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Supplementary Material for:

Oxidative Cyanation of 2-Oxindoles: Formal Total Synthesis of (±)-Gliocladin C

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Substrate preparation for the oxidative cyanation

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EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Materials and Methods

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were carried out using oven-dried glassware with Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bars were used to stir the reactions. The Syringe was used to transfer the solvents and liquid reagents. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) Diethyl ether (Et₂O), was distilled over sodium/benzophenone ketyl. Dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2) was distilled over calcium hydride. All other solvents like Nitromethane, MeOH, EtOAc, DMF and reagents were used as received. Reaction temperatures above 25 °C were maintained by using an oil bath on a magnetic stirrer. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis was performed by using silica gel precoated plates (0.25 mm) 60 (F-254), Visualized by UV irradiation, yellow dip stain and other stains. Silica gel of particle size 230-400 and 100-200 mesh was used to perform flash chromatography. Digital melting point apparatus is used to record the melting points and are uncorrected. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded by using 400, 500 700 MHz spectrometers, ¹³C NMR operating frequencies are 100, 125 175 MHz respectively. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to the residual solvents (CDCl₃) signal ($\delta = 7.24$ for ¹H NMR and $\delta = 77.0$ for ¹³C NMR) and (DMSO-D₆) signal ($\delta = 2.50$ for ¹H NMR and $\delta = 39.5$ for ¹³C NMR). Data for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (multiplicity, coupling) constants, number of hydrogen). Abbreviations are as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), br (broad). IR spectra were recorded on an FT-IR system (Spectrum BX) and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). Only selected IR absorbencies are reported. High-Resolution Mass Spectrometry (HRMS) data were recorded on MicrOTOF-Q-II mass spectrometer using methanol as solvent.

Synthesis of 1-Acetoxy-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(1H)-one (2aa):



In an oven dried round-bottom flask, 2-iodobenzoic (5 g, 20.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was taken 30% aqueous acetic acid (30 mL) at room temperature. To this solution, sodium

metaperiodate (4.4 g, 20.56 mmol, 1.02 equiv) was added pinch wise over a period of 5 minutes at room temperature. The reaction vessel was placed over a preheated oil-bath maintaining 120 °C. After 4 h of heating at same temperature the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and then it was placed on to ice bath to settle down white solid. The solid residue was filtered through sintered crucible and washed with cold acetone (30 mL X 3). Finally, the solid residue was dried *in vacuo* and over calcium chloride desiccator to afford 5.01 g (94% yield) of 1-hydroxy-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(1*H*)-one, which was used further without any purification.

1-Hydroxy-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(1*H*)-one (5.01 g, 18.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was taken in acetic anhydride (18 mL) and the reaction mixture was heated to 130 °C for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture became slightly yellowish clear solution. Later, the reaction mixture was cool to room temperature and then it was placed at -20 °C over 2 hours to get white precipitate. The white suspension was filtered and the white solid was washed with hexane (20 mL X 3) and dried *in vacuo* to afford 1-acetoxy-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(1*H*)-one^{6b} (5.2 g, 90%) as a white solid.



1-Acetoxy-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(1*H***)-one(2aa): ¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.20 (dq, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (dt, J = 8.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (ddt, J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (tt, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H); **IR** (film) υ_{max} 2925, 2867, 2164, 1751, 1682, 1443, 1106, 934, 865, 756 cm⁻¹. ^{6b}

Synthesis of 1-cyano-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(1H)-one (CBX, 2a):^{6b}



1-Acetoxy-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(1*H*)-one (2.0 g, 6.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in dry dichloromethane (20 mL) under nitrogen. To this clear colorless solution, trimethylsilyl cyanide (1.63 mL, 13.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added drop wise over a 10 minutes. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 72 hours under nitrogen atmosphere and thick white suspension was resulted. The white suspension was filtered through sintered crucible and the solid was washed with hexane (10 mL X 3) and dried in *vacuo* affording 1.6 g (90%) 1-cyano-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(1*H*)-one (**2a**) as a white solid.



1-Cyano-1,2-benziodoxol-3-(1*H***)-one (2a): ¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 8.26 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (ddd, J = 8.5, 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (td, J = 7.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 167.5, 137.0, 132.6, 132.3, 130.4, 128.2, 117.6, 87.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₈H₄INO₂Na : 295.9179, found: 295.9199.^{6b}

Synthesis of 1-acetoxy-3,3-dimethyl-3-(1H)-1,2-benziodoxole(2ba):^{6e}



In an over dried round bottom flask, 2-(2-iodophenyl)propan-2-ol (4 g, 15.26 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was taken in carbon tetrachloride (20 mL). To this reaction mixture was added *t*-butyl hypochloride (1.99 mL, 18.31 mmol, 1.2 equiv) drop wise at room temperature over 5 minutes and stirring was continued for 2 h. The solid residue was filtered through sintered crucible and washed with *n*-hexane (20 mL X 3). Finally, the solid residue was

dried *in vacuo* to afford 1.72 g (38% yield) of 1-chloro-1,3-dihydro-3,3-dimethyl-1,2benziodoxole, which was used further without any purification.

In an oven dried round-bottom flask, 1-chloro-1,3-dihydro-3,3-dimethyl-1,2benziodoxole (1.62 g, 5.46 mmol) was dissolved in dry acetonitrile (15 mL) under N₂ atmosphere. The reaction flask was covered with aluminum foils and protected from light. Silver acetate (957 mg, 5.73 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) was then added. Then the reaction mixture was stirred in the dark at room temperature for 16 h. Filtration of the precipitated silver chloride over a celite plug and evaporation of the solvent afforded 96% yield (1.68 g) of 1-acetoxy-3,3-dimethyl-3-(1*H*)-1,2-benziodoxole as a light yellow solid.^{6e}



1-Acetoxy-3,3-dimethyl-3-(1*H*)**-1,2-benziodoxole (2ba):** ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.80 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dtd, J = 15.7, 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 6H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 177.3, 149.3, 130.4, 129.9, 129.8, 126.1, 115.6, 84.5, 29.2, 21.4; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3011, 2948, 2104, 1752, 1492, 1143, 975, 834, cm⁻¹.

Synthesis of 1-cyano-3,3-dimethyl-3-(1H)-1,2-benziodoxole (CDBX, 2b):^{6e}



1-Acetoxy-3,3-dimethyl-3-(1*H*)-1,2-benziodoxole **2ba** (1.16 g, 3.6 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was taken in dichloromethane (12 mL) at room temperature. To this solution was added trimethylsilyl cyanide (0.9 mL, 7.2 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) drop wise over a period of 5 minutes at under N_2 atmosphere. The clear colorless solution was further stirred at room temperature for 20 hours and then solvent was removed to afford a white solid. Later,

pentane (10 mL) was added to the white solid and scratch over 2 minutes. Then it was filtered and dried in *vacuo* to afford 1-cyano-3,3-dimethyl-3-(1*H*)-1,2-benziodoxole **2b** in 92% yield (956 mg) as a white solid.



1-Cyano-3,3-dimethyl-3-(1*H***)-1,2-benziodoxole (2b): ¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.05 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td, J = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, J = 8.6, 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 148.0, 131.6, 130.8, 128.2, 126.8, 111.5, 97.9, 80.3, 30.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₀INONa : 309.9699, found: 309.9684.^{6e}

Experimental procedure for the synthesis of 3-Aryl 2-Oxindoles (±)-(1):



In an oven dried round-bottom flask, 2-Bromo-4-methyl anisole (10.00 mmol; 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in 10 mL anhydrous THF. Mg turnings (292 mg; 12.00 mmol; 1.2 equiv.) were added. The reaction flask was briefly heated to initiate the reaction. The reaction mixture was then stirred under N₂ until most of the Mg turnings had disappeared. The resulting Grignard solution was cooled to 0 °C and added dropwise to a solution of N-alkyl isatine (12.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in THF (15 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 1h, at which point TLC analysis indicated complete consumption of the starting material, and the reaction mixture was then quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to give the crude alcohol.

The crude product (8.8 mmol; 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 under a nitrogen atmosphere at 0 °C. Triethyl silane (4.3 mL; 26.4 mmol; 3.0 equiv.) was added to the solution. To that reaction mixture, TFA (3.4 mL; 44.0 mmol; 5.0 equiv.) was added dropwise over a period of 5 minutes at 0 °C and stirring was continued for 30 minutes. Upon completion of the reaction (Judged by TLC analysis) 5% (w/v) aqueous solution of sodium citrate was added drop wise to make the pH 5 of the mixture. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified through flash column chromatography using Hexane-EtOAc mixture as eluent to afford the desired product.



3-(2-Methoxy-5-methylphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (±)-(**1**): 1.7g (overall yield 74% in 2 steps) of (**1**) as a yellowish gel. $R_f = 0.40$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.09 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.97 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 177.0, 155.4, 144.3, 130.5, 130.2, 130.0, 129.2, 127.8, 125.7, 124.1, 122.4, 111.5, 107.7, 56.0, 47.9, 26.4, 20.5; **IR** (film) v_{max} 2934, 2762, 1705, 1678, 1037, 934, 864, 756 cm⁻¹.



1-Allyl-3-(2-methoxy-5-methylphenyl)indolin-2-one (±)-(**1m**): 1.96g (overall yield 76% in 2 steps) of (**1m**) as a brownish gel. $R_f = 0.43$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.06 (td, J = 6.4, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (ddt, J = 17.2, 10.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.37 – 5.22 (m, 2H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.55 – 4.44 (m, 1H),

4.37 (ddt, J = 16.2, 5.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 176.5, 155.4, 143.4, 131.8, 130.9, 130.2, 129.9, 129.3, 127.6, 125.7, 124.1, 122.3, 117.5, 111.6, 108.6, 55.9, 48.2, 42.5, 20.5; **IR** (film) υ_{max} 3014, 2756, 1733, 1674, 1107, 968, 832, 713 cm⁻¹.

Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound 3-Indolyl-2-Oxindoles (±)-(13):



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask this isatin or isatin derivative (2.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken in MeOH (10 mL) at 25 °C. To this solution was added indole or indole derivative (2.3 mmol, 1.1 equiv) Afterward (0.42 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) of KOH was added and stirring was continued for 5 h. After completion of the reaction confirmed by TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched with H_2O (100 mL) and diluted with EtOAc (3 X 15mL). The organic layer was collected dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. This was used for next step without further purification.

In an oven-dried round-bottom flask was charged with (1.6 mmol; 1.0 equiv.) of the crude product in CH_2Cl_2 under a nitrogen atmosphere at 0 °C. Triethyl silane (4.8 mmol; 3.0 equiv.) was added to the solution. To that reaction mixture, TFA (8.0 mmol; 5.0 equiv.) was added drop-wise over a period of 5 minutes at 0 °C and stirring was continued for 30 minutes. Upon completion of the reaction (Judged by TLC analysis) 5% (w/v) aqueous solution of sodium citrate was added drop wise to make the pH 5 of the mixture. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the desired product.



3-(1*H***-Indol-3-yl)indolin-2-one** (±)-(13h'): 298 mg (overall yield 75% in 2 steps) of (13h') as a white solid. **m.p.**111 °C; $R_f = 0.35$ (50% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 7.37 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.94 (m, 3H), 6.91 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 178.5, 142.6, 142.6, 136.7, 130.8, 128.3, 126.2, 124.9, 122.2, 121.7, 119.1, 118.8, 112.1, 110.2, 109.8, 44.9; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3075, 2934, 2876, 1948, 1718, 1693, 1065, 987, 862, 776 cm⁻¹.



