

Supporting Information

Metal-free synthesis of secondary amides using *N*-Boc-*O*-tosylhydroxylamine as nitrogen source *via* Beckmann rearrangement

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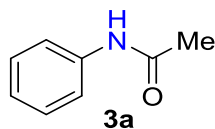
1. General Information:

Unless otherwise stated, all the reactions were carried out using oven dried glassware under an open atmosphere in a round bottom flask with a magnetic stirring bar at room temperature. Ketones were used as received without further purification. The aminating reagents were also prepared by following reported literature. TLC was carried out on pre-coated plates (Merck silica gel 60, F₂₅₄) and the spots were visualized with UV light or by charring the plates dipped in PMA or Ninhydrin or DNP solution. The compounds were purified by flash column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh) with distilled solvents (EtOAc: Hexane) as mobile phase otherwise mentioned. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and 100 MHz instruments respectively in CDCl₃ or DMSO-*d*₆ solvents. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm. The residual solvent signals were used as references (CDCl₃: δ H = 7.26 ppm, DMSO-*d*₆: δ H = 2.5 ppm). The following abbreviations were used to explain NMR peak multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, and br s = broad signal.

2. Preparation of aminating reagents: Aminatings **2a**,¹ **2b**,² **2c**³ and **2d**⁴ were prepared according to reported procedures.

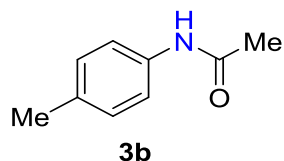
3. General procedure for preparation of *sec*-amides from ketones: To a stirring solution of ketones (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in TFE (0.5 mL) at room temperature in an open round bottom flask, aminating agent (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at a specified temperature and duration as indicated in Scheme 2. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and washed with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (3×5 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine solution (5 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The crude product was obtained after the removal of all volatiles in vacuo and was washed with *n*-hexane to remove some minor non-polar impurities (for 3a-d, 3g, 3k-n and 3r) or passed through a plug of silica gel using ethyl acetate and hexane as eluent to get pure amides.

4. Characterization data of the products:



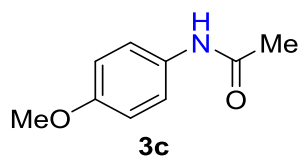
N-Phenylacetamide (3a): Prepared according to general procedure and titled amide was isolated as white solid (65 mg, 95% yield; mp 113–115 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H).



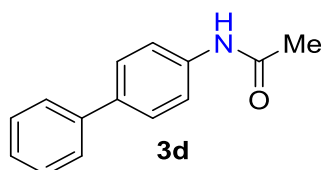
N-(p-Tolyl)acetamide (3b): Prepared according to general procedure and titled amide was isolated as white solid (67 mg, 90% yield; mp 151–152 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (br s, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H).



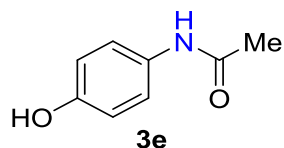
N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)acetamide (3c): Prepared according to general procedure and titled amide was isolated as white solid (79 mg, 95% yield; mp = 130–132°C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (br s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H).



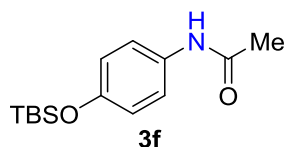
N-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetamide (3d): Prepared according to general procedure and titled amide was isolated as white solid (95 mg, 90% yield; mp = 170–172 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁶

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.49 (m, 6H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H).



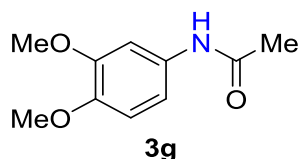
***N*-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)acetamide (3e):** Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as brown solid (65 mg, 86% yield; mp 169–170 °C), whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.64 (s, 1H), 9.13 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H).



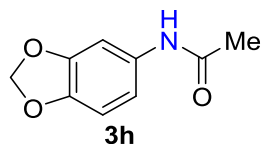
***N*-(4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)phenyl)acetamide (3f):** Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as white solid (120 mg, 90% yield; mp = 120–122 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁷

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (br s, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 6H).



