

Rhodium-Catalyzed Tandem Acylmethylation/Annulation of N-nitrosoanilines with Sulfoxonium Ylides for the Synthesis of Substituted Indazole N-Oxides

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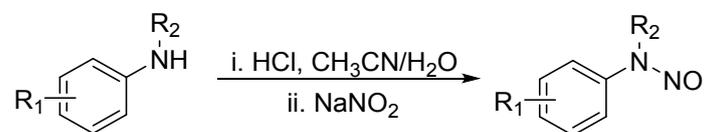
1. General information and materials

Reagent: All the reactions were carried out under inert atmosphere. All the solvents used for the reactions were dried according to standard procedures. All commercial materials were used as received unless otherwise noted. $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$, Ag_2O , $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$, were used in Rh-catalyzed reactions. The starting materials N-nitrosoanilines^[1], sulfoxonium ylides^[2] and [D5]-N-nitrosoanilines^[3] were prepared according to the reported procedure. All the reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC, Silica gel Merck 60 F 254); The spots were visualized by UV light. Purification of products was conducted by flash chromatography on silica gel.

Instruments: NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Ultrashield™ 400 MHz. Chemical shifts were given relative to CDCl_3 (7.26 ppm for ^1H NMR, 77.00 ppm for ^{13}C NMR). For the characterization of the observed signal multiplicities, the following abbreviations were applied: s (singlet), d (doublet), dd (double doublet), t (triplet), td (triple doublet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), as well as br (broad); High resolution ESI mass experiments were operated on a Bruker Daltonics, Inc. APEXIII 7.0 TESLA FTMS instrument.

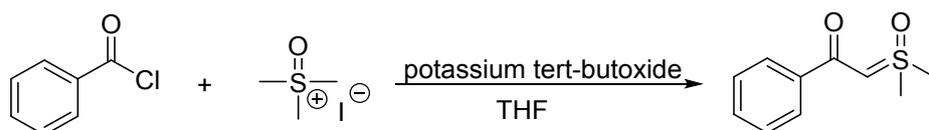
2. Synthesis of Substrates

2.1 General procedure for preparation of N-nitroso aniline substrates^[1]



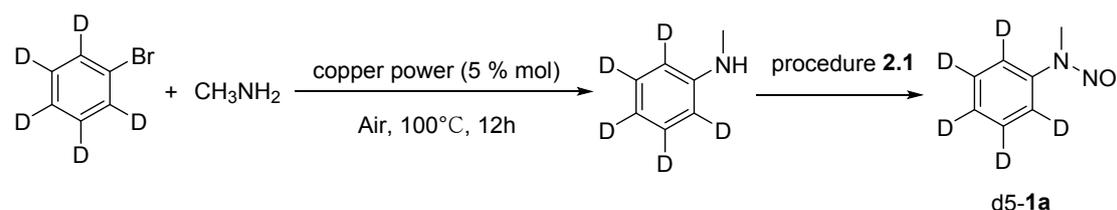
The aniline (0.05 mol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in a 1:2 mixture of acetonitrile and water (30.0 mL) and cooled to 0 °C (ice bath). Concentrated aqueous HCl (7.3 mL, 0.24 mol) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred vigorously for half an hour, while maintained at 0 °C. To this mixture was added an aqueous solution (13.0 mL) of NaNO₂ (3.5 g, 0.05 mol) over the course of 10 min. The reaction was allowed to proceed for 1h. The mixture was then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20:1) to give the corresponding N-nitroso aniline substrates **1**.

2.2 General procedure for preparation of sulfoxonium ylides^[2]



In a 250 mL flame-dried round bottom flask attached to a reflux condenser, under argon atmosphere, 6.0 g of potassium tert-butanolate (54.4 mmol, 4.0 equiv) and 60.0 mL of anhydrous THF was added. Then, 8.9 g of trimethylsulfoxonium iodide (40.8 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added in one portion. The suspension was heated at reflux and maintained for 2 hours. After this time, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C, followed by slow addition of a 1.0 M solution of the benzoyl chlorides (13.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for additional 3 hours. Next, the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator, 15.0 mL of water was added and the product extracted with EtOAc (3 × 50 mL). The organic phase was washed with saturated NaCl solution (2 × 10 mL) and dried over with Na₂SO₄. The crude product was purified by recrystallization with EtOAc.

2.3 General procedure for preparation of [D5]-N-nitrosoanilines^[3]



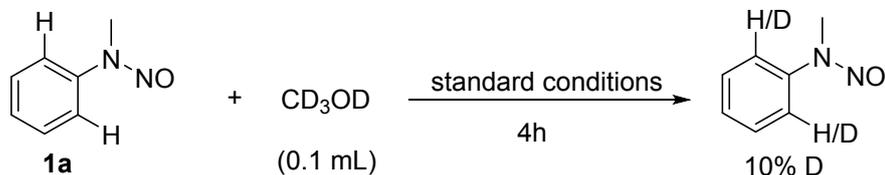
Bromobenzene-d 5 (5 mmol, 0.805 g), 30 % aqueous methylamine solution (2.7 mL,

25 mmol), copper powder (0.016 g, 5 mol %) was combined in a 30 mL screwed sealed tube and placed in an oil bath under Air atmosphere. The reaction mixture was magnetically stirred and heated to 100 °C for 12 h. When the reaction completed or underwent to the time, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and ethyl acetate (20 mL) was added to extract the **d5 -1a**. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted by ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over Mg₂SO₄. The organic layer was evaporated in vacuum and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Petroleum ether /EtOAc = 10:1) to give **d5 -1a**.

