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## **Organocatalytic** (5 + 1) benzannulation of

# Morita-Baylis-Hillman carbonates: synthesis of multisubstituted 4-benzylidene pyrazolones

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#### **1. General Information**

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on Bruker 600, 700 MHz, or JEOL 600 NMR instrument (at 600 or 700 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, at 660 MHz for <sup>19</sup>F, and at 150, or 175 MHz for  ${}^{13}$ C). The  ${}^{1}$ H NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm with the internal CDCl<sub>3</sub> signal at 7.26 ppm (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> signal at 2.50 ppm) as standard. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts were given using CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> as the internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  = 77.00 ppm; DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>:  $\delta$  = 39.50 ppm). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using Agilent P/N G1969-90010 or Waters/Acquity UPLC-Synapt G2HDMS. High-resolution mass spectra were reported for the molecular ion [M+H]<sup>+</sup> or [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. Melting points were recorded on BUCHI Melting Point M-565 instrument. Conduct anhydrous and anaerobic tests in the MB-Unilab Pro SP (1250/780) glove box. X-ray diffraction experiment was carried out on an Agilent Gemini and the data obtained were deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. UV-Vis absorption spectra of BNCDs were measured by a TU-1901 spectrophotometer (Persee, China), the fluorescence spectra were recorded by a F97Pro fluorescence spectrophotometer (Lengguang Technology, China). Measure the oxidation reducibility of **3a** with IKA Electra Syn 2.0. UV detection was performed at 254 nm. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh) using an eluent of ethyl acetate and petroleum ether. TLC was performed on glass-backed silica plates; products were visualized using UV light. All reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification.

#### catalyst H<sub>o</sub>N solvent OBoc NC RT MeO<sub>2</sub>C CN 1a 2a 3a Yield entry<sup>[a]</sup> catalyst solvent (1a/2a/cat.) T(°C) *t* (h) [%] 1 PPh<sub>3</sub> DCM 1/1/0.2 RT N.R. 24 2 DMAP DCM 1/1/0.2 RT 24 28 3 DABCO DCM 1/1/0.2 RT 72 67 4 1/1/0.2 RT 24 N.R. Et<sub>3</sub>N DCM 5 DABCO $H_2O$ 1/1/0.2 RT 24 N.R. 6 DABCO toluene 1/1/0.2 RT 72 42 7 DABCO 1/1/0.272 26 CHCl<sub>3</sub> RT 8 72 DABCO THF 1/1/0.2 RT 38 9 DABCO EA 1/1/0.2RT 72 trace

CO<sub>o</sub>Et

CO<sub>2</sub>Et

NC

#### 2. Optimization of the model reaction

10	DABCO	DCE	1/1/0.2	RT	72	50
11	DABCO	DCM	1.2/1/0.2	RT	72	33
12	DABCO	DCM	1/1.2/0.2	RT	72	45
13	DABCO	DCM	1/1/0.5	RT	72	29
14	DABCO	DCM	1/1/0.2	40	24	49

<sup>[a]</sup> Unless noted otherwise, reactions were performed using **1a** (0.10 mmol), **2a** (0.10 mmol), catalyst (0.02 mmol) in solvent (1.0 mL) at RT. Isolated yield.

#### **3.** General procedures for the (5 + 1) benzannulation



A mixture of pyrazolone-derived MBH carbonate **1** (0.1 mmol), 2-allylidenemalononitrile **2** (0.1 mmol), and DABCO (20 mol%) in DCM (1.0 mL) was stirred at RT for 72 h (monitored by TLC). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give product **3**.

*Ethyl* (Z)-5-amino-6-cyano-4-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-1,5dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate (3a). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product **3a**: 34.0 mg as a yellow solid, 67% yield; m.p. 82.6  $- 83.5 \,^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.93 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.50  $- 7.44 \,(m, 3H), 7.41 \,(t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 \,(d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 \,(t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.52 \,(s, 2H), 4.02 \,(q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.01 \,(s, 3H), 1.92 \,(s, 3H), 0.95 \,(t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H)$ 

Hz, 3H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 165.3, 160.7, 150.3, 149.7, 147.5, 142.5, 137.6, 137.4, 136.2, 130.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 125.6, 120.4, 118.8, 115.3, 115.2, 99.8, 61.2, 53.9, 16.4, 13.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 509.1825; Found 509.1825.



NC

 $H_2N$ 

MeO<sub>2</sub>C

O

3a

#### Ethyl (Z)-5-amino-6-cyano-4'-methoxy-4-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-

*carboxylate (3b).* The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product **3b**: 44.0 mg as a yellow solid, 82% yield; m.p. 166.0 – 167.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 – 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.41(t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.50 (s, 2H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.7, 165.6, 160.8, 160.2, 150.2, 149.7, 147.6, 142.7, 137.5, 136.2, 130.0, 129.7, 129.1, 125.6, 120.8, 118.8, 115.6, 115.0,

113.8, 100.1, 61.3, 55.4, 54.0, 16.5, 13.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{30}H_{27}N_4O_6$  539.1931; Found 539.1930.



