

Supporting information section for:

**Pd-Catalyzed Direct C-H Functionalization of Imidazolones with
Halides.**

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1. General comments

1.1 Solvents and reagents

All commercially available reagents were purchased from Sigma/Aldrich or Alfa Aesar and used without further purification. Solvents were dried from molecular sieves and kept under argon. Cuprous iodide was purified following reported procedure¹. Triphenylphosphine was recrystallized from ethanol.

1.2 Chromatography

All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography using Merck silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated aluminum plates (0.25 mm) under UV light (254 nm) and/or by the use of ethanolic vanillin or aqueous potassium permanganate. Flash chromatography was performed with indicated solvents using silica gel (particle size 30–63 μm) purchased from Merck.

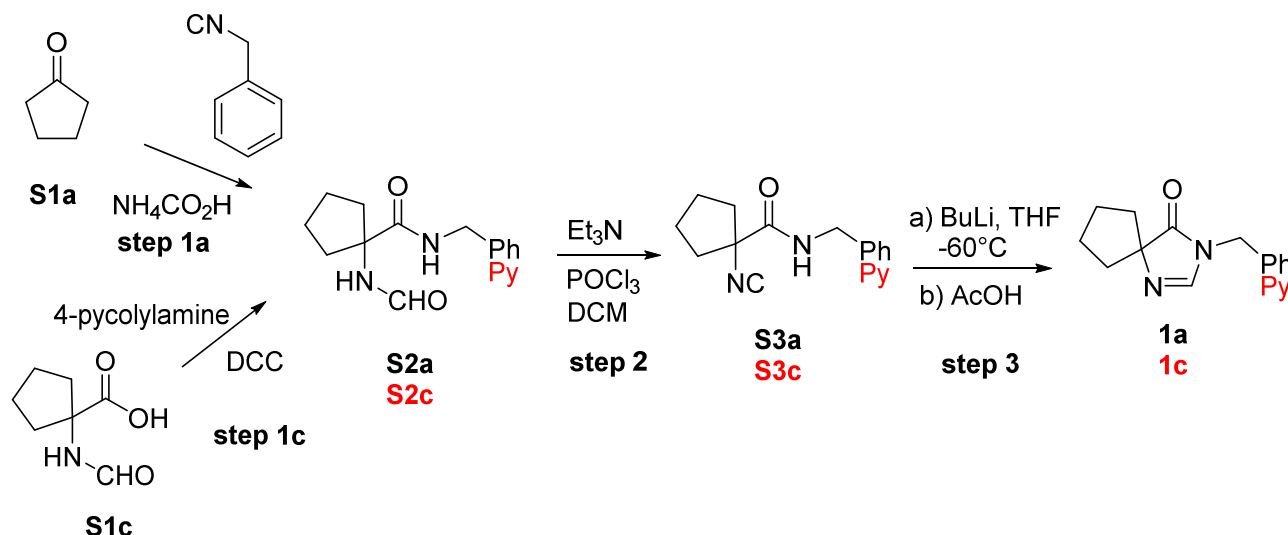
1.3 Instruments

^1H , ^{13}C nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance at 300 MHz for ^1H , 75 MHz for ^{13}C using the solvent signal as an internal standard. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm). Coupling constants (J) are given in Hertz and reported as d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet) and m (multiplet). HR-MS analyses were performed with a Waters LCT U Premier XE (ESI).

¹ Dieter, *J Am Chem SOC*, 1985, **107**, 4679.

2. Synthesis of 2-H Imidazolones **1a** and **1c**

3-benzyl-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (**1a**) and 3-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (**1c**) were prepared according to the previously reported procedure².



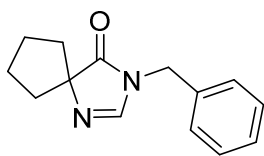
Step 1a : A saturated solution of ammonium formate (6.31 g, 0.1 mol) in water was added to a solution of cyclopentanone (5.05g, 0.06 mol) and benzyl isocyanide (5.86g, 0.05 mol) in ethanol (80 ml). The resulting mixture was heated at reflux until completion and then cooled and filtered to give **S2a** (9.11 g, 74%).

Step 1c : To a stirred solution of **S1c** (3.175g, 20.2 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (40 ml) was added 4-picolylamine (2.05 ml, 20.2 mmol) followed by DCC (6.24g, 30.3 mmol). After 2 hours stirring at room temperature, the mixture was filtered through a celite pad, concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude product purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of CH_2Cl_2 /EtOH 98:2 to obtain product **S2c** (3.4 g, 68%) as a yellow oily liquid.

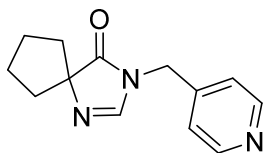
Step 2: A cold solution of POCl_3 (3.68 g, 0.024 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 ml) was added dropwise into a well-stirred suspension of **S2c** (4.95 g, 0.02 mol) and triethylamine (8.09 g, 0.08 mol) in CH_2Cl_2 (70 ml), maintaining the temperature at -5°C . The cooling bath was removed and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h and then cooled and filtered. The filtrate was transferred to a beaker and stirred for 20 min with a saturated solution of sodium carbonate (6.89 g, 0.065 mol) in water. The resulting sludge was washed with two 40-ml portions of water. The organic layer was dried with MgSO_4 and then evaporated to dryness to give the pure product **S3c** (2.48 g, 54%) as a brown oily liquid.