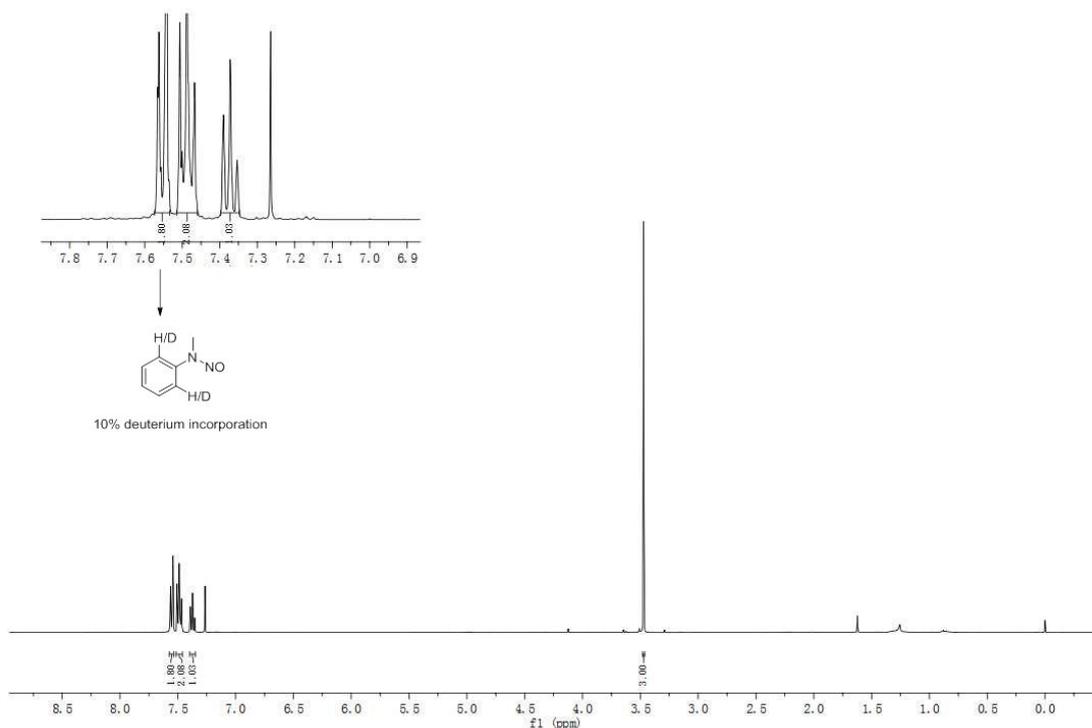
- [1] B. Liu, Y. Fan, Y. Gao, C. Sun, C. Xu, J. Zhu, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2013**, *135*, 468.
[2] Barday, M.; Janot, C.; Halcovitch, N. R.; Muir, J.; Aïssa, C. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2017**, *56*, 13117.
[3] Jiao, J.; Zhang, X. R.; Chang, N. H.; Wang, J.; Wei, J. F.; Shi, X. Y.; Chen, Z. G. *J. Org. Chem.* **2011**, *76*, 1180-1183.

3. Mechanistic studies

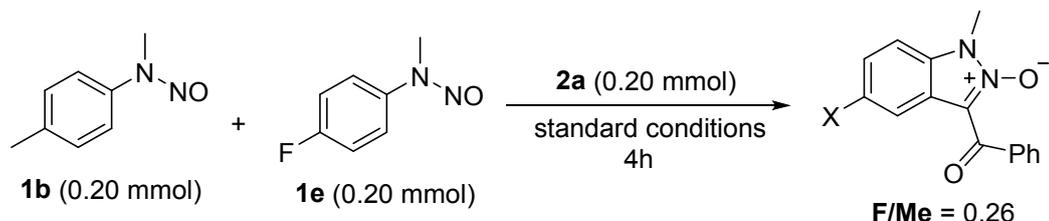
(a) C-H activation reversibility



A mixture of N-methyl-N-phenylnitrous amide (**1a**, 0.20 mmol), CD_3OD (0.1 mL), $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (10 mol%), $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.5 equiv), Ag_2O (1.0 equiv) in TFE (2 mL) was stirred at 100 °C for 4 hours. After cooling down, the volatiles were removed and the mixture was purified by flash chromatography of silica gel (eluent: Petroleum ether / Ethyl acetate = 10/1), the deuterium incorporation was estimated to be 10% at ortho position of phenyl by ^1H NMR analysis.

