

## **One-pot Synthesis of Pyrrolidones from Levulinic Acid and Amines /Nitroarenes /Nitriles over Ir-PVP Catalyst**

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## Experimental Section

### General

All chemicals obtained from Tokyo Chemical Industry, Fujifilm Wako Pure Chemical Industries and Sigma-Aldrich were used as received.

### Catalyst preparation

Polyvinylpyrrolidone-stabilized metal nanoparticles (Ir, Pt, Pd, Ru, and Rh) catalysts were prepared using microwave-assisted reduction method.<sup>1</sup> In a typical procedure, 0.04-0.25 mmol of metal chloride and 0.2-1.25 mmol of polyvinylpyrrolidone were dissolved in reductant. The mixture was purged with Ar and heated at 165 °C by microwave radiation for 15 min. The resulting solution was washed with diethyl ether and acetone, and separated by subjected to centrifugation. The catalyst was dried at 40 °C for 12 h under vacuum. PVP free Ir catalyst was prepared from Ir-PVP by decomposing PVP at 500 °C for 0.5 h in H<sub>2</sub> flow. The reaction mixture was introduced to Ir metal without exposing metal to air.

**Table S1. Preparation procedure of various metal NPs**

Metal	Metal conc. (mmol)	PVP conc. (mmol)	Reductant	Particle size (nm)	M-PVP <sup>a</sup> (%)
Ir	0.25	1.25	Triethylene glycol	1.7 ± 0.4	82
Pt	0.05	0.25	Ethylene glycol	3.7 ± 0.5	72
Pd	0.04	0.2	30 % EtOH-H <sub>2</sub> O	3.4 ± 0.5	83
Ru	0.25	1.25	EtOH	3.0 ± 0.9	84
Rh	0.25	1.25	EtOH	3.6 ± 0.6	83

### Catalyst characterization

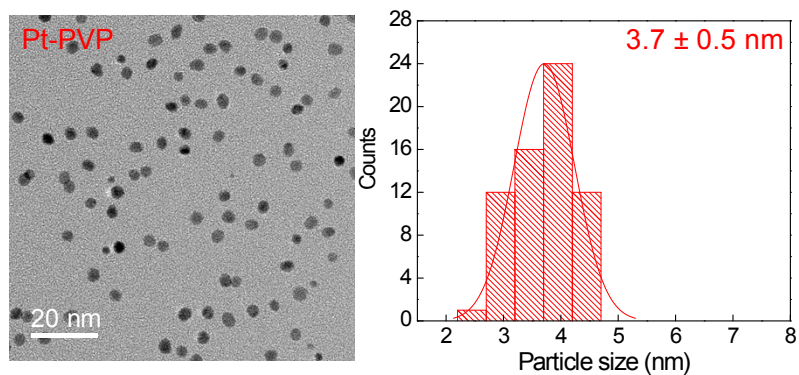
Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and high-resolution scanning transmission electron microscopy (STEM) were obtained with an electron microscope JEM-2100Plus and JEM-ARM200F, JEOL, Japan operated at 200 kV and 120 kV respectively. The amount of PVP on metal nanoparticles was calculated by using thermogravimetric analysis (ThermoPlus; Rigaku, Japan) from room temperature to 1000°C under air (flow rate: 200 mL/min).

