

## Supporting Information

### **Pd(II)-catalyzed C8–H alkoxy carbonylmethylation of 1-naphthylamides with $\alpha$ -chloroalkyl esters**

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## 1. General Information

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX-400 spectrometer with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvent and TMS as an internal standard. Melting points were measured using a WC-1 microscopic apparatus and are uncorrected. High resolution mass spectra were ensured on a MALDI-FTMS. All solvents were used directly without further purification. Dichloromethane, ethyl acetate, and petroleum ether were used for column chromatography. Chemical shift multiplicities are represented as follows: (s = singlet, d = doublet, m = multiplet, dd = double doublet). The commercials were obtained from commercial sources and used as-received without further purification unless otherwise noted.

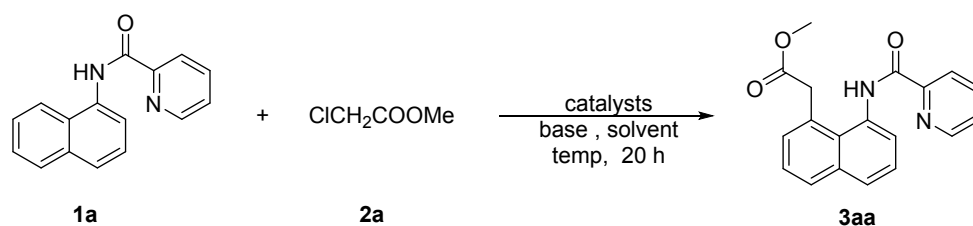
## 2. Preparation of Substrates 1 [1]

All of N-(naphthalen-1-yl)picolinamides as substrates were prepared from the corresponding carboxylic acids and 1-naphthylamines according to the reported procedure.<sup>1</sup>

## 3. Optimization of Reaction Conditions

A 25 mL schlenk tube was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with N-(naphthalen-1-yl)picolinamide **1a** (24.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), methyl chloroacetate **2a** (20.0 μL, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), catalyst, base (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), additive (0.2 mmol) in solvent (1.0 mL). The resulting mixture was reacted at 130 °C under air atmosphere for 20 h, and cooled to room temperature. Upon completion, the mixture was added into CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL) and the resulting mixture was filtered through a pad of celite. After evaporation of the solvent under vacuum, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100–200 mesh) using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as an eluent (3:1, V/V) to afford the pure product **3aa**.

**Table S1** Screening of Reaction Conditions<sup>a,b</sup>



Entry	Catalyst	Base	Additive	Solvent	Temp(°C )	Yield(% )
1	Co(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	NR
2	FeCl <sub>3</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	NR
3	NiBr <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	NR
4	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	NR
5	Ag <sub>2</sub> O	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	NR
6	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	59
7	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	acetone	130	NR

8	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	130	8
9	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	EtOH	130	NR
10	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	hexane	130	NR
11	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	NMP	130	NR
12	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	DMSO	130	NR
13	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	DMF	130	NR
14	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	DCE	130	20
15	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	35
16	Pd(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	55
17	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	50
18	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	92
19	Pd(PPh) <sub>4</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	45
20 <sup>c</sup>	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	30
21	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	100	60
22	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	80	30
23	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	60	NR
24	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	-	1,4-dioxane	130	NR
25 <sup>d</sup>	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	70
26 <sup>e</sup>	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	91
27 <sup>f</sup>	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	60
28 <sup>g</sup>	-	NaOAc	NaI	1,4-dioxane	130	NR

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: substrate **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), catalyst (15 mol%), base (2.0 equiv) and an additive (2.0 equiv) in solvent (1.0 mL) at 130 °C in air for 20 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield based on **1a**. <sup>c</sup> With the addition of NaI (0.03 mmol). <sup>d</sup> Catalyst (10 mol%). <sup>e</sup> For 24 h. <sup>f</sup> For 12 h. <sup>g</sup> Without Pd catalyst.

