

Supporting Information

Base-promoted aerobic oxidative synthesis of fused 1,3,5-triazines under metal-free conditions

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1. General experimental information

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of oxygen unless otherwise noted. All reported reaction temperatures corresponded to oil bath temperatures. 4 Å molecular sieves were freshly activated in the microwave oven prior to use. Product purifications were performed either with preparative analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) or recrystallization. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker-AV (400 and 100 MHz, respectively) instrument internally referenced to tetramethylsilane (TMS) or chloroform. Mass spectra were measured on Agilent 5975 GC-MS instrument (EI). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were conducted using electrospraying ionization (ESI) and recorded at Beijing Forestry University, Beijing. Melting points were measured with a BÜCHI B-545 melting point instrument and were uncorrected. The structure of known compounds was further corroborated by comparing their ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR data and MS data with those of literature. All reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise noted.

2. General procedure

General procedure for the synthesis of benzimidazo[1,2-a]-1,3,5-triazines.

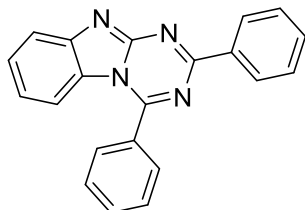
A 10 mL oven-dried reaction vessel was charged with 2-aminobenzimidazoles (0.2 mmol), aromatic aldehyde (0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (0.3 mmol), sodium hydrogen carbonate (0.2 mmol), freshly activated 4 Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The reaction vessel was purged with oxygen for three times and stirred at 140 °C for 16 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc or THF and filtered. The filtrate was then concentrated *in vacuo*, and the resulting residue was purified by preparative TLC or recrystallization to afford the corresponding product.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of benzimidazo[1,2-a]-1,3,5-triazines on 5 mmol Scale.

To a 25 mL pressure tube with teflon cover was added 2-aminobenzimidazole (665.8 mg, 5 mmol), benzaldehyde (1.53 mL, 15 mmol), ammonium iodide (1.09 mg, 7.5 mmol), NaHCO₃ (420.1 mg, 5 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (2.5 g), DMSO (355.1 µL, 5 mmol) and chlorobenzene (12 mL). The reaction vessel was sealed under argon and stirred at 140 °C for 24 h. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc=5:1) to give the desired product **3aa** as a yellow solid (1.01 g, 63% yield).

3. Characterization data of products

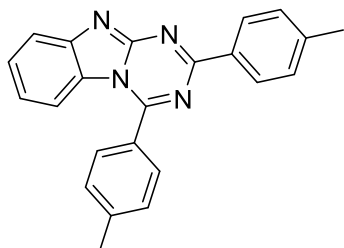
2,4-Diphenylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (**3aa**)^[1]



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), benzaldehyde (61.2 μ L, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO_3 (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH} = 100:1$) to give **3aa** as yellow solid; yield: 50.9 mg (79%), mp 241-243 $^\circ\text{C}$.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.70 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.78 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.16 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 162.7, 158.4, 152.1, 145.1, 135.4, 132.3, 132.2, 129.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 127.2, 126.0, 122.3, 120.4, 114.7.

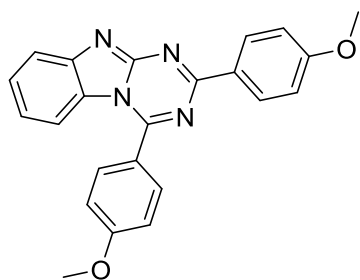
2,4-Di-*p*-tolylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (**3ab**)



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4-methylbenzaldehyde (71.1 μ L, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO_3 (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH} = 100:1$) to give **3ab** as yellow solid; yield: 49.1 mg (70%), mp 250-253 $^\circ\text{C}$.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.58 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 162.8, 158.4, 152.3, 145.1, 143.0, 142.9, 132.8, 129.8, 129.4, 129.4, 129.3, 128.4, 127.0, 126.1, 122.0, 120.3, 114.8, 21.8, 21.7. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_4$ $^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 351.1604, found 351.1604.

