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Acid-Catalyzed Cleavage of C–C Bond Enabled Atropaldehyde Acetals as

Masked C2 Electrophiles for Organic Synthesis

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1. General information

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. The reactions were monitored by TLC with Haiyang GF-254 silica gel plates (Qingdao Haiyang chemical industry Co. Ltd, Qingdao, China) using UV light or KMnO₄ as visualizing agents as needed. Flash column chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel at increased pressure. ¹H NMR spectra and ¹³C NMR spectra were respectively recorded on Brüker AV-400 spectrometers. Chemical shifts (δ) were expressed in ppm relative to Me₄Si in CDCl₃, and coupling constants (*J*) were reported in Hz. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on Brüker Compass Data Analysis 4.0. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker FT-IR (EQUINOX 55) using KBr pellets or neat liquid technology.

2. Preparation of Substrates

2.1 Preparation of 2-arylindole (1b-1s)

According to literature reports,¹ 2-arylindole (**1b–1s**) was synthesized by the methods below:

A mixture of acetophenone (10 mmol), phenylhydrazine (1.2 equiv), HOAc (2 mmol) and EtOH (6.0 mL) were taken in a 100 mL round bottom flask. Then, the reaction mixture was refluxed at 100 °C. When the reaction was completed (detected by TLC), it was cooled to room temperature. The EtOH was evaporated in vacuo to give the crude phenylhydrazone product. Next, the freshly prepared phenylhydrazone (10 mmol) were taken in a 100 mL round bottom flask and 1.5 equiv. of polyphosphoric acid was added at one time and the solution was refluxed. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with cold H_2O (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and then evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using PE/ EtOAc as eluent to afford the corresponding 2-arylindole.

2.2 Preparation of 2-phenylpropenal diethyl acetal (2a)



According to literature reports,² 2-phenylpropenal diethyl acetal (2a) was synthesized by the methods below:

A suspension of 8.57 g (24 mmol) of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide and 2.69 g (24 mmol) of potassium *t*-butoxide in 35 mL of dried THF was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Subsequently, 4.16 g (20 mmol) of 2,2- diethoxyacetophenone was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 7 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a pad of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated on a rotary evaporator and then purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 20/1) to give the pure product.

2.3 Preparation of substituted atropaldehyde diethyl acetal (2b-2h)



According to literature reports,³ the substituted atropaldehyde diethyl acetals (2b-2h) were synthesized by the two-step methods below:

Step 1: the synthesis of 1,1-dichloro-2-phenylcyclopropane.

In a 100 mL, three-necked, round-bottomed flask equipped with a thermometer and a reflux condenser were charged with 50 mmol of substituted styrene, 5 mL of chloroform, 0.2 g of triethylbenzylammonium chloride, 2.5 mL of methylene chloride, and a solution of 8 g of NaOH in 8 mL of water. The mixture was stirred vigorously. The temperature was allowed to rise to 40 °C and then kept between 40 and 45 °C by cooling with water. After about an hour, evolution of heat subsided, and the dark reaction mixture was heated to 55–60 °C for an additional hour. The products were transferred to a separatory funnel with 25 mL of water. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous phase extracted with petroleum ether. The organic fractions were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated in vacuo, and distilled through a Vigreux column.

Step 2: the synthesis of atropaldehyde diethyl acetal.

A mixture of 10 mmol of 1,1-dichloro-2-arylcyclopropane, 1.6 g (40 mmol) of NaOH, and 16

mL of ethanol was placed in a flask fitted with a reflux condenser. The mixture was heated under reflux for 24 h. Some bumping might occur. Water (20 mL) was added, and the mixture was extracted with petroleum ether. The extracts were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated in vacuo, and distilled through a Vigreux column to give the corresponding substituted atropaldehyde diethyl acetal.

3. Optimization of the reaction conditions

Table S1. Optimization of the reaction of 1a and 2a for the synthesis of 3a.^a

	N Ph +	OEt Catal	<mark>D₂</mark> ballon yst (20 mol%) nt, 120 °C, 5 h	Ph
1	a 2	а		3a ^{OPh}
Entry	Catalyst	Oxidant	Solvent	Yield $(\%)^{b}$
1		O_2	DMSO	NR
2	Sc(OTf) ₃	O_2	DMSO	Trace
3	Fe(OTf) ₃	O_2	DMSO	ND
4	Cu(OTf) ₂	O_2	DMSO	31
5	CuCl ₂	O ₂	DMSO	28
6	Al(OTf) ₃	O_2	DMSO	58
7	AlCl ₃	O_2	DMSO	37
8	BF ₃ Et ₂ O	O ₂	DMSO	70
9	PTSA	O ₂	DMSO	13
10^{c}	BF ₃ Et ₂ O	TBHP	DMSO	41
11^c	BF ₃ Et ₂ O	DTBP	DMSO	57
12^{c}	BF ₃ Et ₂ O	$K_2S_2O_8$	DMSO	34
13	BF ₃ Et ₂ O		DMSO	$43, (29)^d$
14	BF ₃ Et ₂ O	O ₂	DMF	36
15	BF ₃ Et ₂ O	O ₂	Toluene	39
16	BF ₃ Et ₂ O	O ₂	PhCl	Messy
17	BF ₃ Et ₂ O	O ₂	DMSO	$(54, 30)^e$
18	BF ₃ [·] Et ₂ O	O_2	DMSO	$(39, 26)^{f}$

