Palladium-Catalyzed α-Arylation of Indolin-3-ones

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General Information

All air-sensitive reactions were carried out using flame-dried glassware under N₂ atmosphere with standard Schlenk line technique. Toluene. 1.4-dioxane. tetrahydrofuran, dichloromethane were purified by passage over activated alumina using a commercial solvent purification system. All other solvents (ACS grade) and commercially obtained reagents were used as received. Aluminum heating blocks were applied to all thermal reactions. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel 60 Å F254 plates, visualized by UV (254 nm) and KMnO₄ staining solution. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel (230-400 mesh) with indicated eluents. Melting points were uncorrected. NMR spectra were measured at 400 or 600 MHz for ¹H spectra and 100 or 150 MHz for ¹³C spectra and calibrated from residual solvent signals (chloroform at 7.26 ppm for 1H spectra; chloroform at 77.16 ppm for ¹³C spectra; trifluoroacetic acid as internal standard at -76.55 ppm for ¹⁹F spectra). Chemical shifts were denoted in ppm (δ), and the following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, br =broad, br s = broad singlet, br d = broad doublet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentate, dd = doublet doublet, td = triple doublet, dt = double triplet, m = multiplet. Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz). Infrared (IR) spectra were measured on KBr salt plates. Mass spectra were recorded by using EI or ESI as specified in each case.

Synthesis of Previously Known Compounds



Compounds **1a-g** were prepared by following previously described procedures:

- For synthesis of compound 1a, see: Matsumoto, S.; Samata, D.; Akazome, M.; Ogura, K. *Tetrahedron Lett.* 2009, *50*, 111-114.
- For synthesis of compound 1b, see: Kawasaki, T.; Masuda, K.; Baba, Y.;
 Terashima, R.; Takada, K.; Sakamoto, M. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1 1996, 729-733.
- For synthesis of compound 1c, see: Buzas, A.; Mérour, J. Y. Synthesis 1989, 6, 458-461.
- For synthesis of compound 1d, see: Mérour, J. Y.; Chichereau, L.; Desarbre, E.; Gadonneix, P. Synthesis 1996, 519-524.
- For synthesis of compounds 1e and 1g, see: Bourlot, A. S.; Desarbre, E.; Mérour, J. Y. Synthesis 1993, 411-416.
- For synthesis of compound 1f, see: Kawasaki, T.; Masuda, K.; Baba, Y.; Takada, K.; Sakamoto, M. *Chem. Pharm. Bull.* 1994, 42, 1974-1976.

Synthesis and Characterization Data

General Procedure for the Synthesis of S1, S2, and 1h.

To a solution of a substituted indole-3-carboxaldehyde (1.0 mmol) in THF (2.0 mL) at 0 °C was added Ac₂O (2.0 mmol) and DMAP (0.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL x 2). The resulting solution were sequentially washed with NaHCO_{3(aq)} (10 mL x 2) and water (15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and then concentrated under reduced pressure.

To the thus obtained crude product in DCM (5 ml), *m*-CPBA (1.3 mmol) and AcOH (5 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (20 mL) and quenched with 10% $Na_2SO_{3(aq)}$ (10 mL). The organic layers were sequentially washed with $NaHCO_{3(aq)}$ (10 mL) and water (15 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and then concentrated under reduced

pressure. The resulting crude was dissolved in DCM (5 ml) and MeOH (5 ml). Na₂SO₃ (1.2 mmol) and H₂O (1.5 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. After the reaction was completed as judged by TLC, solvents were removed using a rotary evaporator. The residue was dissolved in DCM (15 mL x 2), washed with H₂O (15 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude compound was purified by flash column chromatography to give the indolin-3-one product.

1-Acetyl-5-chloroindolin-3-one (S1)



The reaction was conducted with 1.0 mmol of 5-chloro-1H-indole-3-carbaldehyde following the General Procedure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 2/1 to 0/1) to afford **S1** (99 mg, 47% over 3 steps) as white solid (m.p. 163-165 °C). $R_f = 0.5$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 1:1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (br s, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.44, 168.18, 152.11, 137.10, 130.02, 126.18,

123.22, 119.87, 56.46, 24.19.

IR (cast): 3029, 2919, 2861, 1711, 1667 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₀H₈ClNO₂ calcd. 209.0244, found: 209.0249.

