

Supporting Information

Copper-Catalyzed Aldol-Type Addition of Ketones to Aromatic Nitriles: A Simple Approach to Achieve Enaminones

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1. General Information

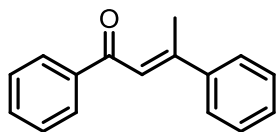
^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on either a Varian Inova-400 spectrometer (400 MHz for ^1H , 100 MHz for ^{13}C) or a Bruker Avance II-400 spectrometer (400 MHz for ^1H , 100 MHz for ^{13}C); CDCl_3 and TMS were used as a solvent and an internal standard, respectively. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield (δ) from TMS, and the coupling constants J are given in Hz. The peak patterns are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet; q, quartet. IR spectrum was recorded on a NEXUS FT-IR spectrometer. High resolution mass spectrum was recorded on a Q-TOF mass spectrometry. GC analysis was performed on an Agilent Technologies 7820A GC system. The products were separated on a 30 m length by 0.320 mm id, HP-5. Nitrogen was employed as the carrier gas, with a constant column flow of 0.8 mL/min. The injector temperature was held constant at 250 °C. The GC oven temperature program was as follows: start from 60 °C, ramp 15 °C/min to 300 °C, hold for 5 min. TLC was carried out on SiO_2 (silica gel 60 F₂₅₄, Merck), and the spots were located with UV light or iodoplatinate reagent. Flash chromatography was carried out on SiO_2 (silica gel 60, 200-300 mesh). Solvents were dried and degassed before use by standard procedures. The starting materials **1a–1m** and **2a–2g** are commercially available.

2. General Procedure for Aldol-Type Addition Reaction

A solution of copper iodide (CuI , 9.5 mg, 10 mol%) and 2,2'-bipyridine (9.5 mg, 11 mol%) in DMF (1.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere for 10 min. And then, aromatic nitrile (**2**, 0.5 mmol), ketone (**1**, 0.6 mmol), and sodium *tert*-butoxide (NaO^tBu , 96.0 mg, 2.0 mmol) were successively added. After the resultant mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h, saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution (20 mL) was added. The product was extracted with ethyl acetate (25 mL $\times$ 3), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL $\times$ 2), dried over Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue obtained was purified via silica gel chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to afford enaminones **3**.

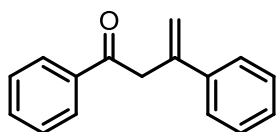
3. Characterization Data

1,3-Diphenylbut-2-en-1-one (4a)^[1]



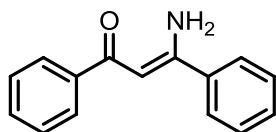
Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.60 (s, 3H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.40–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53–7.58 (m, 3H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H).

1,3-Diphenylbut-3-en-1-one (4a')



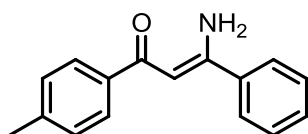
Yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.17(s, 2H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 7.25–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.41–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.56 (dd, J = 7.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H).

3-Amino-1,3-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (3a)^[2]



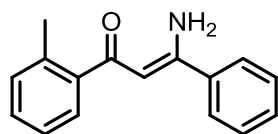
Yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.63 (bs, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 7.39–7.47 (m, 6H), 7.61 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 10.40 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 91.8, 126.4, 127.2, 128.3, 129.0, 130.7, 131.1, 137.6, 140.4, 163.1, 190.1.

3-Amino-3-phenyl-1-p-tolylprop-2-en-1-one (3b)



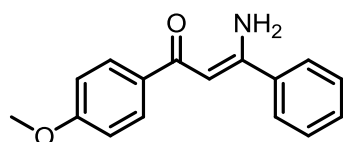
Yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.38 (s, 3H), 5.52 (bs, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 7.21–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.61–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.84–7.86 (m, 2H), 10.37 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.6, 91.8, 126.5, 127.4, 129.1, 130.7, 137.8, 141.5, 162.8, 190.0; IR (neat): 3460, 3353, 2920, 1603, 1485, 1448, 839, 760, 719, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES) Calcd for C₁₆H₁₅NO: 260.1051 [M+Na]⁺; Found: 260.1053.

3-Amino-3-phenyl-1-o-tolylprop-2-en-1-one (3c)



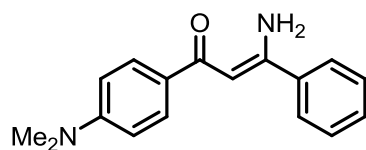
Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.55 (s, 3H), 5.71 (bs, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 7.22–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.43–7.52 (m, 4H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 10.33 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 20.5, 95.8, 125.7, 126.6, 127.6, 129.2, 129.4, 130.9, 131.2, 135.9, 137.3, 142.5, 162.6, 195.2; IR (neat): 3330, 3174, 2924, 2855, 1605, 1523, 846, 758, 748, 699, 652 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$: 260.1051 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 260.1049.