#### 4. Typical Procedure for the Reaction.

##### (a) Procedure for the synthesis of **3**:

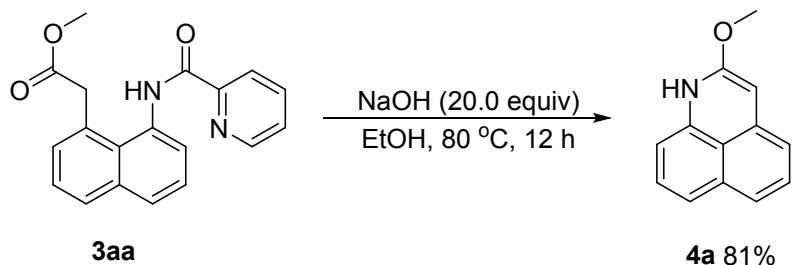
A 25 mL schlenk tube was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with **1** (0.1 mmol), **2** (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Pd(TFA)<sub>2</sub> (0.015 mmol, 15 mol%), NaOAc (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), NaI (0.2 mmol) in solvent (1.0 mL). The resulting mixture was reacted at 130 °C under air atmosphere for 20 h, and cooled to room temperature. Upon completion, the mixture was added into CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL) and the resulting mixture was filtered through a pad of celite. After evaporation of the solvent under vacuum, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100–200 mesh) using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as an eluent to afford pure products **3**.

##### (b) Procedure for the gram-scale reaction:

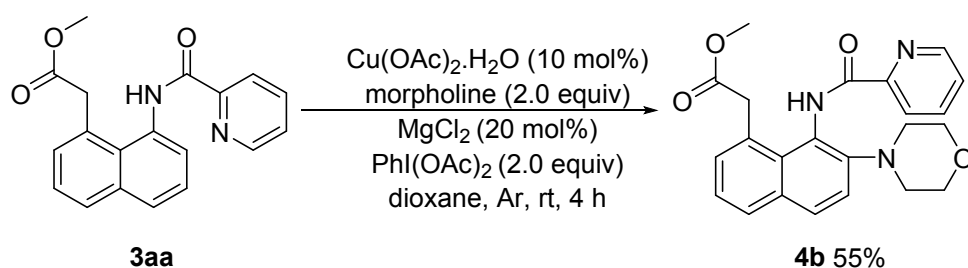
A oven-dried, 100 mL round-bottom flask was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with N-(naphthalen-1-yl)picolinamide **1a** (0.500g, 2.0 mmol), methyl chloroacetate **2a** (400 μl, 4.0 mmol), Pd(TFA)<sub>2</sub> (90 mg), NaOAc (320 mg), and NaI (600 mg) in dioxane (20 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C under air for 20 h. Upon completion, the mixture was added into H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (40 mL) six times. The combined organic layer was dried

over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and filtered. After evaporation of the solvent under vacuum, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100–200 mesh) using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as an eluent (4:1, V/V) to afford the desired yellow product **3aa** in 70% yield (0.446 g).