^{*a*} Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), catalyst (20 mol%), solvent (1 mL) at 120 °C under oxygen for 5 h. ^{*b*} Isolated yield; ^{*c*} Oxidant (1.2 equiv.). ^{*d*} Under nitrogen. ^{*e*} Performing the reaction at 100 °C and 140 °C. ^{*f*} Yields are with respect to the additives of ethanol and glycol (2.0 equiv.). TBHP = *tert*-Butyl hydroperoxide. DTBP = Di-*tert*-butyl peroxide.

Table S2. Optimization of the reaction of **2a** and β -naphthol for the synthesis of **5a**.^{*a*}

2a	DEt +	OH Catalyst (20 mc Solvent, 60 °C,	2 h 5a
Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Yield $(\%)^{b}$
1	Sc(OTf) ₃	EtOH	26
2	Al(OTf) ₃	EtOH	76
3	AlCl ₃	EtOH	22
4	BiCl ₃	EtOH	ND
5	BF ₃ Et ₂ O	EtOH	8
6	PTSA	EtOH	ND
7	TFA	EtOH	18
8	Al(OTf) ₃	CH ₃ CN	ND
9	Al(OTf) ₃	1,4-Dioxane	39
10	Al(OTf) ₃	DCE	24
11	Al(OTf) ₃	IPA	68
12^c	Al(OTf) ₃	EtOH	43
13	Al(OTf) ₃	EtOH	$(36, 79)^d$

^{*a*} Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with **2a** (0.2 mmol), β -naphthol (0.3 mmol), catalyst (20 mol%), solvent (1 mL) at 60 °C under air condition for 2 h. ^{*b*} Isolated yield based on **2a**. ^{*c*} Performing the reaction at 80 °C. ^{*d*} Performing the reaction under nitrogen and oxygen atomosphere, respectively.IPA = Isopropyl alcohol. ND = No desired product.

Table S3. Optimization of the reaction of 2a and 6a for the synthesis of 7a.^a

OEt	+ MeO OMe	Catalyst (10 mol%) EtOH, 80 °C, 1 h	MeO OMe Ph
2a	6a		7a
Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b
1	Sc(OTf) ₃	EtOH	22
2	Fe(OTf) ₃	EtOH	Trace
3	Al(OTf) ₃	EtOH	15
4	Bi(OTf) ₃	EtOH	12
5	Cu(OTf) ₂	EtOH	18
6	AlCl ₃	EtOH	37
7	$BF_3 Et_2O$	EtOH	31
8	PTSA	EtOH	11
9	ZnBr ₂	EtOH	NR
10^{c}	AlCl ₃	EtOH	54
11 ^c	AlCl ₃	CH ₃ CN	Trace

12^{c}	AlCl ₃	1,4-Dioxane	Trace	
13 ^c	AlCl ₃	DMSO	ND	
14^{c}	AlCl ₃	Toluene	23	
$15^{c,d}$	AlCl ₃	EtOH	72	
$16^{c,d}$	TFA	Toluene	$(69, 65)^{e}$	

^{*a*} Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with **2a** (0.2 mmol), **5a** (0.3 mmol), catalyst (10 mol%), solvent (1 mL) at 80 °C under air condition for 1 h. ^{*b*} Isolated yield based on **2a**. ^{*c*} AlCl₃ (0.04 mol, 20 mol%). ^{*d*} **5a**, 0.4 mmol. ^{*e*} Performing the reaction under nitrogen and oxygen atomosphere, respectively. ND = No desired product.

4. General procedure

4.1 General procedure for the synthesis of 2,2-disubstituted indolin-3-ones



The reactions were conducted in a 10 mL of V-type flask equipped with oil bath and triangle magnetic stirring. The mixture of **1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.2 mmol) and $BF_3 Et_2O$ (0.04 mmol, 20 mol%) charged with an O₂ balloon in DMSO (1.0 mL) was stirred at 120 °C for 5 h. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture cooled to room temperature, and the resulting mixture was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and then concentrated by removing the solvent under vacuum. Finally, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using PE/EtOAc as eluent to afford the desired product.

4.2 General procedure for the synthesis of naphthofurans



The reactions were conducted in a 10 mL of V-type flask equipped with oil bath and triangle magnetic stirring. The mixture of **2** (0.2 mmol), β -naphthol (0.3 mmol) and Al(OTf)₃ (0.04 mmol, 20 mol%) in EtOH (1.0 mL) was stirred at 60 °C for 2 h. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture cooled to room temperature, and the resulting mixture was washed with saturated

 $NaHCO_3$ solution, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and then concentrated by removing the solvent under vacuum. Finally, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using PE as eluent to afford the desired product.

