

Palladium-Catalyzed Reaction of 2-Alkynylhalobenzene with 2-Alkynylbenzamide: An Efficient Approach to Indeno[1,2-*c*]azepin-3(2*H*)-ones

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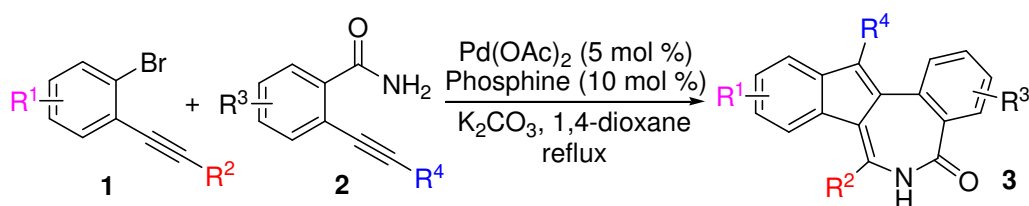
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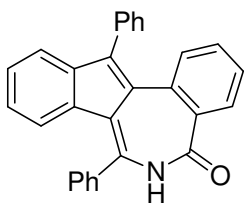
General experimental methods:

All reactions were performed in reaction tubes under nitrogen atmosphere. 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.

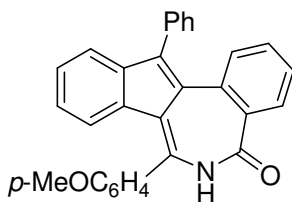
General procedure for the synthesis of indeno[1,2-*c*]azepin-3(2*H*)-ones via a Pd-catalyzed reaction of 2-alkynylbromobenzene **1** with 2-alkynylbenzamide **2**.



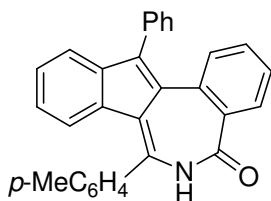
2-Alkynylhalobenzene (0.24 mmol) was added to a mixture of Pd(OAc)₂ (0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), PCy₃ or PPh₃ (0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol), and 2-alkynylbenzamide (0.20 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL). The reaction was stirred under reflux conditions. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC (usually 3-6 hours), the reaction was cooled and the mixture was purified immediately by flash chromatography on silica gel to give products **3**.



7,12-Diphenylbenzo[*c*]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-5(6*H*)-one **3a**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.21 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (br, 1H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 5H), 7.47-7.33 (m, 7H), 7.27 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.89 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 168.0, 140.9, 140.2, 138.9, 137.6, 136.4, 135.2, 134.8, 132.7, 132.3, 131.9, 130.2, 129.8, 129.7, 129.0, 128.5, 127.6, 127.1, 125.9, 124.8, 122.2, 121.4, 120.1. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$ requires 420.1364, found 420.1369.

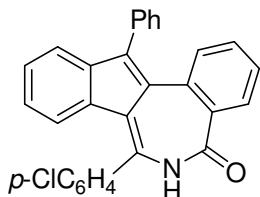


7-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-12-phenylbenzo[*c*]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-5(6*H*)-one **3b**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.22 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.88(br, 1H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.35 (m, 7H), 7.9-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.93 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 168.0, 160.9, 147.3, 140.8, 139.9, 139.1, 136.5, 135.4, 134.8, 132.7, 132.2, 131.8, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.0, 127.6, 127.1, 125.8, 124.9, 122.3, 121.4, 120.1, 114.9, 55.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ requires 428.1651, found 428.1648.

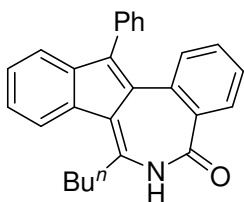


12-Phenyl-7-(*p*-tolyl)benzo[*c*]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-5(6*H*)-one **3c**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.24 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.77(br, 1H), 7.47-7.27 (m, 11H), 7.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.92 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 168.0, 147.3, 140.9, 140.4, 140.0, 139.2, 136.5, 135.3, 134.9,

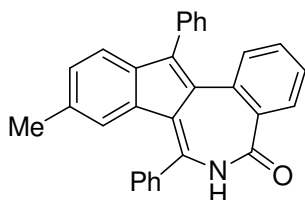
134.7, 132.8, 132.3, 131.9, 130.4, 129.9, 129.0, 128.4, 127.6, 127.1, 125.8, 124.8, 121.4, 120.1, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{30}H_{21}NO$ $[M+H]^+$ requires 412.1701, found 412.1703.