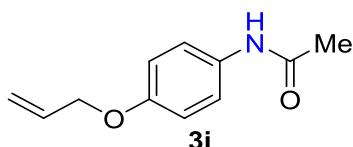
***N*-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)acetamide (3g):** Prepared according to general procedure and titled amide was isolated as white solid (87 mg, 89% yield; mp 125–128 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁸

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (br s, 1H), 6.88-6.76 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H).



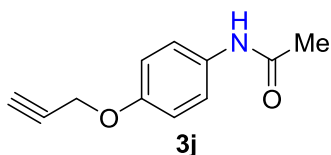
***N*-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)acetamide (3h):** Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as white solid (86 mg, 96% yield; mp = 92–95 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (br s, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H).



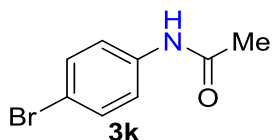
***N*-(4-(allyloxy)phenyl)acetamide (3i):** Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as white solid (92 mg, 96% yield; mp = 92–95 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.¹⁰

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (br s, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.11 – 5.97 (m, 1H), 5.40 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H).



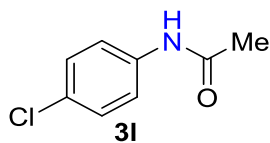
***N*-(4-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)phenyl)acetamide (3j):** Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as white solid (90 mg, 95% yield; mp = 92–95 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.¹¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (br s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H).



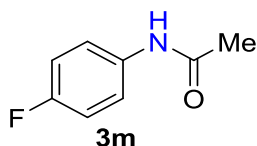
***N*-(4-Bromophenyl)acetamide (3k):** Prepared according to general procedure and titled amide was isolated as white solid (97.4 mg, 91% yield; mp = 166–170 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.18 (br s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H).



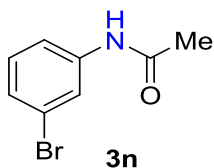
***N*-(4-Chlorophenyl)acetamide (3l):** Prepared according to general procedure and titled amide was isolated as white solid (76 mg, 90% yield; mp = 176–179 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.¹²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H).



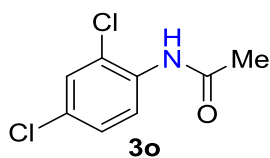
***N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)acetamide (3m):** Prepared according to general procedure and titled amide was isolated as white solid (66 mg, 86% yield; mp 155–158°C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (brs, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H)



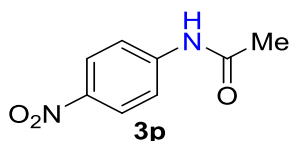
***N*-(3-Bromophenyl)acetamide (3n):** Prepared according to general procedure and titled amide was isolated as white solid (97 mg, 90% yield; mp 83–85 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H).



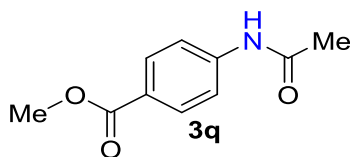
***N*-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)acetamide (3o):** Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as brown solid (92 mg, 90% yield; mp = 142–144 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.¹³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (br s, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H).



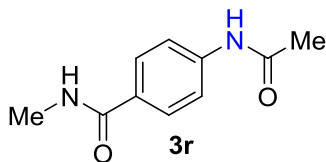
***N*-(4-Nitrophenyl)acetamide (3p):** Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as yellow solid (81 mg, 90% yield; mp 210–212 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.¹⁴

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (br s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H).



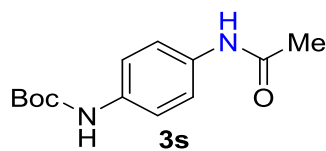
Methyl 4-acetamidobenzoate (3q): Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as white solid (81 mg, 84% yield; mp 112–115 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (br s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H).



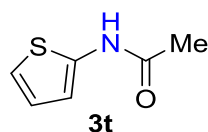
4-acetamido-*N*-methylbenzamide (3r): Prepared according to general procedure and titled amide was isolated as white solid (94 mg, 98% yield; mp 183–185 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.¹⁵

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 10.04 (br s, 2H), 7.48 (s, 4H), 2.00 (s, 6H).