Step 3: A solution of butyllithium (4.2 mmol) in hexane was slowly dropped into a well stirred solution of **S3c** (4 mmol) in THF (50 ml), maintaining the temperature at -60°C . The reaction mixture was stirred until the temperature rose to 0°C , and then neutralized with 20% aqueous acetic acid. The resulting mixture was evaporated to dryness and the residue was washed with water and then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 1:1 to obtain product **1c** (77%) as a yellow oily liquid.

² S.Marcaccini *et al*, *Liebigs Ann. Chem.* 1991, 843 – 849.

3-benzyl-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (1a)**1a****MW** : 228.29 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₁₄H₁₆N₂O**Aspect** : yellow pale oily liquid**Isolated Yield** : 74%

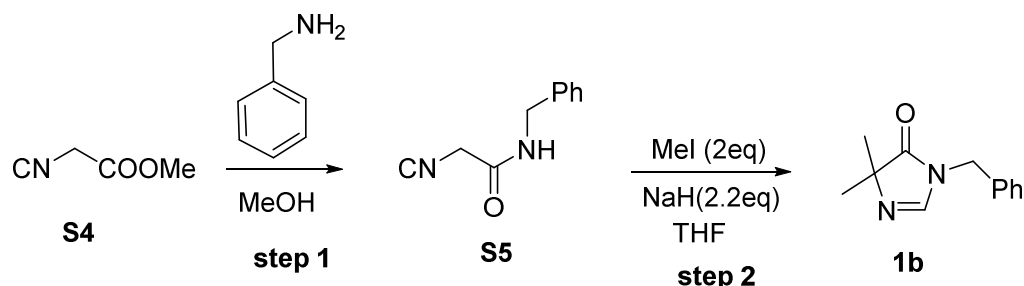
For **step 1a**, filtered and washed with ether to give pure product **S2a** (74%); for **step 2**, recrystallized from diisopropyl ether (50%); for **step 3**, eluted by petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2:8 to give pure product **1a** (74%) as yellow pale oily liquid : ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.43 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 1.88 – 1.57 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.58, 152.05, 135.44, 129.05, 128.21, 127.55, 77.51, 44.62, 37.18, 25.72. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₁₄H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺: 229.1341 found 229.1335. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3033, 2956, 2872, 1717, 1604, 1345, 722.

3-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (1c)**1c****MW** : 229.28 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₁₃H₁₅N₃O**Aspect** : yellow oily liquid**Isolated Yield** : 77%

For **step 1c**, purified by column chromatography through silica gel using a mixture of CH₂Cl₂ /EtOH 98:2 to give the pure product **S2c** (70%) : ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.33 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.09 – 1.85 (m, 4H), 1.65 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.61, 162.23, 149.30, 148.52, 122.06, 66.76, 42.26, 36.55, 23.89. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₁₃H₁₆N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 248.1399 found 248.1391. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3672, 3264, 2970, 1650, 1602, 1519, 1383, 1066, 605 ; for **step 2**, the organic layer was washed with water, dried with MgSO₄ and then evaporated to dryness, to give pure **S3c** (54%): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.98 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 6Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.23 – 2.01 (m, 4H), 1.89 – 1.71 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.20, 150.12, 122.17, 45.76, 42.83, 40.39, 24.30, 8.65, 1.05. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₁₃H₁₆N₃O [M+H]⁺: 230.1293 found 230.1287. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3663, 3254, 2970, 2127, 1666, 1602, 1522, 1067, 800; for **step 3**, eluted by petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 1:1 to give product **1c** (77%) as a yellow oily liquid : ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 1.86 – 1.66 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.20, 173.23, 150.44, 149.75, 122.04, 77.86, 43.47, 37.40, 25.90. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₁₃H₁₅N₃O [M+H]⁺: 230.1293 found 230.1289. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3671, 3200, 2971, 2902, 1720, 1658, 1522, 1382, 1067, 451.

3. Synthesis of 2-H imidazolone 1b

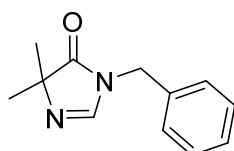
3-benzyl-5,5-dimethyl-3,5-dihydro-4H-imidazol-4-one (**1b**) was prepared according to the previously reported procedure³.



Step 1 : A mixture of methyl isocyanoacetate **S4** (2.97 g, 0.03 mol) and benzylamine (7.5 g, 0.07 mol) in methanol (20 ml) was stirred for 16 hours at room temperature, then the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue taken up with ethyl acetate (100 ml). The solution was washed with water, dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate, and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residual crystals were washed with ether and then collected by filtration to give the amide **S5** (4 g, 77%) as white needles (m.p = 121°C).

Step 2 : A mixture of **S5** (174 mg, 1mmol), iodomethane (125 μL , 2 mmol) and tetrahydrofuran (2ml) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of sodium hydride (95%, 53mg, 2.2 mmol) and tetrahydrofuran (3ml) at 25°C, during this time internal temperature rose up to 40°C. After one hour stirring at room temperature, the mixture was cooled and neutralized with 10% acetic acid and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 1:1 to obtain product **1b** (148 mg, 73%) as a yellow oily liquid.