### General procedure for reductive amination

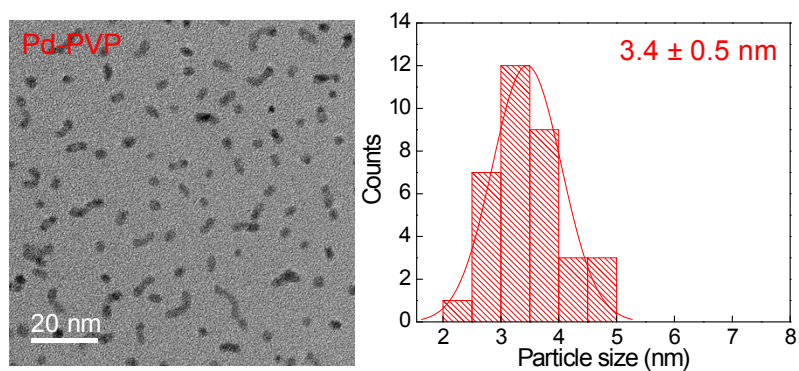
All reactions were carried out in 10-mL autoclave with glass tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer. In a standard run, amine, nitroarene, or nitrile (1 mmol) and levulinic acid or 2-formylbenzoic acid (2 mmol) were added to the reactor. For solid substrates, 1 mL of methanol was also added. Then, the reactor was purged with H<sub>2</sub> gas and heated to 30 °C in an autoclave with continuous stirring. After completion of the reaction, the catalyst was separated from the reaction mixture by a syringe microfilter. The conversion of substrate and yield of product were calculated by gas chromatography using internal standard. For indoprofen, conversion and yield of indoprofen were obtained by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis using 1, 3, 5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

**Table S2. Previous reports of reductive amination of levulinic acid with H<sub>2</sub>**

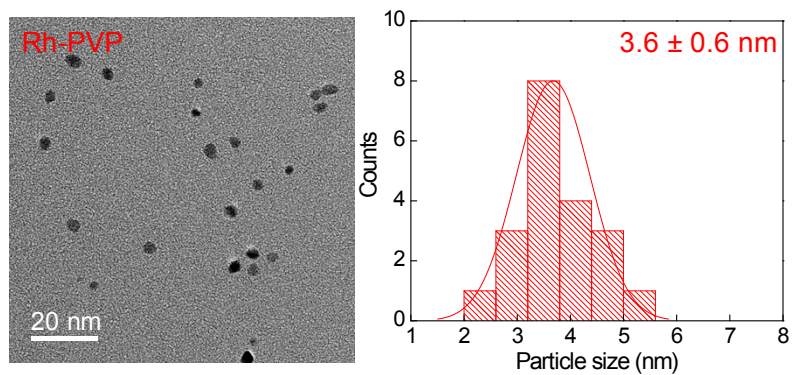
Catalyst	H <sub>2</sub> (bar)	Temp. (°C)	Substrates	Ref.
Ir complex	5	110	amines	11
Pd/ZrO <sub>2</sub>	5	90	amines	12a
CNF <sub>30</sub> @Ni@CNTs	30	130	amines	12b
Ru-PP/CNTs	30	120	amines	12c
Ru/C	35	150	amines	12d
Pt/P-TiO <sub>2</sub>	1	25	amines	12e
Ru@GOIL	15	130	amines	12g
FeNi	85	150	amines	12h
Pt/TiO <sub>2</sub> -NT	10	120	amines, nitroarenes	13
Pt-MoO <sub>x</sub> /TiO <sub>2</sub>	3–7	100–110	amines, nitriles	14
<b>Ir-PVP</b>	<b>5–10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>amines, nitroarenes, nitriles</b>	<b>This work</b>



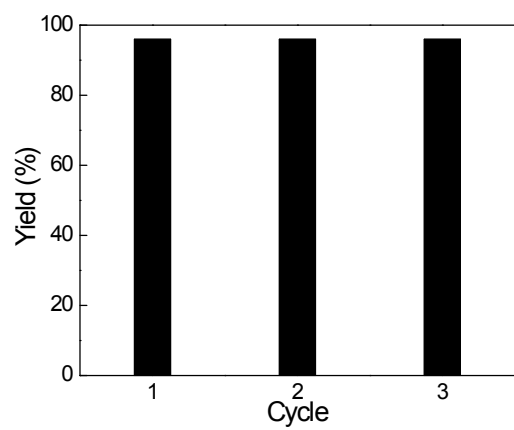
**Figure S1.**Transmission electron micrograph (TEM) of Pt-PVP



