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**Synthesis of Multi-Substituted Pyrroles Using Enamides and Alkynes Catalyzed by  
Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> with Molecular Oxygen as Oxidant**

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## **Supporting information**

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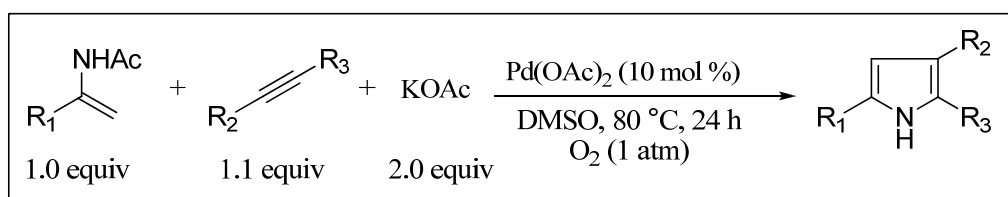
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### **1. General experimental details**

All commercially obtained reagents were used as received without further purification. The starting material enamides and diarylsubstituted alkynes were synthesized according to the reported reference. All catalytic reactions were run under 1 atm O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere without precaution taken to exclude moisture. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to the signal of DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at δ 2.54 ppm or to the signal of the residual solvent peak: H<sub>2</sub>O in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>: δ 3.33. <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at δ 39.54. <sup>19</sup>F NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to CFCl<sub>3</sub> at δ 0.0. Data for <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F NMR were recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ, ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, q = quartet). Coupling constants are reported in hertz (Hz). High-resolution mass data were recorded on a high-resolution mass spectrometer in the ESI mode

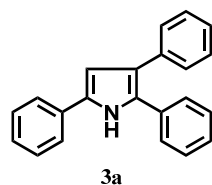
## 2. General experimental procedure for the reaction

Representative experimental procedures for synthesis of pyrroles.



A 10 mL dried round bottom flask was charged sequentially with a stirring bar, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol %, 0.04 mmol), enamide (1.0 equiv, 0.40 mmol), alkyne (1.1 equiv, 0.44 mmol), potassium acetate (2.0 equiv, 0.80 mmol) and anhydrous DMSO (4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C under 1 atm of oxygen (balloon pressure) for 24 h. After cooling down, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, filtered and washed with water twice and the solution of saturated sodium chloride once. The organic layer was dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated to afford the crude product which was then directly applied to a flash column chromatography (EtOAc/Petroleum Ether mixtures). Finally, the yields of all reactions are isolated yields.

## 3. Experimental characterization data for compounds

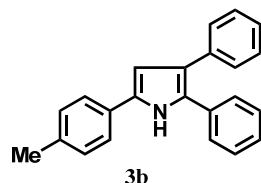


### 2,3,5-triphenyl-1H-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 67%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 11.41 (s, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H) ppm;

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 136.59, 132.88, 132.29, 131.94, 129.35, 128.57, 128.25, 128.09, 127.89, 126.62, 125.85, 125.55, 123.90, 122.63, 108.01 ppm.

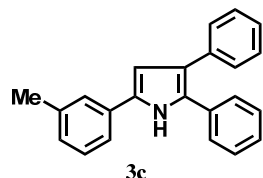
HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 296.1439, found 296.1450.



### 2,3-diphenyl-5-*p*-tolyl-1H-pyrrole

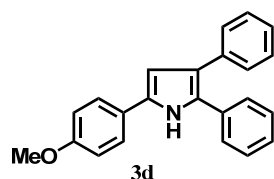
This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 65%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 11.36 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.2

Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.28 (m, 7H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 3H), 6.74 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H) ppm;  
 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta = 136.72, 135.02, 132.99, 132.16, 129.62, 129.18, 128.96,$   
128.26, 128.24, 128.06, 127.92, 126.52, 125.52, 123.92, 122.58, 107.50, 20.71 ppm.  
HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 310.1596, found 310.1590.



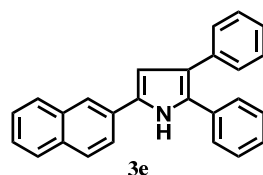
### 2,3-diphenyl-5-*m*-tolyl-1*H*-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 66%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta = 11.38$  (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.28 (m, 8H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz), 6.77 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H) ppm;  
 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta = 137.60, 136.64, 132.93, 132.21, 132.08, 129.23, 128.48,$   
128.26, 128.24, 128.09, 127.90, 126.59, 125.54, 124.50, 122.58, 121.15, 107.93, 21.14 ppm.  
HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{N} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 310.1596, found 310.1582.