*Ethyl* (Z)-5-amino-6-cyano-4-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate (3c). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product 3c: 25.9 mg as a yellow solid, 50% yield; m.p. 145.3 – 146.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.87 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 5.51 (s, 2H), 4.05 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.00 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.7, 165.5, 160.8, 150.6, 149.7, 147.6, 142.7, 138.8, 137.5, 136.2, 134.6, 130.0, 129.1, 128.1, 125.6,

120.6, 118.8, 115.5, 115.1, 100.0, 61.3, 54.0, 21.5, 16.4, 13.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{30}H_{27}N_4O_5$  523.1981; Found 523.1981.



*Ethyl* (**Z**)-5-amino-6-cyano-4'-fluoro-4-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate(3d). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product **3d**: 47.0 mg as a yellow solid, 89% yield; m.p. 120.9  $- 122.0 \,^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 - 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (tt, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.54 (s, 2H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.5, 164.0, 162.8 (d, *J* <sub>FC</sub>= 247.2 Hz), 161.2, 159.6, 148.7, 148.2, 146.3, 141.2, 136.3, 135.3, 132.5 (d, *J* 

<sub>FC</sub>= 3.5 Hz), 132.4, 129.04 (d,  $J_{FC}$ = 9.0 Hz), 128.98, 128.0, 124.5, 119.2, 117.7, 114.5 (d,  $J_{FC}$ = 21.9 Hz), 114.4, 114.3, 114.1, 98.9, 60.3, 52.9, 15.4, 12.7; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (660 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -112.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 527.1731; Found 527.1731.



#### Ethyl (Z)-5-amino-4'-chloro-6-cyano-4-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate

(*3e*). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product **3e**: 37.2 mg as a yellow solid, 69% yield; m.p. 112.9 – 113.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 5.55 (s, 2H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 165.0, 160.7, 149.8, 149.1, 147.4, 142.3, 137.4, 136.4, 136.1, 135.1, 130.1, 129.6, 129.1, 128.7, 125.7, 120.2, 118.8, 115.7, 115.2, 99.8, 61.4, 54.0, 16.5,

13.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 543.1435; Found 543.1438.



Ethyl

#### (Z)-5-amino-4'-bromo-6-cyano-4-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-

*carboxylate* (*3f*). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product **3f**: 28.4 mg as a yellow solid, 49% yield; m.p. 144.2 – 145.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (s, 2H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 165.0, 160.7, 149.9, 149.1, 147.4, 142.3, 137.4, 136.6, 136.4, 131.6, 130.1,

129.9, 129.1, 125.7, 123.3, 120.1, 118.8, 115.7, 115.2, 99.7, 61.5, 54.0, 16.5, 13.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{29}H_{24}^{79}BrN_4O_5$  587.0930; Found 587.0926; Calcd for  $C_{29}H_{24}^{81}BrN_4O_5$  589.0910; Found 589.0908.



*Ethyl* (Z)-5-amino-6-cyano-4-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-3'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate (3g). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product 3g: 29.5 mg as a yellow solid, 57% yield; m.p. 110.5 – 112.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.87 (dq, J = 7.2, 0.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.22 (tt, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 5.50 (s, 2H), 4.02 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.7, 165.5, 150.5, 149.7, 147.6, 142.6, 137.9, 137.6, 137.5,

136.2, 130.0, 129.7, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 125.6, 125.3, 120.6, 118.9, 115.4, 115.2, 99.9, 61.2, 54.0, 21.5, 16.4, 13.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{30}H_{27}N_4O_5$  523.1981; Found 523.1984.



Ethyl (Z)-5-amino-3'-chloro-6-cyano-4-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate (3h). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product 3h: 36.4 mg as a yellow solid, 67% yield; m.p. 114.9 – 115.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.91 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.29 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 5.55 (s, 2H), 4.12 – 4.00 (m, 5H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.00 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.5, 163.8, 159.6, 148.7, 147.5, 146.3, 141.1, 138.3, 136.3, 135.4, 133.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3, 125.3, 124.6, 119.0,

117.7, 114.7, 113.9, 98.7, 60.3, 52.9, 15.4, 12.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 543.1435; Found 543.1435.



# Ethyl (Z)-5-amino-3'-bromo-6-cyano-4-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-

*carboxylate (3i).* The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product **3i**: 39.0 mg as a yellow solid, 66% yield; m.p. 59.3 – 60.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 5.57 (s, 2H), 4.12 – 4.00 (m, 5H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.5, 164.8, 160.6, 149.8, 148.4, 147.4, 142.1, 139.6, 137.3, 136.4, 131.8, 131.2, 130.1, 129.8, 129.0, 126.8, 125.6,

122.2, 120.0, 118.8, 115.7, 115.0, 99.6, 61.4, 53.9, 16.4, 13.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub><sup>79</sup>BrN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 587.0930; Found 587.0927; Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub><sup>81</sup>BrN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 589.0910; Found 589.0915.



*phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2carboxylate (3j).* The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product **3j**: 36.8 mg as a yellow solid, 65% yield; m.p. 151.0 – 152.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.22 (tt, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 4.07 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.7, 165.7, 160.8, 149.9, 149.7, 148.8,

Ethyl (Z)-5-amino-6-cyano-3',4'-dimethoxy-4-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-

147.6, 142.6, 137.5, 136.1, 130.0, 129.9, 129.1, 125.6, 121.1, 120.9, 118.8, 115.6, 115.1, 111.8, 110.9, 100.0, 61.3, 56.1, 56.0, 53.9, 16.5, 13.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{31}H_{29}N_4O_7$  569.2036; Found 569.2039.



*Ethyl* (*Z*)-*4-amino-3-cyano-5-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)benzoate* (*3k*). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product **3k**: 35.5 mg as a yellow solid, 64% yield; m.p. 130.3 – 132.0 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.86 (m, 4H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.23 (tt, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (s, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.97 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.7, 165.4, 160.8, 150.3, 149.8, 147.6, 142.6, 137.5, 136.3, 135.1, 133.3, 133.0, 130.1, 129.1, 128.4, 128.0, 127.5, 126.9, 126.7, 126.1, 125.6, 120.6, 118.9, 115.42, 115.40,

100.1, 61.3, 54.0, 16.5, 13.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{33}H_{27}N_4O_5$  559.1981; Found 559.1982.



BocN

NC

 $H_2N$ 

MeO<sub>2</sub>C

Ö

3m

*Ethyl* (*Z*)-4-amino-3-cyano-5-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-1,5dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)benzoate (3l). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product **3l**: 28.8 mg as a yellow solid, 56% yield; m.p. 125.3 – 126.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 3H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.22 (tt, *J* = 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 5.51 (s, 2H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.4, 164.2, 159.6, 148.6, 146.4,

141.3, 141.1, 136.3, 136.0, 134.8, 129.0, 127.9, 127.3, 126.6, 126.1, 124.5, 120.8, 117.7, 114.9, 114.0, 99.7, 60.4, 52.9, 15.4, 12.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+Na]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{27}H_{23}N_4O_5SNa$  537.1209; Found 537.1219.



3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*D*<sub>6</sub>) δ 166.8, 161.4, 151.9, 149.6, 149.0, 140.1, 138.1, 135.0, 131.0, 130.3, 129.6, 125.4, 125.2, 123.6, 118.6, 118.4, 116.5, 115.4, 84.9, 60.9, 53.7, 28.2, 15.7, 15.5, 13.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub> 648.2458; Found 648.2458.



*Ethyl* 4-amino-3-cyano-5-((Z)-2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-1,5dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-2-((E)-styryl)benzoate (3n). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/10) to give the product **3n**: 31.0 mg as a yellow solid, 58% yield; m.p. 140.6 - 141.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 (s, 1H), 7.89 - 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 - 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 - 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (s, 2H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 164.9, 160.7, 150.6, 147.5, 147.2, 142.7, 137.4, 137.0,

136.6, 136.1, 129.8, 129.0, 128.94, 128.91, 128.8, 127.2, 125.5, 124.6, 118.7, 118.6, 116.2, 114.5, 97.2, 61.4, 53.9, 16.4, 14.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 535.1981; Found 535.1976.



*Methyl* (*Z*)-5-*amino-6-cyano-4-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate (3o).* The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product **3o**: 42.9 mg as a yellow solid, 87% yield; m.p. 171.9 – 173.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.2Hz, 1H), 5.54 (s, 2H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s,

3H), 1.92 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.6, 164.4, 159.6, 149.6, 148.7, 146.4, 141.4, 136.31, 136.28, 135.2, 128.9, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 127.00, 126.95, 124.5, 118.7, 117.7, 114.2, 114.1, 99.0, 52.9, 51.1, 15.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 495.1668; Found 495.1664.



*Ethyl* (Z)-5-amino-6-cyano-4-(2-methoxy-1-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-5-oxo-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2carboxylate (3p). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product 3p: 32.1 mg as a yellow solid, 60% yield; m.p. 75.5 – 76.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.29 (dd, J = 6.0, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.52 (s, 2H), 4.05 – 3.97 (m, 5H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.7,

165.4, 160.3, 157.4, 150.2, 149.7, 147.2, 142.3, 137.6, 136.2, 130.7, 130.0, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 120.7, 120.4, 115.31, 115.29, 114.1, 99.8, 61.2, 55.5, 53.9, 16.3, 13.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 539.1931; Found 539.1932.



*Ethyl* (Z)-5-amino-6-cyano-4-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate (3q). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product 3q: 24.5 mg as a yellow solid, 47% yield; m.p. 80.1 – 81.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.30 (dd, J = 6.3, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.51 (s, 2H), 4.05 – 3.99 (m, 5H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.7, 165.4, 160.6,

150.3, 149.7, 147.4, 142.3, 137.7, 136.3, 135.4, 135.1, 130.1, 129.6, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 120.5, 118.9, 115.4, 99.9, 61.3, 53.9, 21.1, 16.4, 13.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{30}H_{27}N_4O_5$  523.1981; Found 523.1982.