4.3 General procedure for the synthesis of stilbenes



The reactions were conducted in a 10 mL of V-type flask equipped with oil bath and triangle magnetic stirring. The mixture of **2** (0.2 mmol), **5a** (0.4 mmol) and AlCl₃ (0.04 mmol, 20 mol%) in EtOH (1.0 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 1 h. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture cooled to room temperature, and the resulting mixture was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and then concentrated by removing the solvent under vacuum. Finally, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using PE/EtOAc as eluent to afford the desired product.

5 Sluggish reactions of other nucleophiles with atropaldehyde acetal

Table S4. Optimization of the reaction of 2a and *N*-methyl pyrrole for the synthesis of 8a.^a

		+ (N)	Catalyst (20 mol%) EtOH, 80 °C, 3 h	Ph +	Ph OEt
4	La			oa	98
		Entry	Catalyst	Yield (%) ^b	_
		1	Sc(OTf) ₃	Messy	
		2	Al(OTf) ₃	Messy	
		3	Fe(OTf) ₃	Messy	
		4	AlCl ₃	23 (9a)	
		5	BiCl ₃	ND	
		6	BF3 Et2O	34 (9a)	
		7	PTSA	Trace	
		8	TFA	Trace	

^{*a*} Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with **2a** (0.2 mmol), *N*-methyl pyrrole (0.4 mmol), catalyst (20 mol%), solvent (1 mL) at 80 °C under air condition for 3 h. ^{*b*} Isolated yield based on **2a**. ND = No desired product.

Table S5. Optimization of the reaction of 2a and benzofuran for the synthesis of 10a.^a

	$\frac{DEt}{t} + \frac{1}{2}$	Catalyst (20 mol%) EtOH, 80 °C, 3 h	Ph O
2a			<u>10a</u>
Er	ntry Catalyst	Yield (%) ^b
1	Sc(OTf)	Trace	
2	Al(OTf)	Trace	
3	Ni(OTf)	Trace	
4	AlCl ₃	NR	
5	BiCl ₃	Messy	
6	CuCl ₂	ND	
7	BF ₃ ·Et ₂ 0	D Trace	
8	PTSA	ND	
9	TFA	Trace	

^{*a*} Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with **2a** (0.2 mmol), benzofuran (0.4 mmol), catalyst (20 mol%), solvent (1 mL) at 80 °C under air condition for 3 h. ^{*b*} Isolated yield based on **2a**. ND = No desired product.

Table S6. Optimization of the reaction of 2a and *N*,*N*-dimethylaniline for the synthesis of 11a.^{*a*}

OEt + 2a	Catalyst (20 Solvent, 80 C	mol%) PC, 3 h 11a	Ph + N 12a
Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b
1	Al(OTf) ₃	EtOH	Messy
2	Fe(OTf) ₃	EtOH	Messy
3	Cu(OTf) ₂	EtOH	Messy
4	Bi(OTf) ₃	EtOH	37 (16a)
5	AlCl ₃	EtOH	Messy
6	BF3 Et2O	EtOH	Trace
7	TFA	EtOH	Trace
8	Bi(OTf) ₃	IPA	Trace
9	Bi(OTf) ₃	1,4-Dioxane	ND
10	Bi(OTf) ₃	Toluene	28 (16a)

^{*a*} Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with **2a** (0.2 mmol), *N*,*N*-dimethylaniline (0.4 mmol), catalyst (20 mol%), solvent (1 mL) at 80 °C under air condition for 3 h. ^{*b*} Isolated yield based on **2a**. ND = No desired product.

6 Mechanism study

6.1 Control experiments

(1) The synthesis of 4a



The reactions were conducted in a 10 mL of V-type flask equipped with oil bath and triangle magnetic stirring. The mixture of **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol) and $Al(OTf)_3$ (0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) in 1,4-Dioxane (1.0 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 3 h. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture cooled to room temperature, and the resulting mixture was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and then concentrated by removing the solvent under vacuum. Finally, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using PE/EtOAc as eluent to afford the desired product **4a** in 35% yield. (2) The transformation of **4a** to **3a**



The reactions were conducted in a 10 mL of V-type flask equipped with oil bath and triangle magnetic stirring. The mixture of **4a** (0.2 mmol) and $BF_3 Et_2O$ (0.04 mmol, 20 mol%) charged with an O₂ balloon in DMSO (1.0 mL) was stirred at 120 °C for 2 h. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture cooled to room temperature, and the resulting mixture was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and then concentrated by removing the solvent under vacuum. Finally, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using PE/EtOAc as eluent to afford the desired product **3a** in 79% yield.