3-Amino-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (3d)



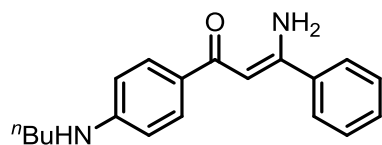
Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.81 (s, 3H), 5.68 (bs, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.61 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 10.33 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.4, 91.5, 113.5, 126.4, 129.0, 129.2, 130.6, 133.1, 137.8, 162.1, 162.5, 189.2; IR (neat): 3460, 3358, 2933, 2837, 1597, 1485, 1413, 844, 768, 726, 696 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$: 276.1000 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 276.0990.

3-Amino-1-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (3e)



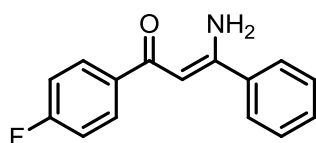
Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.00 (s, 3H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 5.32 (bs, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.61–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 10.25 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 40.3, 91.6, 111.1, 126.5, 128.1, 129.1, 129.2, 130.4, 138.3, 152.5, 161.5, 189.4; IR (neat): 3455, 3353, 2921, 2809, 1592, 1485, 1443, 1366, 830, 769, 727, 697 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: 289.1317 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 289.1319.

3-Amino-1-(4-(butylamino)phenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (3f)



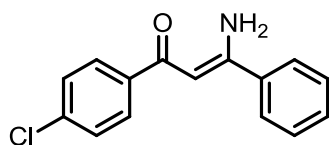
Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.95 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.39–1.46 (m, 2H), 1.53–1.63 (m, 2H), 3.15 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.06 (bs, 1H), 5.29 (bs, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 6.55–6.57 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.62 (m, 5H), 7.83–7.85 (m, 2H), 10.24 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.1, 20.4, 31.7, 43.4, 91.6, 111.7, 126.5, 129.1, 129.5, 130.5, 138.4, 151.3, 161.5, 189.4; IR (neat): 3404, 3345, 2929, 2869, 1593, 1485, 1329, 835, 791, 769, 725, 696 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: 317.1630 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 317.1642.

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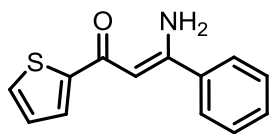
Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.69 (bs, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 8.8, 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.44–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.61 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.94 (dd, $J = 8.0, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 10.37 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 91.5, 115.3 ($^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 21$ Hz), 126.5, 129.2, 129.6 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9$ Hz), 130.9, 136.7, 137.6, 163.3, 164.7 ($^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 250$ Hz), 188.7; IR (neat): 3465, 3360, 1599, 1485, 850, 766, 723, 697 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}$: 264.0801 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 264.0800.

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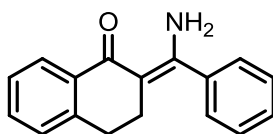
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3-Amino-3-phenyl-1-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (3i)



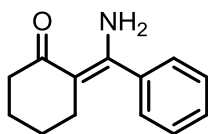
Brown oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.43 (bs, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 7.08–7.10 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.61–7.64 (m, 3H), 10.12 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 91.7, 126.4, 127.9, 128.3, 129.1, 130.7, 130.9, 137.4, 147.2, 162.7, 182.9; IR (neat): 3455, 3356, 1599, 1526, 852, 756, 697 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NOS}$: 252.0459 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 252.0465.

2-(Amino(phenyl)methylene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (3j)



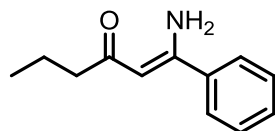
Brown oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.48 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (bs, 1H), 7.13–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.43 (m, 7H), 8.03–8.05 (m, 1H), 10.72 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.4, 29.8, 101.5, 126.7, 126.8, 127.5, 127.7, 128.8, 129.4, 131.4, 136.0, 137.9, 142.0, 161.1, 187.9; IR (neat): 3450, 3346, 2927, 2837, 1591, 1509, 1472, 802, 775, 748, 701 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$: 272.1051 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 272.1059.

2-(Amino(phenyl)methylene)cyclohexanone (3k)



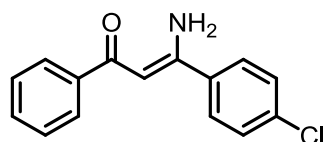
Brown oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.52–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.71–1.77 (m, 2H), 2.16 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.05 (bs, 1H), 7.31–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.43 (m, 3H), 10.65 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 23.1, 24.2, 27.6, 38.6, 101.7, 127.5, 128.7, 129.1, 137.9, 161.3, 199.5; IR (neat): 3311, 2930, 2859, 1593, 1571, 1468, 1412, 827, 774, 702 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$: 224.1051 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 224.1047.