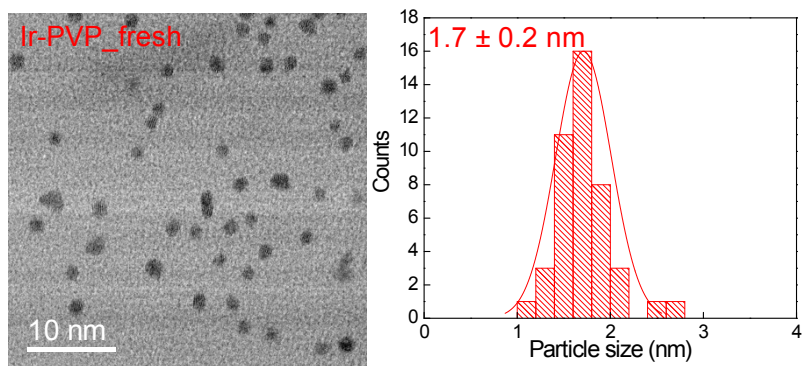
**Figure S2.**Transmission electron micrograph (TEM) of Pd-PVP



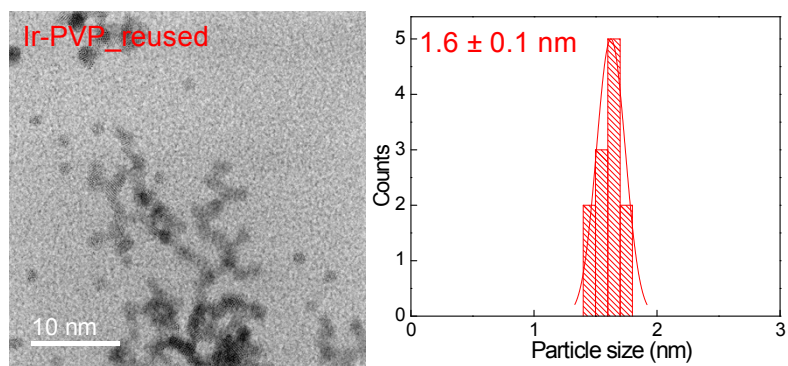
**Figure S3.**Transmission electron micrograph (TEM) of Rh-PVP



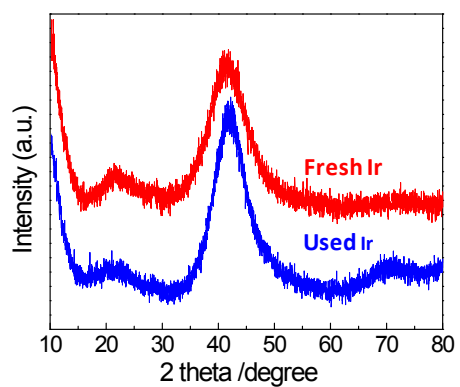
**Figure S4.**Recycle study for reductive amination LA with aniline over Ir-PVP catalyst.



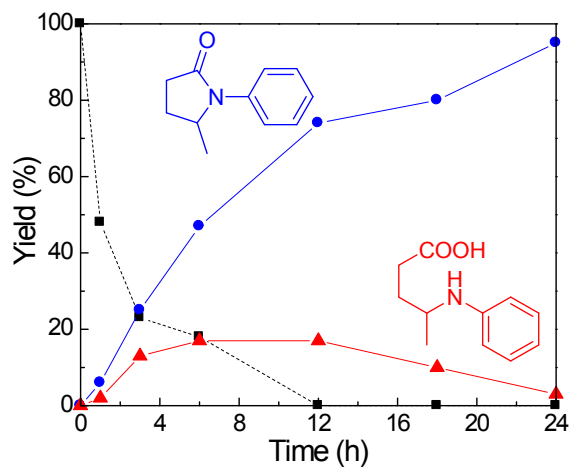
**Figure S5.** High-resolution scanning transmission electron micrograph of fresh Ir-PVP catalyst



**Figure S6.** High-resolution scanning transmission electron micrograph of recovered Ir-PVP catalyst



**Figure S7.** XRD pattern of fresh and used Ir catalyst

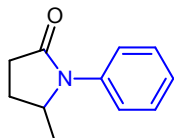


**Figure S8.** Time-yield profile for reductive amination of levulinic acid with aniline in the presence of Ir-PVP: yield of pyrrolidone (●), uncyclized intermediate (▲), and aniline (■).

