

Synthesis of 3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)indoles via a reaction of 2-alkynylaniline with trifluoromethanesulfanylamide

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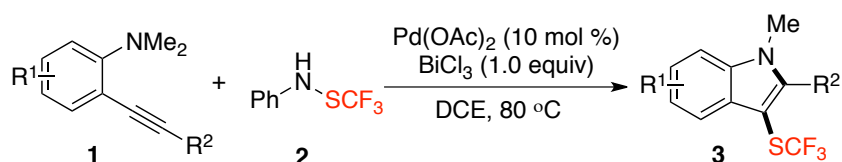
Supporting Information

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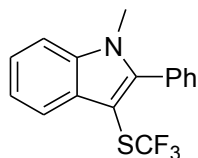
General experimental methods:

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents were used as received. All solvents were dried and distilled according to standard procedures. 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 at 25–35 °C. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 on a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer operating at 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively. All chemical shift values are quoted in ppm and coupling constants quoted in Hz. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) spectra were obtained on a micrOTOF II Instrument.

General procedure for the synthesis of 3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)indoles via a palladium-catalyzed reaction of 2-alkynylaniline with trifluoromethanesulfanylamide in the presence of bismuth chloride.

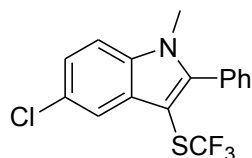


Trifluoromethanesulfanylamide (116.0 mg, 0.6 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-alkynylaniline **1** (0.2 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.02 mmol, 4.5 mg), and BiCl_3 (0.2 mmol, 63.1 mg) in DCE (2.0 mL) under N_2 atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12–16 hours. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was filtered through a thin layer of silica gel and washed by CH_2Cl_2 (3×5.0 mL). The residue was concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluted with PE/EA = 200:1) to provide the product **3**.



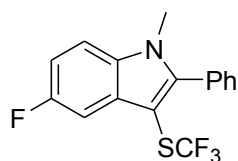
1-Methyl-2-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole (**3a**)

White solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.66 (s, 3H), 7.28–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.50–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 31.7, 92.7, 110.1, 119.6, 121.7, 123.2, 128.5, 129.3, 129.8 (q, $J = 309.5$ Hz), 129.9, 130.3, 130.9, 137.2, 148.2; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.44 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NS}$: 308.0715 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 308.0695.



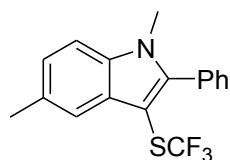
5-Chloro-1-methyl-2-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole (**3b**)

Yellow solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.66 (s, 3H), 7.30–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.80 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 31.8, 92.4, 111.1, 119.0, 123.5, 127.6, 128.5, 129.3, 129.4, 129.5 (q, $J = 309.6$ Hz), 130.7, 131.3, 135.5, 149.2; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.38 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_3\text{NS}$: 342.0326 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 342.0310.



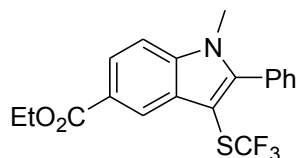
5-Fluoro-1-methyl-2-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole (**3c**)

White solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.64 (s, 3H), 7.04–7.09 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.53 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 31.8, 92.7, 104.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 24.5$ Hz), 110.9, 111.0, 111.6 (d, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 26.3$ Hz), 128.4, 129.4, 129.5, 129.6 (q, $J = 309.6$ Hz), 130.7, 133.6, 149.5, 159.2 (d, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 236.3$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.44 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_4\text{NS}$: 326.0627 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 326.0621.



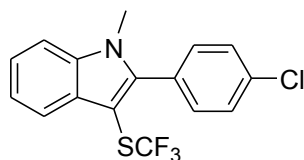
1,5-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole (**3d**)

Brown solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.53 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.63 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.6, 31.7, 92.0, 109.7, 119.2, 124.8, 128.4, 129.2, 129.8 (q, $J = 309.8$ Hz), 130.0, 130.5, 130.9, 131.2, 135.6, 148.0; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.49 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NS}$: 322.0872 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 322.0867.



Ethyl 1-methyl-2-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate (**3e**)

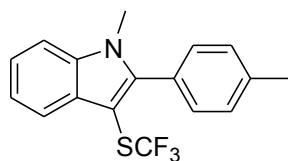
Yellow solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.42 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 4.41 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.50 (m, 5H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.57 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.4, 31.9, 60.9, 94.2, 109.8, 122.1, 124.1, 124.5, 128.5, 129.2, 129.5, 129.5 (q, $J = 309.5$ Hz), 129.8, 130.7, 139.6, 149.6, 167.3; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.19 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$: 380.0927 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 380.0934.