1-Benzyl-3-(5-methoxy-1*H***-indol-3-yl)indolin-2-one** (±)-(13d): 460 mg (overall yield 78% in 2 steps) of (13d) as a brownish gel. $R_f = 0.40$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.01 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 4.89 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 176.8, 154.0, 143.4, 136.0, 131.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 126.6, 125.0, 124.3, 122.8, 112.6, 112.1, 110.3, 109.0, 100.9, 55.5, 44.7, 44.1; **IR** (film) v_{max} 2954, 2786, 1938, 1702, 1693, 1027, 958, 812, 743, 724 cm⁻¹.



1-Allyl-3-(5-methoxy-1*H***-indol-3-yl)indolin-2-one** (±)-(13f): 367 mg (overall yield 72% in 2 steps) of (13f) as a brownish gel. $R_f = 0.35$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.36 – 5.19 (m, 2H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.52 – 4.44 (m, 1H), 4.39 (ddt, J = 16.2, 5.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 176.4, 154.0, 143.4, 131.8, 131.5, 129.1, 128.1, 126.6, 125.0, 124.3, 122.7, 117.8, 112.5, 112.2, 110.1, 108.9, 100.9, 55.6, 44.6, 42.6; **IR** (film) ν_{max} 3124, 2983, 2856, 2776, 1713, 1685, 1432, 1105, 952, 834, 773 cm⁻¹.



1-Allyl-3-(5-bromo-1*H***-indol-3-yl)indolin-2-one (±)-(13g)**: 470 mg (overall yield 80% in 2 steps) of (13g) as a brownish gel. $R_f = 0.38$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.75 (s, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (dd, J = 14.8, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (ddt, J = 16.1, 10.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.42 – 5.29 (m, 2H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.50 (qd, J = 16.3, 5.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 176.4, 143.2, 135.3, 131.3, 128.6, 128.3, 127.8, 125.0, 124.9, 124.8, 122.9, 121.6, 118.0, 113.0, 112.9, 109.9, 109.2, 44.5, 42.7; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3167, 3034, 2836, 1932, 1718, 1694, 1665, 1045, 975, 854, 737 cm⁻¹.

Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound (\pm) -(13h):



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask compound **13h**' (250 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (8 mL). The reaction vessel was placed in a magnetic stirrer and stirred at room temperature then di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (Boc anhydride) (735µL, 3.2 mmol, 3.2 equiv.) and N, N-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) (25 mg, 0.2 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) were added sequentially. After 1 h, MeOH (3 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and stirring was continued for 8 h, upon completion of the reaction confirmed by TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (3 mL). and diluted with EtOAc (3 X 10mL). The organic layer was collected dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:19 ethyl acetate/hexanes) to afford the title compound **13h** as a orange foam (314 mg, 70%).



tert-Butyl 3-(1-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate (±)-(13h): $R_f = 0.6$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.33 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (tdd, J = 7.3, 5.7, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 1.68 (s, 9H), 1.66 (s, 9H).¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 173.3, 149.4, 140.3, 128.8, 126.5, 125.0, 125.0, 124.8, 124.7, 124.7, 124.7, 122.8, 119.6, 115.5, 115.4, 115.4, 115.2, 84.5, 84.0, 44.7, 28.2, 28.1; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3084, 2986, 2798, 2088, 1744, 1728, 1696, 1678, 1267, 1086, 812, 733 cm⁻¹.

| $(\pm)-1a \xrightarrow{Me} 2a \xrightarrow{Condition} (\pm)-3a \xrightarrow{O} Me \\ (b) -1a \xrightarrow{Me} 2a \xrightarrow{Condition} Me \\ (b) -1a \xrightarrow{O} Me \\ (b) -3a \xrightarrow{O} Me \\ ($ | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------|--------|---------------------------|--|--|
| entry ^a | cyanide source | solvent | temp | time | % yield ^b (3a) | | |
| 1 | 2a | THF | 25 ℃ | 6 h | 26 | | |
| 2 | 2a | THF | 50 °C | 4 h | ND | | |
| 3 | 2a | Et ₂ O | 25 °C | 8 h | 34 | | |
| 4 | 2a | PhMe | 25 °C | 8 h | 42 | | |
| 5 | 2a | PhMe | 40 °C | 5 h | 46 | | |
| 6 | 2a | PhMe | 90 °C | 5 h | 12 ^c | | |
| 7 | 2a | CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 25 °C | 5 h | 28 | | |
| 8 | 2a | CHCl ₃ | 25 °C | 5 h | 30 | | |
| 9 | 2a | $(CH_2Cl)_2$ | 25 °C | 5 h | 42 | | |
| 10 | 2a | DMF | 25 °C | 20 min | 82 | | |
| 11 | 2a | DMF | 0 °C | 8 h | 38 | | |
| 12 | 2a | DMF | 40 °C | 2 h | 64 ^c | | |
| 13 | 2a | DMF | 60 °C | 3 h | 58 ^c | | |
| 14 | 2a | DMA | 25 °C | 5 h | 36 | | |
| 15 | 2a | MeNO ₂ | 25 °C | 8 h | 17 | | |
| 16 | 2a | CH ₃ CN | 25 °C | 8 h | 26 | | |
| 17 | 2a | $(CH_2OMe)_2$ | 25 ℃ | 8 h | 24 | | |
| 18 | 2b | DMF | 25 °C | 2 h | 72 | | |
| 19 | 2b | DMA | 25 °C | 4 h | 34 | | |
| 20 | 2b | CHCl ₃ | 25 °C | 3 h | 39 | | |
| 21 | 2b | $(CH_2Cl)_2$ | 25 °C | 4 h | 46 | | |
| 22 | 2b | PhMe | 25 °C | 4 h | 43 | | |

Table 1:-Optimization of the reaction condition for oxidative cyanide addition of 1a:

^areactions were carried out using 0.20 mmol of **1a** with 0.22 mmol of **2a-b** in 1 mL solvent. ^byields after column purification. ^cdecomposition of cyanation product was observed at higher tenperature.