6.2 Kinetic analysis based on the conversion of 1a and yields of 3a over time

The reactions were conducted in seven 10 mL of V-type flasks equipped with oil bath and triangle magnetic stirring. The mixture of **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol) and $BF_3 Et_2O$ (0.04 mmol, 20

mol%) charged with an O_2 balloon in DMSO (1.0 mL) was stirred at 120 °C in each V-type flask. Each flask was taken out from the oil bath at the certain amount of time intervals. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture cooled to room temperature, and the resulting mixture was isolated by silica gel column chromatography to determine the conversion of 2-phenylindole **1a** and the yield of product **3a**.

Entry	Time (h)	Conversion (%)	Yield (%)
1	0.5	47	15
2	1	55	26
3	1.5	67	33
4	2	81	41
5	3	97	53
б	4	97	64
7	5	97	70

6.3 Competitive experiments

The mixture of **1a** (0.2 mmol), **1** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol) and $BF_3 Et_2O$ (0.04 mmol, 20 mol%) charged with an O₂ balloon in DMSO (1.0 mL) was stirred at 120 °C for 5 h. The product ratio of **3a** and **3** was determined based on the mixture ¹H NMR analyses in CDCl₃.

(1) ¹H NMR for the reaction of 1a, 1l and 2a in CDCl₃



(2) ¹H NMR for the reaction of 1a, 1m and 2a in CDCl₃



(4) 1 H NMR for the reaction of **1a**, **1p** and **2a** in CDCl₃



6.4 The key intermediates detected by HRMS for the synthesis of 2,2-disubstituted indolin-3-ones

The reactions were conducted in a 10 mL of V-type flask equipped with oil bath and triangle magnetic stirring. The mixture of **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol) and BF_3Et_2O (0.04 mmol, 20 mol%) charged with an O₂ balloon in DMSO (1.0 mL) was stirred at 120 °C for 3 h. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture cooled to room temperature, and the resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water, and then the crude mixture was detected by HRMS.



Figure S1. The key intermediates detected by HRMS after 3 h of the reaction.

6.5 The key intermediates detected by HRMS for the synthesis of stilbene

The reactions were conducted in a 10 mL of V-type flask equipped with oil bath and triangle magnetic stirring. The mixture of **2a** (0.2 mmol), **5a** (0.4 mmol) and $AlCl_3$ (0.04 mmol, 20 mol%) in EtOH (1.0 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 20 min. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture cooled to room temperature, and the crude mixture was detected by HRMS.



Figure S2. The key intermediates detected by HRMS after 20 min of the reaction.

7 X-ray crystallographic data



Figure S3. The X-ray diffraction structure of 3a.

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Identification code	2317
Empirical formula	$C_{22}H_{17}NO_2$
Formula weight	327.36
Temperature/K	100.01(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	13.4881(8)
b/Å	12.4082(7)
c/Å	10.0756(6)
α/°	90
β/°	100.714(6)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	1656.89(17)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.312
μ/mm^{-1}	0.669
F(000)	688.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.11 \times 0.1 \times 0.08$
Radiation	$CuK\alpha \ (\lambda = 1.54184)$
2Θ range for data collection/°	6.67 to 147.138
Index ranges	$-16 \le h \le 12, -11 \le k \le 15, -11 \le l \le 12$
Reflections collected	6716
Independent reflections	3252 [$R_{int} = 0.0324$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0421$]
Data/restraints/parameters	3252/0/226
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.035
Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0511, wR_2 = 0.1287$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0618, wR_2 = 0.1379$
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.25 and -0.31 e.Å ⁻³

Table S7. (Crystal da	ta and stru	ucture refi	nement for 3a
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8 Characterization data of products



2-(2-Oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one $(3a)^4$: yellow solid (46 mg, 70% yield), mp: 148–150 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.65–7.52 (m, 4H), 7.52–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, *J* =

7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.18 ppm (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.8$, 197.9, 160.4, 138.2, 137.9, 136.7, 133.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 127.7, 125.8, 125.5, 119.0, 118.3, 111.9, 69.4, 44.9 ppm.



2-(2-Oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-(p-tolyl)indolin-3-one $(3b)^5$: yellow solid (40 mg, 58% yield), mp: 205–207 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.92 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (dd, J = 7.6, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50–7.40 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.2 Hz,

1H), 6.80 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.26 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.9$, 198.0, 160.4, 137.8, 137.4, 136.8, 135.1, 133.8, 129.6, 128.9, 128.3, 125.8, 125.3, 118.9, 118.3, 111.9, 69.3, 44.7, 21.1 ppm.



