

Supporting Information

Iron-Catalyzed Stereoselective Haloamidation of Amide-tethered Alkynes

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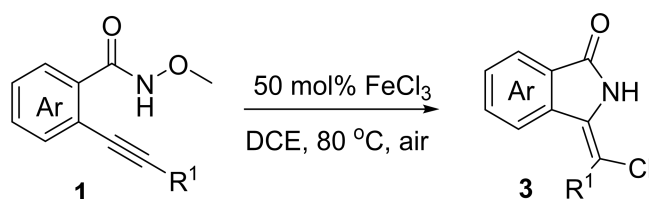
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1. General information

The UV–Vis spectra were recorded on an Ultraviolet spectrophotometer (UV-2550). Emission spectra were performed on a Fluorescence spectrometer (F-4600). Error limits were estimated: λ (± 1 nm); τ ($\pm 10\%$); ϕ ($\pm 10\%$). The solvents were distilled from standard drying agents. Unless otherwise stated, commercial reagents purchased from Alfa Aesar, Acros and Aldrich chemical companies were used without further purification. Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash chromatography using Qing Dao Sea Chemical Reagent silica gel (200–300 mesh). ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer and referenced internally to the residual proton resonance in CDCl_3 ($\delta = 7.26$ ppm), or with tetramethylsilane (TMS, $\delta = 0.00$ ppm) as the internal standard. Chemical shifts were reported as parts per million (ppm) in the δ scale downfield from TMS. Multiplicity is indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quint (quintet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), bs (broad singlet). ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker spectrometer with complete proton decoupling, and chemical shifts were reported in ppm from TMS with the solvent as the internal reference (CDCl_3 , $\delta = 77.0$ ppm).

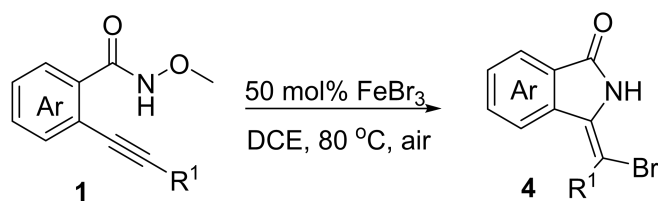
2. General procedure

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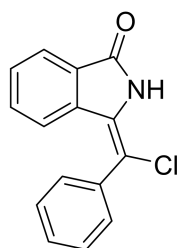
N-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)benzamide **1** (0.2 mmol), FeCl_3 (50 mol%) were added to a test tube, the solvent DCE was added. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. After the disappearance of substrate as indicated by TLC, the mixture was filtrated, Evaporation of the solvent and purification by flash column chromatograph provided the desired products **3**.

(b) Synthesis of compounds 4:

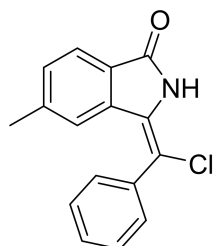


N-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)benzamide **1** (0.2 mmol), FeBr₃ (50 mol%) were added to a test tube, the solvent DCE was added. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. After the disappearance of substrate as indicated by TLC, the mixture was filtrated, Evaporation of the solvent and purification by flash column chromatograph provided the desired products **4**.

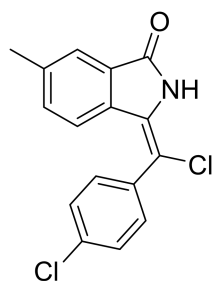
3. Characterization data



(Z)-3-(chloro(phenyl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one (3a): Following the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)benzamide (50.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeCl₃ (16.2 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **3a** 50.0 mg (98% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.50 (m, 5H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 135.9, 135.1, 132.1, 131.7, 130.7, 130.1, 130.0, 129.2, 129.1, 123.8, 122.6, 113.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁ClNO⁺ 256.0524; Found: 256.0526.