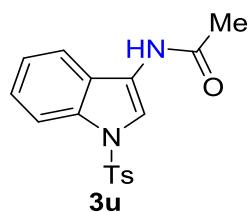
tert-Butyl (4-acetamidophenyl)carbamate (3s): Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as white solid (106.4 mg, 85% yield; mp 162–165 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁵

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (br s, 1H), 6.45 (br s, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H).



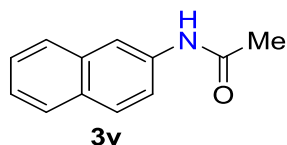
N-(Thiophen-2-yl)acetamide (3t): Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as brown solid (35 mg, 50% yield; mp 158–160 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁵

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (br s, 1H), 6.91 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.68 – 6.62 (m, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H).



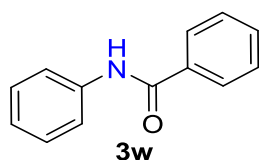
N-(1-Tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)acetamide (3u): Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as white solid (125 mg, 76% yield; mp 192–194 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁵

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29 (br s, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H).



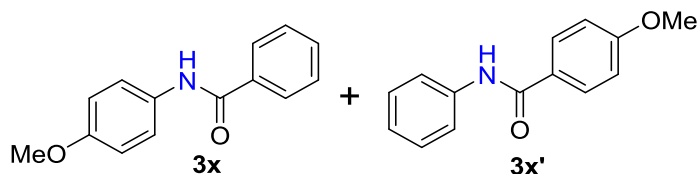
***N*-(Naphthalen-2-yl)acetamide (3v):** Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as brown solid (85.2 mg, 92% yield; mp = 134–136 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.¹⁶

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.53 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 2.24 (s, 3H).



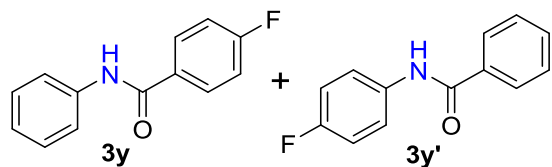
***N*-Phenylbenzamide (3w):** Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as white solid (69 mg, 70% yield; mp 168-170°C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (br s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H).



***N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)benzamide (3x) and 4-methoxy-*N*-phenylbenzamide (3x'):**¹⁶ Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as white solid (102 mg, 90% yield; 64:36 isomeric mixture; mp 110-115 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.¹⁷

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.07 (s, 1H), 10.03 (s, 0.6H), 7.89 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 3.2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1.2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1.2H), 7.07 – 6.93 (m, 1.8H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 1.8H), 3.67 (s, 3H).

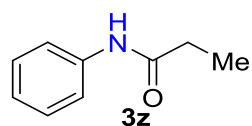


4-fluoro-*N*-phenylbenzamide (3y) and *N*-(4-fluorophenyl)benzamide (3y'): Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as white solid (97 mg, 90% yield; 1:1 isomeric mixture; mp = 175-180 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.¹⁸

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.31 (s, 1H), 10.27 (s, 1H), 8.08 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.99 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.84 – 7.75 (m, 4H), 7.62 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H).

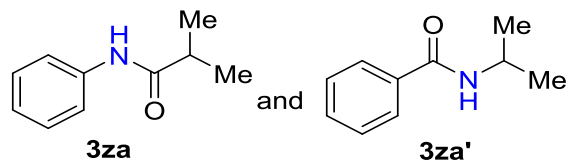
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 165.52, 165.33, 164.48, 162.86, 159.54, 157.15, 139.09, 135.56, 135.53, 134.85, 131.59, 131.44, 131.41, 130.44, 130.35, 128.62, 128.40, 127.64, 123.75, 122.28, 122.20, 120.47, 115.42, 115.28, 115.20, 115.06.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -108.77 (s, 1F), -118.83 (s, 1F).



***N*-Phenylpropionamide (3z)**: Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as white solid (67 mg, 90% yield; mp 108-110°C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.¹⁹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (br s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H).