3-benzyl-5,5-dimethyl-3,5-dihydro-4H-imidazol-4-one (1b)



MW : 202.26 g.mol⁻¹

FB : C₁₂H₁₄N₂O

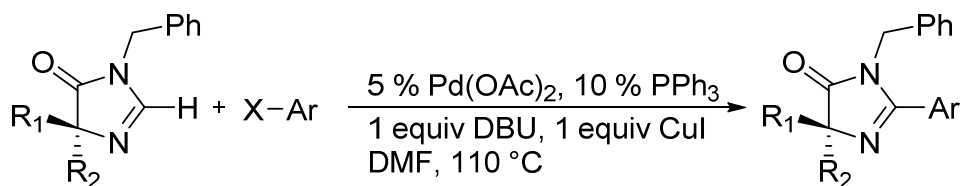
Aspect : yellow pale oily liquid

Isolated Yield : 73%

For **step 1**, filtered and washed with ether to give pure product (4 g, 77%) : ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 7.40 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 4.30 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H); for **step 2**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 1:1 to obtain product **1b** (148 mg, 73%) as a yellow oily liquid : ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ : 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.41 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 1.19 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 184.90, 151.27, 135.53, 128.89, 128.01, 127.32, 77.16, 68.13, 44.22, 23.48. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₁₂H₁₅N₂O [M+H]⁺: 203.1184 found 203.1175. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3064, 2930, 1717, 1607, 1344, 711.

³ K.Matsumoto *et al*, *Synthesis*, 1975, 249-250.

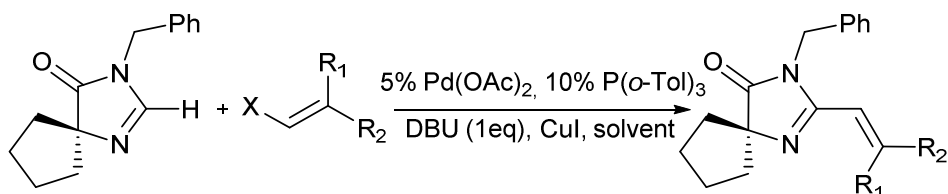
4. Representative experimental procedure for Arylation



General Procedure – Palladium-Copper-catalysed direct intermolecular arylation of C-H bond :

3-benzyl-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one or 3-benzyl-5,5-dimethyl-3,5-dihydro-4H-imidazol-4-one (0.45 mmol) was placed in an over-dried screw-caped sealed tube (10 mL) containing a magnetic stir bar with Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), PPh₃ (10 mol%), CuI (1 equiv.) and DBU (1 equiv.). A solution of halide (1 equiv.) in DMF (1.3 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and stirred at 110°C overnight. After dilution with diethyl ether, filtration on cotton, washing with 10% aqueous ammonia (2*25 mL), brine (2*25 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ anhydrous and concentrated *in vacuo*, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography through silica gel using a mixture of appropriate solvents as eluent to give pure arylated product.

5. Representative experimental procedure for vinylation

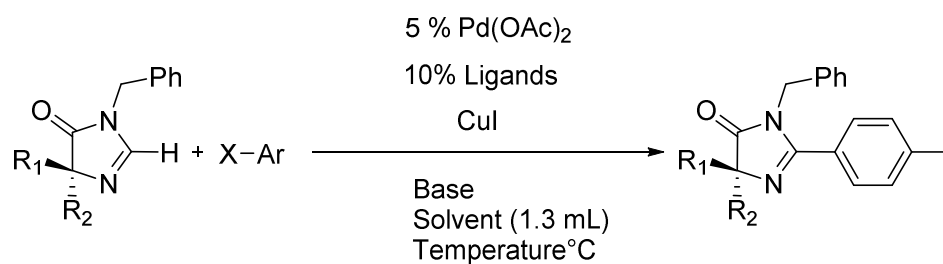


General Procedure – Palladium-Copper-catalyzed direct intermolecular vinylation of C-H bond

: 3-benzyl-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (0.45 mmol) was placed in an over-dried screw-caped sealed tube (10 mL) containing a magnetic stir bar with Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), tri-(*o*-tolyl)Phosphine (10 mol%), CuI (1 equiv.) and DBU (1 equiv.). A solution of halide (1 equiv.) in appropriate solvent (1.3 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was purged with nitrogen and stirred at 110°C overnight. After dilution with dichloromethane, filtration through cotton, washing with 10% aqueous ammonia (2*25 mL), brine (2*25 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ anhydrous and concentrated *in vacuo*, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of appropriate solvents as eluent to give pure vinylated product.

6. Optimization of reaction conditions

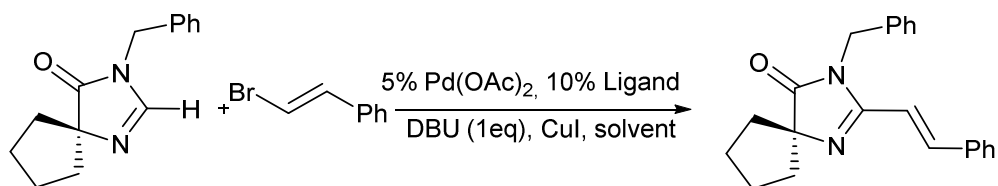
1. Optimization of arylation of C-H bond



Entry	Base (eq)	Ligand	Solvent (T°C)	CuI (equiv)	Yields ^[b] [%]
1	DBU (2eq)	PPh ₃	DMF (130°C)	1	92
2	K ₃ PO ₄ (2eq)	PPh ₃	DMF (130°C)	1	55
3	K ₂ CO ₃ (2eq)	PPh ₃	DMF (130°C)	1	73
4	KOAc (2eq)	PPh ₃	DMF (130°C)	1	72
5	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (2eq)	PPh ₃	DMF (130°C)	1	81
6	DBU (2eq)	PCy ₃	DMF (130°C)	1	44
7	DBU (2eq)	CyJohnPhos	DMF (130°C)	1	31
8	DBU (2eq)	TTBP	DMF (130°C)	1	0
9	CsF (1eq)	PPh ₃	DMF (130°)	1	68
10	DBU (2eq)	None	DMF (130°C)	1	65
11	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (2eq)	None	DMF (130°C)	1	45
12	K ₂ CO ₃ (2eq)	None	DMF (130°C)	1	63
13	DBU (2eq)	PPh ₃	DMF (130°C)	0	0
14	KOAc (2eq)	PPh ₃	DMF (130°C)	0	0
15	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (2eq)	PPh ₃	DMF (130°C)	0	55
16	DBU (2eq)	PPh ₃	DMF (110°C)	1	92
17	DBU (2eq)	PPh ₃	DMF (90°C)	1	60
18	DBU (2eq)	PPh ₃	Dioxane (110°C)	1	23
19	DBU (2eq)	PPh ₃	Dioxane (90°C)	1	0

