

## Electronic Supplementary Information

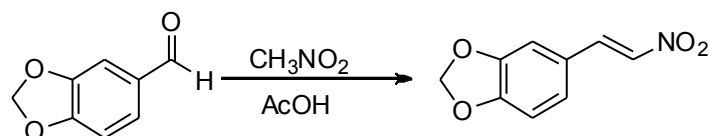
### ***An Oxidative Cross-Dehydrogenative–Coupling Reaction in Water using Molecular Oxygen as the Oxidant: Vanadium Catalyzed Indolation of Tetrahydroisoquinolines***

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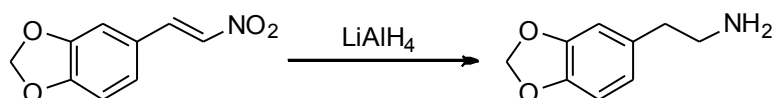
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### Typical experimental procedure for the Preparation of Nitroolefin



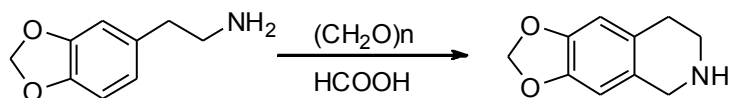
Heliotropin (5 g, 33.3 mmol) and ammonium acetate (2.56 g, 33.3 mmol) were taken into the RB flask. Nitromethane (8.9 mL, 166.5 mmol) and glacial acetic (10 mL) acid were added at room temperature. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 1.5h, and then reaction mixture was cooled in an ice bath, filtered through sintered crucible and washed successively with water, hexane and 1% ethanol in hexane. The crude mixture was concentrated under vacuo.

### Typical experimental procedure for the reduction of nitroolefin



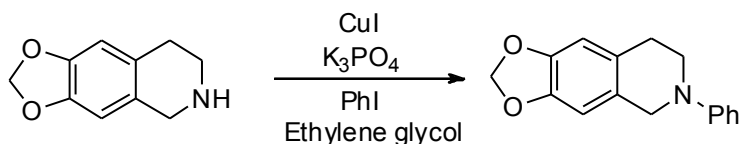
The crude nitroolefin (2 g, 10.3 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) was added drop wise to a stirred solution of  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  (0.98 g, 25.9 mmol) in THF (20 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 4h and then cooled in ice bath, quenched with saturated solution of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  until effervescence ceases completely. Then filtered through sintered crucible and washed successively with ethyl acetate and concentrated under vacuo.

### Typical experimental procedure for the preparation of [1, 3]dioxolo[7, 8-g]- 1, 2, 3, 4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



The amine (1.35 g, 8.18 mmol) obtained in previous step was added to formic acid (3.5 mL) at 0 °C and stirred for 10 min at same temperature until complete dissolution of amine. Then paraformaldehyde (0.25 g, 8.18 mmol) was added and stirred at 50 °C for 24h, added saturated  $\text{NaOH}$  solution and extracted with DCM. The combined organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. Then purified by column chromatography on silica gel using  $\text{MeOH}/\text{CHCl}_3$ .

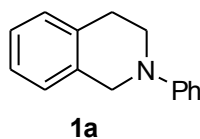
### Typical experimental procedure for the preparation of N-phenyl THIQ.



Copper (I) iodide (0.21g, 1.13 mmol) and potassium phosphate (4.8 g, 22.6 mmol) were taken into the RB flask filled with nitrogen. 2-Propanol (10 mL), ethylene glycol (1.24 mL, 22.6 mmol), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline (2 g, 11.3 mmol) and iodobenzene (1.26 mL, 11.3 mmol) were added successively at room temperature. The reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 24 h and then allowed to cool to room temperature. The solvent was removed under vacuo, added water (20 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3x 30 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate=95:5), to give the desired product **4a** with 30% isolated yields.