Experimental procedure A for the synthesis of 3-cyano-2-oxindole: A 10 mL round bottom flask was charged with a magnetic stir bar, 3-substituted-2-oxindole (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and the indicated solvent DMF (1.0 mL). To this solution was added the cyano source (60 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv.). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred with an open flask for 20 minutes at room temperature. The reaction was monitored by TLC analysis UV, Iodine, Cerium Molybdate. After completion, this reaction was quenched by water (2 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 4 mL). The organic layer was recombined and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (2 mL), brine (2 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate, filtered and evaporated. The crude product was purified through flash column chromatography using Hexane-EtOAc mixture as eluent to afford the desired cyanation product.

Experimental procedure B for the Synthesis of 3-cyano -2-oxindole: An oven-dried round bottom flask was charged with a magnetic stir bar, 3-substituted-2-oxindole (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and the indicated solvent DMF (1.0 mL). To this solution was added the cyano source (60 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and 1, 1, 3, 3-Tetramethylguanidine (TMG) base (28 μ L, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred with an open flask for 30 minutes at room temperature. The reaction was monitored by TLC analysis UV, Iodine, Cerium Molybdate. After completion, this reaction was quenched by water (2 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 4 mL). The organic layer was recombined and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (2 mL), brine (2 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate, filtered and evaporated. The crude product was purified through flash column chromatography using Hexane-EtOAc mixture as eluent to afford the desired cyanation product.



Experimental procedure for mechanistic investigation of the key reaction:

A 10 mL round bottom flask was charged with a magnetic stir bar, 3-substituted- 2oxindole (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and the indicated solvent DMF (1.0 mL). To this solution was added (2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)oxyl (TEMPO) (35 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and then the cyano source **2a** (60 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv.). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred with an open flask for 30 minutes at room temperature. The reaction was monitored by TLC analysis UV, Iodine, Cerium Molybdate. After completion, this reaction was quenched by water (2 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 4 mL). The organic layer was recombined and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (2 mL), brine (2 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate, filtered and evaporated. The crude product was purified through flash column chromatography using Hexane-EtOAc mixture as eluent, and finally we got the cyanation product **3a** (36.8 mg, 80 % yield).



Methyl 3-cyano-1-methyl-2-oxoindoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(**3a**): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound **3a** was obtained as yellow gel (0.2 mmol scale of reaction, 38.0 mg of product, 82% yield); $R_f = 0.55$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.2, 162.9, 143.7, 131.6, 124.5, 124.2, 121.9, 113.1, 109.6, 54.9, 53.4, 27.4; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3134, 2974, 2896, 2238, 1743, 1687, 1678, 1027, 934 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₀N₂O₃Na : 253.0584, found: 253.0588.



Methyl 1-benzyl-3-cyano-2-oxoindoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(**3b**): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound **3b** was obtained as yellow gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 116.5 mg of product, 76% yield); $R_f = 0.57$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.50 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (tdd, J = 11.4, 7.5, 5.2 Hz, 6H), 7.17 (td, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.6, 163.0, 142.9, 134.1, 131.5, 129.0, 128.2, 127.1, 124.4, 124.2, 121.9, 113.1, 110.7, 54.9, 53.6, 44.8; **IR** (film) ν_{max} 3254, 2863, 2841, 2245, 2156, 1767, 1676, 1389, 1179, 1043 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O₃Na : 329.0897, found: 329.0919.



Methyl 1-allyl-3-cyano-2-oxoindoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(**3c**): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound **3c** was obtained as light yellow gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 95.5 mg of product, 73% yield).; $R_f = 0.53$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.15 (td, J = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (ddd, J = 12.2, 10.3, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.30 – 5.19 (m, 2H), 4.51 – 4.39 (m, 1H), 4.33 – 4.23 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 162.9, 142.9, 141.9, 131.5, 129.7, 124.4, 124.2, 121.9, 118.4, 113.1, 110.5, 54.9, 53.5, 43.3; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3150, 2860, 2758, 2250, 2140, 1746, 1694, 1423, 1251, 1189, 821 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₂O₃Na : 279.0740, found: 279.0770.



Methyl 5-chloro-3-cyano-1-methyl-2-oxoindoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(**3d**): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound **3d** was obtained as brown gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 87.3 mg of product, 66% yield).; $R_f = 0.50$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.43 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.26 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 164.7, 162.3, 142.3, 131.6, 129.6, 125.0, 123.0, 112.5, 110.6, 55.1, 53.2, 27.6; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3134, 2936, 2743, 2218, 2140, 1726, 1676, 1580, 1391, 1154, 1064, 939, 796 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]+ calcd for C₁₂H₉ClN₂O₃Na : 287.0194, found: 287.0222.



Methyl 3-cyano-5-methoxy-1-methyl-2-oxoindoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(3e): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound **3e** was obtained as yellow gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 96.3 mg of product, 74% yield); $R_f = 0.48$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.03 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 164.8, 162.9, 156.9, 136.9, 122.7, 116.4, 113.1, 111.2, 110.2, 56.0, 54.9, 53.8, 27.5; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3146, 2976, 2851, 2265, 2034, 1697, 1680, 1367, 1260, 1129, 964, 741 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₂N₂O₄Na : 283.0689, found: 283.0680.



Allyl 3-cyano-1-methyl-2-oxoindoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(4a): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound 4a was obtained as yellow gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 111.5 mg of product, 87% yield); $R_f = 0.55$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.17 (td, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (ddt, J = 17.3, 10.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.33 – 5.21 (m, 2H), 4.71 (dt, J = 5.8, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.2, 162.1, 143.7, 131.6, 130.1, 128.0, 124.2, 121.9, 119.8, 113.0, 109.7, 68.3, 53.6, 27.4; IR (film) v_{max} , 3043, 2763, 2835, 2267, 2138, 1724, 1688, 1481, 1261, 1048, 936, 727 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₂O₃ : 257.0921, found: 257.0911.