### 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 65%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta = 11.27$  (s, 1H) 7.75 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.26 (m, 7H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H) ppm;  
 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta = 157.72, 136.77, 133.04, 132.05, 128.49, 128.22, 127.94,$   
127.88, 126.40, 125.46, 125.31, 125.18, 122.46, 114.06, 106.87, 55.08 ppm.  
HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 348.1364, found 348.1366.

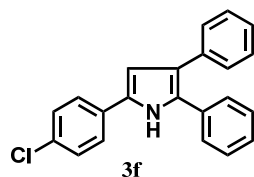


### 5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 74%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta = 11.59$  (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.01 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.96-7.88 (m, 3H) 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.97(d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H) ppm;  
 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta = 135.56, 133.46, 132.87, 131.91, 131.57, 129.90, 129.77,$

128.32, 128.16, 128.06, 127.94, 127.60, 127.52, 126.77, 126.45, 125.65, 125.24, 123.39, 122.87, 121.03, 108.89 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{26}H_{20}N$   $[M+H]^+$ : 346.1596, found 346.1599.

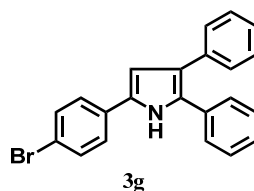


### 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 50%.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 11.49 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H) ppm;

$^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 136.43, 132.76, 131.22, 130.75, 130.11, 129.86, 128.58, 128.29, 128.13, 127.93, 126.79, 125.66, 125.50, 122.84, 108.65 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{22}H_{17}NCl$   $[M+H]^+$ : 330.1050, found 330.1047.

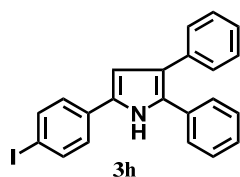


### 5-(4-bromophenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 56%.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 11.50 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H) ppm;

$^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 136.41, 132.74, 131.55, 131.46, 130.75, 129.92, 128.31, 128.13, 127.92, 126.82, 125.83, 125.68, 122.85, 118.52, 108.70 ppm.

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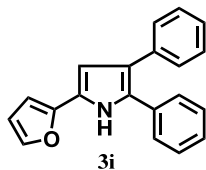


### 5-(4-iodophenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 39%.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 11.49 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H) ppm;

$^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 137.27, 136.41, 132.73, 131.85, 130.88, 129.94, 128.30, 128.14, 127.92, 126.81, 125.98, 125.67, 122.84, 108.66, 90.91 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{22}H_{17}NI$   $[M+H]^+$ : 422.0406, found 422.0406.

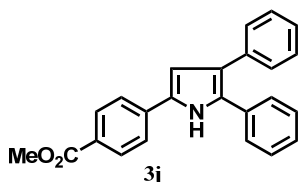


### 5-(furan-2-yl)-2,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 29%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 11.55 (s, 1H), 7.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 1.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.76 (dd,  $J_1$  = 3.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d,  $J_1$  = 3.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 3.0 Hz, 2H) ppm;

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 148.23, 141.81, 136.81, 133.12, 129.47, 129.08, 129.06, 128.57, 128.43, 127.52, 126.53, 124.79, 122.92, 112.31, 107.82, 103.96 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 286.1232, found 286.1219.

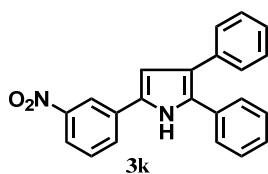


### methyl 4-(4,5-diphenyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)benzoate

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 59%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 11.67 (d,  $J$  = 2 Hz, 1H), 8.02-7.96 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.23 (tt,  $J_1$  = 6.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 166.11, 136.73, 136.25, 132.59, 131.10, 130.77, 129.73, 128.36, 128.31, 127.98, 127.07, 126.29, 125.81, 123.58, 123.30, 110.20, 51.94 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 354.1494, found 354.1494.