**(c) Synthesis of 4a and 4b.**



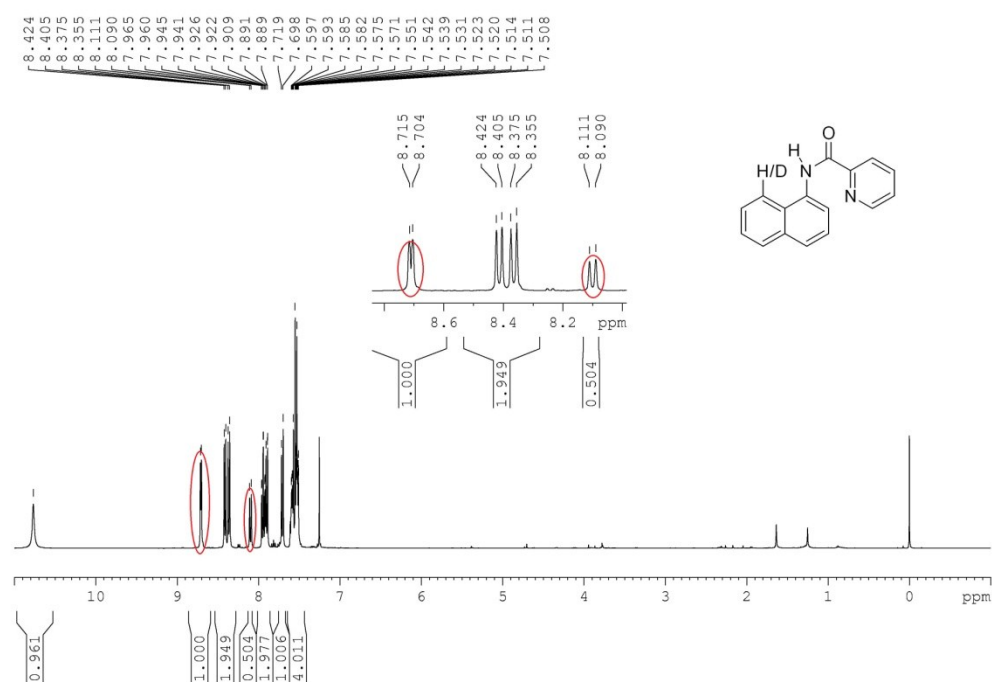
A mixture of **3aa** (65.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NaOH (240 mg, 6 mmol, 30 equiv) were heated in ethanol (3.0 mL) for 12 h at 80 °C. After completion, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with water (3.0 mL); HCl (18%) was added until it was acidic. Then saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  was added until the pH was about 7. The mixture was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to give the desired product **4a**. Yellow solid (32 mg, 81%); mp 266–267 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 9.18 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.92–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.76–7.72 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.30 (m, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 141.6, 135.5, 131.8, 131.1, 130.9, 129.6, 129.0, 127.8, 127.2, 126.1, 120.7, 110.2, 23.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}$  198.0913, found: 198.0925.



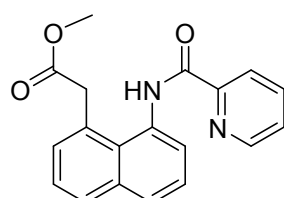
A mixture of **3aa** (65.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (4.0 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$  (129 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and morpholine (35  $\mu\text{l}$ , 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature under argon for 4 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to give the amination product **4b**. Yellow solid (45 mg, 55%); mp 115–117 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 9.95 (s, 1H), 8.696–8.68 (m, 1H), 8.31–8.29 (m, 1H), 7.94 (td,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.86 (m, 1H), 7.80–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.51 (1H), 7.46–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.36–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.27 (m, 1H), 4.57 (d,  $J = 17.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d,  $J = 17.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.60–3.56 (m, 4H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.93 (t,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 173.3, 165.7, 150.2, 148.2, 147.4, 137.6, 133.1, 132.0, 131.1, 130.1, 129.3, 129.2, 127.5, 126.5, 124.6, 122.6, 119.9, 67.5, 52.4, 51.7, 41.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$  406.1761, found: 406.1770.

#### (d) Kinetic isotope effect measurements:

A Schlenk tube was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with N-(naphthalen-1-yl)picolinamide **1a** (0.05 mmol), **1a-d<sub>1</sub>** (0.05 mmol), **2a** (2.0 equiv), NaI (2.0 equiv), Pd(TFA)<sub>2</sub> (15 mol%), NaOAc (2.0 equiv) in dioxane (1.0 mL). The resulting mixture was sealed and heated at 130 °C for 120 min, and cooled to room temperature. Upon completion, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was added to the reaction system, and the resulting mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. After evaporation of the solvent under vacuum, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100–200 mesh) using petroleum ether-EtOAc as an eluent (3:1, V/V) to afford the pure product **1a/1a-d<sub>1</sub>** and analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. The KIE value ( $k_H/k_D$ ) was calculated as 1.0.