Allyl 1-benzyl-3-cyano-2-oxoindoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(4b): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound 4b was obtained as orange gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 136.2 mg of product, 82% yield); $R_f = 0.58$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.45 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (h, J = 4.2, 3.8 Hz, 6H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.91 – 5.77 (m, 1H), 5.37 – 5.23 (m, 2H), 5.15 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.74 – 4.67 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.5, 162.2, 142.9, 134.1, 131.4, 130.0, 129.0, 128.1, 127.1, 124.4, 124.2, 121.9, 120.1, 113.0, 110.7, 68.4, 53.8, 44.8; **IR** (film) 3021, 2978, 2764, 2273, 2151, 1738, 1671, 1654, 1345, 1321, 1143, 1034, 938, 736 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O₃Na : 329.0897, found: 329.0919.



Allyl 1-allyl-3-cyano-2-oxoindoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(4c): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound 4c was obtained as light yellow gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 103.0 mg of product, 73% yield); $R_f = 0.55$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.45 (td, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (td, J = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.93 – 5.80 (m, 2H), 5.39 – 5.26 (m, 4H), 4.75 (tt, J = 5.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 4.56 – 4.47 (m, 1H), 4.31 (ddt, J = 16.6, 5.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.0, 162.1, 143.0, 131.4, 130.0, 129.7, 124.4, 124.1, 121.9, 119.9, 118.3, 113.0, 110.5, 68.3, 53.7, 43.3; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3046, 2864, 2732, 2189, 2128, 1711, 1686, 1294, 1154, 1031, 921, 862 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₄N₂O₃Na : 305.0897, found: 305.0922.



Allyl 3-cyano-5-methoxy-1-methyl-2-oxoindoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(4d): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound **4d** was obtained as yellow gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 90.2 mg of product, 63% yield); $R_f = 0.53$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.08 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (ddt, J = 17.2, 10.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.41 – 5.27 (m, 2H), 4.76 (ddt, J = 5.9, 4.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 164.9, 162.1, 156.9, 137.0, 130.1, 122.8, 119.9, 116.4, 113.1, 111.1, 110.2, 68.3, 56.0, 29.7, 27.5; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3084, 2839, 2756, 2259, 2153, 1728, 1588, 1294, 1241, 1184, 823, 798 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₄N₂O₄Na: 309.0846, found: 309.0848.



2-Methylallyl 3-cyano-1-methyl-2-oxoindoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(**4e**): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound **4e** was obtained as light yellow gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 97.3 mg of product, 72% yield); $R_f = 0.52$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.78 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (td, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (td, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 5.14 – 4.97 (m, 2H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.84 (t, J = 1.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 166.4, 157.2, 153.4, 143.2, 139.5, 131.0, 123.4, 121.4, 119.8, 113.57, 108.8, 69.5, 56.4, 25.7, 19.4; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3084, 2996, 2732, 2309, 2118,1731, 1643, 1195, 1181, 951, 874 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₄N₂O₃Na : 293.0897, found: 293.0893.



3-Methylbut-2-en-1-yl 3-cyano-1-methyl-2-oxoindoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(**4f**): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound **4f** was obtained as light yellow gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 109.4 mg of product, 77% yield); $R_f = 0.55$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.48 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (td, J =7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (tdt, J = 7.3, 2.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.80 – 4.68 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 1.76 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H), 1.69 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C** NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.3, 162.4, 143.7, 141.6, 131.4, 124.3, 124.1, 122.1, 116.7, 113.2, 109.6, 65.1, 53.6, 27.4, 25.7, 18.1; **IR** (film) υ_{max} 3138, 3054, 2876, 2765, 2306, 2297, 1757, 1648, 1264, 1154, 1039, 928, 776 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₃Na: 307.1053, found: 307.1070.



tert-Butyl 3-cyano-3-methyl-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate (\pm) -(5a): According to the experimental procedure A The compound 5a was obtained as light yellow gel (0.5 mmol

scale of reaction, 114.4 mg of product, 84% yield); $R_f = 0.48$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 169.0, 148.4, 138.7, 130.5, 125.6, 125.5, 123.5, 117.0, 115.9, 85.7, 43.1, 28.0, 24.5; **IR** (film) v_{max} 2976, 2865, 2761, 2237, 1731, 1671, 1263, 1104, 1013, 873 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₆N₂O₃Na: 295.1053, found: 295.1078.



Methyl 3-benzyl-3-cyano-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate (±)-(**5b**): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound **5b** was obtained as yellow solid (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 110.3 mg of product, 72% yield).; **mp** 115-120 °C; $R_f = 0.55$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.82 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.59 (dd, J = 13.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, J = 13.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 168.1, 150.4, 138.8, 131.5, 130.7, 130.3, 128.4, 128.3, 125.4, 124.7, 123.1, 116.1, 115.7, 54.4, 48.9, 44.0; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3046, 2978, 2836, 2147, 2030, 1712, 1684, 1231, 1163, 1049, 821 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]+ calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O₃Na: 329.0897, found: 329.0880.



tert-Butyl 3-(2-(((benzyloxy)carbonyl)(methyl)amino)ethyl)-3-cyano-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate (±)-(5c): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound 5c was obtained as colorless gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 191.1 mg of product, 85% yield); $R_f = 0.56$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.31 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H), 7.19 (d, J = 31.1 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d,

J = 19.6 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (d, J = 50.9 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (s, 3H), 2.53 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 1.63 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 171.1, 148.2, 139.2, 132.9, 130.7, 128.5, 128.5, 128.1, 125.6, 115.9, 85.9, 67.3, 60.4, 45.7, 28.0, 21.0, 14.2; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3030, 2943, 2864, 2198, 2106, 1722, 1680, 1308, 1243, 1021, 978, 721 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₇N₃O₅Na: 472.1843, found: 472.1869.



tert-Butyl 3-cyano-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate (±)-(5d): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound 5d was obtained as yellow gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 151.2 mg of product, 83% yield); $R_f = 0.50$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.30 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, J =8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (td, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 168.8, 144.2, 141.9, 133.8, 133.0, 132.0, 131.2, 130.7, 128.0, 126.2, 124.0, 123.3, 116.0, 109.5, 52.3, 28.0; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3018, 2936, 2226, 1719, 1678, 1098, 1012, 852 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₀N₂O₄Na : 387.1315, found: 387.1323.