1-Acetyl-5-methylindolin-3-one (S2)



The reaction was conducted with 1.0 mmol of 5-methyl-1H-indole-3-carbaldehyde following the General Procedure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 2/1 to 0/1) to afford **S2** (100 mg, 53% over 3 steps) as white solid (m.p. 163-165 °C). $R_f = 0.5$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 1:1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.83, 168.01, 151.96, 138.49, 134.25, 125.05, 123.31, 118.34, 56.40, 24.21, 20.83.

IR (cast): 3066, 2928, 2866, 1719, 1673 cm⁻¹ HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₁H₁₁NO₂ calcd. 189.0790, found: 189.0793.

1-Acetyl-6-fluoroindolin-3-one (1h)





The reaction was conducted with 1.0 mmol of 6-fluoro-1H-indole-3-carbaldehyde following the General Procedure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 5/1 to 0/1) to afford **S1** (77 mg, 40% over 3 steps) as white solid (m.p. 115-116 °C). $R_f = 0.3$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3:1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.13 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 6.83 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.29 – 4.18 (br s, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.89, 169.71, 167.78 (d, $J_{C-F} = 124.6$ Hz), 155.17 (d, $J_{C-F} = 14.5$ Hz), 125.70 (d, $J_{C-F} = 11.8$ Hz), 121.32, 112.44 (d, $J_{C-F} = 24.4$ Hz), 106.02 (d, $J_{C-F} = 28.9$ Hz), 56.59, 24.12.

¹⁹**F NMR** (375 MHz, CDCl3): -97.44.

IR (cast): 3244, 3127, 2361, 1729, 1684 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₀H₈NO₂F calcd. 193.0534, found: 193.0536.

1-Acetyl-5-chloro-2-methylindolin-3-one (1i)



The reaction was conducted with 0.24 mmol of **S1** following the procedure for the synthesis of **1a**. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 2/1) to afford **1i** (41 mg, 77%) as red solid (m.p. 138-140°C). R_f = 0.3 (hexanes/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.52 (br s, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (br s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.60 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.62, 168.51, 151.33, 137.24, 130.23, 129.64,

123.67, 120.48, 62.41, 23.96, 18.43.

IR (cast): 2956, 2917, 2848, 1725, 1677 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for $C_{11}H_{10}CINO_2$ calcd. 223.0400, found: 223.0397.

1-Acetyl-2,5-dimethylindolin-3-one (1j)



The reaction was conducted with 2.7 mmol of **S2** following the procedure for the synthesis of **1a**. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 2/1) to afford **1j** (238 mg, 42%) as a red solid (m.p. 127 °C). R_f = 0.3 (hexanes/EtOAc = 2 :1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (br s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.53 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).
¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.79, 168.26, 151.05, 138.46, 134.37, 124.82, 123.57, 118.78, 62.08, 23.84, 20.75, 18.34.
IR (cast): 3337, 2923, 2850, 1718, 1672 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₂H₁₃NO₂ calcd. 203.0946, found: 203.0947.

General Procedure A for the Arylation of 1a-d.

To a stirring mixture of indolin-3-one (0.2 mmol) in anhydrous co-solvent of THF (1.05 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (1.05 mL) was added Cs_2CO_3 (83 mg, 0.25 mmol), bromoarene (2 equiv), Pd₂(dba)₃ (7.5 mg, 6 mol %), PAd₃ (7.4 mg, 8 mol %). The resulting mixture was brought up to 120 °C (temperature of the aluminum heating block) and then stirred for 20 h. After indolin-3-one was completely consumed as indicated by TLC analysis, 1 M of aqueous hydrochloric acid solution (15 mL) was added to quench the reaction at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate was extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL x 2). The combined organic layers were washed with water (15 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue thus obtained was purified by flash column chromatography to give the corresponding arylated product.

1-Acetyl-2-methyl-2-phenylindolin-3-one (2a)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1a** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2a** (46 mg, 67%) as as brown solid (m.p. 125-127 °C). R_f = 0.5 (hexanes/EtOAc = 3:1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.80 (br s, 1H), 7.80 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.23 (m, 6H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.14, 170.02, 153.63, 138.03, 137.77, 129.45, 128.39, 125.20, 125.12, 124.88, 121.37, 119.05, 71.90, 25.33, 22.56.