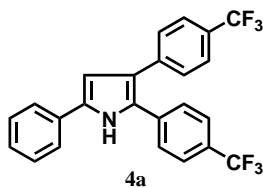


### 5-(3-nitrophenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above, but the reaction time was extended to 36 h. Yield = 47%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 11.80 (s, 1H), 8.76 (t,  $J$  = 2 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dq,  $J_1$  = 8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (ddd,  $J_1$  = 8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.4 Hz,  $J_3$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H) ppm;

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 148.62, 136.16, 134.02, 132.54, 130.86, 130.12, 130.08, 129.65, 128.38, 128.36, 128.29, 127.95, 127.11, 125.83, 123.08, 120.11, 117.74, 110.02 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 341.1290, found 341.1291.



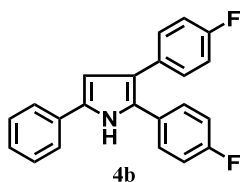
### 5-phenyl-2,3-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 71%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 11.77 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.2, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 140.50, 136.36, 133.62, 131.84, 128.73, 128.62, 128.53, 127.04 (q, *J* = 31.5 Hz), 126.54, 126.50, 126.18, 125.86, 125.73, 125.41 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 124.33, 123.10 (d, *J* = 13 Hz), 122.64, 108.66.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = -61.04 (s, 3F), -61.17 (s, 3F) ppm.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 432.1187, found 432.1189.



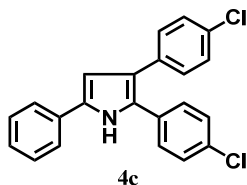
### 2,3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 53%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 11.45 (s, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.16 (tt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H) ppm;

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 162.10 (*J* = 56 Hz), 159.68 (*J* = 54 Hz), 132.87 (*J* = 3 Hz), 132.24, 131.99, 130.15 (*J* = 8 Hz), 129.69 (*J* = 8 Hz), 129.23 (*J* = 3 Hz), 128.67, 128.35, 126.01, 123.96, 121.64, 115.38 (*J* = 11 Hz), 115.17 (*J* = 11 Hz), 107.95 ppm;

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = -115.43 (s, 1F), -117.39 (s, 1F) ppm.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 332.1251, found 332.1251.

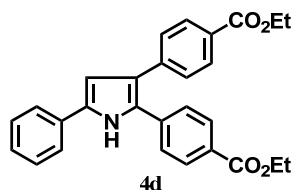


### 2,3-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 72%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 11.56 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.37 (m, 8H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H) ppm;

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 135.25, 132.62, 132.06, 131.39, 131.36, 130.36, 129.75, 129.62, 128.64, 128.43, 128.29, 126.16, 124.08, 121.87, 108.12 ppm.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 364.0660, found 364.0668.

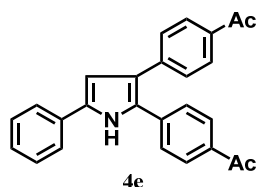


#### diethyl 4,4'-(5-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-2,3-diyl)dibenzoate

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 78%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 11.72 (s, 1H), 7.96 (dt,  $J_1$  = 8.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (dt,  $J_1$  = 8.4 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 0.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (dt,  $J_1$  = 8.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.29 (tt,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (q,  $J_1$  = 7.2 Hz,  $J_2$  = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 1.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H) ppm;

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 165.62, 165.49, 141.25, 136.93, 133.61, 131.80, 129.40, 129.26, 129.03, 128.69, 128.07, 127.82, 127.17, 126.48, 124.31, 123.15, 108.67, 60.66, 60.52, 14.19 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_4\text{N}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 440.1862, found 440.1863.

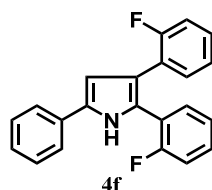


#### 1,1'-(4,4'-(5-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-2,3-diyl)bis(4,1-phenylene))diethanone

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 75%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 11.74 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.29 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H) ppm;

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 197.21, 197.19, 141.31, 136.92, 134.85, 134.34, 133.68, 131.81, 129.14, 128.69, 128.57, 128.41, 128.02, 127.94, 126.50, 124.35, 123.29, 108.79, 26.63, 26.57 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{N}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 380.1651, found 380.1651.