#### Ethyl (Z)-5-amino-4-(1-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-5-oxo-1,5-dihydro-4Hpyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-6-cyano-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-

*carboxylate (3r).* The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product **3r**: 28.2 mg as a yellow solid, 52% yield; m.p. 79.0 – 80.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 (s, 1H), 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 5.52 (s, 2H), 4.01 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 165.4, 160.7, 150.4, 149.7, 147.9, 143.0, 137.7, 136.3, 136.1, 130.7, 129.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 120.6, 119.8,

115.3, 115.2, 100.0, 61.3, 54.0, 16.5, 13.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{29}H_{24}ClN_4O_5$  543.1435; Found 543.1435.



*Ethyl* (Z)-5-amino-6-cyano-4-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-(m-tolyl)-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2carboxylate (3s). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product 3s: 24.0 mg as a yellow solid, 46% yield; m.p. 78.8 – 79.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (s, 2H), 4.02 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 0.95 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

 $(150 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 166.7, 165.4, 160.7, 150.3, 149.7, 147.5, 142.5, 139.0, 137.7, 137.4, 136.3, 130.1, 128.91, 128.89, 128.3, 128.2, 126.5, 120.5, 119.4, 116.1, 115.4, 99.9, 61.3, 54.0, 21.7, 16.4, 13.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 523.1981; Found 523.1982.$ 



*Ethyl* (Z)-5-amino-6-cyano-4-(1-(1-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-methyl-5-oxo-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate (3t). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product 3t: 23.1 mg as a yellow solid, 44% yield; m.p. 79.2 – 80.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.74 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.69 (dt, *J* = 10.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.91 (td, *J* =8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (s, 2H), 4.02 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H)

3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.5, 165.4, 163.8, 162.2 (d,  $J_{FC}$ = 243.8 Hz), 160.8, 150.4, 149.7, 148.0, 143.1, 138.9, 138.8 (d,  $J_{FC}$ = 11.0 Hz), 137.7, 136.2, 130.4, 130.3 (d,  $J_{FC}$ = 9.2 Hz), 129.8, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 120.6, 115.3, 115.2, 113.87, 113.85 (d,  $J_{FC}$ = 3.0 Hz), 112.3, 112.1 (d,  $J_{FC}$ = 10.1 Hz), 106.1, 105.9 (d,  $J_{FC}$ = 26.9 Hz), 100.0, 61.3, 54.0, 16.5, 13.7; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (660 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -111.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 527.1731; Found 527.1731.



*Ethyl* (Z)-5-amino-4-(1-(1-(3-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-5-oxo-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-6-cyano-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2carboxylate (3u). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product 3u: 25.2 mg as a yellow solid, 43% yield; m.p. 74.8 – 75.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.10 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.88 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 5.50 (s, 2H), 4.02 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR

 $(150 \text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \ \delta \ 166.5, \ 165.4, \ 160.8, \ 150.4, \ 149.7, \ 148.1, \ 143.2, \ 138.6, \ 137.6, \ 136.2, \ 130.4, \ 129.7, \ 128.9, \ 128.4, \ 128.3, \ 128.2, \ 122.8, \ 121.4, \ 120.6, \ 116.9, \ 115.3, \ 115.1, \ 100.0, \ 61.3, \ 54.0, \ 16.5, \ 13.7; \ \text{HRMS} \ (\text{ESI-TOF}) \ \text{m/z:} \ [\text{M+H}]^+ \ \text{Calcd} \ \text{for} \ \ \text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{24}^{79}\text{BrN}_4\text{O}_5 \ 587.0930; \ \text{Found} \ 587.0925; \ \ \text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{24}^{81}\text{BrN}_4\text{O}_5 \ 589.0910; \ \text{Found} \ 589.0908.$ 



*Ethyl* (*Z*)-5-amino-6-cyano-4-(2-methoxy-1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-(o-tolyl)-1,5dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate. (3v). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product **3v**: 25.0 mg as a yellow solid, 48% yield; m.p. 88.5 – 89.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 5.50 (s, 2H), 3.95 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 165.4, 161.3, 150.2, 149.7, 147.1, 142.5, 137.7, 136.3, 135.1,

131.3, 129.2, 128.82, 128.76, 128.2, 128.1, 126.6, 126.4, 120.4, 115.3, 99.8, 61.2, 53.9, 18.6, 16.4, 13.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 523.1981; Found 523.1980.



*Ethyl* (Z)-5-amino-4-(1-(1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-5-oxo-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-6-cyano-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate. (3w). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product 3w: 27.1 mg as a yellow solid, 50% yield; m.p. 79.2 – 80.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 5.57 (s, 2H), 4.03 (q, J = 7.2f Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.6, 165.5, 161.4, 150.4,

149.8, 147.6, 143.1, 137.7, 136.4, 134.0, 131.8, 130.8, 130.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 120.5, 115.4, 115.3, 99.9, 61.3, 54.0, 16.5, 13.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{29}H_{24}CIN_4O_5$  543.1435; Found 543.1432.