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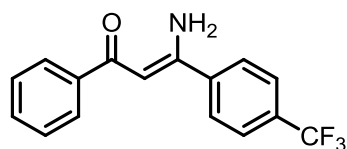
Brown oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.97 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.64–1.69 (m, 2H), 2.37 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.24 (bs, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 7.40–7.48 (m, 3H), 7.54–7.56 (m, 2H), 9.95 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.9, 14.1, 39.8, 89.6, 121.1, 123.8, 125.3, 132.3, 155.7, 195.4; IR (neat): 3356, 3173, 2930, 2871, 1609, 1529, 1486, 1409, 844, 755, 696 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$: 212.1051 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 212.1054.

3-Amino-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (3n)



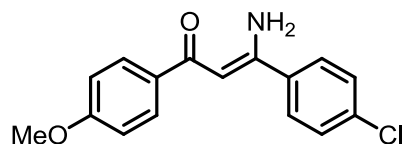
Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.56 (bs, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 7.40–7.49 (m, 5H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.91–7.93 (m, 2H), 10.36 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 91.9, 127.2, 127.8, 128.4, 129.2, 131.2, 135.9, 136.7, 140.2, 161.8, 190.2; IR (neat): 3317, 3164, 1593, 1526, 845, 783, 750, 642 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNO}$: 280.0505 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 280.0497.

3-Amino-1-phenyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (3o)



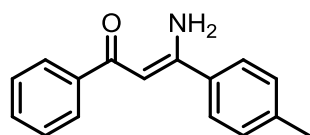
Yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.73 (bs, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 7.40–7.47 (m, 3H), 7.67–7.73 (m, 4H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 10.32 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 92.4, 123.8 ($^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 271$ Hz), 126.0, 127.1, 127.3, 128.5, 131.4, 132.4 ($^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 32$ Hz), 140.0, 141.1, 161.5, 190.5; IR (KBr): 3372, 3186, 1603, 1537, 1326, 850, 804, 759, 734, 695 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$: 314.0769 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 314.0788.

3-Amino-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (3p)



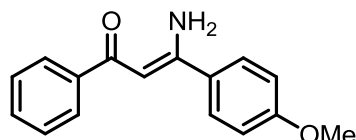
Yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.85 (s, 3H), 5.59 (bs, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.91–7.93 (m, 2H), 10.29 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.4, 91.7, 113.6, 127.7, 129.2, 129.3, 132.9, 136.3, 136.6, 160.9, 162.2, 189.3; IR (KBr): 3360, 2932, 2837, 1597, 1557, 1481, 1415, 1387, 841, 783 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}_2$: 310.0611 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 310.0621.

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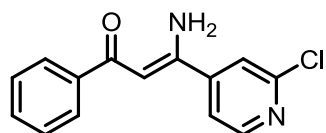
Red oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.40 (s, 3H), 5.54 (bs, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 10.44 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.5, 91.6, 126.3, 127.3, 128.4, 129.8, 131.0, 134.7, 140.6, 141.2, 163.1, 190.1; IR (neat): 3460, 3357, 2921, 2855, 1598, 1535, 1486, 828, 752, 718, 693 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$: 260.1051 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 260.1049.

3-Amino-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (3r)



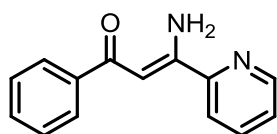
Red oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.83 (s, 3H), 5.54 (bs, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 10.46 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.6, 91.3, 114.4, 127.3, 127.9, 128.4, 129.7, 131.0, 140.7, 161.8, 162.8, 189.9; IR (neat): 3357, 3165, 2931, 2838, 1607, 1536, 1500, 1439, 1394, 838, 757, 726, 695 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$: 276.1000 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 276.0999.

3-Amino-3-(2-chloropyridin-4-yl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (3s)



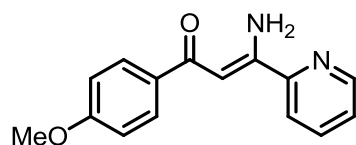
Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.71 (bs, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 7.42–7.52 (m, 4H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.46 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 10.14 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 92.8, 119.8, 121.7, 127.3, 128.6, 131.8, 139.6, 148.1, 150.6, 152.5, 158.3, 190.9; IR (neat): 3346, 3172, 1608, 1526, 849, 753, 722, 694 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$: 281.0458 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 281.0449.

3-Amino-1-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (3t)



Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.52 (s, 1H), 7.37–7.50 (m, 5H), 7.80 (ddd, $J = 7.7, 7.7, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 8.67 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 10.30 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 89.0, 120.5, 125.3, 127.2, 128.3, 131.0, 137.0, 140.5, 149.1, 151.1, 157.4, 190.5; IR (neat): 3061, 3027, 1643, 1451, 857, 752, 693 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: 224.0950 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 224.0946.

3-Amino-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (3u)



Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.32–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.73–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.89 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 8.63 (bs, 1H), 10.22 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 55.5, 88.8, 113.6, 120.5, 125.2, 129.2, 133.3, 137.0, 149.1, 151.3, 157.0, 162.2, 189.5; IR (neat): 3417, 3240, 2936, 2840, 1620, 1557, 1460, 1441, 1390, 843, 773, 714 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES) Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: 277.0953 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; Found: 277.0950.

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5. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra

