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Supporting Information

Visible-Light-Induced Acylation/Cyclization of Active Alkenes: Facile Access to Acylated Isoquinolinones

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1. General Information

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents were used as received. Propiophenone aldehydes (Innochem, >98%), Phenylhydrazine hydrochloride and 0-Phenylenediamine were used without further treatment. All reagents and solvents were commercially available and used without any further purification unless specified. All solvents were dried and distilled according to standard procedures. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (0.25mm, 300-400 mesh). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25mm 300-400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). All reactions were carried out with magnetic stirring and in dried glassware. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale. ¹H NMR, ¹⁹F NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ on a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer operating at 400 MHz, 376 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively. All chemical shift values are quoted in ppm and coupling constants quated in Hz. The solvent peak was used as a reference value, for ¹H NMR: TMS = 0.00 ppm, for ¹³C NMR: CDCl₃ = 77.00 ppm. The following abbreviations were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, t =triplet, td = triplet of doublet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, and br = broad. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on an Agilent mass spectrometer using ESI-TOF (electrospray ionization-time of flight).

2. Experiment Section

2.1. General Procedure for the Synthesis of Substrates

All 2-aryl indoles $1^{[1]}$ and acyl oxime esters $2^{[2-3]}$ were synthesized according to the known methods.

2.2. Typical Experimental Procedure



To a Schlenk tube were added 2-aryl indoles **1** (0.2 mmol, 0.1 M), acyl oxime esters **2** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1mol %) and MeCN (2 mL) at room temperature under irradiation of 3 W blue light for 12 h. Until complete consumption of the starting material was observed by TLC and/or GC-MS analysis. After the reaction was finished, the reaction mixture removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 5 : 1) to provide the desired products **3**. A scaled-up experiment conducted in the presence of **1a** (1 mmol), **2a** (1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $Ir(ppy)_3$ (0.01 mmol, 1 mol %) and MeCN (10 mL) at 25 °C under irradiation of 3 W blue light for 12 h gave the target product **3aa** in 77% yield.

ThelightsourceboughtfromSANYI(https://item.taobao.com/item.htm?spm=a1z09.2.0.0.42672e8dv2Chsz&id=35497290577&_u=j35sh1qt9325), 3 W blue LED light bulb (E27). The wavelength was about460-470 nm and the wavelength of peak intensity was about 467.5 nm. The pictures ofthe visible-light source (Figure S1) were shown as follow:





Figure S1. Pictures of Visible-Light Source.

2.3. Table S1: Screening of optimal O-benzoic acyl oxime ^a



1	2a	93
2^c	2a-1 instead of 2a	82
3	2a-2 instead of 2a	76
4	2a-3 instead of 2a	63
5	2a-4 instead of 2a	71
6	2a-5 instead of 2a	62
7^c	2a-6 instead of 2a	72
^a Reaction conditions: 1a	a (0.2 mmol), 2a (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), Ir(pp)	y) ₃ (1 mol%) and MeCN
(2 mL) at 25 °C under im	radiation of 3 W blue light for 12 h. ^b Isolated	yield. ^c Most of starting
materials were decompo	sed.	

The results showed that the ester leaving groups had a significant impact on the reaction and none of these oxime esters gave better yield than that of O-4-CF₃C₆H₄CO acyl oximes. Notably, O-acetic acyl oximes **2a-6** could undergo the acylation/cyclization and furnish the difunctional product **3aa** in 72% yield (entry 7).

2.4 Control Experiments.

2.4.1 Using TEMPO as Radical Inhibitor



To a Schlenk tube were added 2-aryl indoles **1a** (0.2 mmol, 0.1 M), acyl oxime esters **2h** (0.3 mmol, 1,5 equiv), Ir(ppy)₃ (1mol%), TEMPO (3 equiv) and MeCN (2 mL) at room temperature under irradiation of 3 W blue light for 12 h. The GC-MS analysis of raw reaction mixture showed that onyl 4% yield of target product **3ah** was detected. Additionally, the Cyclohexan-trapping products **4** could be obtained in 38% yield.

2.4.2 Using BHT as Radical Inhibitor



To a Schlenk tube were added 2-aryl indoles **1a** (0.2 mmol, 0.1 M), acyl oxime esters **2h** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), Ir(ppy)₃ (1mol %), BHT (3 equiv) and MeCN (2 mL) at room temperature under irradiation of 3 W blue light for 12 h. The GC-MS analysis of raw

reaction mixture showed that onyl 6% yield of target product **3ah** was detected. Additionally, the Cyclohexan-trapping products **5** could be detected by GC-MS analysis of raw reaction mixture.