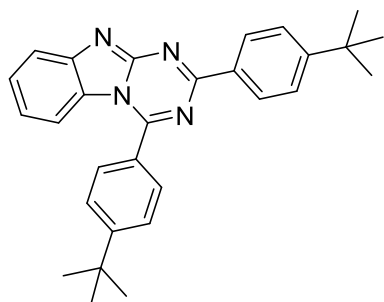
2,4-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (**3ac**)



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (72.9 μ L, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO_3 (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH} = 100:1$) to give **3ac** as yellow solid; yield: 60.9 mg (80%), mp 208-210 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.65 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.91 (t, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 3H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 163.1, 162.9, 162.4, 158.0, 152.7, 145.1, 131.3, 130.5, 128.2, 126.9, 126.2, 124.4, 121.7, 120.1, 114.7, 114.4, 113.9, 55.6, 55.4. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 383.1503, found 383.1503.

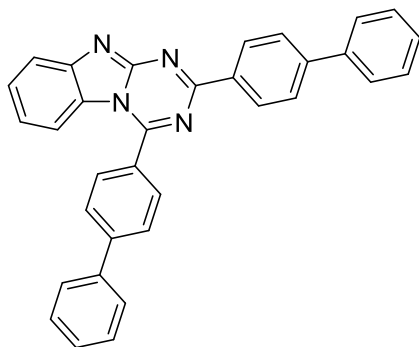
2,4-Bis(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (**3ad**)



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4-(*tert*-butyl)benzaldehyde (100.3 μ L, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO_3 (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH} = 100:1$) to give **3ad** as yellow solid; yield: 65.5 mg (75%), mp 273-276 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.62 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 162.8, 158.4, 156.2, 156.0, 152.4, 145.1, 132.8, 129.4, 129.3, 128.3, 127.0, 126.2, 126.1, 125.6, 122.0, 120.3, 114.8, 35.3, 35.1, 31.2, 31.2. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_4^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 435.2543, found 435.2543.

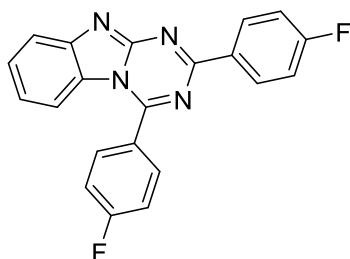
2,4-Di([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (**3ae**)



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4-phenylbenzaldehyde (109.3 mg, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO_3 (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μL , 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH} = 100:1$) to give **3ae** as yellow solid; yield: 64.6 mg (68%), mp 227-230 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.78 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 4H), 7.69 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (q, $J = 6.8, 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 162.4, 158.2, 152.2, 145.3, 145.2, 144.9, 140.1, 139.5, 134.4, 130.8, 129.9, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 127.2, 127.2, 126.1, 122.2, 120.4, 114.8. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_4^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 475.1917, found 475.1917.

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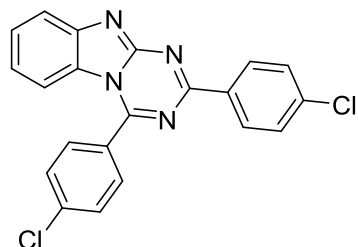


The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4-fluorobenzaldehyde (64.4 μL , 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO_3 (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μL , 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by recrystallization from EtOAc to give **3af** as yellow solid; yield: 54.4 mg (76%), mp 292-294 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.68 (dd, $J = 8.7, 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.94 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 165.7 (d, $J = 252.1$ Hz), 165.1 (d, $J = 253.0$ Hz), 161.7, 157.5, 151.9, 145.2, 131.8 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 131.6 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 131.0 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 128.3 (d, $J = 3.4$

Hz), 127.4, 125.9, 122.5, 120.6, 116.7 (d, $J = 22.1$ Hz), 115.8 (d, $J = 21.8$ Hz), 114.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{13}F_2N_4^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 359.1103, found 359.1103.

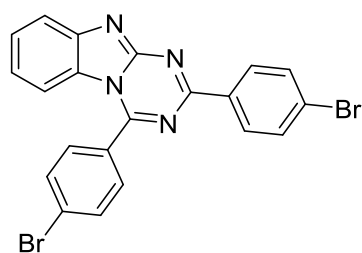
2,4-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a][1,3,5]triazine (3ag)



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (84.3 mg, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), $NaHCO_3$ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by recrystallization from EtOAc to give **3ag** as yellow solid; yield: 62.7 mg (80%), mp 325-327 °C.

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, ppm) δ 8.60 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$, ppm) δ 161.7, 157.5, 151.8, 145.3, 139.0, 138.9, 133.9, 130.7, 130.4, 130.0, 129.7, 129.0, 127.6, 125.9, 122.7, 120.8, 114.6. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{13}Cl_2N_4^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 391.0512, found 391.0513.