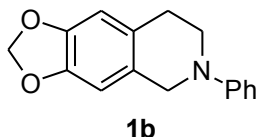
### Characterization data for *N*-phenyl THIQ

#### 1, 2, 3, 4-Tetrahydro-2-phenylisoquinoline (**1a**).<sup>1</sup>



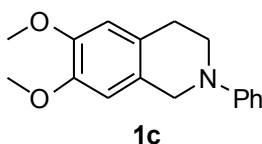
Pale yellow solid; Yield - 60%; *mp*: 44 - 46 °C (lit.<sup>1</sup> 45 °C); *R<sub>f</sub>* (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.7; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2824, 1599, 1505, 1388, 1238, 1156, 1034, 934, 873, 749; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.27 (2H, t, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.15 (4H, d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 6.97 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.81 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.39 (2H, s), 3.54 (2H, t, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 2.96 (2H, t, *J* = 5.7 Hz); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 150.5, 134.8, 134.4, 129.1, 128.4, 126.4, 126.2, 125.9, 118.6, 115.0, 50.6, 46.4, 29.0; **HRESI-MS** (*m/z*): Calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N (M + H): 210.1283, found (M + H): 210.1286.

#### [1,3]dioxolo[7, 8-g]-2-phenyl-1, 2, 3, 4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**1b**)



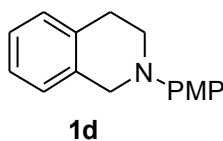
Pale yellow solid; Yield - 30%; *mp*: 65 - 66 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.7; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2807, 1583, 1508, 1460, 1385, 1273, 1241, 1207, 1190, 1036, 823, 755; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.27 (2H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 6.95 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.82 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.61 (2H, s), 5.90 (2H, s), 4.29 (2H, s), 3.51 (2H, t, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 2.86 (2H, t, *J* = 5.7 Hz); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 150.3, 146.1, 145.9, 129.1, 127.8, 127.2, 118.7, 115.2, 108.3, 106.4, 100.6, 50.7, 46.6, 28.9; **HRESI-MS** (*m/z*): Calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M + H): 254.1181, found (M + H): 254.1185.

### 6, 7-dimethoxy-2-phenyl-1, 2, 3, 4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (1c).<sup>2</sup>



Pale yellow solid; Yield - 30%; *mp*: 91 - 93 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.7; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3446, 1601, 1519, 1466, 1384, 1271, 1238, 1116, 1025, 861, 761; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.28 (2H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 6.98 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.82 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.64 (2H, d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 4.33 (2H, s), 3.87 (3H, s), 3.86 (3H, s), 3.54 (2H, t, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 2.89 (2H, t, *J* = 5.7 Hz); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 150.5, 147.5, 147.4, 129.1, 126.6, 126.1, 118.7, 115.3, 111.2, 109.3, 55.94, 55.90, 50.4, 46.7, 28.5; **HRESI-MS** (*m/z*): Calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M + Na): 292.1313, found (M + Na): 292.1314.

### 1, 2, 3, 4-Tetrahydro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)isoquinoline (1d).<sup>1</sup>



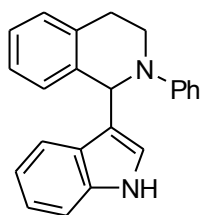
Pale yellow solid; Yield - 50%; *mp*: 93 - 95 °C (lit.<sup>1</sup> 95 °C); *R<sub>f</sub>* (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.7; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3456, 1584, 1510, 1459, 1384, 1273, 1242, 1151, 1036, 823, 755; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.11 - 7.18 (4H, m), 6.98 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 6.86 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 4.29 (2H, s), 3.77 (3H, s), 3.43 (2H, t, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 2.98 (2H, t, *J* = 5.7 Hz); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 153.4, 145.2, 134.5, 134.4, 128.6, 126.4, 126.2, 125.8, 118.0, 114.5, 55.5, 52.6, 48.4, 29.0; **HRESI-MS** (*m/z*): Calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO (M + H): 240.1388, found (M + H): 240.1387.

### Typical experimental procedure for the synthesis of Indolyl tetrahydroisoquinoline

A well-stirred mixture of  $V_2O_5$  (10 mol% , 18.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), *N*-phenyl tetrahydroisoquinoline **1a** (209 mg, 1 mmol) and indole **2a** (140 mg, 1.2 mmol) in water (2mL) was heated at reflux under oxygen atmosphere (oxygen balloon) for 24h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, added aq. KOH (20%) solution and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with water, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc / hexane 5 : 95) to afford **3a** (71%, 231 mg).