Chemical Formula: C₂₂H₂₈O₂ Exact Mass: 324.20893 Molecular Weight: 324.46400



[MS Spectrum	52.05	12733	0.16	65.05	55123	0.68	
# of Peaks	401	53.05	50466	0.62	66.05	9703	0.12
Raw Spectrum	13.075	54.15	4698	0.06	67.05	70010	0.86
(scan : 1816)		55.05	199361	2.45	68.10	5300	0.07
Background	No	56.10	20294	0.25	69.05	103757	1.28
Background S	pectrum	57.10	264783	3.26	70.05	6852	0.08
Base Peak	m/z 219.15	58.05	14683	0.18	71.05	4358	0.05
(Inten : 8,126,	740)	59.05	14466	0.18	72.00	2258	0.03
Event# 1		60.05	977 0.01		73.00	21858	0.27
m/z Absolute	Intensity	61.00	1258	0.02	74.00	5228	0.06
Relative 1	Intensity	61.95	1411	0.02	75.00	9017	0.11
50.00 1379	96 0.17	63.00	10023	0.12	76.05	26144	0.32
51.00 9430	02 1.16	64.00	6967	0.09	77.05	894066	11.00

78.05	84419	1.04	122.15	28168	0.35	166.05	8871	0.11
79.05	101254	1.25	123.15	30532	0.38	167.10	8065	0.10
80.05	28385	0.35	124.20	3406	0.04	168.10	2865	0.04
81.05	50667	0.62	125.15	2848	0.04	169.10	7657	0.09
82.10	7430	0.09	126.15	4566	0.06	170.10	33054	0.41
83.10	32425	0.40	127.10	46895	0.58	171.05	23321	0.29
84.05	2467	0.03	128.10	165895	2.04	172.10	7532	0.09
85.05	2406	0.03	129.10	167007	2.06	173.10	63905	0.79
86.05	1420	0.02	130.10	61473	0.76	174.10	21740	0.27
87.05	3128	0.04	131.10	128266	1.58	175.10	101194	1.25
88.15	4188	0.05	132.15	27698	0.34	176.10	18844	0.23
89.10	19870	0.24	133.15	251306	3.09	177.05	10279	0.13
90.15	8122	0.10	134.15	46999	0.58	178.05	18149	0.22
91.05	409645	5.04	135.15	65403	0.80	179.10	15684	0.19
92.05	41218	0.51	136.10	7556	0.09	180.05	4908	0.06
93.10	84231	1.04	137.10	3278	0.04	181.05	9719	0.12
94.10	17662	0.22	138.15	520 0.01		182.05	2867	0.04
95.10	38830	0.48	139.05	5238	0.06	183.05	5733	0.07
96.05	19005	0.23	140.15	2916	0.04	184.05	1939	0.02
97.05	11163	0.14	141.10	69783	0.86	185.10	21452	0.26
98.00	1108	0.01	142.10	42786	0.53	186.15	5623	0.07
99.00	918 0.01		143.10	82852	1.02	187.10	83794	1.03
100.15	776 0.01		144.10	34138	0.42	188.10	65183	0.80
101.15	4989	0.06	145.10	179671	2.21	189.10	127622	1.57
102.05	14124	0.17	146.10	45359	0.56	190.05	21846	0.27
103.05	51307	0.63	147.10	186410	2.29	191.00	30010	0.37
104.05	29386	0.36	148.10	30198	0.37	192.05	10650	0.13
105.05	1719710	21.16	149.10	45572	0.56	193.00	15473	0.19
106.05	142412	1.75	150.10	5554	0.07	194.05	6178	0.08
107.10	109340	1.35	151.05	3886	0.05	195.05	6364	0.08
108.10	13262	0.16	152.10	14982	0.18	196.05	1840	0.02
109.10	26700	0.33	153.05	22596	0.28	197.05	7930	0.10
110.15	3674	0.05	154.10	12855	0.16	198.05	1155	0.01
111.05	3950	0.05	155.10	33668	0.41	199.10	4364	0.05
112.15	764 0.01		156.10	31092	0.38	200.05	2210	0.03
113.15	1575	0.02	157.10	38057	0.47	201.10	6041	0.07
114.15	2521	0.03	158.10	15202	0.19	202.15	16303	0.20
115.10	139967	1.72	159.10	61177	0.75	203.10	1341182	16.50
116.10	47463	0.58	160.10	35369	0.44	204.10	230124	2.83
117.10	97487	1.20	161.10	306918	3.78	205.10	35722	0.44
118.15	21576	0.27	162.10	56060	0.69	206.05	8071	0.10
119.15	290527	3.57	163.10	39820	0.49	207.00	151044	1.86
120.15	41763	0.51	164.10	5850	0.07	208.00	33476	0.41
121.15	258600	3.18	165.05	23411	0.29	209.05	34939	0.43