IR (cast): 3025, 2955, 2853, 1725, 1675 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₇H₁₅NO₂ calcd. 265.1097, found: 265.1092.

1-Acetyl-2-methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolin-3-one (2b)





The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1a** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2b** (63 mg, 94%) as a white solid (m.p. 139-140 °C). $R_f = 0.6$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1). [Note: The reaction conducted with 1 mmol of **1a** gave product **2b** in 99% yield.]

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.86 (br s, 1H), 7.88 – 7.74 (m, 6H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.13, 170.13, 153.74, 137.90, 135.51, 133.56, 133.02, 129.55, 128.34, 127.74, 126.81, 126.80, 125.23, 125.01, 124.90, 122.52, 121.57, 119.20, 72.14, 25.37, 22.69.

IR (cast): 3056, 2953, 1724, 1674, 1507 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₂₁H₁₇NO₂ calcd. 315.1253, found: 315.1247.

1-Acetyl-2-methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolin-3-one (2c)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1a** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2c** (66 mg, 91%) as a white solid (m.p. 161-162 °C). $R_f = 0.6$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.82 (br s, 1H), 7.81 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.16, 170.06, 153.70, 141.30, 140.17, 137.85, 136.96, 128.93, 128.13, 127.72, 127.13, 125.68, 125.21, 124.93, 121.41, 119.14, 71.75, 25.46, 22.63.

IR (cast): 3957, 2924, 2870, 1724, 1674 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₂₃H₁₉NO₂ calcd. 341.1410, found: 341.1418.

1-Acetyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylindolin-3-one (2d)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1a** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2d** (63 mg, 99%) as a white solid (m.p. 114-115 °C). $R_f = 0.7$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.77 (br s, 1H), 7.80 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.55, 170.16, 159.65, 153.54, 137.74, 129.99, 126.52, 125.14, 124.85, 121.45, 119.10, 114.85, 71.56, 55.41, 25.31, 22.54.

IR (cast): 2956, 2919, 2850, 1722, 1674 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for $C_{18}H_{17}NO_2$ calcd. 295.1202, found: 295.1200.

1-Acetyl-2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-methylindolin-3-one (2e)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1a** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2e** (29 mg, 44%) as a brown solid (m.p. 105-106 °C). $R_f = 0.6$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.77 (br s, 1H), 7.80 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.80 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.95 – 5.93 (m, 2H) , 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.20, 169.96, 153.55, 148.77, 147.85, 137.84, 131.80, 125.20, 124.92, 121.37, 118.88, 108.99, 105.85, 101.60, 71.63, 25.30, 22.58 [One aromatic carbon signal is missing due to peak overlap.]

IR (cast): 2955, 2924, 1723, 1674, 1607 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₈H₁₅NO₄ calcd. 309.0996, found: 309.0994.

1-Acetyl-2-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-2-methylindolin-3-one (2f)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1a** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2f** (67 mg, 99%) as a yellow solid (m.p. 116-117 °C). $R_f = 0.7$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.77 (br s, 1H), 7.79 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (s, 6H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.80, 170.25, 153.42, 150.20, 137.39, 125.91, 124.90, 124.84, 124.54, 121.54, 118.89, 112.82, 71.56, 40.28, 25.14, 22.22.

IR (cast): 2955, 2923, 1724, 1672, 1608 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₉H₂₀N₂O₂ calcd. 308.1524, found: 308.1519.

1-Acetyl-2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-methylindolin-3-one (2g)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1a** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2g** (30 mg, 46%) as a yellow oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.78 (br s, 1H), 7.77 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 – 6.75 (m, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H). **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.86, 169.33, 163.71 (dd, *J*_{C-F}= 249, 13.0 Hz), 153.39, 142.28 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 8.6 Hz), 138.23, 125.37, 125.23, 121.08, 119.12, 108.69 (dd, *J*_{C-F} = 19.0, 7.6 Hz), 103.86 (t, *J*_{C-F} = 28.4 Hz), 71.33, 25.46, 22.58.

¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl3): -107.75.