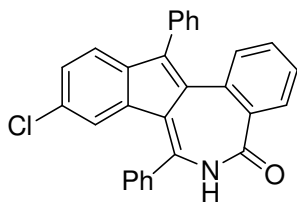
7-(4-Chlorophenyl)-12-phenylbenzo[c]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-5(6*H*)-one **3d**. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78(br, 1H), 7.61-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 168.0, 141.1, 140.6, 137.4, 136.4, 136.2, 135.9, 135.0, 134.7, 132.7, 132.3, 132.0, 131.8, 130.2, 130.1, 130.0, 129.8, 129.7, 129.1, 127.8, 127.2, 126.2, 125.0, 121.3, 120.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{29}H_{18}ClNO$ $[M+Na]^+$ requires 454.0975, found 454.0983.



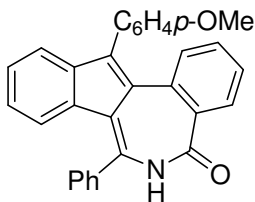
7-Butyl-12-phenylbenzo[c]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-5(6*H*)-one **3e**. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.40 (br, 1H), 8.25-8.23 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 1H), 3.02 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 1.94-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.07-1.03 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 169.0, 147.4, 141.2, 141.0, 136.4, 135.2, 134.9, 132.9, 132.6, 131.9, 131.8, 130.0, 129.4, 128.9, 127.5, 126.9, 125.7, 125.2, 121.7, 121.5, 120.6, 35.9, 30.7, 22.8, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{27}H_{23}NO$ $[M+H]^+$ requires 378.1858, found 378.1865.



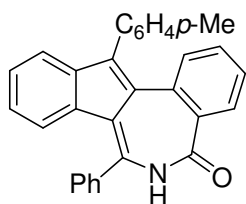
9-Methyl-7,12-diphenylbenzo[*c*]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-5(6*H*)-one **3f**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70(br, 1H), 7.64-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 168.0, 138.7, 138.4, 137.7, 136.6, 134.5, 132.7, 132.3, 131.9, 130.1, 129.8, 129.6, 129.0, 128.6, 127.6, 126.9, 126.8, 122.2, 119.8, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ requires 434.1521, found 434.1527.



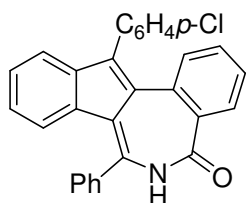
9-Chloro-7,12-diphenylbenzo[*c*]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-5(6*H*)-one **3g**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.26 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (br, 1H), 7.68-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.12 (m, 2H), 5.95 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 132.7, 132.5, 132.1, 130.6, 129.9, 129.8, 129.2, 128.4, 128.9, 127.4, 125.8, 121.6, 120.9. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ requires 432.1155, found 432.1178.



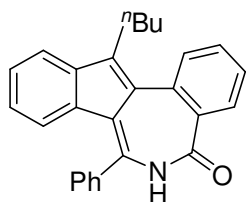
12-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-7-phenylbenzo[*c*]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-5(6*H*)-one **3h**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.25(dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (br, 1H), 7.63-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.99-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.88 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 168.1, 137.7, 132.6, 132.3, 131.9, 131.0, 130.2, 129.7, 128.5, 127.0, 125.9, 124.8, 121.4, 120.2, 114.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ requires 450.1470, found 450.1485.



7-Phenyl-12-(*p*-tolyl)benzo[*c*]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-5(6*H*)-one **3i**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.25 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.72(br, 1H), 7.63-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.88 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 168.0, 141.1, 140.3, 138.5, 137.6, 137.4, 135.2, 135.0, 133.3, 132.7, 132.3, 131.9, 130.2, 129.8, 129.73, 129.70, 128.5, 127.0, 125.9, 124.8, 121.3, 120.2, 21.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ requires 412.1701, found 412.1715.

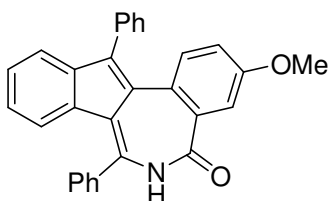


12-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7-phenylbenzo[*c*]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-5(6*H*)-one **3j**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.26 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.78(br, 1H), 7.63-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.90 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.09 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 167.9, 140.5, 139.3, 138.7, 137.5, 135.2, 134.9, 134.5, 133.6, 133.4, 132.7, 132.4, 132.1, 131.2, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 127.4, 126.0, 125.0, 121.4, 119.9. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ requires 432.1155, found 432.1138.