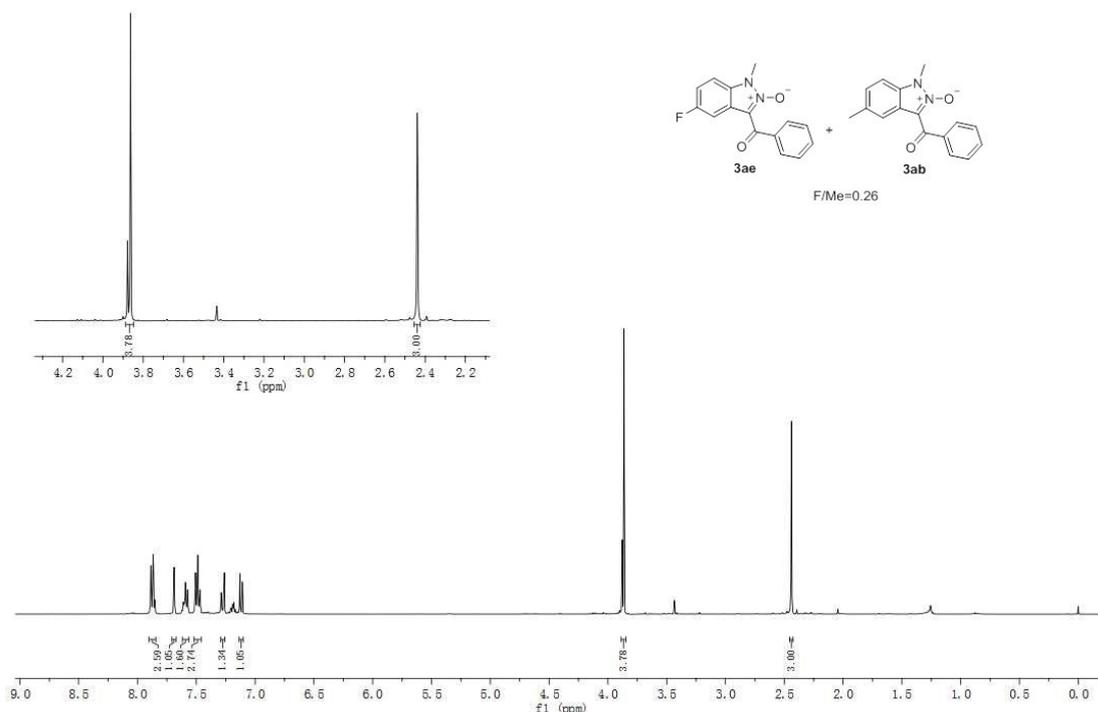


(b) Competition study of substrates with different electronic characteristics

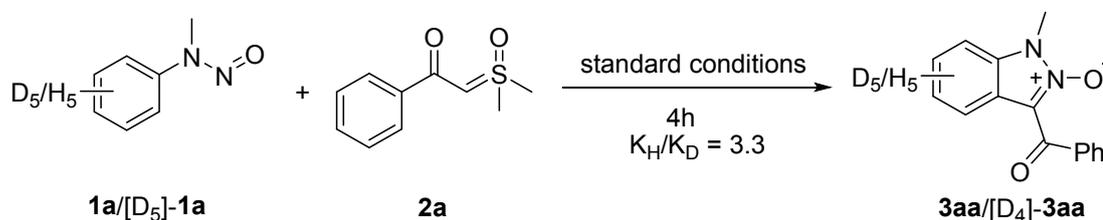


An mixture of **1b** (0.20 mmol), **1e** (0.20 mmol), sulfoxonium ylides **2a** (0.20 mmol), $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (10 mol%), $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.5 equiv), Ag_2O (1.0 equiv) in TFE (2 mL)

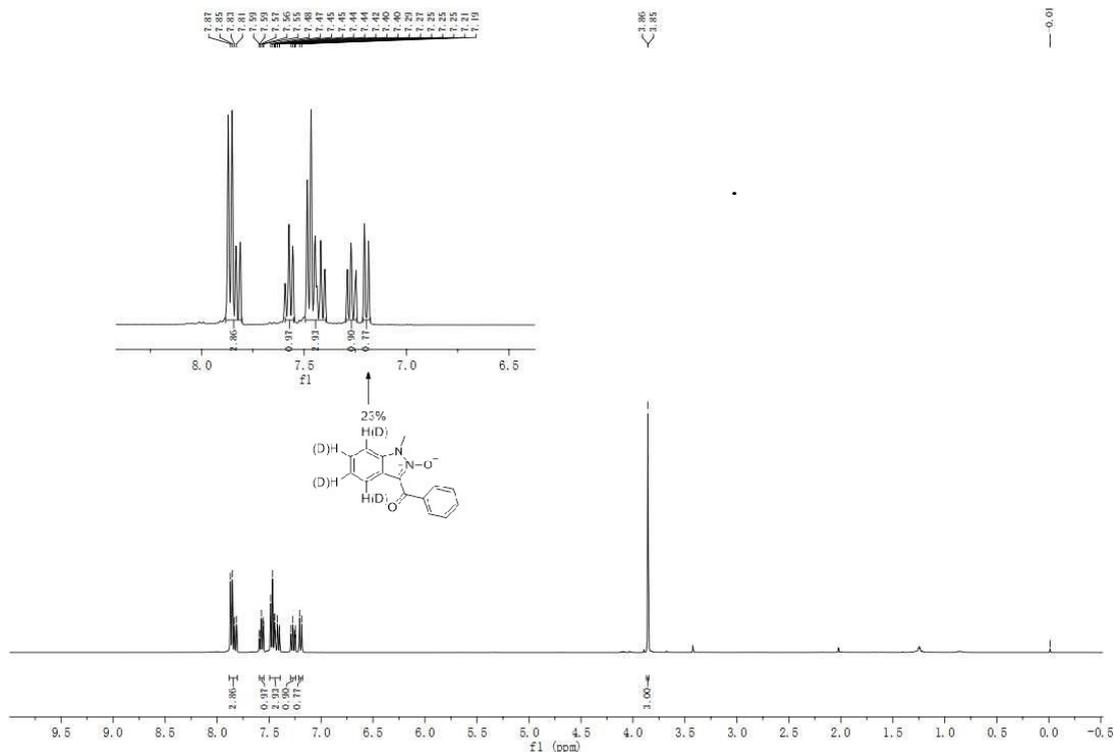
was stirred at 100 °C for 4 hours. After cooling down, the volatiles were removed and the mixture was purified by flash chromatography of silica gel (eluent: Petroleum ether / Ethyl acetate = 2/1) to give a mixture of products **3ae** and **3ab** at a ratio of 0.26:1.



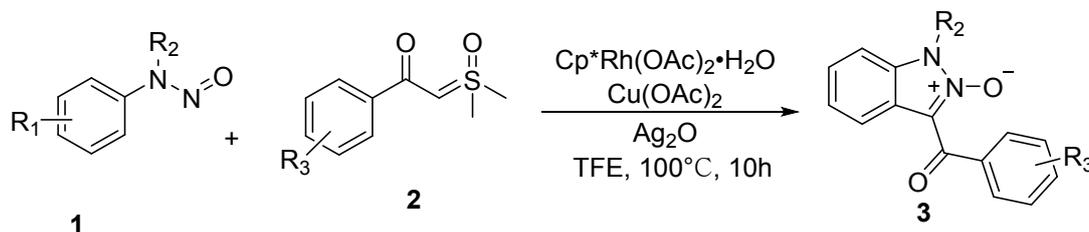
(c) Kinetic isotope study



An equimolar mixture of **1a** and [D₅]-**1a** (0.40 mmol in total), sulfoxonium ylide **2a** (0.20 mmol), Cp***Rh**(OAc)₂ · H₂O (10 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.5 equiv), Ag₂O (1.0 equiv) in TFE (2 mL) was stirred at 100 °C for 4 hours. After cooling down, the volatiles were removed and the mixture was purified by flash chromatography of silica gel (eluent : Petroleum ether / Ethyl acetate = 2/1). KIE value ($k_H/k_D = 3.3$) was determined on the basis of ¹H NMR analysis.