20	DBU (2eq)	PPh ₃	MeCN (110°C)	1	80
21	DBU (1eq)	PPh ₃	DMF (110°C)	1	92

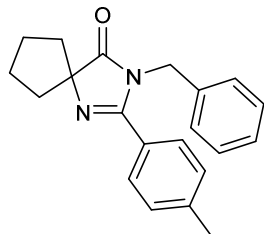
2. Optimization of vinylation of C-H bond



Entry	Base	Ligand	Solvent (T°C)	Yields ^[b] [%]
1	DBU	PPh ₃	DMF (130°C)	12
2	DBU	PCy ₃	DMF (130°C)	0
3	DBU	PPh ₃	DMF (110°C)	21
4	DBU	PPh ₃	DMF (90°C)	16
5	DBU	(4-F)PPh ₃	DMF (110°C)	28
6	DBU	(o-Me)PPh ₃	DMF (110°C)	41
7	DBU	(o-Me)PPh ₃	MeCN(110°C)	54
8	KOAc	(o-Me)PPh ₃	MeCN (110°C)	0
9	DBU	(o-Me)PPh₃	Toluene (110°C)	73

7. Analytical data of isolated products

3-benzyl-2-(p-tolyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3aA)



MW : 318.42 g.mol⁻¹

FB : C₂₁H₂₂N₂O

Aspect : white solid

Isolated Yield : 92%

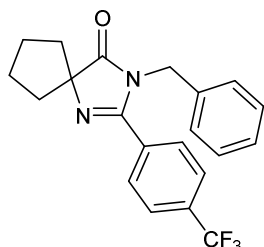
Melting point : 77°C

Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 132 mg (92% yield) of the title product obtained as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) : δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.98 – 1.79 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 187.29, 161.12, 141.12, 136.88, 129.36, 128.81, 128.21, 127.58, 127.04, 126.85, 77.19, 44.96, 37.81, 26.23, 21.56. **HRMS**

(CI): calculated for C₂₁H₂₂N₂O [M+H]⁺: 318.1732 found 318.1729. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 2955, 1720, 1620, 1332, 696.

3-benzyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3aB)



MW : 372.39 g.mol⁻¹

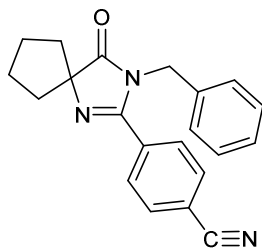
FB : C₂₁H₁₉F₃N₂O

Aspect : Yellow-orange liquid

Isolated yield : 88%

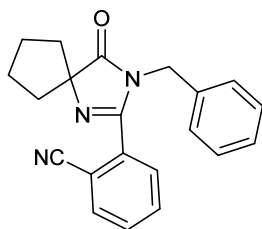
Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 147 mg (88% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow-orange oily liquid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 1.96 – 1.83 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.35, 160.16, 136.48, 133.28, 130.76, 130.69, 128.50, 128.35, 127.45, 127.36, 127.30, 126.50, 124.83, 124.22, 77.87, 44.69, 37.83, 26.05. **¹⁹F NMR** (282 MHz, DMSO) δ : -61.42 (s). **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₁H₁₉N₃O [M+H]⁺: 330.1606 found 330.1603. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3666, 2960, 2871, 1722, 1630, 1336, 1068.

4-(3-benzyl-4-oxo-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-2-yl)benzonitrile (3aC)**MW** : 329.40 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₂₁H₁₉N₃O**Aspect** : Yellow pale solid**Isolated yield** : 86%**Melting point** : 157°C

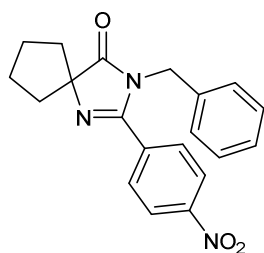
Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 127 mg (86% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow pale solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ : 7.90 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 1.96 – 1.82 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 186.60, 159.54, 136.13, 134.26, 132.36, 128.98, 128.94, 127.90, 126.65, 117.91, 114.53, 77.69, 44.90, 37.81, 26.12 **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₁H₁₉N₃O [M+H]⁺: 330.1606 found 330.1603. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3664, 2971, 2910, 2228, 1729, 1600, 1385, 1071

2-(3-benzyl-4-oxo-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-2-yl)benzonitrile (3aD)**MW** : 329.40 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₂₁H₁₉N₃O**Aspect** : White solid**Isolated yield** : 74%**Melting point** : 148°C

Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 70:30 as eluent resulted in 110 mg (74% yield) of the title product obtained as a white solid.

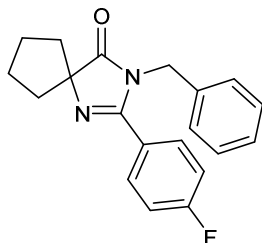
¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.85 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.62 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.84 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 1.98 – 1.84 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.66 (s), 157.68 (s), 135.76 (s), 133.22 (s), 133.19 (s), 132.32 (s), 130.62 (s), 128.91 (s), 128.66 (s), 127.71 (s), 126.85 (s), 116.05 (s), 112.62 (s), 78.13 (s), 44.42 (s), 37.46 (s), 25.93 (s). **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₁H₁₉N₃O [M+H]⁺: 330.1606 found 330.1609. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3409, 2967, 2230, 1730, 1631, 1379, 1342, 1023, 733.