***N*-Phenylisobutyramide (3za) and *N*-isopropylbenzamide (3za')**: Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl

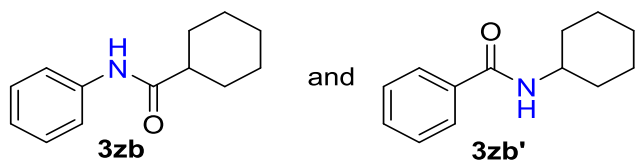
acetate = 5:1, v/v) afforded **3za** as white solid (53 mg, 65% yield; mp 110–111°C) along with **3za'** (19 mg, 24% yield) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.^{5,20}

***N*-Phenylisobutyramide (3za):**⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.59 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

***N*-Isopropylbenzamide (3za'):**²⁰

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 4.36 – 4.19 (m, 1H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H).



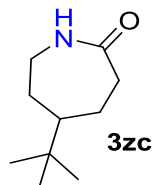
***N*-Phenylcyclohexanecarboxamide (3zb) and *N*-cyclohexylbenzamide (3zb'):** Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide **3z** as white solid (71 mg, 70% yield; mp 141–144 °C) along with **3zb'** white solid (18 mg, 18% yield, mp 141–144 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁵

***N*-Phenylcyclohexanecarboxamide (3zb):**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.95 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 1.73 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.25 (m, 3H).

***N*-cyclohexylbenzamide (3zb'):**

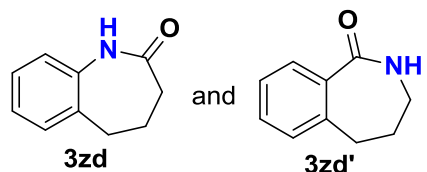
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.96 (br s, 1H), 4.07 – 3.89 (m, 1H), 2.09 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.30 – 1.17 (m, 3H).



5-(*tert*-Butyl)azepan-2-one (3zc): Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v) afforded the

titled amide as white solid (64 mg, 75% yield; mp 150-154 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.²¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.50 (br s, 1H), 3.28 – 3.14 (m, 2H), 2.57 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 2.02 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.14 (m, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H).



1,3,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[b]azepin-2-one (3zd) and 2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[c]azepin-1-one (3zd'): Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as white solid (53 mg, 66% yield; mp 136-138 °C) along with **3zd'** as white solid (20 mg, 25% yield; mp 100-103 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.^{17, 22}

1,3,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[b]azepin-2-one (3zd):¹⁷

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.14 (br s, 1H), 7.25 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.29 – 2.15 (m, 2H).

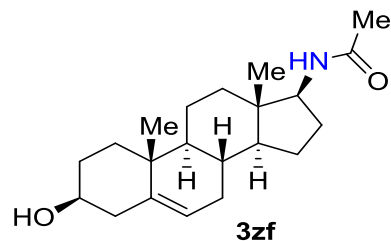
2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[c]azepin-1-one (3zd'):²²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (br s, 1H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.05 – 1.93 (m, 2H).



N-Butylacetamide (3ze): Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as clear oil (52 mg, 90% yield) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁸

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.84 (br s, 3H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.49 (dt, *J* = 14.9, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.43 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).



N-((3*S*,8*R*,9*S*,10*R*,13*S*,14*S*,17*S*)-3-Hydroxy-10,13-dimethyl-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*] phenanthren-17-yl)acetamide (**3zf**):⁵ Prepared according to general procedure and crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1, v/v) afforded the titled amide as white solid (149 mg, 90% yield; mp 234–236 °C) whose spectral data was consistent with the literature values.⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.37 – 5.32 (m, 1H), 5.31 – 5.23 (m, 1H), 3.89 (q, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (td, *J* = 11.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35 – 2.06 (m, 3H), 2.05 – 1.93 (m, 4H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 11.8 Hz, 2H), 1.64 – 1.53 (m, 3H), 1.53 – 1.35 (m, 3H), 1.34 – 1.18 (m, 3H), 1.16 – 1.03 (m, 2H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.96 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 0.70 (s, 3H).

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6. NMR spectra of products