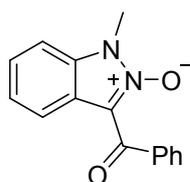


4. Preparation and characterization Data of Products



1a (0.1 mmol), $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (10 mol %), Ag_2O (1.0 equiv), $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.5equiv), and freshly prepared sulfoxonium ylides **2a** (0.15 mmol) were weighed into a pressure tube, to which was added TFE (2.0 mL) under air. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 h at 100°C . Purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel using EtOAc and petroleum ether to afford the product **3aa** as a yellow oil.

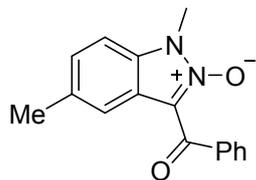
3-benzoyl-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3aa**)



Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3aa** as a Yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.91 – 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 185.77 (s), 137.09 (s), 132.91 (s), 130.76 (s), 129.10 (s), 128.16 (s), 126.61 (s), 124.00 (s), 121.47 (s), 120.26 (s), 118.60 (s), 107.14 (s), 28.98 (s). **HRMS (ESI):** calcd for C₁₅ H₁₃ N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 253.0972, found: 253.0976.

3-benzoyl-1,5-dimethyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3ab)

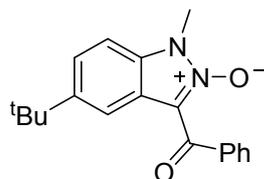


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ab** as a Yellow solid, mp: 160-163°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.90 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 186.03 (s), 137.20 (s), 134.04 (s), 132.87 (s), 129.25 (s), 129.13(s), 128.33 (s), 128.15 (s), 121.39 (s), 119.76 (s), 118.87 (s), 106.95 (s), 29.10 (s), 21.49 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆ H₁₅ N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 267.1128, found: 267.1133.

3-benzoyl-5-(tert-butyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3ac)

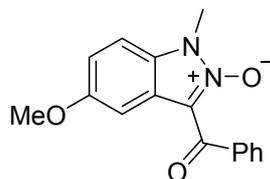


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1: 1 gave **3ac** as a yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.62 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 186.10 (s), 147.57 (s), 137.32 (s), 132.85 (s), 129.26 (s), 129.16 (s), 128.17 (s), 125.08 (s), 121.81 (s), 118.67 (s), 116.27 (s), 106.86 (s), 34.94 (s), 31.48 (s), 29.09 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉ H₂₀ N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 309.1598, found: 309.1600.

3-benzoyl-5-methoxy-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3ad)

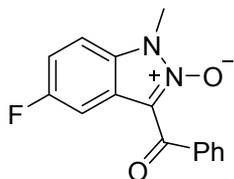


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1: 1 gave **3ad** as a brown solid, mp: 127-130°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.90 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 186.22 (s), 157.29 (s), 137.26 (s), 132.80 (s), 125.78 (s), 121.84 (s), 119.56 (s), 118.10 (s), 117.50 (s), 108.79 (s), 108.20 (s), 100.69 (s), 55.59 (s), 29.13 (s).

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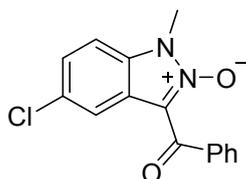
3-benzoyl-5-fluoro-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3ae)



Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ad** as a light yellow solid, mp: 155-158°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.20 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 185.59 (s), 160.04 (¹J_{C,F} = 241, d), 136.93 (s), 133.04 (s), 129.08 (s), 128.24 (d, ²J_{C,F} = 14.5 Hz), 127.32 (s), 119.41 (d, ³J_{C,F} = 11.8 Hz), 115.51 (s), 108.43 (s), 106.15 (s), 105.76 (s), 29.30 (s). **HRMS (ESI)**: calcd for C₁₅ H₁₂F N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 271.0878, found: 271.0877.

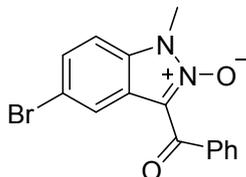
3-benzoyl-5-chloro-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3af)



Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ae** as a Yellow solid, mp: 190-193°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.87 (m, 3H), 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.15 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 185.44 (s), 136.75 (s), 133.08 (s), 129.94 (s), 129.08 (s), 128.13 (s), 127.10 (s), 121.11 (s), 119.75 (s), 108.45 (s), 108.21 (s), 29.20 (s). **HRMS (ESI)**: calcd for C₁₅ H₁₂Cl N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 287.0582, found: 287.0586.

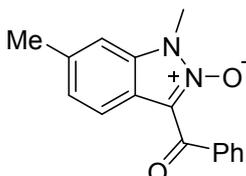
3-benzoyl-5-bromo-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3ag)



Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3af** as a Yellow solid, mp: 208-210°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.06 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 185.44 (s), 136.72 (s), 133.12 (s), 129.67 (s), 129.38 (s), 129.08 (s), 128.21 (s), 122.76 (s), 120.89 (s), 120.12 (s), 117.35 (s), 108.59 (s), 29.18 (s). **HRMS (ESI)**: calcd for C₁₅ H₁₂Br N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 331.0077, found: 331.0083.

3-benzoyl-1,6-dimethyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3ah)

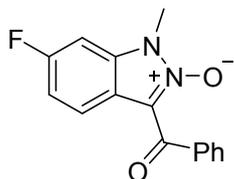


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ah** as a light yellow solid, mp: 150-154°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ =185.86 (s), 137.25 (s), 132.71 (s), 131.22 (s), 129.15 (s), 128.19 (s), 127.84 (s), 121.60 (s), 119.99 (s), 116.45 (s), 106.55 (s), 106.33 (s), 28.81 (s), 22.12 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 267.1128, found: 267.1132.