2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)indolin-3-one (**3c**)⁵: yellow solid (34 mg, 47% yield), mp: 127–129 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.51–7.42 (m, 5H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H),

6.80 (dd, J = 8.2, 6.5 Hz, 3H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 4.39 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.14 ppm (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 201.1$, 198.1, 160.3, 159.2, 137.9, 136.8, 133.9, 130.1, 128.9, 128.3, 126.7, 125.8, 118.9, 118.3, 114.3, 111.9, 69.0, 55.4, 44.7 ppm; IR (KBr) v = 3384, 2932, 2836, 1687, 1618, 1510, 1251, 752, 690, 513 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₃H₂₀NO₃, [M + H]⁺ 358.1438, found 358.1436.



2-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)indolin-3-one (**3d**): yellow solid (34 mg, 44% yield), mp: 185–187 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 5H), 7.29–7.25 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* =

8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 1.23 ppm (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 201.1$, 198.0, 160.4, 150.4, 137.8,

136.7, 135.0, 133.8, 128.8, 128.2, 125.8, 125.7, 125.0, 118.9, 118.4, 111.9, 69.3, 44.7, 34.5, 31.4 ppm; IR (KBr) v = 3385, 2962, 2905, 2867, 1685, 1620, 1489, 1217, 754, 690, 508 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₆H₂₆NO₂, [M + H]⁺ 384.1958, found 384.1956.



2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)indolin-3-one (**3e**)⁶: yellow solid (46 mg, 67% yield), mp: 151–153 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.62–7.52 (m, 4H), 7.50 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (dt, *J*

= 8.7, 4.5 Hz, 3H), 6.82 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 4.39 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.14 ppm (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.7$, 198.0, 163.7 (d, ¹ $J_{C-F} = 245$ Hz), 160.2, 138.1, 136.6, 134.0, 133.9 (d, ⁴ $J_{C-F} = 3$ Hz), 130.1 (d, ³ $J_{C-F} = 8$ Hz), 128.9, 128.2, 127.4 (d, ³ $J_{C-F} = 8$ Hz), 125.8, 119.9 (d, ² $J_{C-F} = 18$ Hz), 119.2, 118.1, 115.7 (d, ² $J_{C-F} = 21$ Hz), 112.0, 68.9, 45.0 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = -115.4$ (m, 1F) ppm; IR (KBr) v = 3385, 2921, 2849, 1687, 1619, 1507, 1219, 752, 513 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₂H₁₇FNO₂, [M + H]⁺ 346.1238, found 346.1236.



2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)indolin-3-one (**3f**)⁵: yellow solid (56 mg, 78% yield), mp: 153–155 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (dt, *J* = 7.5, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dt, *J* = 21.6, 8.1 Hz, 5H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dt, *J* = 21.6, 8.1 Hz, 5H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dt, *J* = 21.6, 8.1 Hz, 5H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dt, *J* = 21.6, 8.1 Hz, 5H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.58 (dt, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.58 (dt, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.58 (dt, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.58 (dt, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.58 (dt, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.58 (dt, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.58 (dt, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.58 (dt, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.58 (

2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.15 ppm (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.4$, 197.9, 160.2, 138.1, 136.9, 136.5, 134.1, 133.7, 128.9, 128.9, 128.2, 127.1, 125.8, 119.2, 118.1, 112.0, 69.0, 44.9 ppm.



2-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)indolin-3-one (**3g**): yellow solid (53 mg, 66% yield), mp: 164–166 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.62–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.43 (m, 5H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz,

1H), 6.82 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.15 ppm (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.3$, 197.8, 160.2, 138.1, 137.4, 136.5, 134.1, 131.9, 128.9, 128.2, 127.4, 125.8, 121.9, 119.3, 118.0, 112.0, 69.0, 44.9 ppm; IR (KBr) v = 3385, 2923, 2852, 1685, 1618, 1487, 1217, 1006, 753, 516 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₂H₁₇BrNO₂, [M + H]⁺ 406.0437, found 406.0436.



2-(4-Iodophenyl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)indolin-3-one (**3h**): yellow solid (34 mg, 38% yield), mp: 176–178 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.62–7.56 (m, 4H), 7.50 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz,

2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 4.37 (d, J = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 3.14 ppm (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.2$, 197.8, 160.2, 138.2, 138.1, 137.8, 136.5, 134.1, 129.0, 128.2, 127.6, 125.8, 119.3, 118.0, 112.0, 93.6, 69.1, 44.8 ppm; IR (KBr) v = 3384, 2920, 1684, 1618, 1486, 1218, 1003, 753, 515 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₂H₁₇INO₂, [M + H]⁺ 454.0298, found 454.0297.



2-(2-Oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)indolin-3-one (**3i**): yellow solid (46 mg, 59% yield), mp: 171–173 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.61–7.50 (m, 5H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d,

J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 3.20 ppm (d, J = 18.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.0$, 197.7, 160.3, 142.4, 138.3, 136.4, 134.2, 129.7, 128.8 (q, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 52.0$ Hz), 127.4 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 269.0$ Hz), 126.4, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8 (q, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 4$ Hz), 119.4, 117.9, 112.1, 69.2, 45.1 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = -62.6$ (s, 3F) ppm; IR (KBr) $\nu = 3383$, 2923, 2851, 1687, 1619, 1326, 1125, 1070, 753, 515 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₃H₁₇F₃NO₂, [M + H]⁺ 396.1206, found 396.1204.