### Characterization data for indolation of *N*-phenyl THIQ

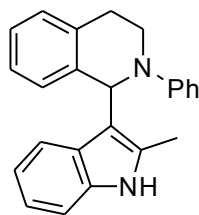
#### Compound (3a).<sup>3</sup>



**3a**

Pale yellow solid; Yield - 71%; *mp*: 166 - 169 °C (lit.<sup>3</sup> 179 - 180 °C);  $R_f$  (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.25; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3409, 2922, 1615, 1596, 1494, 1339, 1214, 1094, 1032, 937, 746; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.85 (1H, broad s), 7.54 (1H, d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 7.29 – 7.21 (4H, m), 7.17 – 7.12 (4H, m), 7.03 – 7.00 (3H, m), 6.77 (1H, t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 6.59 (1H, s), 6.16 (1H, s), 3.60 (2H, dd,  $J_1 = 4.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.2$  Hz), 3.09 – 3.01 (1H, m), 2.79 (1H, dt,  $J_1 = 4.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 16.1$  Hz); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 149.7, 137.3, 136.5, 135.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.0, 126.6, 126.4, 125.6, 124.1, 122.0, 120.0, 119.5, 119.2, 118.0, 115.7, 111.0, 56.5, 42.2, 26.5; **HRESI-MS** ( $m/z$ ): Calculated for  $C_{23}H_{20}N_2$  (M + H): 325.1705, found (M+ H): 325.1706.

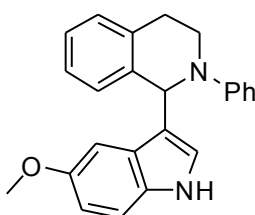
#### Compound (3b).<sup>3</sup>



**3b**

Pale yellow solid; Yield - 50%; *mp*: 148 - 150 °C (lit.<sup>3</sup> 80 - 85 °C); *R<sub>f</sub>* (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.25; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3405, 2924, 1640, 1597, 1494, 1460, 1368, 1302, 1213, 1127, 936, 741; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.66 (1H, broad s), 7.18 – 7.13 (5H, m), 7.06 – 6.98 (6H, m), 6.90 – 6.86 (1H, m), 6.83 – 6.79 (1H, m), 5.95 (1H, s), 3.70 – 3.56 (2H, m), 3.11 – 2.95 (2H, m); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 150.9, 138.0, 135.3, 134.8, 133.2, 128.7, 128.66, 128.60, 128.2, 126.2, 126.0, 120.7, 120.1, 119.45, 119.42, 119.1, 113.4, 109.9, 57.1, 45.8, 27.9, 12.2; **HRESI-MS** (*m/z*): Calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub> (M+s): 338.1783, found (M+): 338.1780.

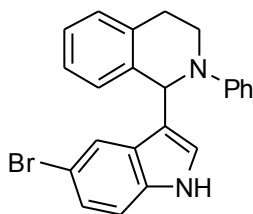
### Compound (3c).<sup>3</sup>



**3c**

Pale yellow solid; Yield - 50%; *mp*: 173 - 175 °C (lit.<sup>3</sup> 172 - 174 °C); *R<sub>f</sub>* (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.25; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3422, 2925, 1598, 1118, 1019, 1036, 553; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.84 (1H, broad s), 7.27 – 7.16 (8H, m), 7.02 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.87 (1H, s), 6.80 – 6.75 (2H, m), 6.56 (1H, s), 6.13 (1H, s), 3.65 (3H, s), 3.60 – 3.58 (2H, m), 3.10 – 3.03 (1H, m), 2.81 (1H, dt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 16 Hz); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 153.8, 149.9, 137.4, 135.5, 131.5, 129.1, 128.7, 127.9, 126.8, 126.6, 125.6, 124.9, 118.6, 118.2, 116.1, 112.2, 111.6, 101.8, 56.8, 55.6, 42.0, 26.9; **MS** (*m/z*): 354 (M<sup>+</sup>); **Elemental analysis**: Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O; C, 81.33; H, 6.26; N, 7.90; found - C, 81.01; H, 6.38; N, 8.36.