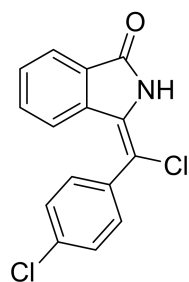


(Z)-3-(chloro(phenyl)methylene)-5-methylisoindolin-1-one (3b): Following the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-methoxy-4-methyl-2-(phenylethynyl)benzamide (53.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeCl₃ (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **3b** 47.4 mg (88% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 142.8, 136.0, 135.5, 131.8, 130.3, 130.1, 129.9, 129.0, 128.2, 123.6, 123.0, 113.1, 22.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃ClNO⁺ 270.0680; Found: 270.0641.

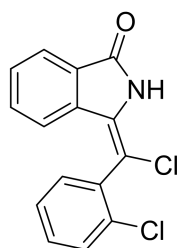


(Z)-3-(chloro(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)-6-methylisoindolin-1-one (3c):

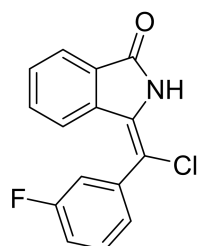
Following the general procedure, the reaction of (Z)-3-(chloro(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)-6-methylisoindolin-1-one (59.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeCl₃ (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **3c** 55.1 mg (91% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.59 (s, 1H), 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 140.0, 135.8, 134.6, 133.2, 132.4, 132.3, 131.5, 131.0, 129.3, 124.1, 122.2, 111.0, 21.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂Cl₂NO⁺ 304.0290; Found: 304.0318.



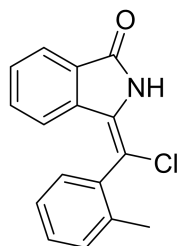
(Z)-3-(chloro(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one(3d): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 2-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (57.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeCl₃ (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **3c** 52.0 mg (90% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 136.1, 134.8, 134.3, 132.3, 132.1, 131.5, 130.7, 130.6, 129.5, 124.0, 122.5, 105.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₀Cl₂NO⁺ 290.0134; Found: 290.0152.



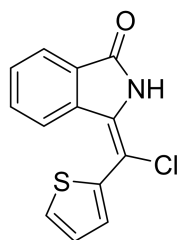
(Z)-3-(chloro(2-chlorophenyl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one (3e): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 2-((2-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (57.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeCl₃ (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **3e** 50.9 mg (88% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.7, 134.9, 133.5, 132.5, 131.4, 130.6, 129.4, 127.7, 123.9, 122.2, 109.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₀Cl₂NO⁺ 290.0134; Found: 290.0173.



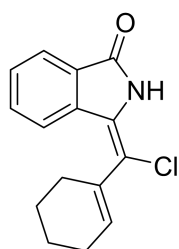
(Z)-3-(chloro(3-fluorophenyl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one (3f): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 2-((3-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (53.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeCl₃ (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **3f** 44.8 mg (82% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.83 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.6, 163.5 (*J*_{CF} = 247 Hz), 137.9 (*J*_{CF} = 9 Hz), 134.8, 132.4, 132.3, 130.8 (*J*_{CF} = 8 Hz), 129.5, 126.0, 124.0, 122.5, 117.2 (*J*_{CF} = 14 Hz), 117.1 (*J*_{CF} = 13 Hz), 111.7, 105.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₀ClFNO⁺ 274.0429; Found: 274.0461.



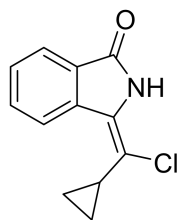
(Z)-3-(chloro(o-tolyl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one (3g): Following the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-methoxy-2-(*o*-tolylethynyl)benzamide (53.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeCl₃ (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **3g** 45.7 mg (85% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 138.0, 135.1, 135.0, 132.4, 132.2, 130.9, 130.5, 130.2, 129.1, 126.8, 123.8, 122.2, 112.4, 105.0, 19.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃ClNO⁺ 270.0680; Found: 270.0662.



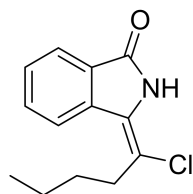
(Z)-3-(chloro(thiophen-2-yl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one (3h): Following the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-methoxy-2-(thiophen-2-ylethynyl)benzamide (51.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeCl₃ (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **3h** 32.4 mg (62% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 – 8.26 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.77 (m, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.7, 149.5, 137.4, 135.7, 134.9, 129.8, 128.1, 128.0, 127.4, 126.2, 125.7, 120.3, 100.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₉ClNOS⁺ 262.0088; Found: 262.0077.