IR (film): 2956, 2923, 1723, 1680, 1607 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₇H₁₃NO₂F₂ calcd. 301.0909, found: 301.0907.

Ethyl 4-(1-acetyl-2-methyl-3-oxoindolin-2-yl)benzoate (2h)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1a** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2h** (61 mg, 86%) as a brown solid (m.p. 107-109 °C). $R_f = 0.4$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.77 (br s, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.79 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 4.39 – 4.28 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.34 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 4.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.30, 169.67, 165.88, 153.49, 142.87, 137.97, 130.59, 128.74, 128.53, 125.30, 125.04, 121.28, 119.05, 71.82, 61.18, 25.33, 22.69, 14.35.

IR (cast): 2980, 2957, 2926, 1722, 1677 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₂₀H₁₉NO₄ calcd. 337.1309, found: 337.1306.

1-Acetyl-2-methyl-2-(3-nitrophenyl)indolin-3-one (2i)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1a** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2i** (41 mg, 63%) as a yellow solid (m.p. 150-151 °C). R_f = 0.4 (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.78 (br s, 1H), 8.18 (br s, 2H), 7.81 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.92, 169.42, 153.78, 148.99, 140.61, 138.32, 131.32, 130.42, 130.21, 125.29, 123.40, 120.64, 119.32, 118.56, 71.41, 25.64, 22.65. **IR** (cast): 2956, 2925, 1724, 1531, 1369 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₄ calcd. 310.0948, found: 310.0949.

1-Acetyl-2-methyl-2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-5-yl)indolin-3-one (2j)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1a** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2j** (46 mg, 69%) as a yellow oil. $R_f = 0.6$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.83 (br s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.45 (br s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.98 (br s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.00, 170.59, 153.75, 137.66, 136.56, 130.07, 129.15, 128.90, 125.22, 124.86, 121.77, 119.18, 118.57, 118.05, 110.39, 101.61, 72.37, 33.11, 25.39, 22.83.

IR (film): 2957, 2924, 2855, 1720, 1670 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₂₀H₁₈N₂O₂ calcd. 318.1363, found: 318.1365.

1-Acetyl-2-methyl-2-(thiophen-3-yl)indolin-3-one (2k)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1a** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2k** (41 mg, 71%) as a yellow solid (m.p. 127-129 °C). $R_f = 0.6$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.74 (br s, 1H), 7.78 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.25, 169.95, 153.18, 139.45, 137.82, 127.72, 125.11, 124.83, 124.81, 122.05, 121.32, 119.15, 70.21, 25.02, 22.99.

IR (cast): 3100, 2956, 2923, 1724, 1672 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₅H₁₃NO₂S calcd. 271.0662, found: 271.0658.

1-Acetyl-2-(furan-3-yl)-2-methylindolin-3-one (2l)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1a** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2l** (41 mg, 45%) as a white solid (m.p. 93-94 °C). $R_f = 0.6$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃):δ 8.70 (br s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.82, 169.87, 153.02, 144.51, 140.05, 137.93, 125.07, 124.97, 124.83, 121.32, 119.15, 107.94, 67.32, 25.12, 22.54.

IR (cast): 3137, 3080, 2936, 1721, 1367 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₅H₁₃NO₂S calcd. 255.0890, found: 255.0893.

(E)-1-Acetyl-2-(but-2-en-1-yl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolin-3-one (2m)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1b** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2m** (32 mg, 45%) as a colorless oil. $R_f = 0.6$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.85 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.71 (m, 6H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.68 – 5.59 (m, 1H), 5.14 – 5.04 (m, 1H), 3.71– 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.30 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.70 – 1.48 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.95, 170.25, 137.79, 137.66, 135.39, 133.64, 133.10, 131.52, 129.52, 129.44, 128.41, 128.33, 127.74, 127.65, 126.79, 124.88, 124.74, 122.61, 121.83, 119.05, 68.98, 39.19, 29.71, 18.03.

IR (film): 2923, 2853, 1720, 1672, 1601 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₂₄H₂₁NO₂ calcd. 355.1567, found: 355.1571.