### Compound (3d).

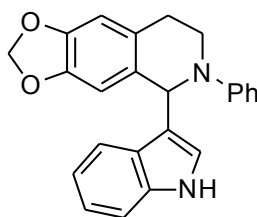


**3d**

Pale yellow solid; Yield - 44%; *mp*: 185 - 187 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.25; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3408, 2927, 1597, 1499, 1212, 1101, 1032, 937, 884, 751; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.90 (1H, broad s), 7.59 (1H, s), 7.25 – 7.11

(8H, m), 6.99 (2H, d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 6.80 (1H, t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 6.57 (1H, d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz), 6.06 (1H, s), 3.60 – 3.51 (2H, m), 3.08 – 2.96 (1H, m), 2.78 (1H, dt,  $J_1 = 4.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 16.2$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 149.8, 136.9, 135.3, 135.1, 129.1, 128.8, 128.0, 127.9, 126.7, 125.7, 125.3, 124.9, 122.6, 118.9, 118.7, 116.4, 112.9, 112.4, 56.6, 42.5, 26.5; **HRESI-MS** ( $m/z$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrN}_2$  (M): 425.0629, found (M): 425.0628.

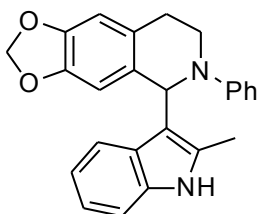
### Compound (3e).



**3e**

Pale yellow solid; Yield - 65%; **mp**: 178- 180 °C;  $R_f$  (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3448, 2927, 1637, 1474, 1233, 1035, 746;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.94 (1H, broad s), 7.53 (1H, d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 7.32 (1H, d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 7.25 – 7.21 (3H, m), 7.18 – 7.14 (1H, m), 7.04 – 7.00 (3H, m), 6.78 (1H, t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 6.73 (1H, s), 6.68 (1H, d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz), 6.60 (1H, s), 6.05 (1H, s), 5.89 (2H, dd,  $J_1 = 1.3$  Hz,  $J_2 = 4.6$  Hz), 3.62 – 3.51 (2H, m), 3.00 – 2.92 (1H, m), 2.66 (1H, dt,  $J_1 = 4.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 16.1$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 149.8, 146.3, 145.5, 136.6, 130.2, 129.1, 128.6, 126.5, 124.1, 122.1, 120.1, 119.6, 119.2, 118.3, 116.2, 111.0, 108.6, 108.0, 100.6, 56.5, 42.2, 26.5; **HRESI-MS** ( $m/z$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  (M + Na): 391.1422, found (M + Na): 391.1411.

### Compound (3f).

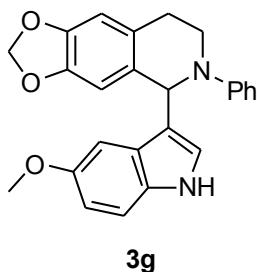


**3f**

Pale yellow solid; Yield - 77%; **mp**: 125 - 127 °C;  $R_f$  (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3402, 2901, 1711, 1599, 1482, 1462, 1382, 1231, 1037, 744;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.62 (1H, broad s), 7.17 – 7.09 (4H, m), 7.03 – 6.96 (3H, m), 6.90 (1H, t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 6.81 (1H, t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 6.61 (1H, s), 6.49 (1H, s), 5.81 – 5.82 (3H, m), 3.64 – 3.50 (2H, m), 2.98 – 2.91 (1H, m), 2.83 (1H, dt,  $J_1 = 4.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 16.1$  Hz), 1.98 (3H, s);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 150.8, 146.0, 145.9, 134.9, 133.3, 130.8, 128.8,

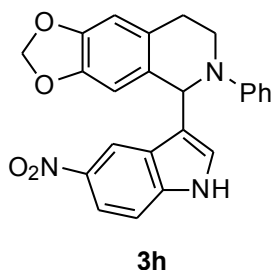
128.5, 128.3, 120.7, 120.2, 119.5, 119.4, 119.1, 113.2, 110.0, 108.2, 108.0, 100.6, 57.0, 45.6, 27.7, 12.1; **MS** ( $m/z$ ): 382 ( $M^+$ ); **HRESI-MS** ( $m/z$ ): Calculated for  $C_{25}H_{22}N_2O_2$  ( $M^+$ ): 382.1681, found ( $M^+$ ): 382.1682.