2-(2-Oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-(m-tolyl)indolin-3-one (**3j**): yellow solid (30 mg, 45% yield), mp: 157–159 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.51–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz,

1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 2.28 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.9$, 197.9, 160.4, 138.4, 138.0, 137.9, 136.7, 133.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 126.1, 125.8, 122.5, 118.9, 118.3, 111.9, 69.4, 44.9, 21.8 ppm; IR (KBr) v = 3384, 2920, 2859, 1687, 1618, 1488, 1217, 752, 689, 507 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₃H₂₀NO₂, [M + H]⁺ 342.1489, found 342.1487.





solid (62 mg, 77% yield), mp: 179–181 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.90 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.16 ppm (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ = 200.1, 197.7, 160.2, 140.7, 138.2, 136.5, 134.0, 130.8, 130.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 125.8, 124.3, 123.0, 119.3, 118.0, 112.1, 68.9, 45.1 ppm; IR (KBr) v = 3384, 2921, 2848, 1685, 1618, 1488, 1218, 753, 689, 507 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₂H₁₇BrNO₂, [M + H]⁺ 406.0437, found 406.0436.



5-Methyl-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (31)⁵: yellow solid (46 mg, 68% yield), mp: 181–183 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* =

8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 2.28 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.9$, 197.9, 158.9, 139.4, 138.4, 136.7, 133.8, 128.8, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.6, 125.4, 125.0, 118.4, 111.9, 69.8, 44.9, 20.6 ppm.



5-Methoxy-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (**3m**)⁶: yellow solid (39 mg, 56% yield), mp: 203–205 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 7.25–7.16

(m, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 4.41 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.21 ppm (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 201.0$, 197.9, 156.3, 153.5, 138.4, 136.8, 133.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 125.5, 118.5, 113.5, 105.4, 70.4, 56.0, 45.0 ppm; IR (KBr) $\nu = 3392$, 2920, 2849, 1685, 1497, 1448, 1216, 753, 527 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₃H₂₀NO₃, [M + H]⁺ 358.1438, found 358.1436.



5-Fluoro-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one $(3n)^5$: yellow solid (43 mg, 62% yield), mp: 150–152 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.91 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.60–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 2H), 6.93 (dd, J = 8.7,

3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.21 ppm (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 S19

MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ = 200.6 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz, C=O), 197.7 (C=O), 157.7 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 238.0 Hz), 157.0, 137.9, 136.6, 133.9, 128.9, 128.3, 127.9, 126.1 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 26.0 Hz), 125.4, 118.8 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.0 Hz), 113.1 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.0 Hz), 110.5 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.0 Hz), 70.5, 45.0 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ = -125.0 (sextet, 1F) ppm.



5-Chloro-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (30)⁵: yellow solid (40 mg, 56% yield), mp: 146–148 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.91 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 3H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H)

2H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.20 ppm (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 199.6$, 197.7, 158.6, 137.8, 137.7, 136.6, 134.0, 128.9, 128.9, 128.3, 127.9, 125.4, 125.0, 124.2, 119.4, 113.1, 70.2, 44.9 ppm.



5-Bromo-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (**3p**): yellow solid (60 mg, 74% yield), mp: 154–156 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz,

2H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.20 ppm (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 199.4$, 197.7, 158.8, 140.3, 137.6, 136.5, 134.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 125.34, 120.0, 113.5, 111.0, 70.1, 44.8 ppm; IR (KBr) v = 3382, 2920, 2849, 1687, 1613, 1474, 1217, 1167, 753, 697, 509 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₂H₁₇BrNO₂, [M + H]⁺ 406.0437, found 406.0436.



6-Methyl-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (**3q**)⁶: yellow solid (34 mg, 51% yield), mp: 160–162 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.48–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25

(s, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 2.38 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.0, 198.1, 160.9, 149.7, 138.4, 136.8, 133.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 127.6, 125.5, 125.4, 120.9, 116.0, 111.9, 69.6, 44.9, 22.7 ppm; IR (KBr) <math>\nu = 3384, 2919, 2848, 1686, 1621, 1217, 753, 692, 539$ cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₃H₂₀NO₂, [M + H]⁺ 342.1489, found 342.1487.



2-(Furan-2-yl)-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)indolin-3-one (**3r**): yellow solid (20 mg, 32% yield), mp: 104–106 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) $\delta = 7.96$ (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.86

(t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.31–6.23 (m, 2H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 3.22 ppm (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 198.7$, 197.4, 160.6, 150.9, 142.9, 137.9, 136.5, 133.8, 128.9, 128.3, 125.7, 119.5, 118.8, 112.4, 110.9, 106.4, 66.6, 43.1 ppm; IR (KBr) v = 3379, 2921, 2850, 1690, 1618, 1487, 1219, 753, 690, 480 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₀H₁₅NNaO₃, [M + Na]⁺ 340.0944, found 340.0944.