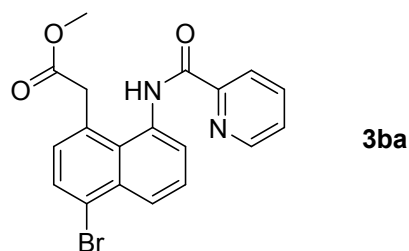


#### 5. Characterization Data of the Products

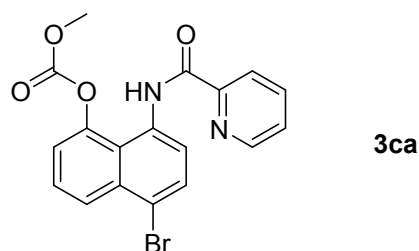


methyl 2-(8-(picolinamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3aa**): white solid (29.4 mg, 92%); mp 133-134 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.51 (s, 1H), 8.63-8.62 (m, 1H), 8.35-8.33 (m, 1H), 7.93 (td,  $J = 1.6$  Hz,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.78-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.30 (m, 1H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 173.2, 163.7, 150.2, 148.1, 137.6, 136.1, 132.3, 131.3, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 126.9, 126.5, 125.5, 125.3,

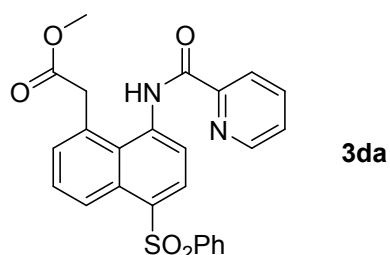
122.9, 52.2, 41.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{19}H_{16}N_2O_3$  321.1234, found: 321.1235.



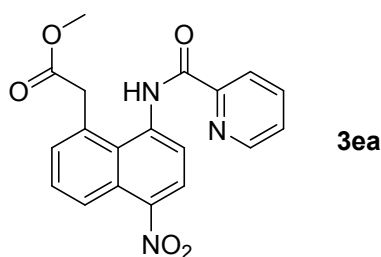
methyl 2-(4-bromo-8-(picolinamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3ba**): white solid (32 mg, 80%); mp 163-165 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 10.43 (s, 1H), 8.62-8.61 (m, 1H), 8.36-8.32 (m, 2H), 7.93 (td,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 172.7, 163.7, 150.0, 148.1, 137.7, 134.0, 132.8, 131.3, 130.3, 129.8, 129.3, 127.8, 127.7, 126.9, 126.6, 123.9, 122.9, 52.3, 41.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{19}H_{16}N_2O_3Br$  399.0339, found: 399.0393.



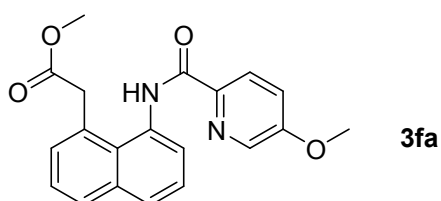
methyl 2-(5-bromo-8-(picolinamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3ca**): yellow solid (33 mg, 85%); mp 152-155 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 10.46 (s, 1H), 8.62 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.36-8.31 (m, 2H), 7.93 (td,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 7.65 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 1H), 4.28 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 172.9, 163.5, 149.9, 148.2, 137.7, 134.0, 132.4, 132.3, 130.3, 130.0, 129.6, 128.8, 126.9, 126.7, 126.6, 122.9, 122.4, 52.3, 41.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{19}H_{16}N_2O_3Br$  399.0339, found: 399.0399.