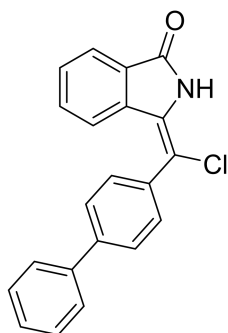
(Z)-3-(chloro(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one (3i): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 2-(cyclohex-2-en-1-ylethynyl)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (51.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeCl₃ (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **3i** 36.3 mg (70% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 6.14 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 2H), 2.25 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.74 (m, 4H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 135.6, 133.5, 133.5, 132.2, 130.7, 129.9, 128.9, 123.8, 122.6, 117.9, 26.7, 25.7, 22.4, 21.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₅ClNO⁺ 260.0837; Found: 260.0847.



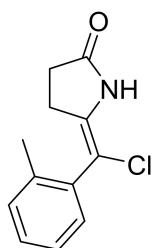
(Z)-3-(chloro(cyclopropyl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one (3j): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 2-(cyclopropylethynyl)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (43.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeCl₃ (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **3j** 40.3 mg (92% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H) 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 2.27 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.09 – 1.06 (m, 2H), 1.01 – 1.00 (m, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 134.9, 132.3, 131.7, 130.8, 128.8, 124.1, 123.2, 119.4, 14.8, 8.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁ClNO⁺ 220.0524; Found: 220.0481.



(Z)-3-(1-chloropentylidene)isoindolin-1-one (3k): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 2-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (46.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeCl₃ (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **3k** 40.9 mg (87% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 134.9, 132.4, 131.0, 130.5, 128.8, 124.2, 122.5, 119.0, 34.7, 30.0, 22.1, 13.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅ClNO⁺ 236.0837; Found: 236.0861.

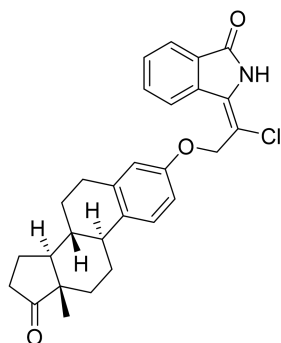


(Z)-3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylchloromethylene)isoindolin-1-one (3l): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylethynyl)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (65.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeCl₃ (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 8/1) to give **3l** 60.9 mg (92% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 142.7, 139.9, 135.1, 134.7, 132.2, 131.7, 130.7, 130.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.0, 127.6, 127.1, 123.9, 122.7, 113.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₅ClNO⁺ 332.00837; Found: 332.0864.



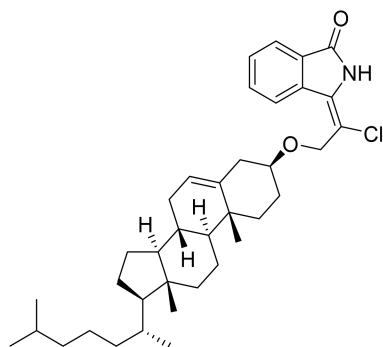
(Z)-5-(chloro(o-tolyl)methylene)pyrrolidin-2-one (3m): Following the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-methoxy-5-(*o*-tolyl)pent-4-ynamide (43.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeCl₃ (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **3m** 30.9 mg (70% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.29 – 2.27 (m, 4H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.5, 137.9, 137.6,

136.2, 130.5, 130.1, 129.1, 126.2, 91.4, 30.7, 24.4, 19.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}ClNO^+$ 222.0680; Found: 222.0671.