210.05	7257	0.09	254.10	6305	0.08	298.20	102 0.00	
211.05	4571	0.06	255.10	1009	0.01	299.20	16 0.00	1
212.05	1530	0.02	256.10	239 0.00	1	300.20	2 0.00	1
213.10	6738	0.08	257.00	519 0.01		301.20	113 0.00	1
214.10	1294	0.02	258.15	903 0.01		302.20	34 0.00	1
215.10	8442	0.10	259.15	688 0.01		303.20	76 0.00	1
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217.10	34148	0.42	261.10	743 0.01		305.20	271 0.00	1
218.15	38402	0.47	262.15	571 0.01		306.20	801 0.01	
219.15	8126740	100.00	263.10	1593	0.02	307.15	5745	0.07
220.15	1778861	21.89	264.15	1148	0.01	308.25	14035	0.17
221.10	176478	2.17	265.10	18254	0.22	309.20	420929	5.18
222.15	15442	0.19	266.10	10647	0.13	310.20	99578	1.23
223.10	10466	0.13	267.10	22057	0.27	311.20	12151	0.15
224.10	2484	0.03	268.10	6268	0.08	312.20	1278	0.02
225.10	33041	0.41	269.00	2930	0.04	313.20	52 0.00	1
226.10	6206	0.08	270.00	660 0.01		314.20	108 0.00	1
227.05	1373	0.02	271.10	338 0.00	1	315.20	33 0.00	1
228.05	1630	0.02	272.10	145 0.00	1	316.20	14 0.00	1
229.05	2924	0.04	273.10	343 0.00	I	317.20	55 0.00	1
230.15	1584	0.02	274.10	116 0.00	1	318.20	132 0.00	1
231.15	6791	0.08	275.10	1022	0.01	319.20	130 0.00	1
232.05	3073	0.04	276.25	259 0.00	I	320.20	108 0.00	1
233.10	9295	0.11	277.15	1207	0.01	321.15	1051	0.01
234.10	6631	0.08	278.10	398 0.00	1	322.20	3695	0.05
235.10	19441	0.24	279.15	2468	0.03	323.25	6987	0.09
236.10	4458	0.05	280.15	1220	0.02	324.20	1391135	17.12
237.10	7116	0.09	281.10	79183	0.97	325.20	345222	4.25
238.10	1710	0.02	282.10	20060	0.25	326.20	41100	0.51
239.10	3199	0.04	283.05	10439	0.13	327.15	5861	0.07
240.05	738 0.01		284.10	2190	0.03	328.05	896 0.01	
241.15	924 0.01		285.05	611 0.01		329.10	306 0.00	
242.05	668 0.01		286.10	132 0.00)	330.10	134 0.00	
243.15	1824	0.02	287.10	134 0.00)	331.10	106 0.00	
244.15	1267	0.02	288.10	60 0.00)	332.10	22 0.00	
245.10	1798	0.02	289.10	490 0.01		333.10	63 0.00	
246.05	745 0.01		290.10	105 0.00)	334.10	57 0.00	
247.05	1453	0.02	291.15	2856	0.04	335.10	52 0.00	1
248.05	1343	0.02	292.20	722 0.01		336.10	111 0.00	
249.05	10392	0.13	293.15	21595	0.27	337.10	308 0.00	1
250.05	3632	0.04	294.15	5133	0.06	338.10	100 0.00	1
251.05	8335	0.10	295.15	5004	0.06	338.95	467 0.01	
252.05	3144	0.04	296.05	1501	0.02	340.15	233 0.00	
253.10	33044	0.41	297.20	364 0.00	1	341.05	3990	0.05