2-(2-Oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)indolin-3-one (**3s**)⁷: yellow solid (27 mg, 41% yield), mp: 122–124 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.64–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 4.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* =

8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 4.31 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.19 ppm (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 199.4$, 197.7, 160.1, 142.9, 138.0, 136.7, 133.9, 128.9, 128.3, 127.7, 125.9, 124.9, 123.9, 119.5, 118.0, 112.3, 68.1, 45.5 ppm.



1-Methyl-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (**3t**): yellow solid (32 mg, 47% yield), mp: 150–152 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.90 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59–7.48 (m, 3H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.28 (m, 5H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H),

4.21 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.93 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.3$, 195.4, 161.2, 137.4, 137.2, 136.6, 133.5, 129.3, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 126.0, 125.5, 119.8, 117.4, 107.6, 73.1, 43.2, 29.1 ppm; IR (KBr) v = 3061, 2918, 2830, 1702, 1617, 1492, 1320, 1220, 998, 750, 695, 574 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₃H₁₉NNaO₂, [M + Na]⁺ 364.1308, found 364.1308.



1-Ethyl-2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (**3u**): yellow solid (24 mg, 34% yield), mp: 164–166 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz,

1H), 7.53–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.25 (m, 5H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dq, J = 14.3, 7.1 Hz, 10.54 (dq, J = 14.3, 7.1 Hz), 3.54 (dq, J1H), 3.28 (dq, J = 14.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 0.99 ppm (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ = 200.4, 195.0, 160.5, 137.5, 137.2, 136.6, 133.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.2, 128.2, 126.2, 125.6, 120.0, 117.3, 107.6, 73.3, 43.8, 38.5, 14.3 ppm; IR (KBr) v = 3060, 2927, 2871, 1692, 1616, 1489, 1322, 1219, 999, 750, 694, 581 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₄H₂₂NO₂, [M + H]⁺ 356.1645, found 356.1644.



2-(2-Oxo-2-(p-tolyl))ethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one $(3v)^4$: yellow solid (45 mg, 67% yield), mp: 182–184 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.82 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.33–7.17 (m, 5H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, J = 7.4

Hz, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 2.40 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ = 200.9, 197.6, 160.4, 144.9, 138.2, 137.9, 134.3, 129.6, 128.8, 128.4, 127.7, 125.8, 125.5, 118.9, 118.3, 111.9, 69.5, 44.7, 21.8 ppm.



2-(2-(4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (**3w**): yellow solid (37 mg, 49% yield), mp: 205–207 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.51–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz,

2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 1.32 ppm (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ = 200.9, 197.6, 160.4, 157.8, 138.2, 137.9, 134.2, 128.8, 128.2, 127.6, 125.8, 125.7, 125.5, 118.9, 118.2, 111.9, 69.5, 44.7, 35.3, 31.2 ppm; IR (KBr) v = 3386, 2964, 2906, 2868, 1681, 1620, 1489, 1225, 833, 755, 511 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for $C_{26}H_{26}NO_2$, $[M + H]^+$ 384.1958, found 384.1956.



 $(3x)^{7}$: 2-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one yellow solid (47 mg, 69% yield), mp: 167-169 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.98–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.56 (dd, J = 14.6, 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.52–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21

(t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 4.39 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 3.16 ppm (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.7$, 196.3, 167.5 (d, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 255.0$ Hz), 160.4, 138.1, 138.0, 133.2 (d, ${}^{4}J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz), 131.0, (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 9.0$ Hz), 128.9, 127.8, 125.8, 125.4, 119.1, 118.3, 116.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 22.0$ Hz), 111.93, 69.34, 44.83 ppm; 19 F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = -103.8$ (m, 1F) ppm.



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2-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one $(3y)^7$: yellow solid (58 mg, 80% yield), mp: 172–174 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (td, *J* = 18.0, 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz,

2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.16 ppm (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.6$, 196.7, 160.3, 140.4, 138.0, 138.0, 135.0, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 127.8, 125.8, 125.4, 119.1, 118.3, 111.9, 69.3, 44.9 ppm.



2-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one $(3z)^7$: yellow solid (76 mg, 61% yield), mp: 177–179 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H), 7.55–7.47 (m, 3H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t,

J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 4.37 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.15 ppm (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.6$, 196.9, 160.3, 138.0, 138.0, 135.4, 132.2, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 127.8, 125.8, 125.4, 119.2, 118.3, 111.9, 69.3, 44.9 ppm.