3-benzyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3aE)**MW** : 349.39 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₂₀H₁₉N₃O₃**Aspect** : Yellow solid**Isolated yield** : 90%**Melting point** : 128°C

Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 142 mg (90% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow solid.

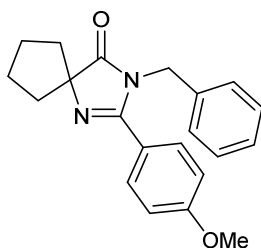
¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.24 (d, *j* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *j* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (s, 2H), 1.98 – 1.83 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 186.58, 159.33, 149.06, 136.10, 135.97, 129.43, 129.01, 127.95, 126.64, 123.75, 77.77, 44.93, 37.83,

26.14. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₀H₁₉N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 350.1505 found 350.1506. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 2949, 1726, 1588, 1519, 1351, 1071, 855, 702.

3-benzyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3aF)**MW** : 322.38 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₂₀H₁₉FN₂O**Aspect** : Yellow-orange solid**Isolated yield** : 88%**Melting point** : 76°C

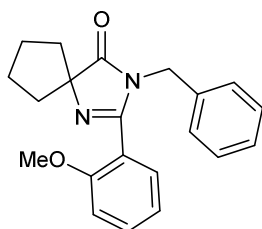
Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 116 mg (88% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow-orange solid

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 1.98 – 1.79 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 187.06, 165.87, 162.53, 160.22, 130.55, 130.44, 128.93, 127.77, 126.80, 116.08, 115.79, 77.39, 44.97, 37.84, 26.21. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, DMSO) δ : -109.43 – -109.58 (m). **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₀H₁₉FN₂O [M+H]⁺: 323.1560 found 323.1568. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 2971, 2874, 1729, 1614, 1333, 956, 728, 592.

3-benzyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3aG)**FW** : 334.42 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₂₁H₂₂N₂O₂**Aspect** : Orange liquid**Isolated yield** : 79%

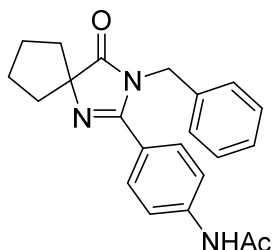
Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 80:20 as eluent resulted in 119 mg (79% yield) of the title product obtained as a orange oily liquid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ : 7.46 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.01 – 6.91 (m, 4H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.95 – 1.77 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.22, 161.50, 136.79, 129.80, 128.75, 127.51, 126.66, 122.08, 113.98, 76.99, 55.34, 44.90, 37.72, 26.13. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₁H₂₂N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 335.1760 found 335.1760. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3064, 2935, 1722, 1608, 1339, 722.

3-benzyl-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3aH)**FW** : 334.42 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₂₁H₂₂N₂O₂**Aspect** : Beige solid**Isolated yield** : 74%**Melting point** : 74°C

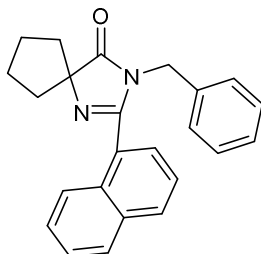
Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 111 mg (74% yield) of the title product obtained as a beige solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 1.93 – 1.76 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.24, 159.77, 157.07, 136.89, 132.07, 130.65, 128.35, 127.35, 127.28, 120.85, 119.59, 110.78, 77.37, 55.36, 44.51, 37.65, 26.03. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₁H₂₂N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 335.1760 found 335.1767. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 2961, 1713, 1613, 1596, 1333, 757.

N-(4-(3-benzyl-4-oxo-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3aI)**FW** : 361.44 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₂₂H₂₃N₃O₂**Aspect** : Yellow solid**Isolated yield** : 62%**Melting point** : 172°C

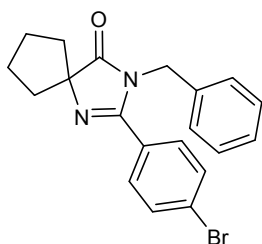
Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 50:50 as eluent resulted in 101 mg (62% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.11 – 1.93 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.27, 168.71, 160.77, 140.54, 136.71, 132.27, 129.27, 128.94, 127.73, 126.80, 119.29, 77.64, 45.05, 37.88, 26.27, 24.83. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₂H₂₃N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 362.1869 found 362.1859. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3244, 2959, 1722, 1645, 1342. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3272, 3033, 2925, 2854, 1737, 1610, 722.

3-benzyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3aJ)**MW** : 354.45 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₂₄H₂₂N₂O**Aspect** : Yellow pale solid**Isolated yield** : 90%**Melting point** : 76°C

Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 143 mg (90% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow pale solid.

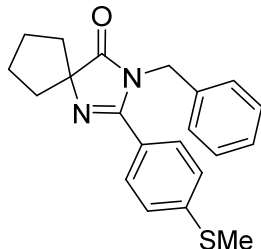
¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ : 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.70 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 2.06 – 1.95 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.85, 159.01, 135.40, 132.55, 131.98, 131.54, 127.99, 127.80, 126.88, 125.77, 124.76, 124.71, 124.66, 124.61, 124.48, 120.87, 76.65, 43.98, 36.87, 25.20. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₄H₂₂N₂O [M+H]⁺: 355.1810 found 355.1805. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 2955, 1723, 1607, 1260, 1068.