### NMR and GCMS analysis

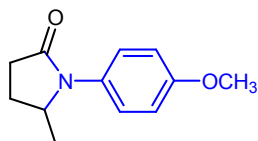
$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded using at ambient temperature on Bruker Ascend operating at 500.05 and 125.75 MHz, respectively. All chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm and coupling constants ( $J$ ) in Hz. All chemical shifts are reported relative to tetramethylsilane and *d*-solvent peaks ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  or  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ). Abbreviations used in the NMR experiments: s, singlet d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet. GC-MS spectra were recorded by SHIMADZU QP2010.

#### 5-methyl-1-phenylpyrrolidin-2-one<sup>2</sup> (Table 1, entry 1)



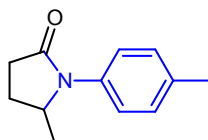
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.33-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 1H), 4.25-4.19 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.45 (m, 2H), 2.34-2.26 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.12 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  174.7, 137.3, 129.0, 125.9, 124.2, 55.9, 31.2, 26.7, 20.1. GC-MS m/e 175.

#### 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one<sup>2</sup> (Table 1, entry 2)



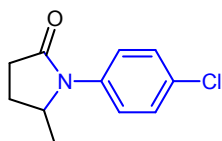
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.15 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.90 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.52-2.45 (m, 1H), 2.41-2.35 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.54 (m, 1H), 1.13 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  174.9, 158.9, 129.2, 128.8, 113.9, 55.2, 52.7, 30.3, 26.6, 19.5. GC-MS m/e 205.

#### 5-methyl-1-(4-methylphenyl)pyrrolidin-2-one<sup>2</sup> (Table 1, entry 3)



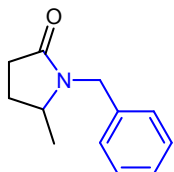
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.24-7.19 (m, 4H), 4.29-4.22 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.52 (m, 2H), 2.40-2.34 (m, 4H), 1.79-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.19 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  174.5, 135.8, 134.7, 129.6, 124.3, 55.9, 31.9, 26.7, 20.9, 20.1. GC-MS m/e 189.

#### 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one<sup>2</sup> (Table 1, entry 4)



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.36-7.32 (m, 4H), 4.31-4.25 (m, 1H), 2.70-2.52 (m, 2H), 2.42-2.34 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.20 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  174.6, 135.9, 131.1, 129.0, 125.1, 55.6, 31.1, 26.6, 19.9. GC-MS m/e 209.

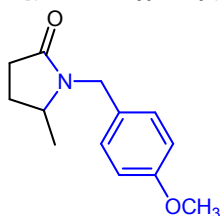
#### 1-benzyl-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one<sup>2</sup> (Table 1, entry 5 and Table 2, entry 1)



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.33-7.22 (m, 5H), 4.94 (d,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.57-3.49 (m, 1H), 2.56-2.40 (m, 2H), 2.17-2.12 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.56 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  175.5, 136.5, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4,

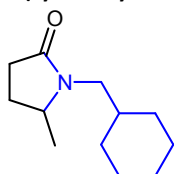
53.0, 43.9, 30.1, 26.6, 19.5. GC-MS m/e 189.

**1-[(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one<sup>3</sup> (Table 1, entry 6 and Table 2, entry 2)**



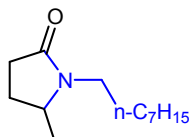
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.82 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.47-3.39 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.24 (m, 2H), 2.08-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 175.2, 158.9, 129.3, 128.7, 114.0, 55.2, 52.7, 43.3, 30.2, 26.5, 19.5. GC-MS m/e 219.

**1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one<sup>3</sup> (Table 1, entry 7)**



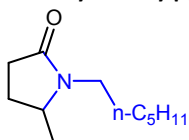
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**5-methyl-1-octylpyrrolidin-2-one<sup>2</sup> (Table 1, entry 8)**



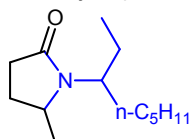
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.65-3.58 (m, 1H), 3.52-3.47.94 (m, 1H), 2.86-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.24 (m, 2H), 2.14-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.32 (m, 1H), 1.24-1.07 (m, 14H), 0.8 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 175.0, 53.4, 40.1, 31.1, 30.2, 29.2, 29.1, 27.3, 26.9, 26.7, 22.6, 19.7, 14.0. GC-MS m/e 211.