2-(2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (3aa): yellow solid (34 mg, 47% yield), mp: 123–125 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 18.6, 7.8 Hz, 5H), 7.38 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28

(t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 4.37 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.16 ppm (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.5$, 196.7, 160.3, 138.0, 137.9, 135.3, 133.7, 130.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 126.3, 125.8, 125.4, 119.1, 111.9, 69.2, 45.1 ppm; IR (KBr) v = 3382, 2922, 2848, 1687, 1619, 1489, 1212, 754, 699, 516 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₂H₁₆ClNNaO₂, [M + Na]⁺ 384.0762, found 384.0761.



2-(2-(3-Bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (**3ab**)⁷: yellow solid (41 mg, 51% yield), mp: 133–135 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.48 (m, 4H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 14.5,

7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (dd, J = 13.4, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.17 ppm (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 200.4$, 196.5, 160.2, 138.2, 137.9, 137.8, 136.6, 131.2, 130.3, 128.8, 127.7, 126.6, 125.7, 125.3, 123.1, 119.0, 118.2, 111.8, 69.1, 45.0 ppm.



3-(3-Ethoxy-2-phenylallyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole (**4a**): yellow oil (25 mg, 35% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz,

2H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 3.67 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.14 ppm (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 144.9$, 138.6, 136.0, 135.3, 132.9, 129.6, 128.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 126.0, 122.3, 119.7, 119.7, 114.3, 110.7, 110.1, 68.3, 28.1, 15.3 ppm; IR (KBr) v = 3362, 3055, 2976, 1601, 1493, 1454, 1304, 1136, 742, 697, 500 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI, TOF) m/z: calcd for C₂₅H₂₄NO, [M + H]⁺ 354.1852, found 354.1855.



2-Phenylnaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**5a**)⁸: white solid (37 mg, 76% yield), mp: 145–147 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.75–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz,

1H), 7.53–7.44 (m, 4H), 7.35 ppm (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 155.4$, 152.4, 130.7, 130.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 127.6, 126.3, 125.2, 124.7, 124.6, 124.5, 123.5, 112.3, 100.5 ppm.



2-(*p*-Tolyl)naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**5b**)⁹: white solid (31 mg, 61% yield), mp: 149–151 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) $\delta = 8.17$ (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d,

J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.73–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.41 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 155.7$, 152.2, 138.3, 130.4, 129.6, 128.8, 127.9, 127.6, 126.2, 124.9, 124.6, 124.5, 123.5, 112.3, 99.7, 21.4 ppm.



2-(4-Fluorophenyl)naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**5c**)¹⁰: off white solid (35 mg, 68% yield), mp: 120–122 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H),

7.89 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (q, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.16 ppm (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 164.0$ (d, ¹ $J_{C-F} = 247$ Hz), 154.5, 152.3, 130.5, 128.8, 127.6, 127.0 (d, ⁴ $J_{C-F} = 3$ Hz), 126.5 (d, ³ $J_{C-F} = 8$ Hz), 126.3, 125.2, 124.6, 124.5, 123.4, 116.1 (d, ² $J_{C-F} = 22$ Hz), 112.2, 100.2 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = -112.8$ (m, 1F) ppm.



7-Bromo-2-phenylnaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**5d**)⁸: pale yellow solid (50 mg, 79% yield), mp: 115–117 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) $\delta = 8.09$ (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.1

Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50– 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.37 ppm (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 155.9$, 152.4, 131.7, 130.8, 130.4, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 126.1, 125.2, 124.8, 124.6, 124.1, 118.2, 113.4, 100.2 ppm.

 $\begin{array}{r} & (38 \text{ mg}, 72\%) \\ \text{MeO} & (38 \text{ mg}, 72\%) \\ \text{$

(100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ = 160.3, 159.6, 139.8, 130.0, 128.5, 126.6, 126.3, 120.0, 108.3, 90.9, 55.9, 55.5 ppm.



1,3,5-Trimethoxy-2-(4-methylstyryl)benzene (**7b**)¹³: white solid (42 mg, 74% yield), mp: 93–95 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.46–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.7

Hz, 2H), 6.16 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 6H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.33 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃,

25 °C) δ = 160.0, 159.4, 136.9, 136.2, 129.9, 129.1, 126.1, 118.9, 108.3, 90.9, 55.8, 55.3, 21.2 ppm.

Cl 2-(4-Chlorostyryl)-1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene $(7c)^{13}$: white solid (34 mg, 57% yield), mp: 97–99 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) $\delta = 7.40$ (dd, J = 14.5, 6.6 Hz, 4H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 6H), 3.84 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 160.4$, 159.6, 138.2, 131.9, 128.51, 128.46, 127.3, 120.5, 107.8, 90.8, 55.8, 55.3 ppm.



(*E*)-2-(4-Bromostyryl)-1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (**7d**)¹³: white solid (43 mg, 63% yield), mp: 94–96 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.34

(m, 4H), 6.16 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 6H), 3.84 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ = 160.5, 159.6, 138.7, 131.4, 128.5, 127.7, 120.6, 120.0, 107.8, 90.8, 55.8, 55.3 ppm.

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3c

240 230 220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -4 f1 (ppm)





3d















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3m



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