### Compound (3g).



Pale yellow solid; Yield - 77%; **mp**: 77 - 79 °C;  $R_f$  (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3407, 2924, 1596, 1482, 1380, 1233, 1172, 1038, 923, 748;  **$^1H$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.83 (1H, broad s), 7.24 – 7.16 (3H, m), 7.01 (1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), 6.89 (1H, d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz), 6.81 – 6.76 (2H, m), 6.71 (1H, s), 6.61 (2H, s), 6.01 (1H, s), 5.89 (2H, dd,  $J_1 = 1.3$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.0$  Hz), 3.67 (3H, s), 3.58 – 3.48 (2H, m), 3.00 – 2.92 (1H, m), 2.66 (1H, dt,  $J_1 = 4.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 16.1$  Hz);  **$^{13}C$  NMR** (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 153.9, 150.0, 146.2, 145.5, 131.6, 130.4, 129.1, 128.6, 126.9, 125.0, 118.7, 118.5, 116.5, 112.2, 111.6, 108.5, 108.0, 101.9, 100.6, 56.7, 55.6, 42.0, 26.7; **HRESI-MS** ( $m/z$ ): Calculated for  $C_{25}H_{23}N_2O_3$  ( $M + Na$ ): 421.1528, found ( $M + Na$ ): 421.1534.

### Compound (3h).

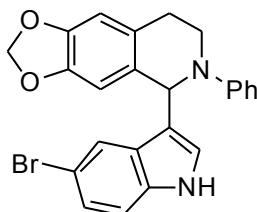


Pale yellow solid; Yield - 51%; **mp**: 213 - 215 °C;  $R_f$  (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.7; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3394, 2919, 1614, 1594, 1486, 1383, 1333, 1233, 1034, 941, 758;  **$^1H$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3 + DMSO$ ):  $\delta$  11.3 (1H, broad s), 8.34 (1H, d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz), 7.95 (1H, dd,  $J_1 = 1.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 9.0$  Hz), 7.41 (1H, d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz), 7.23 – 7.19 (2H, m), 7.02 (2H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 6.87 (1H, s), 6.77 (1H, t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 6.71 (1H, s), 6.63 (1H, s),



6.07 (1H, s), 5.91 (2H, s), 3.57 – 3.43 (2H, m), 2.99 – 2.91 (1H, m), 2.71 – 2.67 (1H, m);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{DMSO}$ ): 148.5, 145.2, 144.4, 139.6, 138.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.0, 124.3, 119.1, 117.7, 115.8, 115.5, 115.4, 110.5, 107.4, 106.6, 99.5, 55.1, 40.9, 25.2; **HRESI-MS** ( $m/z$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$  ( $M + \text{Na}$ ): 436.1273, found ( $M + \text{Na}$ ): 436.1275.

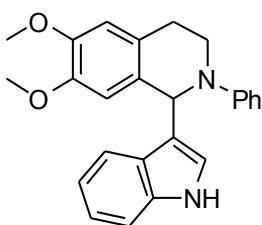
### Compound (3i).



**3i**

Pale yellow solid; Yield - 48%; *mp*: 191 - 193°C;  $R_f$  (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3417, 2892, 1611, 1484, 1250, 1234, 1038, 778;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.99 (1H, broad s), 7.60 (1H, s), 7.25 – 7.16 (5H, m), 7.01 (2H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 6.83 (1H, t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 6.68 – 6.60 (3H, m), 5.95 (1H, s), 5.91 (2H, d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz), 3.58 – 3.46 (2H, m), 2.99 – 2.90 (1H, m), 2.65 – 2.61 (1H, d);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 149.9, 146.4, 145.6, 135.2, 129.8, 129.1, 128.5, 128.2, 125.4, 125.0, 122.7, 119.1, 119.0, 117.0, 113.0, 112.4, 108.7, 107.9, 100.7, 56.6, 42.5, 26.4; **HRESI-MS** ( $m/z$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $M + \text{H}$ ): 447.0708, found ( $M + \text{H}$ ): 447.0708.