(E)-1-Acetyl-2-(but-2-en-1-yl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (2n)



The reaction was conducted with 0.4 mmol of **1b** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 15/1 to 5/1) to afford **2n** (60 mg, 49%) as a white solid (m.p. 56-57 °C). $R_f = 0.5$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 2/1).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 8.81 (br s, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 5.61 – 5.56 (m, 1H), 5.05 – 5.00 (m, 1H), 3.58 (br s, 1H), 3.07 (br s, 1H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.00, 170.13, 154.69, 137.86, 137.66, 131.38, 129.49, 128.45, 125.20, 124.70, 124.59, 122.51, 121.88, 118.92, 75.03, 39.12, 25.18, 17.97.

IR (cast): 3059, 3025, 2957, 2924, 1724 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₂₀H₁₉NO₂ calcd. 305.1410, found: 355.1411.

1-Acetyl-2-benzyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolin-3-one (20)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1c** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2o** (35 mg, 49%) as a white solid (m.p. 229-230 °C). R_f = 0.5 (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.53 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 5H), 4.20 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.20, 169.90, 154.72, 138.18, 137.45, 133.30, 129.71, 128.65, 128.29, 128.09, 127.40, 125.40, 124.61, 124.24, 122.78, 118.68, 75.69, 40.96, 25.75.

IR (cast): 3030, 2924, 1719, 1672, 1607 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₂₃H₁₉NO₂ calcd. 341.1410, found: 341.1404.

1-Acetyl-2-benzyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolin-3-one (2p)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1c** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2p** (51 mg, 63%) as a yellow solid (m.p. 204-205 °C). R_f = 0.6 (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.58 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.89 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.62 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 6H), 4.33 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.13, 169.97, 154.80, 137.54, 135.65, 133.67, 133.30, 133.11, 129.78, 129.64, 128.43, 128.32, 127.77, 127.44, 127.05, 126.94, 125.10, 124.69, 124.28, 123.05, 122.68, 118.78, 75.91, 41.10, 25.73.

IR (cast): 2956, 2925, 1719, 1673, 1601 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₂₇H₂₁NO₂ calcd. 391.1567, found: 391.1568.

Ethyl 2-(1-acetyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-oxoindolin-2-yl)acetate (2q)



The reaction was conducted with 0.8 mmol of **1d** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2q** (268 mg, 98%) as a yellow solid (m.p. 60-61 °C). $R_f = 0.6$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 2/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.88 (br s, 1H), 7.79 – 7.67 (m, 6H), 7.47 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 4.17 (br s, 1H), 3.96 – 3.88 (m, 2H), 3.58 (br s, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 0.81 (br s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.81, 169.63, 167.92, 154.10, 137.13, 133.91, 133.18, 133.03, 132.73, 129.50, 128.02, 127.38, 126.64, 125.11, 124.67, 124.33, 122.49, 121.69, 118.49, 71.99, 60.94, 41.87, 24.89, 13.32.

IR (cast): 3028, 2928, 1714, 1667, 1604 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₂₄H₂₁NO₄ calcd. 387.1465, found: 387.1468.

General Procedure B for the Arylation of 1e.

To a stirring mixture of indolin-3-one **1e** (0.3 mmol) in anhydrous co-solvent of THF (1.05 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (1.05 mL) was added Cs_2CO_3 (205.3 mg, 0.63 mmol), a bromoarene (2 equiv.), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (10.4 mg, 6 mol %), PAd_3 (10.5 mg, 8 mol %). The resulting mixture was brought up to 120 °C (temperature of the aluminum heating block) and then stirred for 2 h. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC analysis, 1 M of aqueous hydrochloric acid solution (15 mL) was added to quench the reaction at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL x 2). The combined organic layers were with water (15 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue thus obtained was purified by flash column chromatography.

1-Acetyl-2-phenylindolin-3-one (2r)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of 1e following the General Procedure B.

The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2r** (42 mg, 83%) as a yellow solid (m.p. 126-128 °C). $R_f = 0.5$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.68 (br s, 1H), 7.74 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36 –7.32 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.08, 169.41, 153.99, 137.72, 134.67, 129.64, 128.91, 125.92, 124.94, 124.87, 122.98, 118.66, 69.76, 24.73.

IR (cast): 3029, 2925, 1720, 1671, 1603 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₆H₁₃NO₂ calcd. 251.0941, found: 251.0934.