**5-methyl-1-hexylpyrrolidin-2-one<sup>2</sup> (Table 1, entry 9)**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.65-3.59 (m, 1H), 3.53-3.47 (m, 1H), 2.86-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.22 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.32 (m, 1H), 1.21-1.07 (m, 9H), 0.8 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 175.0, 53.4, 40.1, 31.4, 30.2, 27.3, 26.7, 26.5, 22.5, 19.7, 13.9. GC-MS m/e 183.

**5-methyl-1-(octan-3-yl)pyrrolidin-2-one (Table 1, entry 10)**

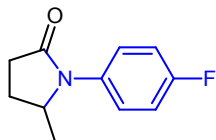


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.65-3.60 (m, 1H), 3.54-3.45 (m, 1H), 2.83-2.64 (m, 2H), 2.45-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.18 (m, 6H), 1.1 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.86-0.78 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 175.4, 53.4, 43.3, 31.4,



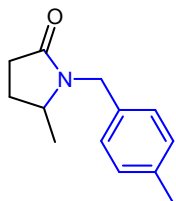
30.1, 28.0, 26.6, 26.5, 23.4, 22.9, 19.3, 13.9, 10.9. GC-MS m/e 211.

**1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one<sup>2</sup> (Table 1, entry 4)**



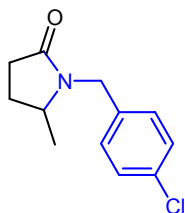
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**5-methyl-1-[(4-methylphenyl)methyl]pyrrolidin-2-one<sup>4</sup> (Table 3, entry 3)**



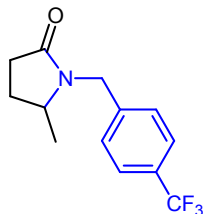
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.47-3.41 (m, 1H), 2.37-2.26 (m, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.07-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 175.2, 137.1, 133.6, 129.2, 127.9, 52.7, 43.6, 30.2, 26.5, 21.0, 19.5. GC-MS m/e 203.

**1-[(4-chlorophenyl)methyl]-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-one<sup>2</sup> (Table 3, entry 4)**



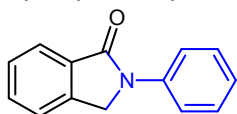
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**5-methyl-1-[[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]pyrrolidin-2-one<sup>3</sup> (Table 3, entry 5)**



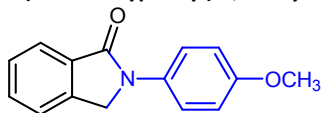
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**2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindol-1-one<sup>3</sup> (Table 3, entry 1)**



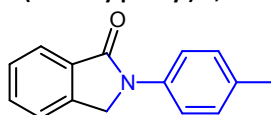
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.13 (m, 1H), 4.79 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.5, 140.1, 139.5, 133.2, 132.0, 129.1, 128.4, 124.6, 124.1, 122.6, 119.5, 50.7. GC-MS *m/e* 209.

**2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindol-1-one<sup>3</sup> (Table 3, entry 2)**



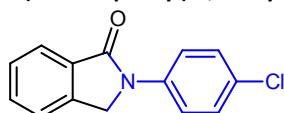
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.71-6.68 (m, 2H), 4.65 (m, 2H) 3.7 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.4, 159.1, 141.2, 132.7, 131.4, 131.3, 129.5, 128.0, 123.8, 122.7, 114.1, 55.2, 49.3. GC-MS *m/e* 239.

**2-(4-methylphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindol-1-one (Table 3, entry 3)**



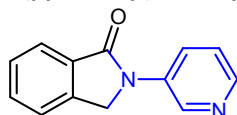
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (m, 2H) 2.37 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.3, 140.1, 136.9, 134.2, 133.3, 131.9, 129.6, 128.3, 124.0, 122.5, 119.6, 50.8, 20.8. GC-MS *m/e* 223.

