

**An unexpected palladium-catalyzed reaction of
2-alkynylhalobenzene with 2-alkynylaniline: A novel
and efficient route to
11*H*-indeno[1,2-*c*]quinolin-11-ols**

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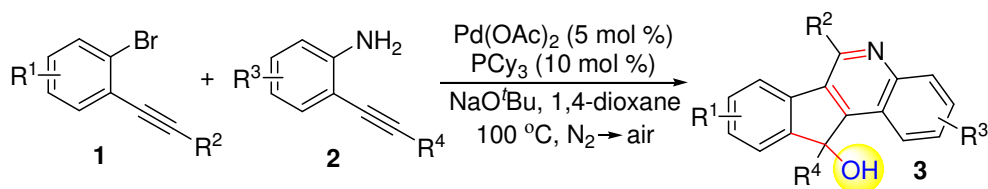
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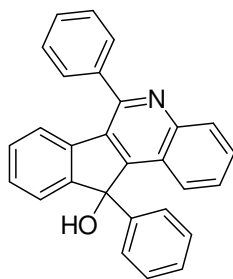
General experimental methods:

All reactions were performed in reaction tubes. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32–63 µm, standard grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light. Organic solutions were concentrated on rotary evaporators at ~20 Torr (house vacuum) at 25–35°C. Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale.

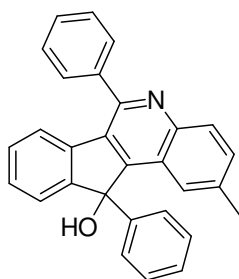
General Experimental Procedure for Palladium-Catalyzed Cascade Reaction of 2-Alkynylbromobenzene with 2-Alkynylaniline



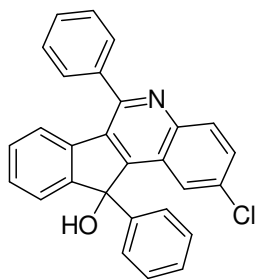
2-Alkynylbromobenzene **1** (0.20 mmol) was added to a mixture of Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol %), tricyclohexylphosphine (10 mol %), *t*-BuONa (0.8 mmol), and 2-alkynylaniline (0.20 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was heated at 100 °C. After consumption of the starting material as indicated by TLC, the reaction was stirred in air for half an hour. After the reaction mixture was cool to room temperature, the solvent was diluted by EtOAc (10 mL), washed with saturated brine (2 × 10 mL), and dried by anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of the solvent followed by purification on silica gel provides the product **3**.



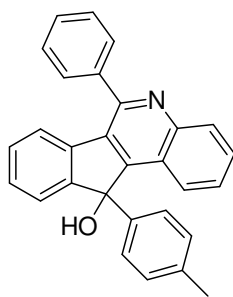
6,11-Diphenyl-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*c*]quinolin-11-ol (**3a**): 73.1 mg, yield: 95%; yellow solid; m.p. 261.4-261.8 °C; IR: 3335.5, 3064.2, 1601.0, 1567.5, 1498.2, 1451.7 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 154.8, 151.6, 147.8, 141.7, 139.9, 137.3, 134.3, 130.7, 129.8, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.4, 126.9, 124.8, 124.7, 124.3, 123.2, 123.1, 83.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₁₉NO: 386.1545 (M + H⁺), found: 386.1544.



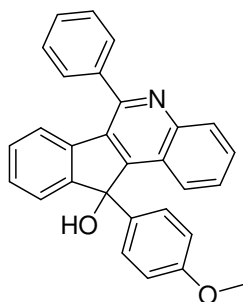
2-Methyl-6,11-diphenyl-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*c*]quinolin-11-ol (**3b**): 67.0 mg, yield: 84%; yellow solid; m.p. 220.9-221.2 °C; IR: 3369.0, 3055.0, 2920.9, 2847.8, 1625.4, 1564.4, 1491.3, 1469.9, 1442.5, 1366.3 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.56-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.7, 153.8, 151.7, 146.6, 141.7, 140.1, 137.5, 136.9, 134.3, 131.9, 131.6, 130.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.4, 124.8, 124.2, 123.3, 123.1, 83.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₉H₂₁NO: 400.1701 (M + H⁺), found: 400.1696.