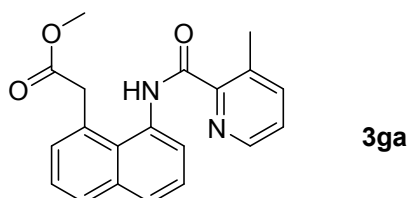
methyl 2-(5-(phenylsulfonyl)-8-(picolinamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3da**): white solid (20 mg, mp 148-150 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 10.74 (s, 1H), 8.70 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.64-8.61 (m, 2H), 8.35 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.15-8.13 (m, 1H), 7.97-7.95 (m, 3H), 7.56-7.46 (m, 5H), 7.36-7.35 (m, 1H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 172.6, 163.2, 149.6, 148.2, 141.7, 138.9, 137.9, 134.2, 133.1, 132.2, 131.4, 130.2, 129.5, 129.1, 127.5, 127.4, 126.9, 125.2, 123.6, 123.1, 52.4, 42.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{25}H_{20}N_2O_5S$  461.1166, found: 461.1168.



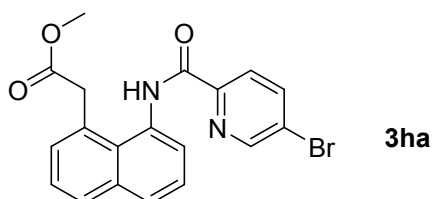
methyl 2-(5-nitro-8-(picolinamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3ea**): yellow solid (13mg 36%); mp 148-150 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.76 (s, 1H), 8.64-8.63 (m, 1H), 8.44-8.42 (m, 1H), 8.36-8.34 (m, 1H), 8.17-8.15 (m, 1H), 8.08-8.05, (m, 1H), 7.97 (td, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 1H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 172.5, 163.2, 149.6, 148.2, 146.1, 137.9, 137.8, 132.7, 129.9, 128.9, 128.3, 127.8, 127.0, 123.6, 123.5, 123.3, 123.0, 52.4, 42.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 366.1084, found: 366.1087.



methyl 2-(8-(5-methoxypicolinamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3fa**): white solid (30.9 mg, 90%); mp 142-145 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.31 (s, 1H), 8.30-8.26 (m, 2H), 7.84-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 173.2, 136.6, 158.1, 142.8, 136.6, 136.1, 132.5, 131.2, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 126.9, 125.5, 125.3, 124.1, 120.3, 55.6, 52.3, 41.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 351.1339, found: 351.1342.

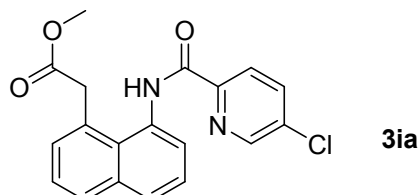


methyl 2-(8-(3-methylpicolinamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3ga**): white solid (29.7 mg, 86%); mp 130-132 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.56 (s, 1H), 8.45 (dd, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.29 (m, 1H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.81 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 173.3, 165.3, 147.5, 145.5, 141.1, 136.2, 136.1, 132.6, 131.2, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 126.9, 125.9, 125.5, 125.2, 52.1, 41.9, 20.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 335.1390, found: 335.1392.

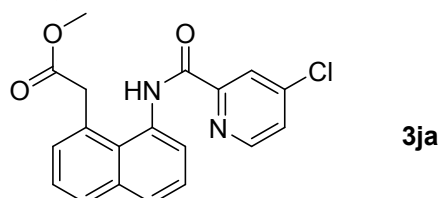


methyl 2-(8-(5-bromopicolinamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3ha**): yellow solid (28.1 mg, 73%);

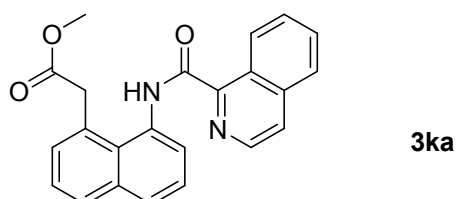
mp 166-168 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.44 (s, 1H), 8.68-8.67 (m, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2.3 Hz 1H), 7.85-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 1H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 173.2, 162.9, 149.4, 148.8, 140.3, 136.1, 132.0, 131.4, 129.6, 128.7, 126.9, 125.5, 125.4, 124.3, 52.3, 41.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br 399.0339, found: 399.0342.