2,4-Bis(4-bromophenyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a][1,3,5]triazine (3ah)



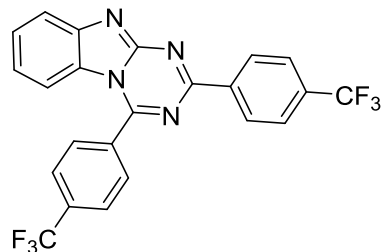
The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4-bromobenzaldehyde (111.0 mg, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), $NaHCO_3$ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by recrystallization from EtOAc to give **3ah** as yellow solid; yield: 70.8 mg (74%), mp 330-332 °C.

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, ppm) δ 8.52 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$, ppm) δ 161.8, 157.6, 151.7,

145.3, 134.3, 132.7, 132.0, 130.9, 130.9, 130.1, 127.6, 127.6, 127.4, 125.9, 122.7, 120.8, 114.6.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{13}Br_2N_4^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 478.9501, found 478.9501.

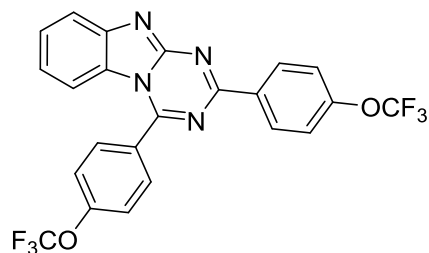
2,4-Bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (3ai)



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4-trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde (81.9 μ L, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), $NaHCO_3$ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4 Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC ($CH_2Cl_2/MeOH = 100:1$) to give **3ai** as yellow solid; yield: 59.6 mg (65%), mp 284-287 °C.

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, ppm) δ 8.76 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$, ppm) δ 161.0, 157.3, 151.2, 145.2, 138.4, 135.3, 134.4 (q, $J = 32.8$ Hz), 133.7 (q, $J = 32.7$ Hz), 129.6, 129.1, 127.9, 126.4 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 125.6 (q, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 123.8 (q, $J = 270.8$ Hz), 123.4 (q, $J = 273.2$ Hz), 123.1, 120.9, 114.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{23}H_{13}F_6N_4^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 459.1039, found 459.1039.

2,4-Bis(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (3aj)

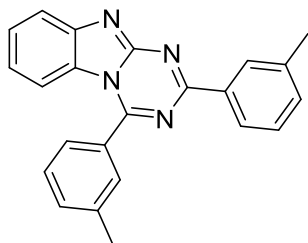


The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4-trifluoromethoxybenzaldehyde (85.7 μ L, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), $NaHCO_3$ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4 Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC ($CH_2Cl_2/MeOH = 100:1$) to give **3aj** as yellow solid; yield: 66.6 mg (68%), mp 216-218 °C.

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, ppm) δ 8.71 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 3H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$, ppm) δ 161.2, 157.3, 152.4, 152.2, 151.6, 145.1,

133.6, 131.1, 130.6, 130.3, 127.5, 125.7, 122.7, 121.3, 120.7, 120.5, 120.4 (q, $J = 256.9$ Hz), 120.3 (q, $J = 259.5$ Hz), 114.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{23}H_{13}F_6N_4O_2^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 491.0937, found 491.0938.

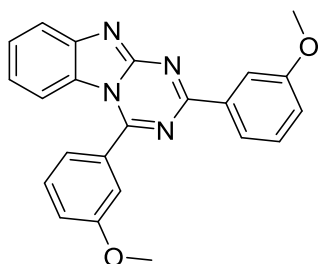
2,4-Di-*m*-tolylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (3ak)



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 3-methylbenzaldehyde (70.8 μ L, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), $NaHCO_3$ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC ($CH_2Cl_2/MeOH = 100:1$) to give **3ak** as yellow solid; yield: 43.9 mg (63%), mp 208-211 °C.

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, ppm) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$, ppm) δ 162.9, 158.5, 152.0, 145.1, 139.3, 138.2, 135.4, 133.1, 133.0, 132.1, 129.9, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.1, 126.6, 126.1, 125.3, 122.2, 120.3, 114.7, 21.5, 21.4. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{23}H_{19}N_4^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 351.1604, found 351.1604.

2,4-Bis(3-methoxyphenyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (3al)

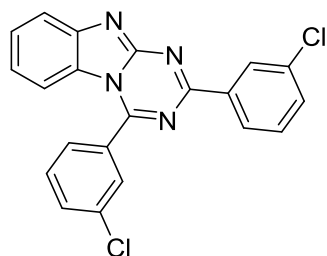


The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 3-methoxybenzaldehyde (73.1 μ L, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), $NaHCO_3$ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC ($CH_2Cl_2/MeOH = 100:1$) to give **3al** as yellow solid; yield: 57.2 mg (75%), mp 203-205 °C.