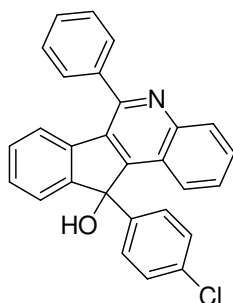
2-Chloro-6,11-diphenyl-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*c*]quinolin-11-ol (**3c**): 76.2 mg, yield: 91%; yellow solid; m.p. 279.7-280.3 °C; IR: 3341.6, 3052.0, 1598.0, 1567.5, 1494.3, 1457.8 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.47 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.7, 154.1, 151.7, 146.0, 141.2, 139.5, 136.9, 132.6, 131.5, 131.4, 130.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 124.7, 124.3, 123.8, 123.4, 123.2, 83.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}$: 420.1155 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 420.1147.



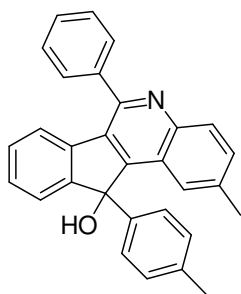
6-Phenyl-11-(*p*-tolyl)-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*c*]quinolin-11-ol (**3d**): 40.1 mg, yield: 50%; yellow solid; m.p. 209.9-210.4 °C; IR: 3323.3, 3055.0, 2917.9, 2856.9, 1604.2, 1567.5, 1506.5, 1466.9, 1448.6, 1369.4 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.05 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.6, 154.7, 151.7, 147.9, 140.1, 138.7, 137.3, 137.1, 134.2, 130.7, 129.9, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 126.9, 124.8, 124.7, 124.2, 123.3, 123.1, 83.7, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}$: 400.1701 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 400.1696.



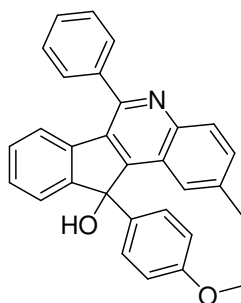
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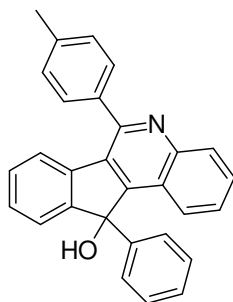
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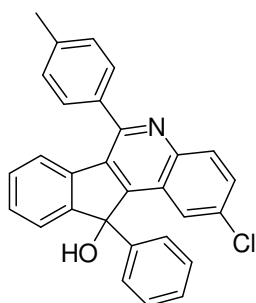
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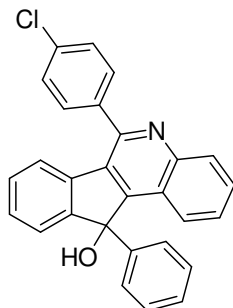
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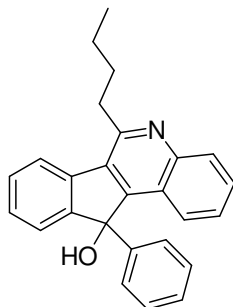
11-Phenyl-6-(*p*-tolyl)-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*c*]quinolin-11-ol (**3i**): 75.8 mg, yield: 95%; yellow solid; m.p. 220.0-221.0 °C; IR: 3351.8, 3064.2, 2966.6, 2841.7, 1607.1, 1561.4, 1503.5, 1469.9, 1445.6, 1369.4 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.12-7.00 (m, 3H), 3.20 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 154.7, 151.6, 147.9, 141.8, 138.8, 137.5, 137.1, 130.7, 129.8, 129.3, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.4, 126.8, 124.9, 124.7, 124.3, 123.2, 83.7, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₉H₂₁NO: 400.1701 (M + H⁺), found: 400.1702.



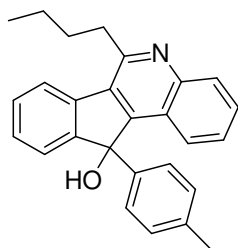
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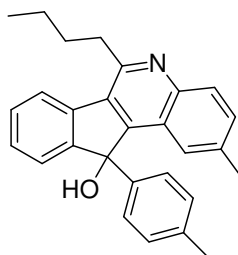
6-(4-Chlorophenyl)-11-phenyl-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*c*]quinolin-11-ol (**3k**): 72.1 mg, yield: 86%; yellow solid; m.p. 268.4-268.6 °C; IR: 3284.4, 3065.6, 1597.0, 1569.5, 1491.2, 1446.9 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.9, 154.3, 151.6, 148.0, 141.5, 138.6, 137.1, 135.1, 134.3, 130.4, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 127.5, 127.2, 124.8, 124.7, 124.5, 123.3, 123.0, 83.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₁₈ClNO: 420.1155 (M + H⁺), found: 420.1148.