### Compound (3j)

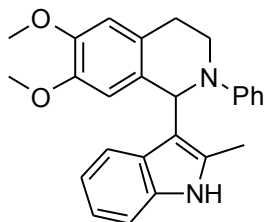


**3j**

Pale yellow solid; Yield - 70%; *mp*: 160 - 163 °C;  $R_f$  (30% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3372, 1605, 1496, 1337, 1246, 1223, 1105, 1009, 740;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.96 (1H, broad s), 7.53 (1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), 7.32 (1H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz), 7.26 – 7.22 (2H, m), 7.17 – 7.14 (1H, m), 7.06 – 7.00 (3H, m), 6.80 – 6.75 (2H, m), 6.62 (2H, s), 6.10 (1H, s), 3.86 (3H, s), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.64 – 3.52 (2H, m), 3.03 – 2.95 (1H, m), 2.63 – 2.59 (1H, m);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 149.9, 147.7, 147.0, 136.5, 129.1, 129.0, 127.4, 126.6, 124.3, 122.1, 120.0, 119.6, 119.4, 118.3, 116.4, 111.5, 110.9, 56.0, 55.9,

55.8, 41.9, 25.6; **HRESI-MS** ( $m/z$ ): Calculated for  $C_{25}H_{24}N_2O_2$  ( $M + Na$ ): 407.1735, found ( $M + Na$ ): 407.1736.

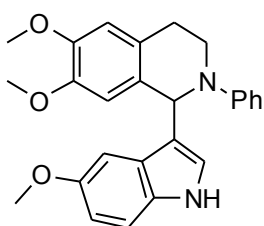
### Compound (3k)



**3k**

Pale yellow solid; Yield - 87%; **mp**: 200 - 203 °C;  $R_f$  (30% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3389, 1593, 1501, 1359, 1251, 1239, 1111, 853, 739;  **$^1H$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.71 (1H, broad s), 7.20 – 7.17 (3H, m), 7.05 – 7.00 (4H, m), 6.91 – 6.87 (1H, m), 6.81 (1H, t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 6.63 (1H, s), 6.58 (1H, s), 5.94 (1H, s), 3.86 (3H, s), 3.67 (3H, s), 3.60 (2H, dd,  $J_1 = 3.9$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.7$  Hz), 3.03 – 2.95 (2H, m), 2.75 (1H, dt,  $J_1 = 3.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 16.2$  Hz), 1.98 (3H, s);  **$^{13}C$  NMR** (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 150.6, 147.6, 147.5, 134.8, 133.3, 129.4, 128.8, 128.0, 127.3, 120.7, 119.7, 119.4, 119.0, 118.8, 113.2, 111.2, 110.8, 109.9, 56.2, 55.85, 55.80, 44.7, 26.4, 12.2; **HRESI-MS** ( $m/z$ ): Calculated for  $C_{26}H_{26}N_2O_2$  ( $M + Na$ ): 421.1892, found ( $M + Na$ ): 421.1896.

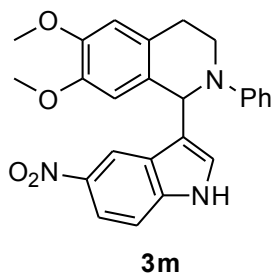
### Compound (3l)



**3l**

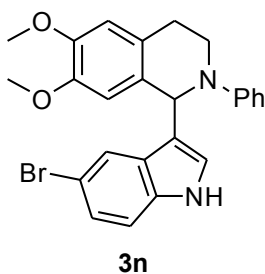
Pale yellow solid; Yield - 69%; **mp**: 152 - 154 °C;  $R_f$  (30% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3380, 2931, 1595, 1486, 1360, 1268, 1246, 1223, 1209, 1172, 1103, 1057, 928, 745;  **$^1H$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.87 (1H, broad s), 7.25 – 7.17 (3H, m), 7.05 (2H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 6.89 (1H, d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz), 6.81 – 6.74 (3H, m), 6.63 (1H, s), 6.56 (1H, s), 6.07 (1H, s), 3.86 (3H, s), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.66 (3H, s), 3.56 – 3.49 (2H, m), 3.04 – 2.95 (1H, m), 2.65 – 2.61 (1H, m);  **$^{13}C$  NMR** (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ): 153.9, 150.1, 147.7, 147.0, 131.5, 129.2, 129.1, 127.4, 127.0, 125.1, 118.9, 118.5, 116.7, 112.3, 111.6, 111.4, 110.9, 101.8, 56.3, 55.9, 55.86, 55.68, 41.7, 26.0; **HRESI-MS** ( $m/z$ ): Calculated for  $C_{26}H_{26}N_2O_3$  ( $M + Na$ ): 437.1841, found ( $M + Na$ ): 437.1844.