**2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindol-1-one<sup>3</sup> (Table 3, entry 4)**



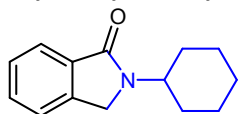
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H), 4.75 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.5, 139.8, 138.1, 132.9, 132.3, 129.5, 129.1, 128.5, 124.2, 122.6, 120.4, 50.6. GC-MS *m/e* 243.

**2-(pyridin-3-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindol-1-one (Table 3, entry 5)**



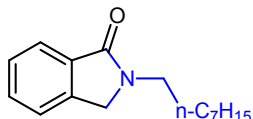
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.85 (m, 1H), 8.47-8.45 (m, 1H), 8.36-8.34 (m, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 4.83 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 167.9, 145.3, 140.0, 139.9, 136.3, 132.6, 132.4, 128.6, 126.6, 124.3, 123.7, 122.8, 50.1. GC-MS *m/e* 210.

**2-cyclohexyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindol-1-one<sup>5</sup> (Table 3, entry 6)**



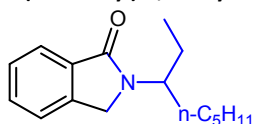
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 2H), 4.61 (m, 2H), 3.64-3.59 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.40 (m, 10H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 169.4, 141.7, 132.3, 130.9, 127.7, 123.4, 122.1, 55.6, 48.6, 30.5, 24.9, 24.5. GC-MS m/e 215.

**2-octyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindol-1-one<sup>2</sup> (Table 3, entry 7)**



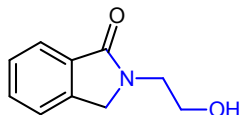
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 4.30 (m, 2H), 3.66-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.54-3.51 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.10 (m, 10H), 0.79 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.4, 141.1, 133.1, 131.0, 127.9, 123.6, 122.6, 49.8, 42.4, 31.7, 29.2, 29.1, 28.4, 26.8, 22.6, 14.0. GC-MS m/e 245.

**2-(octan-3-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindol-1-one (Table 3, entry 8)**



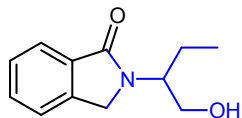
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.07-8.05 (m, 1H), 7.99 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 2H), 4.67 (m, 2H), 3.66-3.61 (m, 1H), 1.35-1.20 (m, 4H), 1.12-0.96 (m, 6H), 0.92-0.80 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 169.0, 141.1, 132.7, 131.1, 127.6, 123.7, 122.6, 50.6, 38.4, 30.2, 28.1, 23.5, 22.7, 13.9, 10.1. GC-MS m/e 245.

**2-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindol-1-one<sup>6</sup> (Table 3, entry 9)**



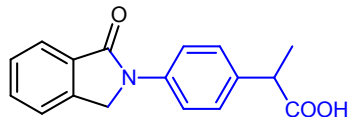
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 4.53 (m, 2H), 3.93-3.92 (m, 2H), 3.74-3.72 (m, 2H), 2.88 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 169.7, 141.4, 132.5, 131.4, 128.0, 123.6, 122.6, 61.6, 51.7, 46.1. GC-MS m/e 177.

**2-(1-hydroxybutan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindol-1-one (Table 3, entry 10)**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.89-7.84 (m, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.23 (m, 2H), 5.1 (br s, 1H), 4.63 (m, 2H), 3.64-3.59 (m, 3H), 1.72-1.54 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 171.6, 141.5, 132.4, 131.5, 128.0, 123.6, 122.7, 64.8, 58.2, 49.3, 21.0, 9.9. GC-MS m/e 205.

**2-(4-(1-Oxoisindolin-2-yl)phenyl)propanoic acid (Indoprofen)<sup>7</sup>**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 3.70 (m, 1H), 1.39 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 175.8, 167.0, 141.3, 138.6, 137.4, 132.9, 132.5, 128.5, 128.3, 123.6, 123.6, 119.8, 50.8, 44.6, 18.2.

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