1-Acetyl-2-(p-tolyl)indolin-3-one (2s)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1e** following the General Procedure B. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2s** (40 mg, 76%) as a white solid (m.p. 115-116 °C). R_f = 0.5 (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.64 (br s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.22 –7.13 (m, 5H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.20, 169.34, 153.80, 138.62, 137.45, 131.62, 130.14, 125.70, 124.68, 124.61, 122.87, 118.42, 69.43, 24.56, 21.11.

IR (cast): 3018, 2930, 1721, 1673, 1605 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for $C_{17}H_{15}NO_2$ calcd. 265.1097, found: 265.1094.

1-Acetyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolin-3-one (2t)



The reaction was conducted with 0.3 mmol of **1e** following the General Procedure B. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2t** (89 mg, 98%) as a white solid (m.p. 130-131 °C). $R_f = 0.6$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 – 7.79 (m, 3H), 7.79 – 7.72 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.02, 169.51, 154.02, 137.77, 133.54, 133.42, 132.07, 129.79, 128.06, 127.93, 126.88, 126.75, 125.38, 124.96, 124.93, 123.06, 118.71, 69.87, 24.78.

IR (cast): 3017, 2924, 1725, 1673, 1604 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₂₀H₁₅NO₂ calcd. 301.1097, found: 301.1094.

1-Acetyl-2-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)indolin-3-one (2u)



The reaction was conducted with 0.3 mmol of **1e** following the General Procedure B. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2u** (89 mg, 95%) as a white solid (m.p. 142-143 °C). $R_f = 0.6$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.58 (br s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.19 –7.17 (m, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.46 – 6.37 (m, 2H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 1.99 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.68, 169.36, 161.16, 158.14, 153.76, 136.98, 128.14, 124.13, 123.98, 123.53, 118.22, 116.07, 105.20, 99.26, 64.26, 55.79, 55.31, 24.25.

IR (cast): 3008, 2937, 1719, 1672, 1607 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₈H₁₇NO₄ calcd. 311.1152, found: 311.1155.

1-acetyl-2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-5-yl)indolin-3-one (2v)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1e** following the general procedure B. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2v** (168 mg, 97%) as white oil (m.p. 142-143 °C). $R_f = 0.6$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 2/1). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.73 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.33 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.88, 169.72, 153.91, 137.37, 136.77, 130.01, 129.01, 125.46, 124.77, 124.59, 123.10, 119.11, 118.45, 118.41, 110.42, 101.21, 70.18, 32.93, 24.71.

IR (film): 2955, 2922,1720, 1678, 1606 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₉H₁₆N₂O₂ calcd. 304.1206, found: 304.1204.

1-Acetyl-2-(1H-indol-4-yl)indolin-3-one (2w)



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1e** following the General Procedure B. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2w** (32 mg, 55%) as a brown solid (m.p. 259-260 °C). R_f = 0.5 (hexanes/EtOAc = 2/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.74 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.76 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.97 (br s, 1H), 6.46 (br s, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.49, 169.87, 154.03, 147.28, 137.64, 136.68, 126.35, 125.32, 124.77, 124.72, 123.46, 122.50, 118.67, 111.84, 100.91, 69.26, 29.85, 24.63.

IR (cast): 3007, 2916, 1718, 1661, 1604 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O₂ calcd. 290.1049, found: 290.1045.

(E)-1-Acetyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(prop-1-en-1-yl)indolin-3-one (2x')



The reaction was conducted with 0.2 mmol of **1f** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 8/1 to 3/1) to afford **2x'** (25 mg, 32%) as a brown solid (m.p. 174-175 °C). R_f = 0.7 (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.63 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (m, 5H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.35 (br s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.69, 169.05, 153.37, 142.40, 138.93, 137.64, 133.31, 133.03, 132.72, 128.30, 128.12, 127.63, 126.50, 126.30, 124.93, 124.55, 124.39, 123.95, 121.59, 118.94, 65.99, 24.33, 17.27. **IR** (cast): 2958, 2925,1722, 1679, 1606 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₂₃H₁₉NO₂ calcd. 341.1410, found: 341.1407.

