50 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.32-7.35 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.23-7.28 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.18 (s, 1H, CH), 1.97 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 161.7, 140.9, 140.1, 138.0, 136.5, 131.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 127.8, 127.2, 119.6, 116.2, 104.4, 95.3, 22.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 455.0754, found: 455.0760.

*(E)*-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-((4-chlorophenyl)imino)ethan-1-one (**Intermediate A**)

Yellow powder; Mp: 125-126 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 8.26 (s, 1H, CH), 8.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 189.3, 157.0, 147.2, 134.7, 133.6, 132.2, 131.8, 129.7, 129.3, 122.8.

**<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra**















































