methyl 2-(8-(5-chloropicolinamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3ia**): yellow solid (24.6 mg, 71%); mp 153-155 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.43 (s, 1H), 8.57-8.56 (m, 1H), 8.30-8.28 (m, 1H), 7.91-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.85-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 173.2, 162.8, 148.4, 147.2, 137.4, 136.1, 135.4, 132.0, 131.4, 129.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 126.9, 125.5, 125.4, 123.9, 52.3, 41.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl 355.0844, found: 355.0846.

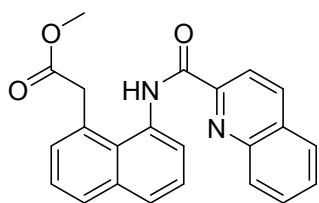


methyl 2-(8-(4-chloropicolinamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3ja**): yellow solid (27 mg, 76%); mp 142-144 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.47 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 8.34-8.33 (m, 1H), 7.85-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 173.1, 162.5, 151.8, 149.0, 146.2, 136.1, 131.9, 131.4, 129.6, 128.3, 128.8, 128.7, 126.9, 126.7, 125.5, 125.4, 123.5, 52.2, 41.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl 355.0844, found: 355.0847.



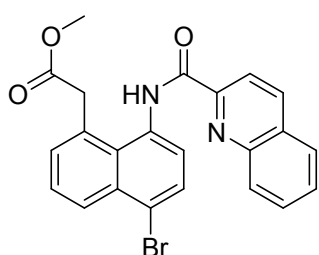
methyl 2-(8-(isoquinoline-1-carboxamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3ka**): yellow solid (19 mg, 51%); mp 160-161 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.80 (s, 1H), 8.45-8.38 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.78 (m, 4H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 1H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 173.1, 164.1, 150.2, 146.6, 137.7, 136.2, 132.4, 131.3, 130.3, 139.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 127.9, 127.1, 125.6, 125.3, 119.3, 52.2, 41.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 371.1390, found: 371.1393.





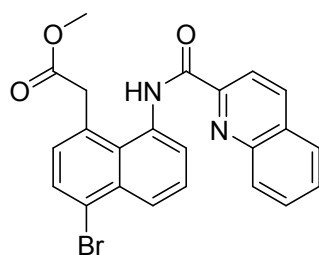
**31a**

methyl 2-(8-(quinoline-2-carboxamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**31a**): white solid (22 mg, 60%); mp 162-163 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.74 (s, 1H), 9.66-9.64 (m, 1H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.84 (m, 5H), 7.79-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 1H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 173.5, 165.2, 148.5, 140.2, 137.5, 136.2, 132.5, 131.3, 130.7, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.3, 127.0, 125.5, 125.3, 124.7, 52.2, 41.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 371.1390, found: 371.1393.



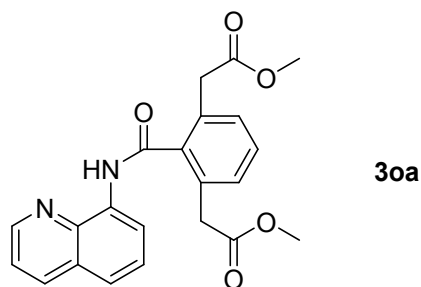
**3ma**

methyl 2-(5-bromo-8-(quinoline-2-carboxamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3ma**): yellow solid (22 mg, 43%); mp 184-186 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.76 (s, 1H), 8.43-8.37 (m, 3H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 1H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 172.8, 164.0, 149.9, 146.6, 137.8, 134.0, 132.5, 132.3, 130.4, 130.3, 130.0, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 128.3, 127.9, 127.2, 126.7, 122.6, 119.2, 52.3, 41.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br 449.0495, found: 449.0497.