342.10	1708	0.02	348.00	31	0.00	354.10	188 0.00	
343.00	1068	0.01	349.00	78	0.00	355.05	7521	0.09
344.00	201 0.00)	350.00	73	0.00	356.10	2646	0.03
345.00	170 0.00)	351.00	183	0.00	357.10	1897	0.02
346.00	76 0.00)	352.00	52	0.00			
347.00	81 0.00)	353.00	140	0.00			

2.4.3 Using 1,1-diphenylethene as Radical Inhibitor



To a Schlenk tube were added 2-aryl indoles **1h** (0.2 mmol, 0.1 M), acyl oxime esters **2h** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1mol%), 1,1-diphenylethene (3 equiv) and MeCN (2 mL) at room temperature under irradiation of 3 W blue light for 12 h. The GC-MS analysis of raw reaction mixture showed that onyl 7% yield of target product **3ah** was detected. The benzoyl-trapping products **6** could be obtained in 42% yield.

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4. Spectra



3-Methoxy-5,12-dimethyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one



3,5,12-Trimethyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3ba)







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3-Bromo-5,12-dimethyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3fa)



2,5,12-Trimethyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3ga) and 4,5,12-Trimethyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3ga')



4,11-Dimethyl-4-(2-oxopropyl)thieno[2',3':3,4]pyrido[1,2-*a*]indol-5(4*H*)-one (3ha)

5-Benzyl-3-methoxy-12-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3ia)



3-Methoxy-12-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)-5-phenylindolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3ja)



Methyl 3-methoxy-12-methyl-6-oxo-5-(2-oxopropyl)-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-*a*]isoq uinoline-5-carboxylate (3ka)





3-Methoxy-12-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3la)





Ethyl 5-methyl-6-oxo-5-(2-oxopropyl)-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-12-ca rboxylate (3na)

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5,10-Dimethyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)-12-phenylindolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (30a)

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5-Methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)-12-phenylindolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3pa)

10-Fluoro-5-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)-12-phenylindolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3qa)





10-Chloro-5-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)-12-phenylindolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3ra)



10-Bromo-5-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)-12-phenylindolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3sa)





5-Methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)-12-phenyl-10-(trifluoromethyl)indolo[2,1*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3ta)







5-Methyl-6-oxo-5-(2-oxopropyl)-12-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-10-carbonitrile (3ua)



3-Methoxy-5-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3va)



3,5-Dimethyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3wa)



3-Ethyl-5-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3xa)



3-Isopropyl-5-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3ya)




5-Methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3za)

























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2-Methoxy-5-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3afa) and 4-Methoxy-5-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3afa')



2-Chloro-5-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3aga)



4-Chloro-5-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3aga')



1,5-Dimethyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3aha)





1-Chloro-5-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3aia)

7-Methyl-7-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[g]benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(7*H*)-one (3aja)





4-Methyl-4-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]thieno[2,3-*c*]pyridin-5(4*H*)-one (3aka)











9,10-Dichloro-5-methyl-5-(2-oxopropyl)benzo[4,5]imidazo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3aoa)



3-Methoxy-5,12-dimethyl-5-(2-oxobutyl)indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3ab)

3-Methoxy-5,12-dimethyl-5-(2-oxopentyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3ac)





3-Methoxy-5,12-dimethyl-5-(3-methyl-2-oxobutyl)indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3ad)



3-Methoxy-5,12-dimethyl-5-(2-oxohexyl)indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3ae)

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3-Methoxy-5,12-dimethyl-5-(2-oxoheptyl)indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3af)



3-Methoxy-5,12-dimethyl-5-(4-methyl-2-oxohexyl)indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3ag)



3-Methoxy-5,12-dimethyl-5-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3ah)



3-Methoxy-5-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-5,12-dimethylindolo[2,1*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3ai)







3-Methoxy-5,12-dimethyl-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3aj)



5-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3-methoxy-5,12-dimethylindolo[2,1*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3ak)









5-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3-methoxy-5,12-dimethylindolo[2,1*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3al)



5-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3-methoxy-5,12-dimethylindolo[2,1*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3am)





3-Methoxy-5,12-dimethyl-5-(2-oxo-2-(m-tolyl)ethyl)indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)one (3an)

3-Methoxy-5,12-dimethyl-5-(2-oxo-2-(o-tolyl)ethyl)indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-6(5*H*)-one (3ao)











1,3,3-Triphenylprop-2-en-1-one (6)