### Compound (3m)



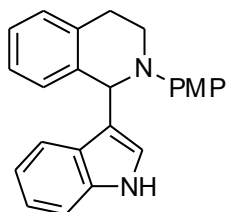
Pale yellow solid; Yield - 65%; *mp*: 208 - 210 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* (30% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3339, 2923, 1597, 1515, 1469, 1332, 1246, 1094, 738; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.49 (1H, broad s), 8.42 (1H, d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 8.03 (1H, dd,  $J_1 = 2.1$  Hz,  $J_2 = 9$  Hz), 7.31 (1H, d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz), 7.27 – 7.23 (3H, m), 7.01 (1H, d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz), 6.85 – 6.81 (2H, m), 6.76 (1H, s), 6.05 (1H, s), 3.87 (3H, s), 3.83 (3H, s), 3.59 – 3.46 (2H, m), 3.03 – 2.95 (1H, m), 2.72 (1H, dt,  $J_1 = 4.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 16.2$  Hz); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 149.9, 148.0, 147.3, 141.7, 139.5, 129.2, 128.3, 127.4, 127.0, 125.8, 121.6, 119.5, 117.7, 117.6, 117.2, 111.5, 111.0, 110.7, 56.5, 56.0, 55.9, 42.7, 26.3; **HRESI-MS** ( $m/z$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$  ( $M + \text{Na}$ ): 452.1586, found ( $M + \text{Na}$ ): 452.1584.

### Compound (3n)



Pale yellow solid; Yield - 61%; *mp*: 184 - 187 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* (30% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3340, 2925, 1596, 1513, 1462, 1256, 1106, 884, 695; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.06 (1H, broad s), 7.61 (1H, s), 7.27 – 7.23 (3H, m), 7.16 (1H, d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz), 7.03 (2H, d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 6.82 (1H, t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 6.72 (1H, s), 6.61 (2H, d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz), 5.99 (1H, s), 3.85 (3H, s), 3.80 (3H, s), 3.61 – 3.47 (2H, m), 3.01 – 2.92 (1H, m), 2.64 – 2.60 (1H, m); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 149.9, 147.8, 147.0, 135.1, 129.1, 128.6, 128.1, 127.3, 125.5, 124.9, 122.6, 119.1, 118.9, 116.9, 112.9, 112.4, 111.4, 110.8, 56.2, 55.9, 55.8, 42.2, 25.7; **MS** ( $m/z$ ): 462( $M^+$ ) **Elemental analysis**: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2$ ; C, 64.80; H, 5.00; N, 6.05; found - C, 64.86; H, 5.05; N, 5.96.

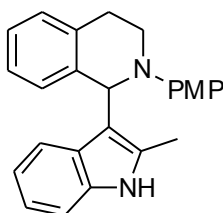
**Compound (3o).**<sup>3</sup>



**3o**

Pale yellow solid; Yield - 64%; *mp*: 158 - 160 °C (lit.<sup>3</sup> 162 - 163 °C); *R<sub>f</sub>* (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.25; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3415, 2924, 1605, 1510, 1455, 1243, 1098, 1035, 937, 826, 743; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.89 (1H, broad s), 7.41 (1H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.28 – 7.23 (1H, m), 7.19 – 7.10 (5H, m), 7.00 – 6.89 (3H, m), 6.81 – 6.76 (2H, m), 6.53 (1H, d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 5.95 (1H, s), 3.73 (3H, s), 3.57 – 3.43 (2H, m), 3.06 – 2.96 (1H, m), 2.78 (1H, dt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 16 Hz); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 153.2, 144.7, 137.5, 136.4, 135.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.1, 126.8, 126.4, 125.6, 124.2, 121.9, 120.2, 119.6, 119.5, 119.1, 118.4, 114.3, 110.9, 57.9, 55.5, 43.7, 26.8; **HRESI-MS** (*m/z*): Calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M + Na): 377.1630, found (M + Na): 377.1630.