1,3-Dimethyl-2-oxoindoline-3-carbonitrile (±)-(**6a**): According to the experimental procedure **B** The compound **6a** was obtained as white solid (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 75.4 mg of product, 81% yield); $R_f = 0.42$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.20 (td, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dt, J = 7.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 171.0, 142.6, 130.3, 126.8, 123.9, 123.8, 117.6, 109.2, 42.1, 27.0, 23.4; **IR** (film) v_{max} 2945, 2851, 2238,

2167, 1683, 1289, 1062, 967 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]+ calcd for $C_{11}H_{10}N_2ONa: 209.0685$, found: 209.0705.



1-Methyl-2-oxo-3-phenylindoline-3-carbonitrile (±)-(**6b**): According to the experimental procedure **B** The compound **6b** was obtained as yellow gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 88.1 mg of product, 71% yield); $R_f = 0.52$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.45 (td, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, J = 5.5, 2.8 Hz, 6H), 7.19 (ddd, J = 8.9, 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 169.7, 143.4, 141.9, 133.7, 130.8, 129.3, 128.0, 126.6, 125.5, 124.2, 116.8, 109.4, 51.8, 27.3; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3128, 2921, 2882, 2265, 1692, 1363, 1714, 1267, 1183, 1091, 854 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₃N₂O : 249.1022, found: 249.1048.



3-(2-Methoxy-5-methylphenyl)-1-methyl-2-oxoindoline-3-carbonitrile (±)-(**6c**): According to the experimental procedure **B** The compound **6c** was obtained as light yellow gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 119.9 mg of product, 82% yield); $R_f = 0.45$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.64 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (td, J = 8.1, 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (td, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 170.6, 154.0, 143.6, 131.0, 130.9, 130.0, 129.9, 126.8, 124.0, 123.5, 122.2, 116.4, 112.5, 108.4, 56.1, 50.8, 27.2, 20.6; IR (film) v_{max} 3141, 2926, 2761, 2168, 2106, 1717, 1677, 1396, 1028, 989, 877 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}N_2O_2Na$: 315.1104, found: 315.1093.



1-Allyl-3-(2-methoxy-5-methylphenyl)-2-oxoindoline-3-carbonitrile (±)-(**6d**): According to the experimental procedure **B** The compound **6d** was obtained as light yellow gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 121.0 mg of product, 76% yield); $R_f = 0.48$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.66 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (td, J =7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, J = 13.0, 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (td, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (ddt, J = 17.2, 10.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (dq, J = 17.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (dq, J = 10.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (ddt, J = 16.0, 5.5, 1.6Hz, 1H), 4.39 (ddt, J = 16.0, 5.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 170.1, 154.0, 142.7, 131.0, 131.0, 130.8, 130.2, 129.8, 126.8, 124.0, 123.4, 121.9, 118.7, 112.45, 109.3, 106.9, 55.8, 43.5, 20.6; **IR** (film) ν_{max} 3083, 2889, 2764, 2146, 2116, 1701, 1687, 1357, 1258, 1012, 908 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]+ calcd for C₂₀H₁₈N₂O₂Na : 341.1260, found: 341.1233.



3-(2-Methylbut-3-en-2-yl)-2-oxoindoline-3-carbonitrile (±)-(**6e**): According to the experimental procedure **B** The compound **6e** was obtained as light yellow gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 81.5 mg of product, 72% yield); $R_f = 0.45$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.65 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (td, J = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dd, J = 17.3, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 171.7, 140.7, 140.1, 130.3, 126.3, 124.6, 122.8, 116.3,

116.2, 110.3, 54.5, 44.1, 23.0, 20.8; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3024, 2967, 2743, 2257, 1727, 1347, 1023, 985, 863 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]+ calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₂ONa : 249.0998, found: 249.1022.



1-Methyl-3-(2-nitrophenyl)-2-oxoindoline-3-carbonitrile (±)-(**6f**): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound **6f** was obtained as reddish gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 127.6 mg of product, 87% yield); $R_f = 0.40$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.30 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (td, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 168.8, 144.2, 141.9, 133.8, 133.0, 132.0, 131.2, 130.7, 128.0, 126.2, 124.0, 123.3, 116.0, 109.5, 52.3, 27.5; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3024, 2968, 2864, 2156, 1707, 1157, 1048, 962 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₁N₃O₃Na : 316.0693, found: 316.0694.

Optimization of the reaction condition for catalytic decarboxylative allylations (DcA):



| entry ^a | Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ | ligand | solvent | temp | time | % yield (10) ^b | % ee ^c |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------|------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L1 | Et ₂ O | 25 °C | 12 h | 89% | 02% ee |
| 2 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L2 | Et ₂ O | 25 °C | 11 h | 95% | 18% ee |
| 3 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L3 | Et ₂ O | 25 °C | 12 h | 94% | 40% ee |
| 4 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L4 | Et ₂ O | 25 °C | 10 h | 93% | 50% ee |
| 5 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L5 | Et ₂ O | 25 °C | 11 h | 82% | 46% ee |
| 6 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L4 | PhMe | 25 °C | 12 h | 88% | 37% ee |
| 7 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L4 | 1,4-dioxan | 25 °C | 14 h | 32% | ND ^d |
| 8 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L4 | Ph ₂ O | 25 °C | 16 h | 91% | 31% ee |
| 9 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L4 | 1,2-DME | 25 °C | 15 h | 90% | 30% ee |
| 10 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L4 | THF | 25 °C | 18 h | 69% | 24% ee |
| 11 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L4 | PhH | 25 °C | 14 h | 92% | 38% ee |
| 12 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L3 | Et ₂ O | 0 °C | 16 h | 91% | 50% ee |
| 13 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L4 | Et ₂ O | 0 °C | 16 h | 94% | 56% ee |
| 14 | 5% mol% | 15 mol% L4 | Et ₂ O | 0 °C | 9 h | 96% | 56% ee |
| 15 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L4 | Et ₂ O | -10 °C | 18 h | 90% | 55% ee |
| 16 | 2.5% mol% | 7.5 mol% L3 | Et ₂ O | -10 °C | 17 h | 90% | 51% ee |

^areactions were carried out using 0.09 mmol of **4a** with in 3 mL solvent. ^byields after column purification. ^cee's were determined by chiralpak IB column. ^dnot determined.