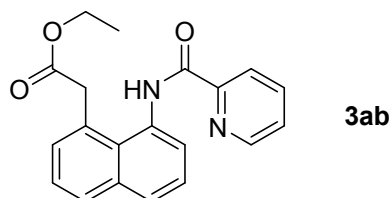


**3na**

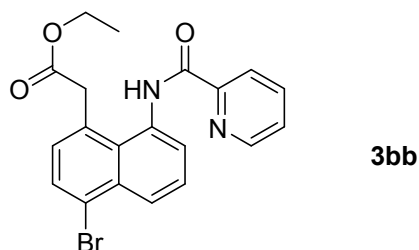
methyl 2-(4-bromo-8-(quinoline-2-carboxamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3na**): yellow solid (24 mg, 46%); mp 184-186 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.71 (s, 1H), 8.43-8.36 (m, 3H), 8.15-8.13 (m, 1H), 7.94-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 172.6, 164.1, 149.9, 146.6, 137.8, 134.0, 132.9, 131.3, 130.4, 130.3, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.9, 126.9, 124.0, 119.2, 52.3, 41.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br 449.0495, found: 449.0497.



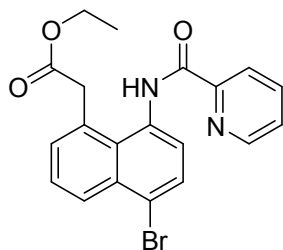
dimethyl 2,2'-(2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)-1,3-phenylene)diacetate (**3oa**): white solid (30 mg, 77%); mp 107-109 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.12 (s, 1H), 8.95 (dd, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.76 (dd, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.31 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 4H), 3.52 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 171.4, 167.3, 148.3, 138.6, 138.4, 136.3, 134.2, 131.5, 129.6, 128.0, 127.4, 122.4, 121.7, 117.2, 52.2, 38.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 393.1455, found: 393.1448.



ethyl 2-(8-(picolinamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3ab**): white solid (30 mg, 90%); mp 128-130 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.58 (s, 1H), 8.62-8.60 (m, 1H), 8.35-8.33 (m, 1H), 7.93 (td, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.77 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 4.16 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 172.8, 163.7, 150.3, 148.1, 137.6, 136.1, 132.3, 131.2, 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 126.8, 126.4, 125.5, 125.3, 122.9, 61.2, 42.0, 14.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 335.1390, found: 335.1392.

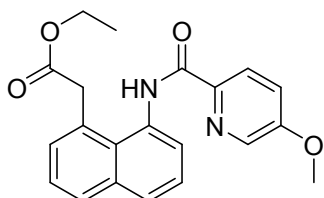


ethyl 2-(4-bromo-8-(picolinamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3bb**): yellow solid (34 mg, 83%); mp 137-139 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.50 (s, 1H), 8.61-8.60 (m, 1H), 8.36-8.33 (m, 2H), 7.93 (td, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 172.3, 163.7, 150.1, 148.1, 137.6, 134.0, 132.8, 131.2, 130.3, 129.7, 129.4, 127.8, 127.7, 126.6, 126.8, 123.8, 122.9, 61.3, 42.0, 14.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br 413.0495, found: 413.0498.



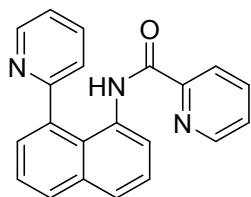
**3cb**

ethyl 2-(5-bromo-8-(picolinamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3cb**): yellow solid (31.3 mg, 77%); mp 140-142 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.53 (s, 1H), 8.60-8.59 (m, 1H), 8.36-8.31 (m, 2H), 7.92 (td, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.37 (m, 1H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 172.5, 163.6, 150.1, 148.2, 137.6, 134.0, 132.5, 132.2, 130.3, 130.0, 129.8, 128.7, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 122.9, 122.4, 61.3, 42.0, 14.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br 413.0495, found: 413.0493.