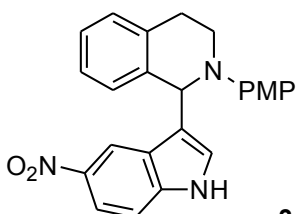
**Compound (3p).**



**3p**

Pale yellow solid; Yield - 50%; *mp*: 174 - 175 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3349, 2921, 1605, 1508, 1459, 1365, 1234, 1013, 934, 833, 749; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.69 (1H, broad s), 7.23 – 6.85 (10H, m), 6.66 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 5.60 (1H, s), 3.69 (3H, s), 3.58 – 3.38 (2H, m), 3.18 – 2.99 (2H, m), 1.93 (3H, s); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 154.8, 145.5, 138.5, 134.99, 134.96, 133.58, 128.45, 128.44, 128.0, 125.9, 125.8, 123.4, 120.5, 119.4, 119.1, 113.7, 113.1, 109.9, 59.2, 55.3, 48.5, 29.1, 11.8; **HRESI-MS** (*m/z*): Calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M+H): 369.1967, found (M+H): 369.1963.

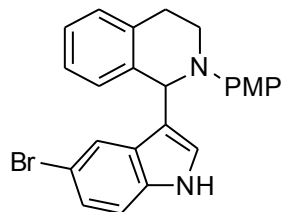
**Compound (3q).**<sup>3</sup>



**3q**

Pale yellow solid; Yield - 58%; *mp*: 156 - 159 °C (lit.<sup>3</sup> 155 - 156 °C); *R<sub>f</sub>* (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3400, 2923, 1620, 1512, 1471, 1330, 1306, 1259, 1248, 1090, 1035, 813; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.21 (1H, d, *J* = 2 Hz), 7.96 (1H, dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 9 Hz), 7.26 – 7.24 (1H, m), 7.21 – 7.18 (2H, m), 7.14 – 7.11 (2H, m), 6.92 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 6.77 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 6.68 (1H, s), 5.92 (1H, s), 3.73 (3H, s), 3.42 – 3.39 (2H, m), 3.09 – 3.01 (1H, m), 2.87 (1H, dt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 16 Hz); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 154.2, 144.5, 141.5, 139.3, 136.8, 135.1, 129.0, 127.9, 127.3, 126.8, 126.1, 125.8, 121.07, 121.04, 117.7, 117.5, 114.4, 110.9, 58.4, 55.5, 44.2, 27.4; **MS** (*m/z*): 399 (M<sup>+</sup>); **Elemental analysis**: Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>; C, 72.16; H, 5.30; N, 10.52; found - C, 72.17; H, 5.67; N, 10.27.

### Compound (3r).



**3r**

Pale yellow solid; Yield - 83%; *mp*: 121 - 122 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; Prepared as shown in general experimental procedure. **IR** (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3419, 2920, 1631, 1509, 1463, 1243, 1117, 1090, 1036, 917, 883; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.96 (1H, broad s), 7.38 (1H, s), 7.22 – 7.06 (6H, m), 6.91 (2H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 6.77 (2H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 6.45 (1H, d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 5.84 (1H, s), 3.74 (3H, s), 3.47 – 3.36 (2H, m), 3.05 – 2.97 (1H, m), 2.78 (1H, dt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 3.6 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 16.4 Hz); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 153.8, 144.6, 137.1, 135.1, 134.9, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 126.5, 125.68, 125.66, 124.7, 122.7, 120.5, 118.5, 114.3, 112.8, 112.3, 58.2, 55.5, 43.8, 26.9; **HRESI-MS** (*m/z*): Calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O (M+H): 433.0915, found (M+H): 433.0916.

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