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, ppm) δ 8.30 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.30

(d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 162.6, 160.1, 159.9, 158.1, 152.0, 145.2, 136.9, 133.3, 130.5, 129.6, 127.3, 126.1, 122.4, 122.2, 120.5, 120.4, 119.4, 118.3, 114.9, 113.5, 113.2, 55.7, 55.6. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 383.1503, found 383.1503.

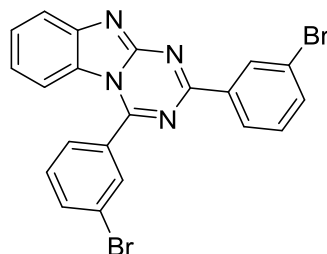
2,4-Bis(3-chlorophenyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a][1,3,5]triazine (3am)



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 3-chlorobenzaldehyde (70.3 μL , 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO_3 (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μL , 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by recrystallization from EtOAc to give **3am** as yellow solid; yield: 70.1 mg (90%), mp 288-290 $^\circ\text{C}$.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.78 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 161.3, 157.1, 151.4, 145.2, 137.1, 135.6, 134.9, 133.6, 132.6, 132.3, 130.6, 129.9, 129.3, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 126.5, 125.8, 122.9, 120.8, 114.6. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_4^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 391.0512, found 391.0513.

2,4-Bis(3-bromophenyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a][1,3,5]triazine (3an)

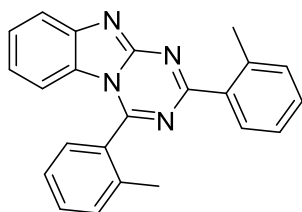


The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 3-bromobenzaldehyde (70.0 μL , 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO_3 (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μL , 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by recrystallization from EtOAc to give **3an** as

yellow solid; yield: 53.1 mg (55%), mp 280-283 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 164.3, 161.2, 157.0, 151.5, 145.3, 137.3, 135.5, 135.3, 133.8, 132.3, 131.4, 130.8, 130.2, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 125.8, 123.4, 122.9, 120.9, 114.6. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₃Br₂N₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 478.9501, found 478.9501.

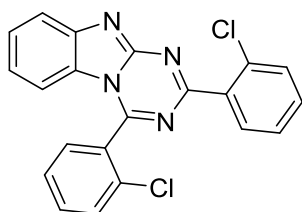
2,4-Di-*o*-tolylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (3ao)



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2-methylbenzaldehyde (69.3 μL, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO₃ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μL, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 100:1) to give **3ao** as yellow solid; yield: 41.7 mg (60%), mp 198-201 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.48 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 165.3, 158.1, 151.1, 144.9, 139.6, 136.0, 135.3, 132.0, 132.0, 131.7, 131.6, 131.2, 131.1, 127.8, 127.3, 126.9, 126.0, 125.8, 123.0, 120.4, 114.0, 22.6, 19.1. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 351.1604, found 351.1604.

2,4-Bis(2-chlorophenyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (3ap)

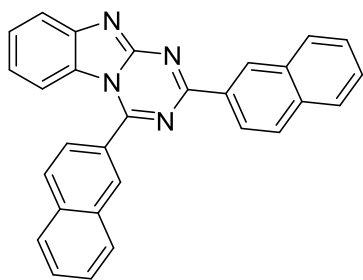


The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (67.6 μL, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO₃ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μL, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 100:1) to

give **3ap** as yellow solid; yield: 28.2 mg (36%), mp 219-221 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.76–7.66 (m, 3H), 7.66–7.51 (m, 3H), 7.48–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 163.5, 155.9, 150.4, 145.0, 135.5, 133.7, 133.0, 132.8, 132.4, 131.6, 131.4, 131.1, 130.5, 129.9, 128.1, 127.6, 126.9, 125.6, 123.5, 120.8, 113.8. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₃Cl₂N₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 391.0512, found 391.0513.