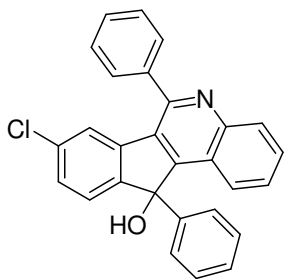
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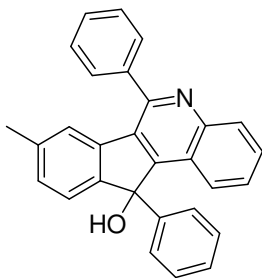
6-Butyl-11-(p-tolyl)-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*c*]quinolin-11-ol (**3m**): 70.5 mg, yield: 93%; yellow solid; m.p. 198.4-198.9 °C; IR: 3414.7, 3023.2, 2954.5, 2930.1, 2869.7, 2852.6, 1604.5, 1558.3, 1506.5, 1457.8, 1446.3, 1375.4 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.19-3.14 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 1H), 1.83-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 154.0, 152.2, 147.5, 138.9, 137.4, 136.9, 134.3, 131.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 126.1, 124.7, 124.7, 124.5, 122.9, 122.8, 83.5, 37.5, 30.6, 23.0, 21.1, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₂₇NO: 380.2014 (M + H⁺), found: 380.2000.



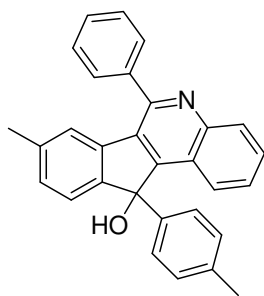
6-Butyl-2-methyl-11-(p-tolyl)-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*c*]quinolin-11-ol (**3n**): 53.4 mg, yield: 68%; yellow solid; m.p. 188.7-189.5 °C; IR: 3347.7, 3024.2, 2948.4, 2920.9, 2869.1, 2845.7, 1594.1, 1582.7, 1503.5, 1463.8, 1445.6, 1369.4 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.01-6.99 (m, 2H), 3.01-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 1H), 1.75-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.53-1.44 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.2, 153.4, 152.5, 145.8, 139.0, 137.3, 136.6, 135.5, 134.3, 131.1, 130.8, 129.1, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 124.6, 124.5, 123.5, 122.7, 83.4, 37.0, 30.4, 22.9, 21.8, 21.1, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₂₇NO: 394.2171 (M + H⁺), found: 394.2169.



8-Chloro-6,11-diphenyl-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*c*]quinolin-11-ol (**3o**): 76.2 mg, yield: 91%; yellow solid; m.p. 243.9-244.3 °C; IR: 3393.4, 3058.1, 2957.5, 2841.7, 1598.0, 1576.6, 1498.5, 1448.6 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.61 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.91 (m, 1H), 2.79 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.8, 155.3, 150.1, 147.9, 141.4, 139.2, 139.0, 134.3, 129.8, 129.5, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.5, 127.0, 125.3, 124.8, 124.7, 123.2, 123.1, 83.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₁₈ClNO: 420.1155 (M + H⁺), found: 420.1156.



8-Methyl-6,11-diphenyl-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*c*]quinolin-11-ol (**3p**): 72.6 mg, yield: 91%; yellow solid; m.p. 203.2-203.6 °C; IR: 3235.2, 3058.1, 2958.6, 2861.1, 1608.2, 1572.3, 1509.8, 1462.6, 1447.6, 1364.5 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 3.04 (s, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 155.0, 148.9, 147.9, 141.9, 140.0, 138.6, 137.5, 130.8, 129.8, 129.3, 129.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.3, 126.9, 124.8, 124.7, 124.0, 123.9, 123.3, 83.5, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₉H₂₁NO: 400.1701 (M + H⁺), found: 400.1686.



8-Methyl-6-phenyl-11-(*p*-tolyl)-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*c*]quinolin-11-ol (**3q**): 80.9 mg, yield: 98%; yellow solid; m.p. 159.1-160.1°C; IR: 3408.6, 3025.2, 2960.5, 2853.9, 1613.2, 1567.5, 1512.6, 1466.9, 1439.5, 1375.4 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 3.00 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 155.1, 149.0, 147.8, 140.0, 138.9, 138.5, 137.4, 136.9, 132.4, 130.7, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 126.8, 124.7, 123.9, 123.8, 123.3, 83.5, 21.6, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₂₃NO: 414.1858 (M + H⁺), found: 414.1844.