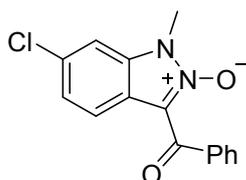
3-benzoyl-6-fluoro-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3ai)



Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ai** as a light yellow solid, mp: 145-150°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.95 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 184.59 (s), 153.87 (d, ¹J_{C,F} =254), 152.60 (s), 136.40 (s), 133.77 (s), 132.74 (d, ²J_{C,F} = 8.3 Hz), 129.68 (s), 128.45 (s), 127.59 (d, ³J_{C,F} = 7.7 Hz), 109.16 (d, ⁴J_{C,F} = 19.2 Hz), 107.70 (⁵J_{C,F} =9.0), 103.39 (s), 77.32 (s), 29.35 (s). **HRMS (ESI):** calcd for C₁₅H₁₂F N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 271.0878, found: 271.0886.

3-benzoyl-6-chloro-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3aj-1)

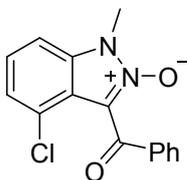


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3aj-1** as a Yellow solid, mp: 112-115°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ =7.89 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.26 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 185.68 (s), 136.96 (s), 133.25 (s), 131.38 (s), 129.30 (s), 128.43 (s), 124.93 (s), 121.75 (s), 121.57(s), 117.32 (s), 107.29 (s), 29.23 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₂Cl N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 287.0582, found: 287.0587.

3-benzoyl-4-chloro-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3aj-2)

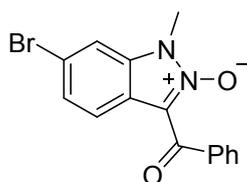


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3aj-2** as a colourless liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.96 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.16 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 136.60 (s), 134.35 (s), 132.26 (s), 130.03 (s), 128.81 (s), 127.34 (s), 124.90 (s), 124.21 (s), 120.74 (s), 116.59 (s), 105.84 (s), 29.25 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₂Cl N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 287.0582, found: 287.0581.

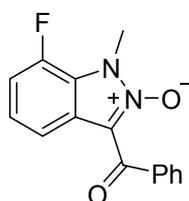
3-benzoyl-6-bromo-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3ak)



Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ak** as a Yellow solid, mp: 168-170°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.88 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.40 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 185.47 (s), 136.80 (s), 133.01 (s), 131.47 (s), 129.17 (s), 128.01 (s), 127.10 (s), 121.79 (s), 120.71 (s), 117.52 (s), 110.39 (s), 109.75 (s), 29.02 (s). **HRMS (ESI):** calcd for C₁₅H₁₂Br N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 331.0077, found: 331.0082.

3-benzoyl-7-fluoro-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3al)

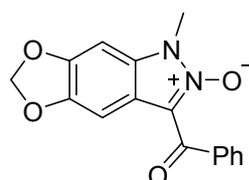


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3al** as a Yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.89 – 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 4.06 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 4H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 185.61 (s), 145.88 (d, ¹J_{C,F} = 244), 144.66 (s), 136.75 (s), 133.19 (s), 129.19 (s), 128.28 (s), 124.13 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 121.72 (s), 121.37 (s), 119.85 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 116.17 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 112.09 (s), 111.92 (s), 31.46 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₂F N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 271.0878, found: 271.0882.

3-benzoyl-1-methyl-1H-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]indazole 2-oxide (3am)

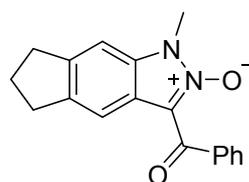


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3am** as a Yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.94 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.71 – 6.66 (m, 1H), 6.06 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 184.72 (s), 144.01 (s), 137.73 (s), 136.53 (s), 133.30 (s), 129.64 (s), 128.15 (s), 119.85 (s), 109.04 (s), 104.60 (s), 102.03 (s), 99.51 (s), 60.37 (s), 29.39 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₃N₂O₄; [M+H]⁺ 297.0870, found: 297.0879.

3-benzoyl-1-methyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydrocyclopenta[f]indazole 2-oxide (3an)

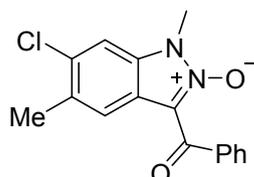


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3an** as a Yellow solid, mp: 185-187°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.61 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.96 (m, 2H), 2.12 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ=186.09 (s), 144.50 (s), 141.32 (s), 137.40 (s), 132.75 (s), 130.51 (s), 129.63 (s), 129.14 (s), 128.13 (s), 117.71 (s), 115.21 (s), 102.74 (s), 33.06 (s), 32.42 (s), 28.95 (s), 26.01 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 293.1285, found: 293.1291.

3-benzoyl-6-chloro-1,5-dimethyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3ao-1**)

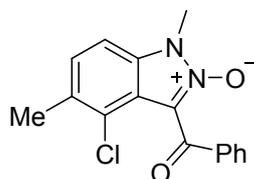


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ao-1** as a Yellow solid, mp: 195-198°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=7.89 – 7.85 (m, 4H), 7.78 (s, 2H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 3.84 (s, 6H), 2.45 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 185.76 (s), 136.92 (s), 133.95 (s), 133.07 (s), 132.39 (s), 129.90 (s), 129.14 (s), 128.22 (s), 121.59 (s), 121.24 (s), 117.53 (s), 107.48 (s), 29.20 (s), 20.41 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₄ClN₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 301.0739, found: 301.0741.

3-benzoyl-4-chloro-1,5-dimethyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3ao-2**)



Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ao-2** as a Yellow solid, mp: 185-188°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ =186.05 (s), 136.58 (s), 134.20 (s), 131.10 (s), 130.63 (s), 129.88 (s), 129.33 (s), 128.77 (s), 123.67 (s), 120.62 (s), 116.87 (s), 105.64 (s), 29.18 (s), 19.54 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₄ClN₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 301.0739, found: 301.0747.

1-benzoyl-3-methyl-3H-benzo[e]indazole 2-oxide (**3ap**)

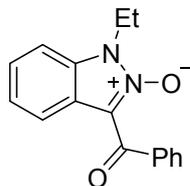


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ap** as a Yellow solid, mp: 200-203°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.95 – 7.88 (m, 4H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ =185.76 (s), 137.25 (s), 132.84 (s), 132.17 (s), 130.84 (s), 130.64 (s), 129.02 (s), 128.71 (s), 128.18 (s), 127.29 (s), 126.17 (s), 124.55 (s),

120.83 (s), 119.22 (s), 102.52 (s), 29.18 (s). **HRMS (ESI):** calcd for C₁₉H₁₅N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 303.1128, found: 303.1130.