Procedure for Catalytic Enantioselective Decarboxylative Allylations: In an ovendried sealed tube, Et₂O was degassed by using nitrogen balloon at room temperature over a period of 15 min. 2.5 mol % of $Pd_2(dba)_3$ and 7.5 mol % of ligand were added to it and stirring was continued for 15 min to make the complex mixture. After that reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C. In another vessel ester (±)-4a (0.09 mmol; 1.0 equiv.) were dissolved in dry degassed Et₂O solvent then the resulting solution was added dropwise to the complex solution and stirring was continued for a specified time at same temperature. After complete consumption of starting material (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography to afford the desired enantioenriched compound.



3-Allyl-1-methyl-2-oxoindoline-3-carbonitrile -(+)-(10): The compound 10 was obtained as light yellow gel (0.09 mmol scale of reaction, 17.9 mg of product, 94% yield); $R_f = 0.36$ (20% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.38 (ddt, J = 8.1, 4.1, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (td, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (dddd, J = 16.8, 10.2, 8.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.24 – 5.11 (m, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.97 (ddt, J = 13.5, 6.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, J = 13.5, 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 169.9, 143.0, 130.3, 129.0, 124.8, 124.5, 123.6, 121.9, 116.7, 109.0, 46.4, 41.0, 26.9; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3150, 2267, 2125, 1748, 1669, 1265, 1035, 817 cm⁻¹; Enantiometric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IB column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 99.1/0.9; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm): t_R major = 14.56 min, t_R minor = 16.16 min. $[\alpha]_D^{26.9} = +9.6$ (c = 0.01, MeOH for 56% ee). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₂N₂ONa: 235.0842, found: 235.0841.



3-(1*H***-Indol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2-oxoindoline-3-carbonitrile** (±)-(14a): According to the experimental procedure **B** The compound 14a was obtained as yellowish gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 109.2 mg of product, 76% yield); $R_f = 0.50$ (50% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.67 (s, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 7.04 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 170.2, 143.1, 137.0, 130.7, 125.8, 125.4, 124.5, 124.2, 123.8, 122.9, 120.5, 118.9, 116.7, 112.1, 109.3, 108.0, 46.8, 27.3; **IR** (film) ν_{max} 2985, 2928, 2753, 2256, 2164,1710, 1688, 1243, 1175, 928, 724 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₃O : 288.1131, found: 288.1114.



1-Benzyl-3-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-oxoindoline-3-carbonitrile (±)-(14b): According to the experimental procedure **B** The compound **14b** was obtained as reddish gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 147.2 mg of product, 81% yield); $R_f = 0.48$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 7H), 7.12 (dt, *J* = 20.0, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 170.1, 142.4, 136.9, 134.7, 130.5, 129.0, 128.1, 127.6, 125.8, 125.5, 124.4, 124.1, 123.9, 123.0, 120.5, 119.3, 116.6, 111.8, 110.2, 108.6, 46.8, 44.9; **IR** (film) v_{max} 3153, 3026, 2853, 2749, 2724, 2143, 2031, 1716, 1678, 1357, 1190, 1034, 945, 867 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]+ calcd for C₂₄H₁₇N₃ONa : 386.1264, found: 386.1253.



1-Benzyl-3-(5-methoxy-1*H***-indol-3-yl)-2-oxoindoline-3-carbonitrile** (±)- (14c): According to the experimental procedure **B** The compound 14c was obtained as yellowish gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 141.6 mg of product, 72% yield); $R_f = 0.40$ (40% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 5H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 170.3, 154.3, 142.5, 134.7, 131.9, 130.5, 129.0, 128.1, 127.5, 125.7, 125.7, 125.0, 124.3, 124.2, 116.7, 113.4, 112.6, 110.1, 107.8, 100.6, 55.3, 46.8, 44.9; **IR** (film) ν_{max} 3142, 3021, 2938, 2763, 2264, 1710, 1633, 1143, 1075, 928, 864, 794, 726 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₀N₃O₂ : 394.1550, found: 394.1547.



1-Allyl-3-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-oxoindoline-3-carbonitrile (±)-(14d): According to the experimental procedure **B** The compound 14d was obtained as colourless gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 128.5 mg of product, 82% yield); $R_f = 0.45$ (40% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.43 (ddd, J = 10.0, 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.05 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 5.91 – 5.79 (m, 1H), 5.36 – 5.24 (m, 2H), 4.47 (ddt, J = 16.1, 5.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.42 – 4.33 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 169.7, 142.4, 136.9, 130.6, 130.4, 125.8, 125.5, 124.3, 124.1, 123.0, 120.5, 119.1, 118.8, 116.6, 111.9, 110.1, 108.4, 46.7, 43.4; **IR**

(film) υ_{max} 3021, 2975, 2864, 2753, 2064, 1721, 1692, 1043, 975, 968, 834, 734 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₆N₃O : 314.1288, found: 314.1307.



1-Allyl-3-(5-methoxy-1*H***-indol-3-yl)-2-oxoindoline-3-carbonitrile** (±)-(14e): According to the experimental procedure **B** The compound **14e** was obtained as yellowish gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 128.8 mg of product, 75% yield); $R_f = 0.42$ (40% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.0, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.03 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (ddt, J = 17.2, 10.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.34 – 5.23 (m, 2H), 4.47 (ddt, J = 16.2, 5.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (ddt, J = 16.2, 5.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 169.6, 154.4, 142.5, 131.9, 130.5, 130.5, 125.6, 124.7, 124.4, 124.0, 118.8, 116.6, 113.5, 112.6, 110.0, 108.0, 100.7, 55.5, 46.6, 43.4; IR (film) v_{max} 3174, 3028, 2753, 2156, 1703, 1687, 1143, 1075, 936, 865, 742 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N₃O₂Na : 366.1213, found: 366.1209.