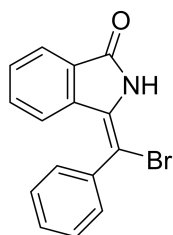


(Z)-3-(1-chloro-2-(((8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)ethylidene)isoindolin-1-one

(3n): Following the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-methoxy-2-(3-(((8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzamide (91.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), $FeCl_3$ (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1) to give **3n** 66.4 mg (72% yield) as white solid; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 2.56 – 2.37 (m, 3H), 2.21 – 1.99 (m, 4H), 1.70 – 1.49 (m, 6H), 1.32 – 1.24 (m, 2H), 0.95 (s, 3H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 220.6, 167.2, 141.9, 137.4, 135.2, 133.3, 132.0, 131.4, 130.7, 130.4, 129.1, 127.3, 126.0, 123.8, 122.6, 114.0, 50.5, 48.0, 44.5, 37.9, 35.8, 31.5, 30.1, 29.2, 26.4, 25.6, 21.6, 13.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{28}H_{29}ClNO_3^+$ 462.1830; Found: 462.1862.

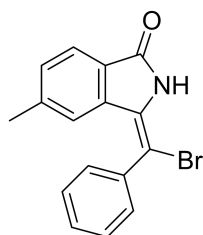


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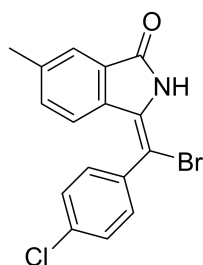


(Z)-3-(bromo(phenyl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one (4a): Following the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)benzamide (50.2 mg, 0.2

mmol), FeBr₃ (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4a** 52.8 mg (88% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.59 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 167.7, 138.5, 135.4, 134.8, 132.6, 131.2, 130.4, 130.2, 129.9, 129.7, 123.6, 122.7, 102.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁BrNO 300.0019; Found: 300.0036.

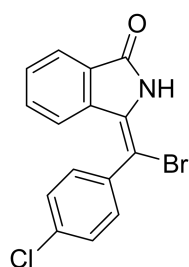


(Z)-3-(bromo(phenyl)methylene)-5-methylisoindolin-1-one (4b): Following the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-methoxy-4-methyl-2-(phenylethynyl)benzamide (53.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeBr₃ (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4b** 52.7 mg (84% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.48 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (m, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 167.7, 142.6, 138.6, 135.9, 134.8, 130.7, 130.4, 130.2, 129.7, 128.9, 123.4, 123.1, 102.1, 22.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂NONaBr 336.0005; Found: 336.0000.

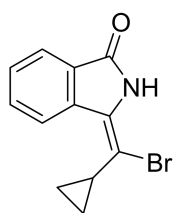


(Z)-3-(bromo(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)-6-methylisoindolin-1-one (4c): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 2-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)-*N*-methoxy-5-methylbenzamide (60.0 mg, 0.2 mmol),

FeBr₃ (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4c** 53.7 mg (77% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.54 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 167.8, 140.2, 137.5, 135.3, 134.8, 133.7, 132.9, 132.4, 131.5, 129.8, 123.7, 122.5, 99.8, 21.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁NONaClBr 369.9604; Found: 369.9610.

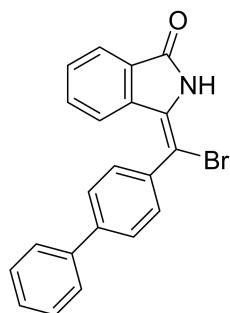


(Z)-3-(bromo(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one (4d): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 2-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (57.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeBr₃ (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4d** 50.8 mg (76% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.68 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H}NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 167.7, 137.4, 135.3, 135.2, 134.8, 132.9, 132.4, 131.2, 130.1, 129.9, 123.7, 122.7, 100.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₉NONaClBr 355.9453; Found: 355.9454.

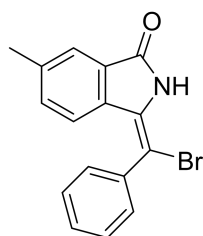


(Z)-3-(bromo(cyclopropyl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one (4e): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 2-(cyclopropylethynyl)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (43.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeBr₃ (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4e** 41.2 mg (78% yield) as white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.25 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz,

1H), 7.75 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 2.38 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 1.16 – 1.11 (m, 2H), 0.82 – 0.78 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 167.2, 135.1, 135.0, 133.0, 131.3, 129.6, 124.4, 123.7, 112.1, 16.9, 11.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{NONaBr}$ 285.9843; Found: 285.9843.