*Ethyl* (Z)-5-amino-4-(1-(1-(2-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-5-oxo-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-6-cyano-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2carboxylate (3x). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product 3x: 40.0 mg as a yellow solid, 67% yield; m.p. 80.6 – 81.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 5.56 (s, 2H), 4.03 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.5, 165.4, 161.2, 157.5,

155.8, 150.4, 149.7, 148.0, 143.1, 137.7, 136.3, 129.82, 129.77, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 127.0, 124.63, 124.61, 124.2, 124.1 120.5, 117.1, 117.0, 115.4, 115.2, 99.9, 61.3, 54.0, 16.5, 13.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub><sup>79</sup>BrN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 587.0930; Found 587.0928; Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub><sup>81</sup>BrN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 589.0910; Found 589.0910.



*Ethyl* (Z)-5-amino-6-cyano-4-(1-(1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-methyl-5-oxo-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'biphenyl]-2-carboxylate (3y). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product 3y: 23.9 mg as a yellow solid, 41% yield; m.p. 85.2 – 86.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.10 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.83 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 5.52 (s, 2H), 4.02 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H);
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.4, 165.4, 160.8, 150.5, 149.6, 148.3,

143.6, 137.6, 136.8, 136.3, 133.0, 130.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 120.6, 120.0, 117.5, 115.3, 115.0, 100.1, 61.3, 54.1, 16.5, 13.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{29}H_{23}^{35}Cl_2N_4O_5$  577.1046; Found 577.1046; Calcd for  $C_{29}H_{23}^{37}Cl_2N_4O_5$  579.1016; Found 579.1019.



*Ethyl* (Z)-5-*amino*-6-*cyano*-4-(2-*ethoxy*-1-(3-*methyl*-5-*oxo*-1-*phenyl*-1,5*dihydro*-4H-*pyrazol*-4-*ylidene*)-2-*oxoethyl*)-[1,1'-*biphenyl*]-2-*carboxylate* (3z). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5) to give the product 3z: 26.2 mg as a yellow solid, 50% yield; m.p.  $72.5 - 73.1 \,^{\circ}$ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 (s, 1H), 7.88 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48 - 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.43 - 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (s, 2H), 4.56 - 4.42 (m, 2H), 4.02 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (s,

3H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.3, 165.5, 160.8, 150.3, 149.8, 147.6, 142.9, 137.7, 137.5, 136.3, 129.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 125.6, 120.4, 118.9, 115.5, 115.4, 99.9, 63.6, 61.3, 16.5, 14.0, 13.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 523.1981; Found 523.1981.



*Ethyl* (Z)-5-*amino*-6-*cyano*-4-(1-(3-*ethyl*-5-*oxo*-1-*phenyl*-1,5-*dihydro*-4H*pyrazol*-4-*ylidene*)-2-*methoxy*-2-*oxoethyl*)-[1,1'-*biphenyl*]-2-*carboxylate.* (3*aa*) The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/10) to give the product **3aa**: 39.4 mg as a yellow solid, 75% yield; m.p. 75.8 – 76.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 (s, 1H), 7.92 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 5.52 (s, 2H), 4.03 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.24

 $(dq, J = 16.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (dq, J = 17.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); {}^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) \delta 165.8, 164.4, 160.0, 150.8, 149.3, 148.7, 141.2, 136.7, 136.6, 135.1, 128.7, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3, 127.2, 124.6, 119.4, 117.8, 114.5, 114.4, 98.9, 60.3, 53.0, 22.5, 12.7, 9.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 537.2138; Found 537.2133.$ 



*Ethyl* (*Z*)-5-*amino*-6-*cyano*-4-(1-(3-*isopropyl*-5-*oxo*-1-*phenyl*-1,5-*dihydro*-4H*pyrazol*-4-*ylidene*)-2-*methoxy*-2-*oxoethyl*)-[1,1'-*biphenyl*]-2-*carboxylate* (3*ab*). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/10) to give the product **3ab**: 41.1 mg as a yellow solid, 77% yield; m.p. 72.0 – 73.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 2H), 4.03 (td, *J* = 7.2, 4.2

Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 2.41 (hept, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.5, 162.8, 158.6, 153.0, 147.9, 147.3, 139.7, 135.2, 135.1, 133.7, 126.5, 126.44, 126.37, 125.8, 125.7, 123.0, 117.7, 116.3, 113.0, 112.9, 97.4, 58.7, 51.4, 26.2, 18.3, 17.6, 11.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 537.2138; Found 537.2136.

# Attempts of other substrates



#### 4. Procedure for the scale-up synthesis of 3a



A mixture of **1a** (3.0 mmol), **2a** (3.0 mmol), DABCO (20 mol%) and DCM (10.0 mL) was stirred at RT for 72 h (monitored by TLC). The reaction mixture was concentrated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to give product **3a**. (762.0 mg, 50% yield)

#### 5. Synthesis of Compounds 5



A solution of **3a** (0.10 mmol), **4** (0.12 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%) in toluene (1 mL) was stirred at RT for 48h. After the reaction completed (monitored by TLC), The resulting residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15:1 to 10:1) to afford product **5**.