3-benzoyl-1-ethyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3aq)

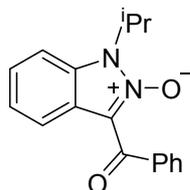


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3aq** as a Yellow solid, mp: 119-123 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.87 (m, 3H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 4.50 – 4.43 (m, 2H), 1.41 (m, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 185.89 (s), 137.13 (s), 132.86 (s), 129.98 (s), 129.12 (s), 128.12 (s), 126.56 (s), 123.90 (s), 121.52 (s), 120.33 (s), 118.78 (s), 107.07 (s), 37.79 (s), 12.95 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 267.1128, found: 267.1136.

3-benzoyl-1-isopropyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3ar)

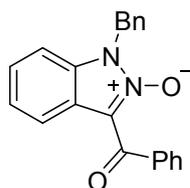


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ar** as a Yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.90 – 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 5.52 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.63 (m, 6H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 186.17 (s), 137.18 (s), 132.91 (s), 129.53 (s), 129.15 (s), 128.18 (s), 126.26 (s), 123.48 (s), 121.45 (s), 120.41 (s), 118.88 (s), 108.16 (s), 46.74 (s), 20.04 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 281.1285, found: 281.1289.

3-benzoyl-1-benzyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3as)

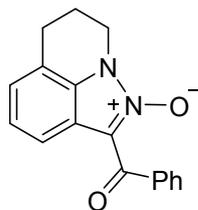


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3as** as a Yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.87 (m, 3H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 6H), 7.20 (m, 1H), 5.58 (s, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 185.90 (s), 136.97 (s), 134.14 (s), 133.02 (s), 130.57 (s), 129.23 (s), 128.55 (s), 127.80 (s), 126.78 (s), 124.02 (s), 121.44 (s), 120.37 (s), 118.74 (s), 107.54 (s), 45.86 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 329.1285, found: 329.1290.

2-benzoyl-7,8-dihydro-6H-pyrazolo[4,5,1-ij]quinoline 1-oxide (3at)

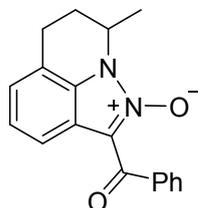


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3at** as a Yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 4.32 – 4.26 (m, 2H), 3.04 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.32 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 185.76(s), 137.64 (s), 132.88 (s), 129.26 (s), 128.31 (s), 124.46 (s), 123.36 (s), 122.40 (s), 119.20 (s), 117.95 (s), 117.23 (s), 41.22 (s), 23.98 (s), 22.07 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₅N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 279.1128, found: 279.1129.

2-benzoyl-8-methyl-7,8-dihydro-6H-pyrazolo[4,5,1-ij]quinoline 1-oxide (**3au**)

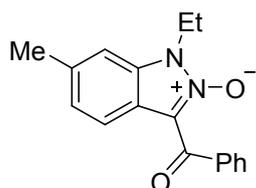


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3au** as a Yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 5.04 (m, 1H), 3.13 – 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.28 – 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 185.64 (s), 137.52 (s), 132.68 (s), 129.10 (s), 128.11 (s), 127.19 (s), 124.15 (s), 123.15 (s), 122.19 (s), 118.86 (s), 117.61 (s), 117.11 (s), 47.62 (s), 27.95 (s), 20.16 (s), 17.87 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 293.1285, found: 293.1288.

3-benzoyl-1-ethyl-6-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3av**)

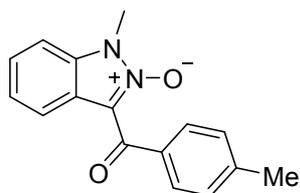


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1 gave **3av** as a Yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 4.41 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.37 (m, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 186.06 (s), 137.46 (s), 137.30 (s), 132.95 (s), 130.59 (s), 129.33 (s), 128.22 (s), 125.81 (s), 121.77 (s), 120.17 (s), 116.76 (s), 107.22 (s), 37.85 (s), 22.13 (s), 13.09 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 281.1285, found: 281.1285.

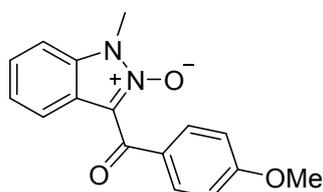
1-methyl-3-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3ba**)



Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ba** as a Yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ =185.42 (s), 143.98 (s), 134.40 (s), 130.83 (s), 129.43 (s), 129.00 (s), 128.94 (s), 126.63 (s), 123.84 (s), 121.66 (s), 120.32 (s), 118.68 (s), 107.17 (s), 29.00 (s), 21.78 (s). **HRMS (ESI)**: calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 267.1128, found: 267.1136.

3-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3ca**)



Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ca** as a Yellow solid, mp: 147-150°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.95 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ =184.13 (s), 163.76 (s), 131.98 (s), 130.92 (s), 129.52 (s), 126.67 (s), 123.65 (s), 121.75 (s), 120.28 (s), 118.75 (s), 113.66 (s), 107.24 (s), 55.34 (s), 29.12 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆ H₁₅ N₂ O₃; [M+H]⁺ 283.1077, found: 283.1080.

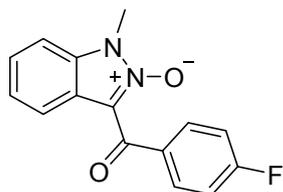
3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbonyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3da**)



Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3da** as a Yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 8.00 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ =185.23 (s), 145.64 (s), 139.93 (s), 135.71 (s), 130.83 (s), 129.86 (s), 128.81 (s), 128.05 (s), 127.21 (s), 126.82 (s), 126.66 (s), 124.01 (s), 121.62 (s), 120.32 (s), 118.66 (s), 107.15 (s), 29.01 (s). **HRMS (ESI)**: calcd for C₂₁ H₁₇ N₂ O₂; [M+H]⁺ 329.1285, found: 329.1292.