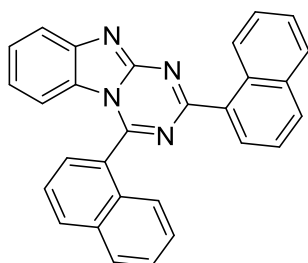
2,4-Di(naphthalen-2-yl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (**3aq**)



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2-naphthaldehyde (93.7 mg, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO₃ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μL, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 100:1) to give **3aq** as yellow solid; yield: 52.6 mg (62%), mp 285-287 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 9.27 (s, 1H), 8.78 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.02–7.95 (m, 4H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.51 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 162.7, 158.4, 152.2, 145.3, 135.4, 134.9, 133.0, 132.9, 132.7, 130.8, 129.5, 129.4, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 126.4, 126.2, 125.3, 124.5, 122.3, 120.5, 114.8. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₉H₁₉N₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 423.1604, found 423.1605.

2,4-Di(naphthalen-1-yl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (**3ar**)

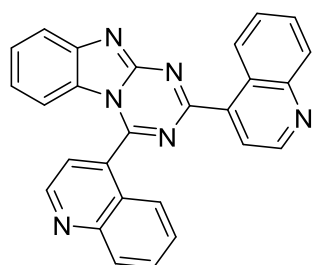


The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1-naphthaldehyde (81.5 μL, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO₃ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μL, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue

was purified by preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 100:1) to give **3ar** as yellow solid; yield: 36.5 mg (43%), mp 140-143 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 9.55 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67–7.55 (m, 5H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 164.8, 157.6, 151.1, 144.9, 134.2, 133.5, 132.9, 132.4, 132.0, 131.9, 131.3, 129.7, 129.4, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.3, 127.2, 126.9, 126.5, 126.1, 125.7, 125.4, 124.9, 124.0, 122.8, 120.2, 114.6. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₉H₁₉N₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 423.1604, found 423.1605.

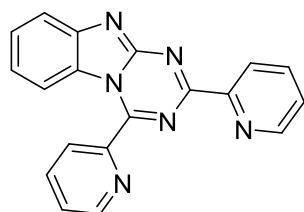
2,4-Di(quinolin-4-yl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (**3as**)



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4-quinolinecarboxaldehyde (94.3 mg, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO₃ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μL, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 30:1) to give **3as** as yellow solid; yield: 32.3 mg (38%), mp 271-273 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 9.47 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 9.30 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 9.07 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91–7.87 (m, 1H), 7.81–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 162.6, 155.7, 150.3, 150.0, 149.9, 149.5, 148.7, 145.2, 139.4, 137.0, 131.1, 130.8, 130.2, 129.7, 129.1, 128.2, 128.1, 126.3, 125.4, 125.2, 124.0, 123.9, 123.7, 123.7, 121.0, 120.3, 114.3. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₇H₁₇N₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 425.1509, found 425.1509.

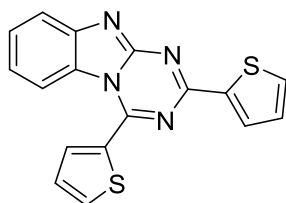
2,4-Di(pyridin-2-yl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (**3at**)



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (57.1 μ L, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO₃ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 30:1) to give **3at** as yellow solid; yield: 32.1 mg (50%), mp 159-161 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 10.20 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.85 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.62 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 186.5, 156.0, 150.4, 149.4, 148.2, 138.2, 136.7, 136.3, 135.9, 129.8, 129.3, 127.5, 127.2, 125.6, 125.4, 123.0, 122.8, 120.4, 115.7. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₁₃N₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 325.1196, found 325.1197.

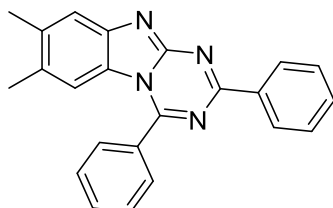
2,4-Di(thiophen-2-yl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a][1,3,5]triazine (3au)



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminobenzimidazole (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2-thiophenecarboxaldehyde (56.1 μ L, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO₃ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 100:1) to give **3au** as yellow solid; yield: 30.3 mg (45%), mp 258-260 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 158.6, 152.9, 145.3, 141.2, 133.3, 132.9, 132.8, 132.2, 131.5, 128.6, 127.9, 127.3, 122.1, 120.5, 114.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₁N₄S₂⁺ [M+H]⁺ 335.0420, found 335.0420.