1-Allyl-3-(5-bromo-1*H***-indol-3-yl)-2-oxoindoline-3-carbonitrile** (±)-(14**f**): According to the experimental procedure **B** The compound **14f** was obtained as brownish gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 153.0 mg of product, 78% yield); $R_f = 0$. (40% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.51 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 – 5.82 (m, 1H), 5.39 – 5.28 (m, 2H), 4.56 – 4.43 (m, 1H), 4.37 (tdt, J = 16.1, 5.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 169.4, 142.3, 135.6, 130.8, 130.2, 126.1, 125.4, 125.4, 124.5, 124.2, 121.8, 119.1, 116.3, 113.9, 113.2, 110.7, 110.3, 108.4, 46.5, 43.5. **IR** (film) v_{max} 3065, 2908, 2853, 2756, 2064, 1710, 1692, 1043, 975, 928, 865, 724 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₄BrN₃ONa: 414.0212, found: 414.0228.



1-Methyl-3-(1-methyl-1*H***-indol-3-yl)-2-oxoindoline-3-carbonitrile** (±)-(14g): According to the experimental procedure **B** The compound **14g** was obtained as yellowish gel (0.5 mmol scale of reaction, 111.5 mg of product, 74% yield); $R_f = 0.50$ (40% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.58 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dt, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 176.5, 144.2, 137.4, 129.3, 128.1, 127.7, 126.8, 124.78, 122.6, 121.9, 121.6, 119.4, 119.3, 109.4, 109.3, 108.0, 44.4, 32.8, 26.5; **IR** (film) υ_{max} 3054, 2965, 2708, 2156, 1710, 1688, 1243, 1175, 928, 774, 728 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₆N₃O: 302.1288, found: 302.1274.



tert-Butyl **3**-(1-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-3-cyano-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-1*H*-indole-1carboxylate (\pm)-(14h): According to the experimental procedure **A** The compound 14h was obtained as reddish gel (3.5 mmol scale of reaction, 1.5 g of product, 92% yield); R_f = 0.52 (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.53 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 1.66 (s, 9H), 1.62 (s, 9H).¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 166.4, 149.1, 148.5, 139.6, 136.1, 131.2, 126.4, 125.9, 125.4, 125.2, 123.4, 120.0, 116.1, 115.6, 115.5, 113.5, 85.9, 84.8, 47.2, 28.1, 28.0; **IR** (film) ν_{max} 3154, 2821, 2793, 2237, 1742, 1713, 1694, 1267, 1090, 1034, 967, 837 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]+ calcd for C₂₇H₂₇N₃O₅Na : 496.1843, found: 496.1835.

Synthesis of the compound (16):



In a solution of compound **14h** (100 mg, 0.211 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in MeOH (5 mL), sodium borohydride (12 mg, 0.316 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added portionwise at 0°C and stirred for 30 minutes. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of acetone (1.0 mL), maintained at 0°C for 5 min, then poured into a mixture of ethyl acetate (5 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (5 mL). After the layer separation, the aqueous layer was further extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude products were directly treated for next step without any purification. Next, the crude product was dissolved in Et₂O (1.5 mL) then trimethoxy methane (1.05mmol, 5.0 equiv.) and BF₃·Et₂O (1.05 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) were added sequentially. After 30 min, the reaction mixture was poured into H₂O (1 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 x 3 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product.



tert-Butyl **3**-(1-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-3-cyano-2-methoxyindolin-3-yl)-1*H*-indole-1carboxylate (±)-(16): 93 mg (yield 90% over 2 step) of **16** as a yellowish gel. $R_f = 0.50$ (20% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.16 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.21 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 9H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 149.3, 136.1, 130.4, 127.0, 125.3, 125.1, 124.9, 124.1, 123.4, 119.0, 117.5, 116.9, 116.3, 115.8, 84.7, 58.2, 28.2, 28.1; IR (film) v_{max} 3084, 2893, 2548, 2206, 1694, 1253, 1075, 932, 854, 728 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₃₁N₃O₅Na : 512.2156, found: 512.2179.

Synthesis of Aldehyde 12:



In an oven-dried round button flask Compound **16** (50 mg, 0.102 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) and cooled to -78 °C then DIBAL-H (1.0M in Toluene, 0.122 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added drop wise. The reaction temperature was allowed to warm up to -20°C within a period of 2 h and consumption of the starting material was monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction, a saturated solution of Rochelle's salt and EtOAc was added and the reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature. The solution was further diluted with EtOAc and the suspension was stirred vigorously for 4 h to give a two-phase mixture, which was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 $_{\rm X}$ 2 mL); the combined organic layers were dried over

Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude products were purified by column chromatography to afford the desired aldehyde product.



tert-Butyl 3-(1-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-3-formyl-2-methoxyindolin-3-yl)-1*H*-indole-1carboxylate (±)-(12): 13.0 mg (yield 26%) of 12 as a yellowish gel. $R_f = 0.50$ (30% EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 9.42 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.32 (ddd, J = 8.4, 5.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 9H), 1.61 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 192.0, 149.4, 135.9, 130.1, 129.3, 125.7, 124.8, 123.2, 122.7, 121.1, 116.5, 115.3, 112.5, 92.3, 84.3, 82.1, 6.2, 28.4, 28.2; IR (film) v_{max} 3034, 2945, 2708, 2156, 1718, 1628, 1254, 1135, 922, 864, 764, 738 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₃₂N₂O₆Na : 515.2153, found: 515.2148.

Spectral Graphics



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound **2aa**




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 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound (±)-14a



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EPR studies for key cyanation reaction of 1a (According to the Experimental procedure A):

X-band EPR spectra in DMF at 298K under nitrogen atmosphere (According to the Experimental procedure A)