1-Acetyl-2-allyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolin-3-one (2x)



To a stirring mixture of **1f** (0.2 mmol) in anhydrous co-solvent of THF (1.05 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (1.05mL) was added Cs₂CO₃ (82.7 mg, 0.25 mmol), 2-bromonaphthalene (86.6 mg, 0.42 mmol), Pd₂(OAc)₃ (2.9 mg, 6 mol %), PAd₃ (7.4 mg, 8 mol %). The resulting mixture was brought up to 120 °C (temperature of the aluminum heating block) and then stirred for 20 h. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC analysis, 1 M of aqueous hydrochloric acid solution (15 mL) was added to quench the reaction at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL x 2). The combined organic layers were with water (15 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue thus obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 8/1 to 3/1) to afford **2x** (84 mg, 99%) as a white solid (m.p. 74-75 °C). R_f = 0.6 (hexanes/ EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.85 (br s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 2H), 7.80 – 7.75 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.51 – 5.41 (m, 1H), 5.23 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.70, 170.14, 154.81, 137.92, 137.74, 135.13, 133.59, 133.08, 129.71, 129.66, 129.60, 128.37, 127.73, 126.84, 124.91, 124.82, 122.62, 122.45, 120.71, 119.11, 74.85, 40.43, 25.21.

IR (cast): 3050, 3014,2928, 1720, 1668 cm⁻¹

HRMS (CI, $[M+H]^+$) for C₂₃H₂₀NO₂ calcd. 342.1489, found: 342.1493.

1-Acetyl-5-methoxy-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolin-3-one (2y)



The reaction was conducted with 0.4 mmol of **1g** following the General Procedure B. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2y** (63 mg, 45%) as white solid (m.p. 145-146 °C). $R_f = 0.6$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.68 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.72 (m, 4H), 7.54 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.13 (br s, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.86, 168.81, 157.05, 148.84, 133.46, 133.31, 132.11, 129.66, 127.97, 127.84, 126.77, 126.64, 126.43, 125.36, 123.83, 123.00, 119.82, 105.44, 70.20, 55.79, 24.41.

IR (cast): 3064, 3010, 2942, 1717, 1671 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for $C_{21}H_{17}NO_3$ calcd. 331.1203, found:331.1207.

1-Acetyl-6-fluoro-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolin-3-one (2z)



The reaction was conducted with 0.3 mmol of **1h** following the General Procedure B. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 6/1 to 3/1) to afford **2z** (51 mg, 53%) as white solid (m.p. 138-139 °C). R_f = 0.7 (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 – 7.69 (m, 5H), 7.50 (s, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.15, 170.10, 168.56 (d, $J_{C-F} = 203.9$ Hz), 155.53 (d, $J_{C-F} = 14.4$ Hz), 133.46 (d, $J_{C-F} = 6.5$ Hz), 131.75, 129.86, 128.03, 127.92, 127.02, 126.95, 126.91, 126.83, 125.34, 122.87, 119.35, 113.14 (d, $J_{C-F} = 24.3$ Hz), 106.31 (d, $J_{C-F} = 29.1$ Hz), 70.40, 24.66.

¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl3): -96.96.

IR (cast): 3126, 3019, 2925, 1725, 1684 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₂₀H₁₄NO₂F calcd. 319.1003, found: 319.1006.

1-Acetyl-5-chloro-2-methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolin-3-one (2aa)



The reaction was conducted with 0.3 mmol of **1i** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1 to 0/1) to afford **2aa** (45 mg, 46%) as yellow solid (m.p. 201-203 °C). $R_f = 0.3$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.83 (br s, 1H), 7.87 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.83 – 7.78 (m, 3H), 7.77 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ196.94, 169.99, 152.08, 137.58, 134.95, 133.51, 133.05, 130.51, 129.69, 128.31, 127.75, 126.93, 124.89, 124.47, 122.91, 122.29, 120.47, 72.59, 25.19, 22.65.

[One aromatic carbon signal is missing due to peak overlap.]

IR (cast): 3058, 2925, 2855, 1725, 1673 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₂₁H₁₆ClNO₂ calcd. 349.0870, found: 349.0868.