*Diethyl* 7-*cyano-3''-methyl-2,5''-dioxo-1'',5',6-triphenyl-1'',5''-dihydrodispiro[indoline-3,2'-cyclopentane-1',4''-pyrazol]-3'-ene-3',5-dicarboxylate* (5). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/12) to give the product **5**: 45.5 mg as a white solid, 68% yield; m.p. 150.3 – 151.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.53 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.72 (m, 3H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.19 (tt, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dt, *J* = 5.6, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dq, *J* = 11.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dq, *J* = 11.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (qq, *J* = 18.9, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.8, 170.6, 165.6, 162.1, 157.8, 150.1, 147.6, 147.4, 137.2, 136.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.32, 128.30, 126.7, 125.8, 124.3, 119.4, 114.0, 96.0, 70.6, 66.1, 61.6, 61.5, 56.1, 17.3, 14.0, 13.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na 687.2220; Found 687.2219.

#### 6. Synthesis of Compounds 6



A mixture of **1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.3 mmol), and DABCO (20 mol%) in DCM (2.0 mL) was stirred at RT for 72 h (monitored by TLC). Then, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporator under reduced pressure without any other treatment. Acetic acid (1.0 mL) was directly added to the residue and reacted at 100°C for 30 min. The reaction complex was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Then, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1) to give product **6**.



*Ethyl* (**Z**)-7-*cyano-3*-(*3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-1*,5-*dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene*)-2-*oxo-6*-(*m-tolyl*)*indoline-5-carboxylate* (*6a*). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/8) to give the product **6a**: 49.0 mg as a red solid, 50% yield; m.p. 110.5 – 111.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.04 (s, 1H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 4.09 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.67

(s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 0.99 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.3, 164.9, 162.4, 149.8, 148.6, 147.0, 137.2, 135.55, 135.52, 133.7, 131.5, 129.2, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 126.4, 124.6, 124.1, 119.6, 118.1, 112.9, 94.9, 60.5, 20.4, 19.0, 12.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 491.1719; Found 491.1721.



*Ethyl* (*Z*)-7-*cyano-3*-(3-*methyl*-5-*oxo-1*-(*o*-*tolyl*)-1,5-*dihydro-4H-pyrazol-*4-*ylidene*)-2-*oxo-6-phenylindoline-5-carboxylate* (6*b*). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/8) to give the product 6**b**: 45.8 mg as a red solid, 47% yield; m.p. 117.3 – 118.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.02 (s, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J = 5.6, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 4.02 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

166.2, 166.1, 164.3, 150.5, 149.5, 147.9, 136.7, 136.5, 135.4, 135.3, 134.9, 131.8, 131.3, 129.5, 128.9, 128.5, 128.1, 127.6, 126.7, 126.6, 120.9, 114.0, 95.9, 61.6, 20.0, 18.5, 13.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{29}H_{23}N_4O_4$  491.1719; Found 491.1720.



Ethyl (Z)-7-cyano-3-(1-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-methyl-5-oxo-1,5-dihydro-4Hpyrazol-4-ylidene)-2-oxo-6-phenylindoline-5-carboxylate (6c). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/8) to give the product 6c: 50.5 mg as a red solid, 51% yield; m.p. 125.7 – 126.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.99 (s, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 4.03 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

166.2, 166.1, 164.1, 157.5 (d,  $J_{FC}$ = 252.0 Hz), 156.0, 150.7, 149.6, 148.7, 136.7, 136.5, 135.2, 131.4, 129.90 (d,  $J_{FC}$ = 7.9 Hz), 129.86, 129.5, 128.5, 128.1, 127.6, 127.2, 124.6 (d,  $J_{FC}$ = 3.5 Hz), 124.5, 124.3 (d,  $J_{FC}$ = 11.7 Hz), 124.2, 120.8, 117.0 (d,  $J_{FC}$ = 19.4 Hz), 116.9, 113.9, 96.0, 61.6, 20.1, 13.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (660 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -118.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 495.1469; Found 495.1464.



*Ethyl* (**Z**)-3-(1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-5-oxo-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4ylidene)-7-cyano-2-oxo-6-phenylindoline-5-carboxylate (6d). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/8) to give the product 6d: 48.2 mg as a red solid, 47% yield; m.p. 135.0 – 136.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.98 (s, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 4.02 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175

$$\begin{split} \text{MHz, CDCl}_3) & \delta \ 166.4, \ 166.3, \ 164.3, \ 150.7, \ 149.7, \ 148.5, \ 136.7, \ 136.5, \ 135.3, \ 134.1, \ 132.1, \ 131.3, \ 130.6, \\ 130.2, \ 129.5, \ 128.9, \ 128.5, \ 128.1, \ 127.64, \ 127.60, \ 120.8, \ 113.9, \ 96.0, \ 61.6, \ 20.1, \ 13.6. \ \text{HRMS} \ (\text{ESI-TOF}) \\ \text{m/z: } \ [\text{M+H}]^+ \ \text{Calcd for } \ C_{28} \text{H}_{20} \text{ClN}_4 \text{O}_4 \ 511.1173; \ \text{Found } \ 511.1172. \end{split}$$

#### 7. Synthesis of Compounds 7



A mixture of **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.1 mmol), DABCO (20 mol%) and DCM (1.0 mL) was stirred at RT for 72 h (monitored by TLC). Then, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporator under reduced pressure without any other treatment. Adding R<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>CN (0.1 mmol) and ethanol (1.0 mL) to the residue and stirring at 80°C for 3 h (monitored by TLC). The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1) to give product **7**.