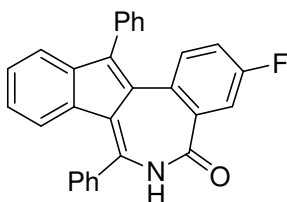


12-butyl-7-phenylbenzo[*c*]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-5(6*H*)-one **3k**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.71(m, 1H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.51 (m, 5H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.85 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz,

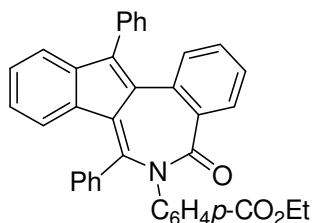
1H), 2.99 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.48 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 167.9, 147.3, 141.4, 140.6, 137.7, 136.8, 135.3, 135.2, 132.5, 132.46, 132.43, 132.1, 130.7, 130.0, 129.6, 128.7, 127.1, 124.4, 125.6, 121.1, 119.2, 31.5, 27.3, 23.3, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ requires 378.1858, found 378.1827.



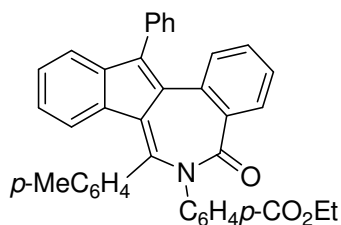
3-Methoxy-7,12-diphenylbenzo[*c*]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-5(6*H*)-one **3l**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.74 (br, 1H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 167.6, 158.3, 147.3, 141.2, 138.6, 138.3, 137.6, 136.6, 134.9, 134.4, 131.7, 130.8, 130.2, 129.8, 129.7, 129.0, 128.6, 127.5, 125.9, 124.5, 122.5, 121.4, 120.2, 119.8, 114.2, 55.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ requires 428.1651, found 428.1623.



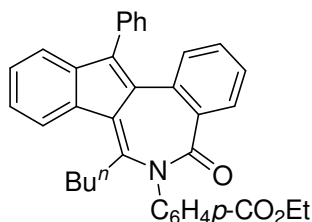
3-Fluoro-7,12-diphenylbenzo[*c*]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-5(6*H*)-one **3m**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.07 (br, 1H), 7.87 (dd, $J = 10, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.57 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.09 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 166.6, 161.1 (d, $J_{(\text{C},\text{F})} = 247.3$ Hz), 140.9, 140.1, 138.6, 137.3, 136.1, 135.0, 134.9 (d, $J_{(\text{C},\text{F})} = 7.2$ Hz), 131.6 (d, $J_{(\text{C},\text{F})} = 7.1$ Hz), 131.2, 130.8, 130.3, 129.8, 129.7, 129.2, 128.5, 127.8, 126.1, 125.0, 122.5, 121.5, 120.1, 119.6 (d, $J_{(\text{C},\text{F})} = 21.4$ Hz), 118.0 (d, $J_{(\text{C},\text{F})} = 23.8$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ requires 416.1451, found 416.1434.



Ethyl 4-(5-oxo-7,12-diphenylbenzo[*c*]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-6(5*H*)-yl)benzoate **3n**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.04 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 4H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.77 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.47 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 170.2, 165.8, 145.2, 141.4, 141.1, 140.8, 137.1, 136.4, 135.8, 134.7, 132.5, 132.3, 131.9, 131.5, 131.2, 130.34, 130.30, 130.0, 129.9, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.1, 127.0, 126.1, 124.9, 122.1, 120.3, 61.1, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ requires 546.2069, found 546.2054.



Ethyl 4-(5-oxo-12-phenyl-7-(*p*-tolyl)benzo[*c*]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-6(5*H*)-yl)benzoate **3o**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.12 (m, 6H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.80 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 170.3, 165.9, 147.2, 145.2, 141.7, 141.0, 140.6, 138.5, 137.3, 135.9, 134.7, 133.4, 132.4, 132.2, 132.0, 131.4, 131.2, 130.3, 130.1, 129.98, 129.93, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 127.9, 127.0, 126.0, 124.9, 122.1, 120.3, 21.4, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ requires 560.2226, found 560.2189.



Ethyl 4-(7-butyl-5-oxo-12-phenylbenzo[*c*]indeno[2,1-*e*]azepin-6(5*H*)-yl)benzoate **3p**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.16 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.11 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 1H), 4.41 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.65-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.42 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.88-0.84 (m, 2H), 0.79 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 169.9, 165.8, 147.3, 146.4, 145.4, 141.6, 140.9, 136.6, 135.5, 134.9, 133.2, 131.9, 131.8, 131.7, 131.1, 130.7, 130.1, 130.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.1, 127.0, 126.4, 125.9, 121.9, 121.4, 61.2, 34.3, 32.5, 22.4, 14.3, 13.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ requires 526.2382, found 526.2368.

