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Supporting Information

# Synthesis of New Cyclazines and 4,5-Diaryl-1*H*-pyrrol-3(2*H*)-one unit in Discoipyrroles from Indolizinone-DMAD Cycloadducts

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#### **General Experimental Information:**

Various starting materials used such as 2-acetyl pyridine, phenylacetylenes and iodobenzenes were accessed through Spectrochem or Sigma Aldrich, and were used as received unless otherwise indicated. The solvents benzene (PhH), tetrahydrofuran (THF) and toluene (PhMe) were dried over sodium/benzophenone and distilled before use whereas dichloromethane (DCM) and acetonitrile (MeCN) were dried over CaH<sub>2</sub>. Methanol was dried by refluxing over magnesium/iodine. Column chromatographic purification was carried out on 100-200 mesh silica gel using EtOAc-hexane solvent system in a gradient mode. Thin layer chromatography was done using 0.25 mm thick silica gel plates from Merck and was analysed using either 254 nm UV light or ninhydrin staining.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 400 MHz NMR spectrometer and the chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to tetramethylsilane, with *J* values in Hertz. The splitting patterns in <sup>1</sup>H NMR are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = doublet of doublets, bs = broad singlet, appt = apparent triplet. <sup>13</sup>C NMR data are reported with solvent peak (CDCl<sub>3</sub> = 77.16, CD<sub>3</sub>OD = 49.00) as the internal standard.

High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Waters Q-TOF *micro*<sup>TM</sup> spectrometer with lock spray source. Infrared spectra were recorded using Nicolet 6700 FT-IR spectrometer.

Single crystal X-ray crystallography: The intensity data collection during X-ray crystallographic analysis was carried out on a Bruker AXS (kappa apex II) diffractometer equipped with graphite monochromated Mo ( $K_{\alpha}$ ) radiation. The data were collected for  $\theta$  up to 25° for Mo ( $K_{\alpha}$ ) radiation.  $\omega$  and  $\phi$  scans were employed to collect the data. The frame width for  $\omega$  was set to 0.5 deg for data collection. The frames were integrated and data were reduced for Lorentz and polarization correction using SAINT-Plus. The multi-scan absorption correction was applied to the data. All structures were solved using SIR-92 and refined using SHELXL-97. The molecular and packing diagrams were solved using ORTEP -3 and Mercury 1.4.2. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameter. All hydrogen atoms could be located in the difference Fourier map. However, the atoms bonded carbons were fixed at chemically meaningful positions and were allowed to ride with parent atom during the refinement.

## **Experimental procedure**

#### General method for the synthesis of 4-aryl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)but-3-yn-2-ols



n-BuLi (1.1 equiv., 1.6 M solution in hexane) was added to a stirred solution of the alkyne (1.2 equiv.) in THF at -78°C under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring for 15 min., a solution of 2-acetylpyridine (1.0 equiv.) in THF was slowly added and the mixture was stirred for an additional 1 h maintaining the temperature at -78°C. The reaction mixture was then quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl at 0°C, diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (2 x 50 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane system to get the products in 88 – 95 % yields.

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compounds











Figure 6: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 1c



Figure 7: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 1d









Figure 12: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 1f



Figure 13: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 1g



Figure 14: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 1g



Figure 15: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 1h



Figure 16: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 1h



Figure 17: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 1i



Figure 18: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 1i



















Figure 26: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 1m















Figure 32: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 1p





Figure 36: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 1r



Figure 38: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 1s



Figure 39: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 1t



Figure 40: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 1t







Figure 44: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 1v



Figure 46: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 3a



Figure 48: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 3b



Figure 50: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 3c





Figure 54: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 3e



Figure 56: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 3f





Figure 60: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of **3h** 



Figure 62: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 3i



Figure 64: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 3j



Figure 65: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 3k



Figure 66: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 3k


Figure 67: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 31



Figure 68: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 31



Figure 70: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 3m







Figure 74: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 30



Figure 75: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 3p



Figure 76: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 3p



Figure 78: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 3q











Figure 86: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 3u



Figure 88: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 2a











Figure 94: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 2d









Figure 99: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 2g





Figure 102: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 2h







Figure 106: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 2j



Figure 108: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 2k



Figure 110: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 2l



Figure 111: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 2m





Figure 113: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 2n



Figure 114: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 2n



Figure 115: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 20



Figure 116: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 20















Figure 124: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 2s









Figure 130: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 2ab



Figure 131: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 2ac












Figure 139: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 12









Figure 146: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 16



Figure 147: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of 16a



Figure 148: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum of 16a







Figure 151: HRMS spectrum of 3c



Figure 152: HRMS spectrum of 3k



Figure 153: HRMS spectrum of 3p



Figure 154: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra showing the formation of aromatic 10-electron species from 3c on treatment with HBF<sub>4</sub>.Et<sub>2</sub>O

X-ray crystallography Data of 2a, 3a and 17





CCDC deposition number of **2a** is 1908547.