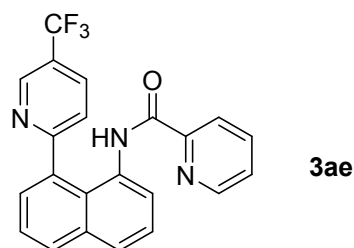
**3db**

ethyl 2-(8-(5-methoxypicolinamido)naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (**3db**): white solid (32 mg, 90%); mp 142-144 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.40 (s, 1H), 8.30-8.25 (m, 2H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.77-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.29 (m, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 172.8, 163.6, 158.1, 14.03, 136.6, 136.1, 132.5, 131.1, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.4, 126.9, 125.5, 125.2, 124.1, 120.3, 61.2, 55.8, 42.0, 14.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 365.1496, found: 365.1500.



**3ad**

N-(8-(pyridin-2-yl)naphthalen-1-yl)picolinamide (**3ad**): yellow solid (14.6 mg, 45%); mp 102-104 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 9.59 (s, 1H), 8.66-8.65 (m, 1H), 8.30-8.29 (m, 1H), 8.07 (m, 1H), 8.00-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.87-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.46 (td, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.33 (m, 4H), 6.95-6.91 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 162.4, 161.7, 149.7, 149.4, 147.3, 137.1, 136.8, 136.1, 135.6, 132.4, 130.7, 129.8, 127.2, 126.1, 126.0, 126.1, 124.9, 124.8, 124.4, 122.1, 121.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O 369.1288, found: 369.1291.



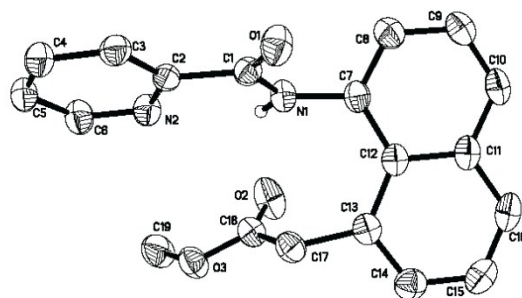
N-(8-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)naphthalen-1-yl)picolinamide (**3ae**): yellow solid (18.2 mg, 47%); mp 104-106 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 9.39 (s, 1H), 8.89-8.88 (m, 1H), 8.30-8.29 (m, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.02-7.99 (m, 1H), 7.91-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.78 (td, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 165.2, 162.3, 149.2, 147.5, 146.1 (q, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 137.3, 135.6, 135.5, 132.8 (q, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 132.0, 130.7, 130.5, 127.6, 126.5, 126.4, 126.3, 125.8, 125.3 (q, *J* = 271 Hz) 125.0, 124.1, 124.0 (q, *J* = 33.4 Hz), 122.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O 394.1162, found: 394.1164.

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## 7. The Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction Study

### The Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction Study of 3aa



CCDC 1901462 (**3aa**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre *via* [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

**Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3aa.**

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Crystal system	trigonal
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a/Å	7.6372(6)
b/Å	7.6372(6)
c/Å	23.721(2)
α/°	90
β/°	90
γ/°	120
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1198.2(2)
Z	3
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.332
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.745
F(000)	504.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.22 × 0.17 × 0.14
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	11.19 to 141.988
Index ranges	-7 ≤ h ≤ 9, -9 ≤ k ≤ 8, -27 ≤ l ≤ 28
Reflections collected	8281
Independent reflections	2965 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0285, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0316]
Data/restraints/parameters	2965/1/223
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.058
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0411, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1040
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0477, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1119
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.22/-0.15
Flack parameter	-0.09(18)

## 8 Copies of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra for the Products