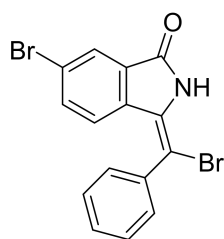


(Z)-3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylbromomethylene)isoindolin-1-one (4f): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylethynyl)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (65.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeBr_3 (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4f** 57.1 mg (76% yield) as yellow solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.67 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 167.7, 141.6, 139.4, 137.5, 135.4, 134.9, 132.8, 131.2, 131.1, 130.0, 129.5, 128.5, 127.8, 127.2, 123.6, 122.8, 102.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{NONaBr}$ 398.0147; Found: 398.0156.

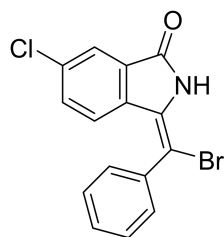


(Z)-3-(bromo(phenyl)methylene)-6-methylisoindolin-1-one (4g): Following the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-methoxy-5-methyl-2-(phenylethynyl)benzamide (53.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeBr_3 (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h.

The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4g** 52.1 mg (83% yield) as white solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.57 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 6H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 167.8, 140.1, 138.6, 134.8, 133.5, 133.0, 131.5, 130.4, 130.2, 129.7, 123.7, 122.5, 101.5, 21.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{NONaBr}$ 335.9999; Found: 336.0000.

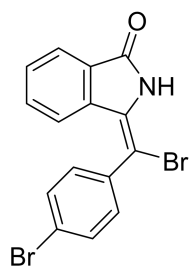


(Z)-6-bromo-3-(bromo(phenyl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one (4h): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 5-bromo-*N*-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)benzamide (66.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeBr_3 (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4h** 59.1 mg (78% yield) as white solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.68 (s, 1H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 167.7, 137.8, 135.3, 135.2, 132.9, 132.8, 132.6, 131.2, 130.1, 123.7, 123.6, 122.7, 100.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{NONaBr}_2$ 399.8940; Found: 399.8949.

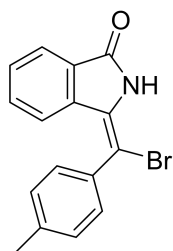


(Z)-3-(bromo(phenyl)methylene)-6-chloroisoindolin-1-one (4i): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 5-chloro-*N*-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)benzamide (57.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeBr_3 (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4i** 52.8 mg (79% yield) as white solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.85 (s, 1H), 7.73 (s,

1H), 7.52 (m, 6H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.4, 138.2, 134.6, 134.0, 134.0, 133.1, 132.7, 130.4, 130.3, 129.8, 124.4, 123.4, 103.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{NONaClBr}$ 355.9445; Found: 355.9454.

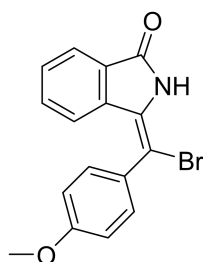


(Z)-3-(bromo(4-bromophenyl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one (4j): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 2-((4-bromophenyl)ethynyl)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (66.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeBr_3 (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4j** 57.6 mg (76% yield) as white solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.68 (s, 1H), 7.74 – 7.71 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 167.7, 137.7, 135.3, 135.2, 132.9, 132.8, 132.6, 131.2, 130.1, 123.7, 123.6, 122.7, 100.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{NONaBr}_2$ 399.8942; Found: 399.8949.

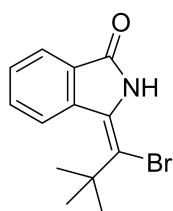


(Z)-3-(bromo(p-tolyl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one (4k): Following the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-methoxy-2-(p-tolylethynyl)benzamide (53.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeBr_3 (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4k** 52.7 mg (84% yield) as white solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.55 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz,

1H), 7.55 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 167.7, 139.9, 135.6, 135.5, 134.6, 132.7, 131.2, 130.3, 130.3, 129.9, 123.6, 122.7, 103.0, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{NONaBr}$ 336.0002; Found: 336.0000.