3-benzyl-2-(4-bromophenyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3aK)

FW : 382.38 g.mol⁻¹
FB : C₂₀H₁₉BrN₂O
Aspect : yellow liquid
Isolated yield : 71%

Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 122 mg (71% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow oily liquid.

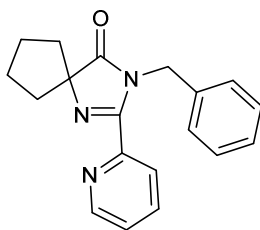
¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ : 7.65 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.98 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 1.96 – 1.75 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.90, 160.24, 136.45, 131.89, 129.78, 128.88, 128.76, 127.73, 126.69, 125.43, 77.36, 44.89, 37.74, 26.13. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₀H₁₉BrN₂O [M+H]⁺: 383.0759 found 383.0771. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 2959, 1725, 1616, 1328, 1070, 1008, 697.

3-benzyl-2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3aL)

FW : 350.48 g.mol⁻¹
FB : C₂₁H₂₂N₂OS
Aspect : colorless liquid
Isolated yield : 52%

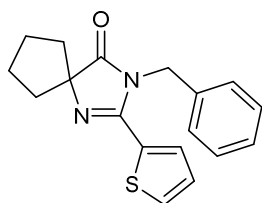
Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 82 mg (52% yield) of the title product obtained as a colorless oily liquid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.50 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.01 – 1.74 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.19, 160.65, 142.68, 136.71, 128.84, 128.53, 127.61, 126.69, 125.99, 125.60, 77.36, 44.94, 37.78, 26.18, 15.10. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₁H₂₂N₂OS [M+H]⁺: 351.1531 found 351.1540. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3062, 2951, 1723, 1610, 1336, 722.

3-benzyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3aM)**MW** : 305.38 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₁₉H₁₉N₃O**Aspect** : White solid**Isolated yield** : 91%**Melting point** : 83°C

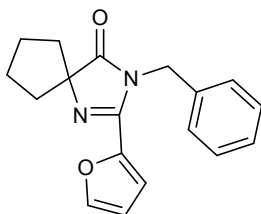
Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 70:30 as eluent resulted in 125 mg (91% yield) of the title product obtained as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ : 8.67 – 8.63 (m, 1H), 7.97 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.53 (ddd, J = 6.9, 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.99 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 2.01 – 1.78 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 187.14, 158.39, 149.63, 148.60, 137.78, 136.99, 128.41, 127.43, 127.20, 125.32, 123.92, 77.41, 44.97, 37.73, 26.25. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₁H₁₉N₃O [M+H]⁺: 306.1606 found 306.1592. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 2926, 1726, 1597, 1440, 1339, 1116, 959, 682.

3-benzyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3aN)**FW** : 310.41 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₁₈H₁₈N₂OS**Aspect** : Yellow oil**Isolated yield** : 49%

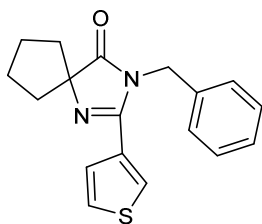
Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 65:35 as eluent resulted in 69 mg (49% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow oily liquid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ : 7.76 (dd, J = 5.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 3.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24 (dd, J = 8.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 1.97 – 1.81 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 187.07, 155.03, 136.53, 131.68, 129.53, 129.25, 129.03, 127.80, 127.67, 126.16, 77.13, 44.70, 37.89, 26.27. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₁₈H₁₈N₂OS [M+H]⁺: 311.1218 found 311.1217. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3035, 3017, 2974, 2873, 1729, 1609, 1439, 1335, 1257, 702. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 2954, 1721, 1598, 1339, 714.

3-benzyl-2-(furan-2-yl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3aO)**FW** : 294.35 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₁₈H₁₈N₂O₂**Aspect** : Brown liquid**Isolated yield** : 47%

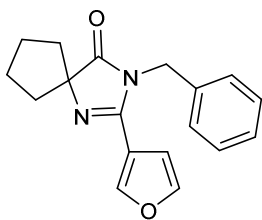
Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 70:30 as eluent resulted in 62 mg (47% yield) of the title product obtained as a brown oily liquid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 1.95 – 1.80 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 186.63, 151.36, 144.90, 143.67, 136.70, 128.84, 127.59, 126.40, 114.54, 111.89, 76.94, 44.69, 37.97, 26.21. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₁₈H₁₈N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 295.1447 found 295.1457. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3663, 3138, 2959, 2872, 1726, 1336, 720.

3-benzyl-2-(thiophen-3-yl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3aP)**FW** : 310.41 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₁₈H₁₈N₂OS**Aspect** : Orange liquid**Isolated yield** : 75%

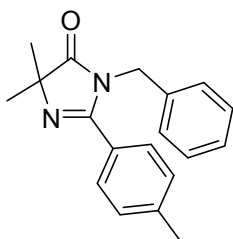
Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 70:30 as eluent resulted in 105 mg (75% yield) of the title product obtained as an orange oily liquid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.91 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 1.96 – 1.82 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 186.99, 156.45, 136.68, 130.72, 128.99, 127.84, 127.66, 127.38, 126.61, 126.30, 76.98, 44.65, 37.80, 26.18. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₁₈H₁₈N₂OS [M+H]⁺: 311.1218 found 311.1217. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3032, 3014, 2961, 2868, 1727, 1605, 1434, 1338, 1261, 696.