1,5-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole (**3f**)

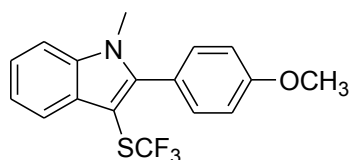
Yellow solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.67 (s, 3H), 7.31–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.41–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.85 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 31.7, 93.1, 110.0, 119.6, 121.8, 123.4, 128.8, 129.6 (q, $J = 309.6$ Hz), 130.1, 132.1, 132.5, 135.6, 137.2, 146.7; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.39 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_3\text{NS}$: 342.0326 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found:

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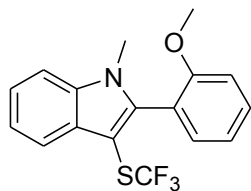
1-Methyl-2-p-tolyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole (**3g**)

Yellow solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.48 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 7.31–7.38 (m, 6H), 7.40–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.5, 31.6, 92.5, 110.0, 119.5, 121.6, 123.1, 126.8, 129.2, 129.8 (q, $J = 309.5$ Hz), 130.3, 130.7, 137.2, 139.3, 148.3; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.35 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NS}$: 322.0872 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 322.0885.



2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole (**3h**)

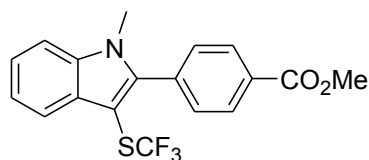
Yellow solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 7.02–7.04 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.39 (m, 5H), 7.82 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 31.6, 55.3, 92.4, 109.9, 113.9, 119.5, 121.6, 123.0, 129.7 (q, $J = 309.6$ Hz), 130.2, 130.6, 132.1, 137.1, 148.1, 160.3; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.43 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NOS}$: 338.0821 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 338.0816.



2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole (**3i**)

Brown solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 31.2, 55.5, 92.7, 109.9, 111.0, 119.5, 120.5, 121.3, 122.8, 124.8, 129.7 (q, $J = 309.4$ Hz),

130.3, 131.3, 133.0, 137.1, 145.6, 158.1; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.48 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NOS}$: 338.0821 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 338.0796..



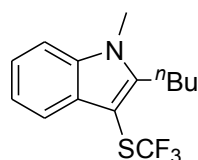
Methyl 4-(1-methyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)benzoate (**3j**)

Yellow solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 7.30–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 31.8, 52.4, 93.3, 110.1, 119.7, 121.9, 123.6, 129.5 (q, J = 309.5 Hz), 129.6, 130.1, 130.8, 130.9, 143.3, 137.3, 148.2, 166.6; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.33 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$: 366.0770 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 366.0765.



2-Cyclopropyl-1-methyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole (**3k**)

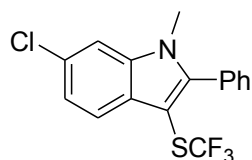
Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.01–1.05 (m, 2H), 1.13–1.18 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.89 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 7.20–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.4, 6.8, 30.4, 92.0, 109.2, 119.0, 121.1, 122.6, 129.8 (q, J = 309.1 Hz), 130.2, 136.6, 147.4; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.68 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NS}$: 272.0715 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 272.0718.



2-*n*-Butyl-1-methyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole (**3l**)

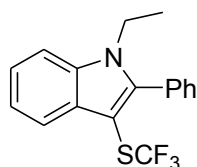
Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.96 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.39–1.48 (m, 2H), 1.55–1.61 (m, 2H), 2.97 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 7.19–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.70–7.72 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.8, 22.7,

24.6, 31.6, 90.9, 109.3, 118.9, 121.2, 122.3, 129.7 (q, $J = 309.5$ Hz), 130.2, 137.0, 149.2; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.99 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{NS}$: 288.1028 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 288.1033.



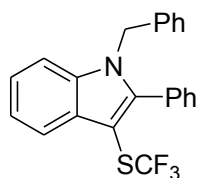
6-Chloro-1-methyl-2-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole (**3n**)

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.63 (s, 3H), 7.27 (dd, $J_1 = 8.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.52–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 31.7, 93.1, 110.1, 120.6, 122.3, 128.5, 128.7, 129.1, 129.4, 129.5 (q, $J = 309.7$ Hz), 130.7, 137.5, 148.7; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.34 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClF}_3\text{NS}$: 342.0326 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 342.0357.



1-Ethyl-2-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole (**3o**)

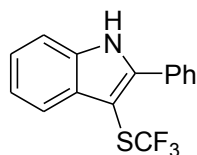
White solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.29 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 4.10 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.50–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.86 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.3, 39.6, 93.0, 119.7, 121.5, 123.0, 128.4, 129.2, 129.6 (q, $J = 309.6$ Hz), 130.1, 130.4, 130.7, 135.9, 147.7; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.43 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NS}$: 322.0872 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 322.0891.



1-Benzyl-2-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole (**3p**)

White solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.28 (s, 2H), 6.91–6.93 (m, 2H),

7.22–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.28–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.47 (m, 3H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H) ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 48.4, 110.9, 119.7, 121.8, 123.3, 126.0, 127.5, 128.3, 128.5, 128.8, 128.9 (q, $J = 306.1$ Hz), 129.3, 129.7, 130.4, 130.7, 137.0, 148.3; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.24 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{NS}$: 384.1028 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), found: 384.1016.



2-Phenyl-3-(trifluoromethylthio)-1*H*-indole (**3q**)

White solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.75–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.85–7.87 (m, 1H), 8.58 (b, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 92.4, 111.3, 119.8, 121.8, 123.7, 128.7, 128.9, 129.3, 129.8 (q, $J = 309.8$ Hz), 130.7, 131.5, 135.3, 144.4; ^{19}F NMR (378 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -43.82 (s).