*Ethyl* 6'-amino-5',7-dicyano-3'-methyl-2-oxo-1',6-diphenyl-1'Hspiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazole]-5-carboxylate (7a). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/3) to give the product 7a: 29.0 mg as a white solid, 54% yield; m.p. 127.8 – 128.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  11.70 (s, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.09 (dd, J = 9.0, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.06 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.96

- 6.91 (m, 3H), 3.44 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 0.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  178.6, 166.5, 161.8, 148.3, 146.6, 145.7, 144.1, 137.7, 137.6, 132.9, 130.4, 129.9, 129.1, 128.6, 127.3, 127.0, 120.9, 118.3, 114.8, 95.4, 95.2, 61.4, 55.0, 48.2, 13.8, 12.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 543.1781; Found 543.1783.



*Diethyl* 6'-amino-7-cyano-3'-methyl-2-oxo-1',6-diphenyl-1'Hspiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazole]-5,5'-dicarboxylate (7b). The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/3) to give the product 7b: 28.8 mg as a white solid, 49% yield; m.p. 135.3 – 136.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.31 (s, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.47 (tt, *J* = 6.0, 3.0 Hz, 5H), 7.37

-7.28 (m, 3H), 4.04 -3.92 (m, 4H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.8, 165.9, 164.6, 159.5, 145.5, 144.2, 142.8, 142.2, 135.6, 135.3, 133.3, 127.55, 127.46, 126.9, 126.6, 126.5, 125.3, 124.6, 119.7, 112.6, 94.2, 93.1, 59.6, 58.6, 46.4, 11.6, 11.6, 10.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 590.2040; Found 590.2038.

#### 8. Synthesis of Compounds 8



A mixture of **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.1 mmol), DABCO (20 mol%) and DCM (1.0 mL) was stirred at RT for 72 h (monitored by TLC). Then, the solvent was removed. Adding  $R^2NHNH_2$  (0.1 mmol) and ethanol (1.0 mL) to the reaction and stirring in an 80°C oil bath for about 1 hours (monitored by TLC). After the reaction material disappears, the solids generated in the reaction solution are filtered and washed with a small amount of ethanol to obtain yellow solids.



*Ethyl* (*Z*)-7-*cyano-3-hydrazineylidene-2-oxo-6-phenylindoline-5-carboxylate* (*8a*). The reaction liquid is filtered to obtain the product **8a**: 24.5 mg as a yellow solid, 73% yield; m.p. 175.3 – 176.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.92 (s, 1H), 10.77 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 10.31 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 2.8 Hz, 3H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (q, *J* =

7.7 Hz, 2H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  166.2, 163.0, 143.2, 138.0, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 124.6, 123.2, 122.7, 121.2, 114.6, 94.9, 60.7, 13.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 335.1144; Found 335.1145.



*Ethyl* (*E*)-7-*cyano-2-oxo-6-phenyl-3-(2-phenylhydrazineylidene)indoline-5-carboxylate* (*8b*). The reaction liquid is filtered to obtain the product **8b**: 32.0 mg as a yellow solid, 78% yield; m.p. 182.5 – 183.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.78 (s, 1H), 12.25 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 3.96 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (175 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  166.2, 163.3, 144.7, 144.1, 142.1, 137.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 125.3, 124.8, 124.1, 122.5, 121.7, 115.1, 114.4, 95.4, 60.8, 13.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na 433.1277; Found 433.1278.

### 9. Mechanistic studies

#### 9.1 Reaction intermediates



A mixture of 1a (0.1 mmol), 2a (0.1 mmol), DABCO (100 mol%), and DCM (1.0 mL) was stirred at RT for 5 minutes, then tested the reaction mixture with HRMS.



Figure S1. Reaction intermediates in HRMS



Figure S2. Proposed reaction mechanism.

#### 9.2 Control experiment

Control experiments were conducted to investigate the reaction mechanism of this unprecedented (5 + 1) benzannulation reaction of MBH carbonates. At first, we tested the reaction between  $\alpha$ -arylidene pyrazolone **9a** and **2a**.  $\alpha$ -arylidene pyrazolones were reported to serve as 1C bisnucleophiles in annulation reactions, but **9a** showed low reactivity. Side product **10a** was formed in the reaction. Neither (5 + 1) reaction nor other annulation reactions occurred between **9a** and **2a**, even heating the reaction at 80 °C. Additionally, we tried different methods to prepare the estersubstituted ethylidene pyrazolone **9b**, while all the attempts failed. These results further demonstrated the advantage of our Lewis base-catalyzed (5 + 1) benzannulation strategy. Next, we conducted the reaction of **1a** with **2a** in a nitrogen glove box. Monitoring under nitrogen atmosphere, we observed that **3a** was well generated, indicating that the oxygen did not affect the reaction.



In a glove box, a mixture of MBH carbonate **1a** (0.1 mmol), 2-allylidenemalononitrile **2a** (0.1 mmol), and DABCO (20 mol%) in DCM (1.0 mL) was stirred at RT for 72 h (monitored by TLC).