3-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3ea**)



Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ea** as a white solid, mp: 194-196°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.97 – 7.88 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 184.93 (s), 140.32 (s), 134.19 (s), 133.86 (s), 133.54 (s), 133.21 (s), 130.84 (s), 129.17 (s), 127.01 (s), 125.15 (s), 124.52 (s), 122.29 (s), 121.30 (s), 120.42 (s), 118.49 (s), 107.28 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz), 29.09 (s). **HRMS (ESI)**: calcd for C₁₅H₁₂FN₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 271.0878, found: 271.0885.

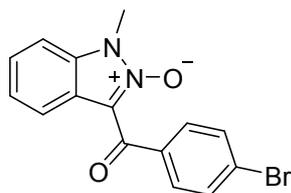
3-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3fa)



Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3fa** as a Yellow solid, mp: 188-190°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ=7.93 – 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.85 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 184.54 (s), 139.17 (s), 135.35 (s), 130.82 (s), 130.51 (s), 128.47 (s), 126.81 (s), 124.25 (s), 121.37 (s), 120.32 (s), 118.55 (s), 107.21 (s), 29.06 (s). **HRMS (ESI)**: calcd for C₁₅H₁₂ClN₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 287.0582, found: 287.0580.

3-(4-bromobenzoyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3ga)

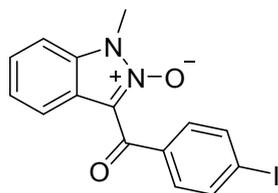


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ga** as a pale Yellow solid, mp: 152-155°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 184.75 (s), 135.83 (s), 131.46 (s), 130.83 (s), 130.69 (s), 127.89 (s), 126.83 (s), 124.30 (s), 121.36 (s), 120.36 (s), 118.57 (s), 107.21 (s), 29.07 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₂BrN₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 331.0077, found: 331.0081.

3-(4-iodobenzoyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3ha)

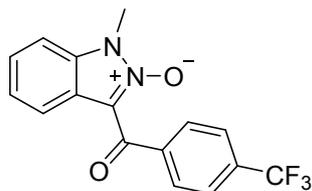


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ha** as a pale yellow solid, mp: 195-200°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 185.04 (s), 137.42 (s), 136.41 (s), 130.83 (s), 130.50 (s), 126.81 (s), 124.26 (s), 121.35 (s), 120.37 (s), 118.56 (s), 107.21 (s), 100.71 (s), 29.09 (s). **HRMS (ESI)**: calcd for C₁₅H₁₂IN₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 378.9938,

found: 378.9946.

1-methyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3ia)

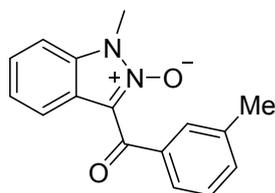


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ia** as a Yellow solid, mp: 170-173 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.03 – 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 184.93 (s), 140.32 (s), 134.19 (t, ¹*J*_{C,F} = 33 Hz), 130.84 (s), 129.17 (s), 127.01 (s), 125.15 (s), 124.52 (s), 122.29 (s), 121.30 (s), 120.42 (s), 118.49 (s), 107.28 (d, ¹*J*_{C,F} = 12.5 Hz), 29.09 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₂F₃N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 321.0846, found: 321.0850.

1-methyl-3-(3-methylbenzoyl)-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3ja)

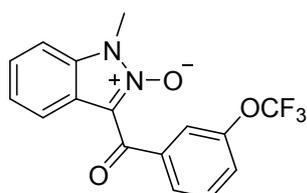


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ja** as a Yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.92 – 3.88 (m, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 185.99 (s), 138.10 (s), 137.20 (s), 133.78 (s), 130.80 (s), 129.45 (s), 128.02 (s), 126.60 (s), 126.45 (s), 123.96 (s), 121.60 (s), 120.30 (s), 118.65 (s), 107.13 (s), 29.02 (s), 21.31 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 267.1128, found: 267.1135.

1-methyl-3-(3-(trifluoromethoxy)benzoyl)-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3ka)

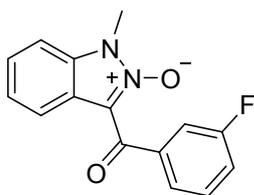


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ka** as a Yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.96 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 184.24 (s), 148.99 (s), 138.97 (s), 130.84 (s), 129.53 (s), 127.53 (s), 126.99 (s), 125.19 (s), 124.32 (s), 121.57 (s), 121.27 (s), 120.40 (s), 118.57 (s), 107.12 (s), 29.22 (s), 29.01 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₂F₃N₂O₃; [M+H]⁺ 337.0795, found: 337.0799.

3-(3-fluorobenzoyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (3la)

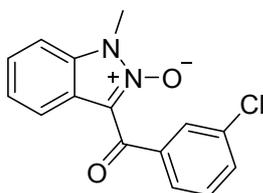


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3la** as a pale Yellow solid, mp: 147-150°C .

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.91 – 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 184.48 (s), 162.4 (d, ¹J_{C,F} = 246), 161.17 (s), 139.22 (s), 130.79 (s), 129.74 (s), 126.81 (d, ²J_{C,F} = 16.0 Hz), 124.20 (s), 121.30 (s), 120.28 (s), 119.75 (s), 118.52 (s), 115.63 (s), 107.23 (s), 29.06 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₂FN₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 271.0878, found: 271.0884.

3-(3-chlorobenzoyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3ma**)

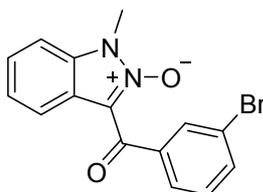


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ma** as a Yellow solid, mp: 128-130°C .

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (M, 1H), 7.75 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 184.46 (s), 138.84 (s), 134.31 (s), 132.61 (s), 130.85 (s), 129.42 (s), 128.97 (s), 127.18 (s), 126.82 (s), 124.35 (s), 121.28 (s), 120.34 (s), 118.58 (s), 107.20 (s), 29.03 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₂ClN₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 287.0582, found: 287.0588.