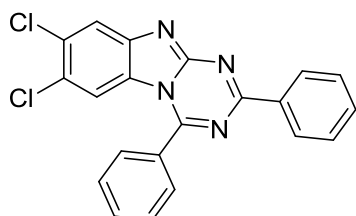
7,8-Dimethyl-2,4-diphenylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a][1,3,5]triazine (3ba)^[1]



The reaction was conducted with 5,6-dimethyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-amine (32.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), benzaldehyde (61.2 μ L, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO₃ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 100:1) to give **3ba** as yellow solid; yield: 54.5 mg (78%), mp 291-294 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.68 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.66 (m, 3H), 7.57–7.49 (m, 3H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 161.9, 157.8, 151.5, 143.7, 136.9, 135.6, 132.4, 132.2, 132.0, 131.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.5, 124.3, 120.2, 114.8, 20.7, 20.5.

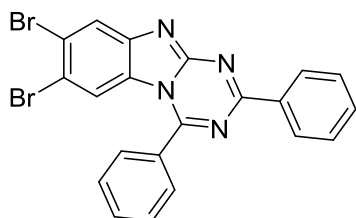
7,8-Dichloro-2,4-diphenylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (3ca)



The reaction was conducted with 5,6-dichloro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-amine (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), benzaldehyde (61.2 μ L, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO₃ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 100:1) to give **3ca** as yellow solid; yield: 59.5 mg (76%), mp 320-322 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.66 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 163.6, 158.3, 153.2, 144.3, 135.0, 132.9, 132.9, 131.7, 131.4, 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 128.3, 126.2, 125.0, 121.4, 116.0. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₃Cl₂N₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 391.0512, found 391.0512.

7,8-Dibromo-2,4-diphenylbenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*][1,3,5]triazine (3da)

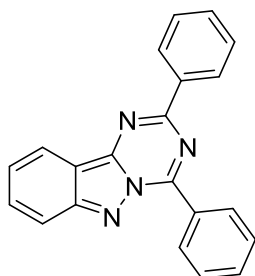


The reaction was conducted with 5,6-dibromo-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-amine (57.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), benzaldehyde (61.2 μ L, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO₃ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μ L, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6

mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 100:1) to give **3da** as yellow solid; yield: 80.1 mg (83%), mp 349-351 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 163.8, 158.4, 153.1, 145.2, 135.1, 133.0, 132.9, 131.5, 129.7, 129.5, 128.8, 128.3, 126.0, 124.7, 123.3, 119.1, 117.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₃Br₂N₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 478.9501, found 478.9501.

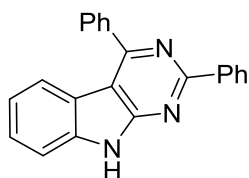
2,4-Diphenyl-[1,3,5]triazino[1,2-*b*]indazole (3ea)



The reaction was conducted with 1*H*-indazol-3-amine (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), benzaldehyde (61.2 μL, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO₃ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μL, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 100:1) to give **3ga** as yellow solid; yield: 36.2 mg (56%), mp 225-227 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 9.11 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.75 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 155.3, 152.7, 152.3, 147.5, 136.2, 133.0, 131.8, 131.4, 131.3, 131.0, 128.7, 128.5, 121.7, 121.6, 117.2, 112.5. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₅N₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 323.1291, found 323.1293.

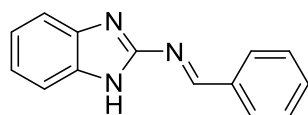
2,4-Diphenyl-9*H*-pyrimido[4,5-*b*]indole (3fa)^[2]



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminoindole (26.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), benzaldehyde (61.2 μL, 0.6 mmol), ammonium iodide (43.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), NaHCO₃ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μL, 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL). The residue was purified by preparative TLC (PE/EA = 20:1) to give **3fa** as white solid; yield: 36.4 mg (57%), mp 294-296 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ 12.56 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.60-7.49 (m, 5H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ 160.4, 160.2, 158.3, 140.2, 139.6, 139.1, 131.4, 131.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 128.9, 128.6, 122.9, 121.8, 119.9, 113.0, 110.0. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 322.1339, found 322.1338.

***N*-Benzylidene-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-amine (4a)^[3]**



The reaction was conducted with 2-aminoindole (26.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), benzaldehyde (30.6 μL , 0.3 mmol), NaHCO_3 (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg), DMSO (14.2 μL , 0.2 mmol) and chlorobenzene (0.6 mL) stirred at 140 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 h under oxygen atmosphere. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3:1) to give **4a** as yellow solid; yield: 31.1 mg (70%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.76 (s, 1H), 9.51 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.69-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.4, 155.7, 142.4, 135.1, 134.3, 132.8, 129.5, 129.1, 122.2, 121.9, 118.7, 111.2.

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5. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of all products