The reaction was monitored by TLC (in the glove box) and crude <sup>1</sup>HNMR using a schlenk NMR tube. Then, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to give compound **3a** (33.5 mg, 66% yield).

#### 9.3 Reaction of α-arylidene pyrazolone 9a with 2a



A mixture of **9a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (0.5 mmol), DABCO (20 mol%) and DCM (10.0 mL) was stirred at RT for a specified reaction time until the reaction completed (monitored by TLC). The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to give product **10a** (63.0 mg, 35% yield). Neither (5 + 1) reaction nor other annulation reactions occurred between **9a** and **2a**, even heating the reaction at 80 °C.

#### 10. Optical properties of selected compounds

General UV spectra measurements: The solutions of 3a, 3q, 3r, 3y, 3g, 3b, 3j and 3k were prepared by directly dissolving in DCM ( $c = 2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) for the spectroscopic determination.



Figure S3. UV / Vis spectra of 3a, 3q, 3r, 3y, 3g, 3b, 3j and 3k (2×10<sup>-5</sup> M in DCM).

General fluorescence spectra measurements: The powders of **3q**, **3y**, **3b** and **3k** were directly for the spectroscopic determination.



**Figure S4.** Fluorescence spectra of **3q**, **3y**, **3b** and **3k** (excitation wavelength = 450 nm,  $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$  in DCM).

#### 11. X-ray crystal structures of 3a and 5

To a 10 mL tube containing 3a (30.0 mg) was added a mixture of solvent (6.0 mL, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1). A clear solution was obtained through ultrasound treatment and was kept at room temperature and the crystals were obtained after the solvent evaporated, which were characterized by X-ray single crystal diffraction. X-ray diffraction experiment was carried out on an Agilent D8 QUEST and the data obtained were deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.



Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Refinement program	SHELXL-2016/6 (Sheldrick, 2016)
Function minimized	$\Sigma \ w \ (F_o{}^2 - F_c{}^2)^2$
Data / restraints / parameters	4703 / 0 / 335
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.097
Final R indices	2467 data; I>2 $\sigma$ (I) R1 = 0.0617, wR2 = 0.1281
	all data $R1 = 0.1202$ , $wR2 = 0.1576$
Weighting scheme	$w=1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0457P)^2 + 0.3818P]$
	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
Extinction coefficient	0.0095(6)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.248 and - 0.196 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>
<b>R.M.S. deviation from mean</b>	0.038 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>

To a 10 mL tube containing **5a** (30.0 mg) was added a mixture of solvent (6.0 mL, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, v/v). A clear solution was obtained through ultrasound treatment and was kept at room temperature and the crystals were obtained after the solvent evaporated, which were characterized by X-ray single crystal diffraction. X-ray diffraction experiment was carried out on an Agilent D8 QUEST and the data obtained were deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.





(Ellipsoid contour probability 50%)

Identification code	20211228HB
Chemical formula	$C_{40}H_{32}N_4O_6$
Formula weight	664.72 g/mol
Temperature	285(2) K
Wavelength	1.54178 Å
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P 1 21/n 1
Unit cell dimensions	a=12.3454(5) Å α=90°
	b=17.3923(6) Å β=95.603(2)°
	c=16.0726(6) Å γ=90°

Volume	3434.5(2) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	4		
Density (calculated)	1.272 g/cm <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.714 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
<b>F</b> (000)	1365		
Theta range for data collection	3.75 to 68.42°		
Index ranges	-14<=h<=14, -20<=k<=20, -19<=l<=19		
Reflections collected	36009		
Independent reflections	6280 [R(int) = 0.0538]		
Coverage of independent reflections	99.6%		
Absorption correction	Multi-Scan		
Structure solution technique	direct methods		
Structure solution program	SHELXT 2014/5 (Sheldrick, 2014)		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F2		
Refinement program	SHELXL-2016/6 (Sheldrick, 2016)		
Function minimized	$\Sigma w(F_0 2 - F_c 2)2$		
Data / restraints / parameters	6280 / 0 / 464		
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.051		
Final R indices	4556 data; Ι>2σ(Ι)	R1 = 0.0606, wR2 = 0.1719	
	all data	R1 = 0.0805, wR2 = 0.1959	
Waighting schome	$w=1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2)+(0.1077P)^2+0.9218P]$		
weighting scheme	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$		
Extinction coefficient	0.0059(5)		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.399 and -0.258 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>		
R.M.S. deviation from mean	0.050 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>		

# 12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra



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3b <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3.00H 2.04.z 3.04.z 2.06.z 2.00H 2.07 3.03 3.01 3.00≖ 3.08≖ 5.0 4.5 fl (ppm) 5.5 4.0 2.0 1.0 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 0.5 0.0 -0.5 -1.( 1.5



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<sup>19</sup>F NMR (660 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

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220 210 200 190 180 170 180 150 140 130 120 110 150 90 80 70 80 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 ri (ppm)

7.3942 7.8855 7.8855 7.8855 7.8855 7.865 7.4659 7.4659 7.7459 7.7455 7.7455 7.7455 7.7455 7.7455 7.7455 7.7455 7.7455 7.7455 7.7455 7.7205 7.7





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