| Bond precision:   | C-C = 0.0072                                | A Wavelength=0.71073           |  |  |  |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Cell:   | a=11.6409(14)                               | b=11.8981(11) c=12.5461(14)    |  |  |  |
| Temperature:  | alpha=67.133(5)<br>296 K                    | beta=76.352(5) gamma=89.759(5) |  |  |  |
|   | Calculated                                  | Reported                       |  |  |  |
| Volume  | 1548.5(3)                                   | 1548.5(3)                      |  |  |  |
| Space group   | P -1  | P -1                           |  |  |  |
| Hall group  | -P 1  | -P 1                           |  |  |  |
| Moiety formula  | C18 H17 N O2                                | C36 H34 N2 O4                  |  |  |  |
| Sum formula   | C18 H17 N O2                                | C36 H34 N2 O4                  |  |  |  |
| Mr  | 279.33                                      | 558.65                         |  |  |  |
| Dx,g cm-3   | 1.198                                       | 1.198                          |  |  |  |
| Ζ   | 4   | 2                              |  |  |  |
| Mu (mm-1)   | 0.078                                       | 0.078                          |  |  |  |
| F000  | 592.0                                       | 592.0                          |  |  |  |
| F000′   | 592.26                                      |                                |  |  |  |
| h,k,lmax  | 12,12,13                                    | 12,12,13                       |  |  |  |
| Nref  | 4121  | 4085                           |  |  |  |
| Tmin,Tmax   | 0.989,0.992                                 | 0.980,0.992                    |  |  |  |
| Tmin'   | 0.980                                       |                                |  |  |  |
| Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.980 Tmax=0.992   |   |                                |  |  |  |
| AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN  |   |                                |  |  |  |
| Data completenes  | Data completeness= 0.991 Theta(max)= 22.629 |                                |  |  |  |
| R(reflections) = 0.0563( 1991) wR2(reflections) = 0.1580( 4085) |   |                                |  |  |  |

S = 0.949

Npar= 392





CCDC deposition number of **3a** is 1907329.

| Bond precision   | : C-C = 0.0030 A                           | Wavelength=0.71073  |                   |  |
|--|--|---------------------|-------------------|--|
|  |  |                     |                   |  |
| Cell:  | a=6.0337(2)                                | b=12.7989(4)        | c=15.3967(5)      |  |
|  | alpha=83.2254(14)                          | beta=79.7254(12)    | gamma=82.5173(12) |  |
| Temperature:   | 296 K                                      |                     |                   |  |
| Calculated   | Reported Volume<br>1154.49(6)              | 1154.4              | 9(6)              |  |
| Space group  | P -1                                       | P -1                |                   |  |
| Hall group   | -P 1                                       | -P 1                |                   |  |
| Moiety formula   | C27 H23 N O5                               | C27 H2              | 3 N 05            |  |
| Sum formula  | C27 H23 N O5                               | С27 Н2              | 3 N 05            |  |
| Mr   | 441.46                                     | 441.46              | õ                 |  |
| Dx,g cm-3  | 1.270                                      | 1.270               |                   |  |
| Ζ  | 2  | 2                   |                   |  |
| Mu (mm-1)  | 0.088                                      | 0.088               |                   |  |
| F000   | 464.0                                      | 464.0               |                   |  |
| F000′  | 464.23                                     |                     |                   |  |
| h,k,lmax   | 7,15,18                                    | 7,15,1              | 8                 |  |
| Nref   | 4067                                       | 4053                |                   |  |
| Tmin,Tmax  | 0.977,0.991                                | 0.976,              | 0.991             |  |
| Tmin'  | 0.976                                      |                     |                   |  |
| Correction met<br>AbsCorr = MULT   | hod= # Reported T Li<br>I-SCAN             | mits: Tmin=0.976 Tm | nax=0.991         |  |
| Data completen   | ata completeness= 0.997 Theta(max)= 25.000 |                     |                   |  |
| &(reflections) = 0.0478(3315)wR2(reflections) = 0.1318(4053)& = 1.026Npar= 306 |  |                     |                   |  |





CCDC deposition number of **17** is 1908557.

| Bond precision: C-C = 0.0035 A Wavelength=0.71073             |                            |                        |  |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------|--|
|   |                            |                        |  |
| Cell:   | a=9.9320(3) b=12.9         | 438(4) c=18.2127(4)    |  |
| alpha=90  | beta=92.2716(14)gamma=     | 90 Temperature: 296 K  |  |
| Calculated  | Reported Volume            | 2339.55(11)            |  |
|   | 2339.55(11)                |                        |  |
| Space group   | P 21/n                     | P 21/n                 |  |
| Hall group  | -P 2yn                     | -P 2yn Moiety          |  |
| formula   | C20 H21 N O4, C4 H8 O2     | C24 H29 N O6           |  |
| Sum formula   | C24 H29 N O6               | C24 H29 N O6           |  |
| Mr  | 427.48                     | 427.48                 |  |
| Dx,g cm-3   | 1.214                      | 1.214                  |  |
| Z   | 4                          | 4                      |  |
| Mu (mm-1)   | 0.087                      | 0.087                  |  |
| F000  | 912.0                      | 912.0                  |  |
| F000′   | 912.48                     |                        |  |
| h,k,lmax  | 11,15,21                   | 11,15,21               |  |
| Nref  | 4118                       | 4118                   |  |
| Tmin,Tmax   | 0.978,0.991                | 0.979,0.991            |  |
| Tmin'   | 0.978                      |                        |  |
| Correction metho  | od= # Reported T Limits: ' | Imin=0.979 Tmax=0.991  |  |
| AbsCorr = MULTI   | -SCAN                      |                        |  |
| Data completene   | ss= 1.000 The              | Theta $(max) = 24.992$ |  |
| R(reflections) = 0.0490(2871) wR2(reflections) = 0.1384(4118) |                            |                        |  |
| S = 1.045   | Npar= 301                  |                        |  |