1-Acetyl-2,5-dimethyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolin-3-one (2bb)



The reaction was conducted with 0.6 mmol of **1j** following the General Procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1 to 0/1) to afford **2bb** (158 mg, 83%) as white solid (m.p. 190-191 °C). $R_f = 0.3$ (hexanes/EtOAc = 5/1).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.76 (br s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (t, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.08, 169.83, 151.97, 139.01, 135.65, 135.02, 133.53, 132.97, 129.48, 128.30, 127.70, 126.75, 124.84, 124.68, 122.54, 121.63, 118.99, 72.25, 25.16, 22.65, 20.83.

[One aromatic carbon signal is missing due to peak overlap.]

IR (cast): 2654, 2917, 2849, 1723, 1672 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₀H₈NO₂F calcd. 329.1416, found: 329.1413.

2-(1-Acetyl-3-oxo-2-phenylindolin-2-yl)acetonitrile (3)



To a stirring mixture of 2r (100 mg, 0.4 mmol) in anhydrous THF (4 mL) was added Cs₂CO₃ (156.4 mg, 0.48 mmol) and bromoacetonitrile (57.6 mg, 0.48 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 20 h at room temperature. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC analysis, H₂O (1 mL) was added to quench the reaction at room temperature. The resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL x 2). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue thus obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 8/1 to 5/1) to afford **3** (90 mg, 78%) as a yellow oil. R_f = 0.6 (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.82 (br s, 1H), 7.91 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (br s, 2H), 2.66 (br s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d⁶-DMSO): δ 195.42, 168.57, 153.13, 138.87, 135.01, 129.34, 128.55, 125.25, 125.05, 124.77, 120.99, 117.01, 116.11, 71.66, 25.65, 23.91.
IR (film): 3022, 2990, 2253, 1720, 1607 cm⁻¹

HRMS (EI, $[M]^+$) for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O₂ calcd. 290.1038, found: 290.1049.

2-(3-Oxo-2-phenylindolin-2-yl)acetonitrile (4)



To a stirring mixture of **3** (0.2 mmol) in EtOH (2 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (1.05 mL) was added 2 M NaOH_(aq) (0.13 ml, 0.23 mmol). The resulting mixture was brought up to 80 °C (temperature of the aluminum heating block) and then stirred for 1 h. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC analysis, H₂O (1 mL) was added to quench the reaction at room temperature. The resulting mixture extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL x 2). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue thus obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 5/1 to 2/1) to afford **4** (48 mg, 99%) as a yellow oil. R_f = 0.6 (hexanes/EtOAc = 3/2).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.63 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 3.31 (d, J = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, J = 16.7 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.06, 160.25, 138.53, 135.90, 129.42, 129.02, 126.02, 125.32, 120.52, 118.51, 116.66, 112.48, 68.14, 27.32.
IR (film): 3343, 2923, 2259, 1615, 1487 cm⁻¹
HRMS (EI, [M]⁺) for C₁₆H₁₂N₂O calcd. 248.0944, found: 248.0940.

Cytotoxic Activities of 2f-j, 2q, 2v, and 2w.

The cytotoxic activities of these compounds were preliminarily evaluated against HCT-116 (human colorectal carcinoma cells) and MCF-7 (human breast adenocarcinoma cells) cell lines by the MTT assay. HCT-116 and MCF-7 (all purchased from BCRC, Hsinchu, Taiwan) grown in DMEM (Dulbecco Modified Eagle Medium) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum and 1% (w/v) penicillin/strepto-mycin were seeded as 100 µL aliquots into a sterile 96 well microtiter plate at a titer of approximately 10000 cells per well and incubated (24 h, 37 °C, 5% CO2). Compounds 2f-j, 2q, 2v and 2w resuspended in DMSO and a compound-free DMSO control were diluted in fresh medium and added to the appropriate wells at final concentrations of 100, 50, 40, 30, 10 and 5 µg/mL. These plates were then cultured for an additional 24 h. MTT assay was used to assess the cytotoxicity of compound **2f-j**, **2g**, **2v** and **2w** against the cells. Briefly, 10 µL MTT solution (5 mg/ml) was added to each well and the 96-well plate was continuously incubated at 37 °C for 2 h. The OD value for each well was read at a 570 nm wavelength to determine the cell viability on a microplate reader (Thermo Scftware, Multiskan GO). The assay was repeated three times. An IC₅₀ value was calculated using SigmaPlot 14.0 software.







Figure S1. Cytotoxicity Results. (continued)

¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra

















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