3-(3-bromobenzoyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3na**)

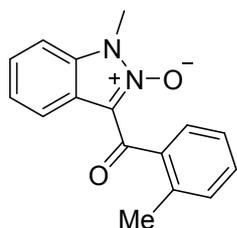


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3na** as a white solid, mp: 177-180°C .

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 184.34 (s), 138.97 (s), 135.52 (s), 131.82 (s), 130.80 (s), 129.66 (s), 127.64 (s), 126.84 (s), 124.36 (s), 122.27 (s), 121.22 (s), 120.31 (s), 118.51 (s), 107.23 (s), 29.11 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₂BrN₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 331.0077, found: 331.0081.

1-methyl-3-(2-methylbenzoyl)-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3oa**)

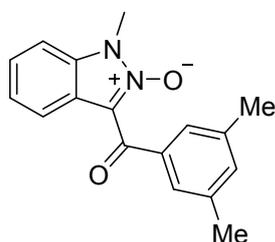


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3oa** as a Yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.30 (m, 6H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 6H), 2.40 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 187.73 (s), 138.69 (s), 136.06 (s), 130.53 (s), 127.27 (s), 126.80 (s), 125.81 (s), 125.48 (s), 124.24 (s), 122.17 (s), 120.53 (s), 118.20 (s), 107.11 (s), 106.92 (s), 29.03 (s), 19.32 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 267.1128, found: 267.1136.

3-(3,5-dimethylbenzoyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3pa**)

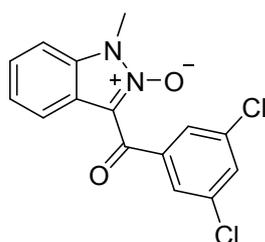


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3pa** as a pale Yellow solid, mp: 205-207°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.76 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.46 (s, 2H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 186.13 (s), 137.85 (s), 137.32 (s), 134.60 (s), 130.76 (s), 126.79 (s), 123.71 (s), 121.61 (s), 120.21 (s), 118.63 (s), 107.23 (s), 29.10 (s), 28.89 (s), 21.18 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 281.1285, found: 281.1288.

3-(3,5-dichlorobenzoyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3qa**)

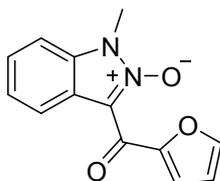


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3qa** as a pale Yellow solid, mp: 233-235°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 183.24 (s), 139.82 (s), 134.92 (s), 132.27 (s), 132.12 (s), 130.84 (s), 127.28 (s), 124.59 (s), 121.07 (s), 120.35 (s), 118.47 (s), 107.42 (s), 107.21 (s), 29.31 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₁Cl₂N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 321.0192, found: 321.0198.

3-(furan-2-carbonyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3ra**)

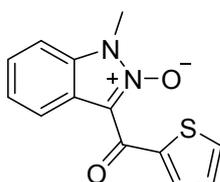


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ra** as a Yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ= 8.08 – 8.02 (m, 1H), 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.64 – 6.61 (m, 1H), 3.92 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 171.18 (s), 151.26 (s), 147.46 (s), 130.83 (s), 126.74 (s), 124.02 (s), 121.36 (s), 121.05 (s), 120.67 (s), 118.64 (s), 112.29 (s), 107.04 (s), 77.32 (s), 77.00 (s), 76.68 (s), 29.07 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₁N₂O₃; [M+H]⁺ 243.0764, found: 243.0769.

1-methyl-3-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3sa**)

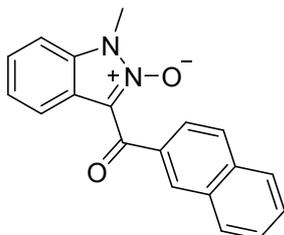


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3sa** as a dark yellow solid, mp: 195-198 °C .

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ =8.29 (m, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ= 176.46 (s), 142.86 (s), 134.96 (s), 130.88 (s), 128.20 (s), 127.83 (s), 126.87 (s), 123.88 (s), 121.66 (s), 120.71 (s), 118.69 (s), 106.92 (s), 29.22 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₁N₂O₂S; [M+H]⁺ 259.0536, found: 259.0543.

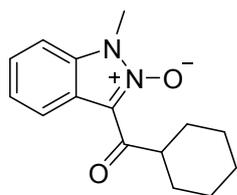
3-(2-naphthoyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3ta**)



Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1 gave **3ta** as a light yellow solid, mp: 182-185 °C .

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.92 (m, 3H), 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 185.59 (s), 135.60 (s), 134.54 (s), 132.43 (s), 131.00 (s), 130.88 (s), 129.58 (s), 128.32 (s), 127.92 (s), 127.75 (s), 126.64 (s), 126.52 (s), 124.90 (s), 124.02 (s), 121.75 (s), 120.33 (s), 118.73 (s), 107.16 (s), 29.01 (s). **HRMS (ESI):** calcd for C₁₉H₁₅N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 303.1128, found: 303.1128.

3-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)-1-methyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3ua**)

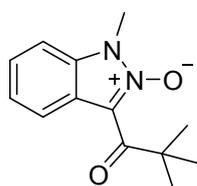


Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 10: 1 gave **3ua** as a light yellow solid, mp: 142-145°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.34 – 8.30 (m, 1H), 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.17 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.82 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 2.06 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.43 (m, 4H), 1.33 – 1.21 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 196.00 (s), 130.75 (s), 126.75 (s), 124.39 (s), 121.96 (s), 121.73 (s), 118.49 (s), 106.78 (s), 47.71 (s), 28.97 (s), 27.97 (s), 26.10 (s), 25.90 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₁₉N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 259.1441, found: 259.1443.

1-methyl-3-pivaloyl-1H-indazole 2-oxide (**3va**)



Following the general procedure. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 10: 1 gave **3va** as a light yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 198.99 (s), 131.33 (s), 126.60 (s), 123.95 (s), 123.27 (s), 121.59 (s), 119.36 (s), 106.82 (s), 44.30 (s), 29.08 (s), 24.97 (s).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₇N₂O₂; [M+H]⁺ 233.1285, found: 233.1286.

5. Copies of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectrum of products