#### 2,3-bis(2-fluorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrole

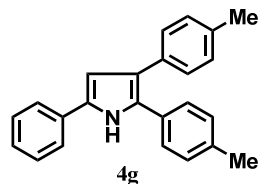
This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 34%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 11.71 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.10 (m, 7H), 6.84 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H) ppm;

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 160.34 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz), 157.90 (d,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz), 132.40, 132.14, 131.27 (d,  $J$  = 3 Hz), 130.66 (d,  $J$  = 4 Hz), 129.25 (d,  $J$  = 8 Hz), 128.71, 127.79 (d,  $J$  = 8 Hz), 126.10, 124.50, 124.22 (d,  $J$  = 3 Hz), 124.13 (d,  $J$  = 3 Hz), 124.07, 123.91, 121.10 (d,  $J$  =

15 Hz), 117.87, 115.78 (d,  $J = 16$  Hz), 115.56 (d,  $J = 16$  Hz);

$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ - $d$ ):  $\delta = -114.79$  (s, 1F),  $-116.21$  (s, 1F) ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{N}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 332.1251, found 332.1259.

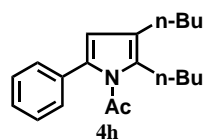


### 5-phenyl-2,3-dip-tolyl-1H-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 54%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta = 11.32$  (s, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 5H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H) ppm;

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta = 135.76$ , 134.45, 133.79, 132.44, 131.61, 130.17, 129.25, 128.88, 128.84, 128.57, 127.95, 127.79, 125.72, 123.86, 122.28, 107.93, 20.77, 20.68 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 346.1572, found 346.1573.

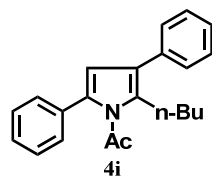


### 1-(2,3-dibutyl-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)ethanone

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 23%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta = 7.44$  (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 3H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 2.71 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.57-1.43 (m, 4H), 1.42-1.31 (m, 4H), 0.95-0.90 (m, 6H) ppm;

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta = 172.98$ , 133.97, 132.53, 132.38, 128.77, 127.46, 127.10, 12.82, 114.38, 32.59, 32.42, 28.30, 24.70, 22.08, 22.03, 13.83, 13.76 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 298.2171, found 298.2171.



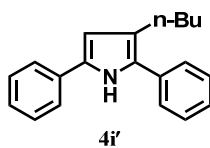
### 1-(2-butyl-3,5-diphenyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)ethanone

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 12%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta = 7.51$ -7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 5H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 2.31 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.54-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.22 (m, 2H), 0.83 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm;

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta = 172.21$ , 133.89, 133.41, 132.74, 130.88, 129.93, 128.36, 128.03, 127.61, 127.10, 125.13, 113.76, 32.26, 28.16, 24.83, 21.89, 13.69 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 318.1858, found 318.1858.



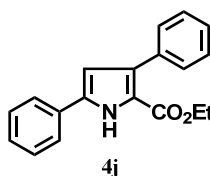


### 3-butyl-2,5-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 26%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 11.04 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.66-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.34 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm;

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 133.35, 132.68, 131.14, 129.22, 128.55, 128.38, 127.06, 125.83, 125.45, 123.67, 122.34, 107.96, 32.86, 25.96, 22.17, 13.89 ppm.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 276.1752, found 276.1750.

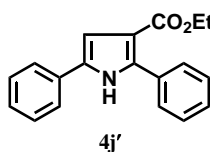


### ethyl 3,5-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 30%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 11.99 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 4H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm;

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 160.57, 135.70, 135.34, 132.43, 131.07, 129.37, 128.65, 127.54, 127.46, 126.70, 125.43, 118.58, 109.83, 59.58, 14.12 ppm.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 292.1338, found 292.1338.

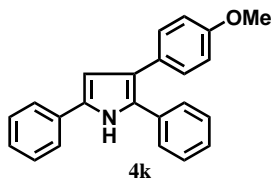


### ethyl 2,5-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. Yield = 43%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 11.89 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm;

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 164.04, 137.87, 131.79, 131.74, 131.55, 129.72, 128.73, 127.90, 127.61, 126.56, 124.28, 112.62, 108.61, 59.03, 14.22 ppm.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 292.1338, found 292.1338.



### 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-1H-pyrrole

This compound was prepared by the general procedure described above. And the ratio of regioselectivity products was determined by crude NMR spectrum. Yield = 60%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 11.34 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.4 Hz,  $J_2$  = 0.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.30-7.20 (m, 4H), 6.90 (dt,  $J_1$  = 8.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H) ppm;

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 157.47, 133.09, 132.43, 131.83, 129.10, 129.01, 128.88, 128.64, 128.30, 127.98, 126.49, 125.84, 123.93, 122.53, 113.83, 108.12, 55.00 ppm.

HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 348.1364, found 348.1366.

#### **4. Copies of product NMR spectra**