3-benzyl-2-(furan-3-yl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3aQ)**FW** : 294.35 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₁₈H₁₈N₂O₂**Aspect** : Brown liquid**Isolated yield** : 35%

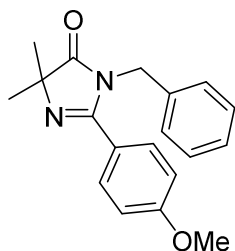
Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 70:30 as eluent resulted in 46 mg (35% yield) of the title product obtained as a brown oily liquid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) : δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.75 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (s, 2H), 1.98 – 1.77 (m, 9H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 186.94, 154.44, 143.73, 143.54, 136.48, 129.16, 127.79, 126.04, 116.44, 109.89, 76.93, 44.34, 37.86, 26.25. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₁₈H₁₈N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 295.1447 found 295.1449. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3130, 2957, 2871, 1724, 1403, 1161, 873, 696.

3-benzyl-5,5-dimethyl-2-(p-tolyl)-3,5-dihydro-4H-imidazol-4-one (3bA)**FW** : 292.38 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₁₉H₂₀N₂O**Aspect** : yellow pale solid**Isolated yield** : 91%**Melting point** : 79°C

Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 120 mg (91% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow pale solid.

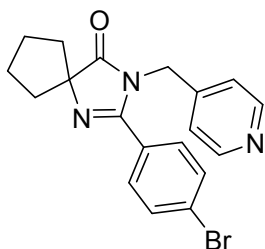
¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.39 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 6.97 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.90, 161.06, 141.09, 136.62, 129.20, 128.67, 127.99, 127.48, 126.81, 126.65, 67.36, 44.76, 24.10, 21.38. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 2973, 2928, 1727, 1622, 699.

3-benzyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-3,5-dihydro-4H-imidazol-4-one (3bB)**FW** : 308.38 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₁₉H₂₀N₂O₂**Aspect** : yellow oily liquid**Isolated yield** : 71%

Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 99 mg (71% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow oily liquid.

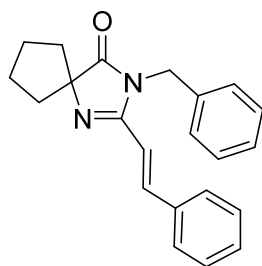
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.11, 161.65, 160.84, 136.74, 129.81, 128.83, 127.62, 126.68, 122.05, 114.04, 67.40, 55.40, 44.93, 24.24.

HRMS (CI): calculated for C₁₉H₂₀N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 309.1603 found 309.1607. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3033, 2972, 2930, 1724, 1608, 1512, 1252, 694.

2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (3cK)**FW** : 384.27 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₁₉H₁₈BrN₃O**Aspect** : Yellow oily liquid**Isolated yield** : 62%

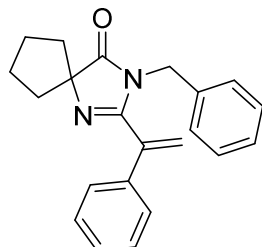
Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 173 mg (62% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow oily liquid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 2.00 – 1.84 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.91, 159.53, 150.48, 145.50, 138.18, 132.26, 129.64, 125.88, 121.55, 77.53, 44.09, 37.92, 26.23. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₁₉H₁₉BrN₃O [M+H]⁺: 384.0711 found 384.0713 **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3664, 2969, 1725, 1601, 1336, 1068, 721.

(E)-3-benzyl-2-styryl-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (5aA)**MW** : 330.43 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₂₂H₂₂N₂O**Aspect** : brown solid**Isolated yield** : 73%**Melting point** : 111°C

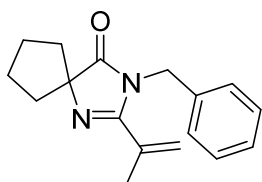
Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 108 mg (73% yield) of the title product obtained as a brown solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ : 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 1.95 – 1.72 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 186.44, 157.86, 139.35, 136.47, 135.01, 129.76, 129.05, 128.86, 127.89, 127.57, 126.74, 113.83, 77.03, 43.73, 37.80, 26.21. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₂H₂₂N₂O [M+H]⁺: 331.1810 found 331.1800. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3027, 2923, 2854, 1721, 1591, 1347, 692

3-benzyl-2-(1-phenylvinyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (5aB)**FW** : 330.43 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₂₂H₂₂N₂O**Aspect** : White solid**Isolated yield** : 51%**Melting point** : 100°C

Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 76 mg (51% yield) of the title product obtained as a white solid.

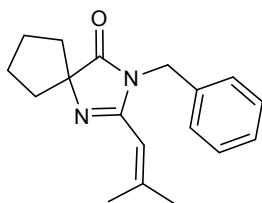
¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.38 – 7.13 (m, 8H), 6.99 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 2.00 – 1.77 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.46, 160.66, 139.29, 136.53, 135.70, 129.03, 128.93, 128.47, 127.49, 127.10, 126.30, 120.74, 77.35, 44.30, 37.72, 26.11. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₂H₂₂N₂O [M+H]⁺: 331.1810 found 331.1820. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3061, 2940, 1723, 1609, 1340, 701.

3-benzyl-2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (5aC)**FW** : 268.36 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₁₇H₂₀N₂O**Aspect** : Yellow liquid**Isolated yield** : 49%

Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 59 mg (49% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow oily liquid.

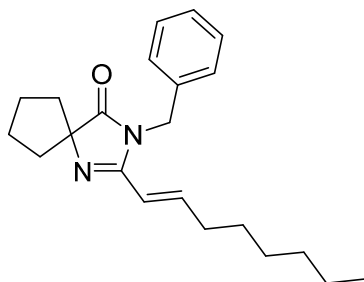
¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ : 7.37 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 1.91—1.85 (m, 6H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 1.77 – 1.72 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.08, 161.39, 136.77, 135.13, 128.84, 127.58, 126.71, 120.80, 77.36, 44.70, 37.69, 26.16, 21.30.