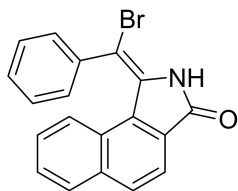


(Z)-3-(bromo(4-methoxyphenyl)methylene)isoindolin-1-one (4l): Following the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-methoxy-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)benzamide (56.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeBr_3 (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4l** 52.8 mg (80% yield) as white solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.59 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.06 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.51 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 167.7, 160.5, 135.6, 134.5, 132.7, 131.9, 131.2, 130.5, 129.8, 123.6, 122.7, 115.1, 103.2, 55.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2\text{NaBr}$ 351.9945; Found: 351.9949.



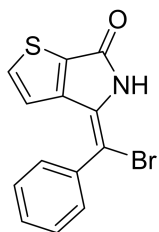
(Z)-3-(1-bromo-2,2-dimethylpropylidene)isoindolin-1-one (4m): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 2-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)-*N*-methoxybenzamide (46.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeBr_3 (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4m** 56.0 mg (82% yield) as white solid;

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 9.89 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 1.49 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 166.6, 134.0, 133.6, 132.5, 132.4, 129.4, 127.3, 123.9, 123.2, 37.6, 31.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NONaBr}$ 302.0153; Found: 302.0156.



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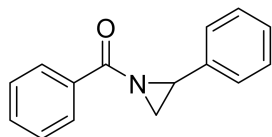
Following the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-methoxy-1-(phenylethynyl)-2-naphthamide (60.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeBr_3 (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4n** 39.2 mg (56% yield) as yellow solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 10.40 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.33 (m, 6H), 6.87 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 167.8, 140.2, 136.5, 136.4, 133.3, 132.7, 131.4, 131.3, 130.1, 129.7, 129.6, 127.5, 126.7, 126.1, 126.0, 119.5, 107.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{NONaBr}$ 371.9996; Found: 372.0000.



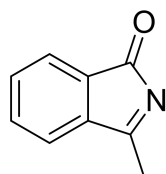
(Z)-4-(bromo(phenyl)methylene)-4,5-dihydro-6H-thieno[2,3-c]pyrrol-6-one (4o):

Following the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-methoxy-3-(phenylethynyl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (51.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeBr_3 (29.6 mg, 50 mol %) in DCE was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give **4o** 46.5 mg (76% yield) as white solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 10.45 (s, 1H), 7.79 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 5H),

6.00 – 5.98 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 163.2, 146.5, 138.1, 137.3, 135.2, 133.2, 130.4, 130.2, 129.3, 121.0, 103.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{NONaSBr}$ 327.9404; Found: 327.9408.



phenyl(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)methanone (6, Scheme 3): Following the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-methoxybenzamide (30.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), styrene (0.14 ml, 0.12 mmol), FeCl_3 (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 130 °C under nitrogen condition refluxed for 8 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 8/1) to give product **6** 32.1 mg (72% yield) as yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.37 (m, 4H), 5.66 (m, 1H), 4.49 (dd, J = 14.8, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dd, J = 14.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.0, 141.1, 131.4, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 127.6, 125.7, 81.0, 29.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}^+$ 224.1070; Found: 224.1098.



3-methyl-1H-isoindol-1-one (8, Scheme 3): Following the general procedure, the reaction of 2-ethyl-*N*-methoxybenzamide (36.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeCl_3 (16.2 mg, 50 mol%) in DCE was stirred at 130 °C under nitrogen condition refluxed for 8 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1) to give product **8** 13.1 mg (45% yield) as white solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.73 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.1, 139.8, 135.3, 132.6, 132.5, 129.9, 118.1, 111.0, 27.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{NO}^+$ 146.0600; Found: 146.0626.

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Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0030 Å	Wavelength=0.71073	
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	Calculated	Reported	
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Hall group	-P 2ybc	-P 2ybc	
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Sum formula	C15 H10 Cl N O	C15 H10 Cl N O	
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Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.383	1.383	
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F000'	528.79		
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