HRMS (CI): calculated for C₂₂H₂₂N₂O [M+H]⁺: 269.1654 found 294.1651. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3672, 2969, 1723, 1580, 1337, 1076, 722.

3-benzyl-2-(2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (5aD)**FW** : 282.38 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₁₈H₁₈N₂O**Aspect** : Yellow liquid**Isolated yield** : 51%

Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 65 mg (51% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow oily liquid.

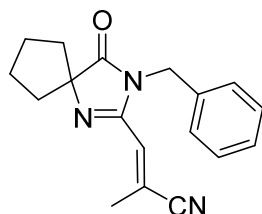
¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ : 7.38 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.88 – 5.84 (m, 1H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 2.03 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 1.87 (m, 6H), 1.82 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 3H), 1.71 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.19, 157.39, 150.22, 136.74, 128.78, 127.59, 126.85, 112.21, 77.09, 43.70, 37.73, 26.82, 26.03, 20.50. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₁₈H₁₈N₂O [M+H]⁺: 283.1810 found 283.1813. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3665, 2967, 1719, 1600, 1345, 697.

(E)-3-benzyl-2-(oct-1-en-1-yl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (5aE)**FW** : 338.49 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₂₂H₃₀N₂O**Aspect** : Yellow oily liquid**Isolated yield** : 50%

Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 75:25 as eluent resulted in 76 mg (50% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow oily liquid.

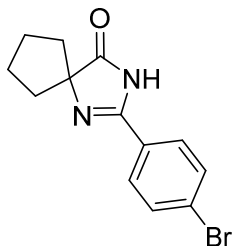
¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ : 7.36 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (dt, *J* = 15.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 2.11 (dt, *J* = 13.9, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.86 – 1.69 (m, 8H), 1.36 – 1.11 (m, 8H), 0.83 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 186.28, 158.27, 144.17, 136.42, 129.11, 128.07, 126.83, 116.73, 77.36, 65.94, 43.69, 37.70, 31.66, 28.92, 26.21, 25.56, 22.58,

15.36. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₂H₃₀N₂O [M+H]⁺: 339.2436 found 339.2442. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3065, 2929, 2855, 1713, 1625, 1343, 697.

(E)-3-(3-benzyl-4-oxo-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-2-yl)-2-methylacrylonitrile (5aF)**FW** : 293.37 g.mol⁻¹**FB** : C₁₈H₁₉N₃O**Aspect** : Yellow pale solid**Isolated yield** : 30%**Melting point** : 107°C

Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 65:35 as eluent resulted in 41 mg (30% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow pale solid.

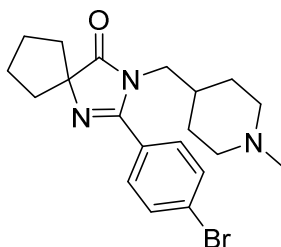
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.41 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (q, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 2.29 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H), 2.02 (m, 6H), 1.90 – 1.79 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 185.45, 154.96, 135.74, 129.34, 128.59, 128.35, 126.82, 122.19, 119.32, 77.36, 43.82, 38.02, 26.17, 18.21. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₁₈H₁₉N₃O [M+H]⁺: 294.1606 found 294.1607 **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3067, 2955, 2910, 2242, 1729, 1604, 1337.

2-(4-bromophenyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (7a)

FW : 292.16 g.mol⁻¹
FB : C₁₃H₁₃BrN₂O
Aspect : White solid
Isolated yield : 95%

To a solution of **3cK** (0.4 mmol, 154 mg) in acetonitrile (2.2 ml), was added iodomethane (0.4 mmol, 25 μ l) and the mixture was refluxed for 1,5 hours. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, the residue was taken up in methanol (2 ml). PtO₂ (20 mg) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred under H₂ at atmospheric pressure at room temperature overnight. The mixture was filtered through a celite pad and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 80:20 as eluent resulted in 111 mg (95% yield) of the title product obtained as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.46 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.93 – 1.69 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, DMSO) δ 187.91, 156.86, 131.87, 128.78, 128.03, 125.24, 77.65, 37.06, 25.56. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₁₃H₁₄BrN₂O [M+H]⁺: 293.0289 found 293.0286. **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3148, 3100, 2964, 2869, 1712, 1620, 1436, 1081, 664.

2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-((1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one (7b)

FW : 404.35 g.mol⁻¹
FB : C₂₀H₂₆BrN₃O
Aspect : yellow oily liquid
Isolated yield : 53%

To a solution of **3cK** (0.4 mmol, 154 mg) in acetonitrile (2.2 ml), was added iodomethane (0.4 mmol, 25 μ l) and the mixture was refluxed for 1,5 hours. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and was taken up in methanol (2 ml), NaBH₄ (1 mmol, 38 mg) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours. PtO₂ (20 mg) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred under H₂ at atmospheric pressure at room temperature overnight. The mixture was filtered through a celite pad and concentrated *in vacuo*. to give crude product, which was purified by Flash chromatography using Petroleum Ether/EtOAc 20:80 as eluent resulted in 86 mg (53% yield) of the title product obtained as a yellow oily liquid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.50 (m, 4H), 3.47 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 1H), 2.00 (dd, J = 15.6, 11.7 Hz, 4H), 1.75 (td, J = 11.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 1.07 (td, J = 11.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.27, 161.32, 130.78, 130.37, 128.93, 128.17, 77.36, 55.12, 46.69, 46.31, 37.87, 34.36, 29.68, 26.21. **HRMS** (CI): calculated for C₂₀H₂₇N₃O [M+H]⁺: 404.1337 found 404.1343 **IR** (ATR, cm⁻¹) : 3426, 2929, 2784, 1723, 1620, 1447, 1337, 1070, 699.

