# **Supporting Information**

# Synthesis and antiproliferative activities of 2,3,5-trisubstituted 1*H*-pyrroles *via* formal [3+2] cycloaddition of 1-arylpropynes and nitriles

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# **General Information**

Melting points were determined with a WRX-4 Melting-point instrument. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded using Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer or Bruker DRX-600 spectrometer using CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO- $d_6$  as solvent. The peaks were internally referenced to SiMe<sub>3</sub> (0.00 ppm) or residual solvent signals (7.26 and 77.0 ppm for Chloroform-d, and 2.50 and 39.5 ppm for DMSO- $d_6$ ). The data of HRMS was carried out on a high-resolution mass spectrometer (LCMSIT-TOF). TLC was performed by using commercially prepared 100-400 mesh silica gel plates and visualization was effected at 254 nm. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

# Experimental procedures, bioassay and spectroscopic data

# 1. Experimental procedures

# 1) Condition optimization

## Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions<sup>a</sup>



Entry <sup>a</sup>	Base	Additive	Solvent	T/ºC	Time/h	Yield of <b>3a</b> (%)
1	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	СРМЕ	110	1	55
2	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	CPME	110	2	57
3	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	CPME	110	3	82
4	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	CPME	110	4	73
5	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	CPME	110	5	57
6	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	CPME	110	6	56
7	NaN(SiMe3)2	t-BuOK	CPME	110	3	64
8	KN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	CPME	110	3	68
9	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOLi	CPME	110	3	trace
10	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuONa	CPME	110	3	80
11	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CPME	110	3	51
12	KN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	-	CPME	110	3	65
13	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	CPME	120	3	80
14	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	CPME	60	3	57
15	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	CPME	70	3	65
16	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	CPME	80	3	70
17	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	CPME	90	3	74

18	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	CPME	100	3	77
19	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	THF	110	3	63
20	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	1,4-dioxane	110	3	69
21	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	toluene	110	3	50
22	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	benzene	110	3	60
23	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	DMF	110	3	36
24 <sup>c</sup>	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOK	CPME	110	3	<b>87 (82)</b> <sup>d</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>All reactions were performed with **1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (2 equiv), base (2 equiv), additive (1.5 equiv), solvent (1 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. <sup>*b*</sup>Yield was determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR with CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as internal standard. <sup>*c*</sup>Solvent (0.5 mL). <sup>*d*</sup>Isolated yield. CPME = cyclopentyl methyl ether.

#### 2) General experimental procedure

#### A. General procedure for the synthesis of 2,3,5-triphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole



A mixture of 1 (0.2 mmol), 2 (2.0 equiv), Li(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (2.0 equiv), and *t*-BuOK (1.5 equiv) dissolved in 0.5 mL dry CPME was added to an oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and stirred at 110 °C under N<sub>2</sub> for 3 h (*Cautious:* the rising pressure produced by CPME). After finished, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched by 10 mL of water. The product was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL  $\times$  3). The organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuum, and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/(100:1) as eluent to afford the corresponding product.

#### **B.** General procedure for the preparation of compound 1<sup>[1]</sup>



An oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was added successively  $M_1$  (2 mmol),  $M_2$  (3 mol), CuI (5 mol %), Li(SiMe\_3)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 equiv), and DCE (4 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 1 h and monitored by TLC. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (15 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (petroleum

ether/ethyl acetate 200:1~100:1 v/v).

# 2. Biological assays

# 1) Cell lines and culture conditions

The cytotoxic activity of the synthesized compounds against MDA-MB-231 (human breast cancer cell line), SGC-7901 (human gastric cancer cell line), HCT-116 (human colon cancer cells) was investigated. The cells were cultured in RPMI-1640 (Hyclon) or high glucose DMEM (Hyclon) medium with 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (Hyclon) 1% penicillin–streptomycin (Hyclon), and incubated at standard culture conditions (37 °C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> in air) (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Wisconsin, USA). The culture medium was refreshed every 2 days. The cells were subcultured twice each week, seeding at a density of about  $1 \times 10^5$  cells/mL. Before the analysis of the compounds, cells were washed with PBS and fresh medium was added. For fifinal analysis, exponentially growing cells were collected and resuspended in fresh culture medium with 10% FBS. Cells were maintained in a humidified incubator with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> at 37 °C.

# 2) MTT assay

Cytotoxic activity was determined by the 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) assay as described. 5-fluorouracil (**5-Fu**) was selected as a positive control. Cell suspensions were prepared at a concentration of  $1 \times 10^5 \mu g/mL$ , added to 96-well plates at 100 µL per well, and incubated at 37 °C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for 24 h. Different concentrations of subjects were added to the 96-well plates of cultured tumor cells, and incubation was continued for 48h and observed under an inverted microscope. The culture medium was discarded, and 100 µL of 0. 05% MTT application solution was added to each well and incubated for 4 h. The culture medium was discarded, 100 µL of DMSO was added to each well and shaken for 10 min to dissolve the methylzan crystals, and the absorbance (OD) of the cells was measured at 490 nm.

The concentration and growth inhibition curves were obtained by plotting the growth inhibition rates at different doses and plotted using GraphPad Prism 9.0 software to calculate the semi-inhibitory concentration  $IC_{50}$  of the target compounds on three tumor cells and one normal cell.

		IC50(uM)	
compound	MDA-MB-231	SGC-7901	HCT116
<b>3</b> e	227.6(±93.0)	119.9(±2.7)	201.3(±3.4)
3m	47.9(±1.2)	50.8(±0.9)	91.75(±1.9)
3n	43.3(±0.6)	141.5(±1.9)	174.3(±3.9)
3r	3.5(±0.2)	8.3(±0.3)	10.7(±0.4)
3x	41.1(±0.8)	66.0(±0.8)	98.05(±1.4)
5-Fu	4.7(±0.4)	10.7(±0.3)	12.9(±0.3)

(±) Standard deviation; n = 3. NA: not active up to significant concentrations.

# 3. Spectroscopic data

# prop-1-yne-1,3-diyldibenzene (1a):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (m, *J* = 5.1, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 136.7, 131.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 126.6, 123.6, 87.5, 82.6, 25.7. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[1]</sup>

# 1-4-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl (1b):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm7.56 (dd, J = 11.3, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (m, J = 25.3, 6.3 Hz, 4H), 3.84 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 140.8, 139.6, 135.8, 131.6, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.3, 127.1, 127.0, 123.6, 87.4, 82.7, 25.4. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[2]</sup>

## 2-fluoro-4-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzene (1c):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.44 (dd, J = 6.7, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, J = 5.0, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 7.01 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 161.7 (d, J = 243.0 Hz), 132.4 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 131.6, 129.4 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 128.2, 127.9, 123.5, 115.3 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 87.3, 82.8, 25.0. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[2]</sup>

## 1-methyl-3-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzene (1d):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.44 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 138.2, 136.6, 131.6, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 127.3, 125.0, 123.7, 87.7, 82.5, 25.61, 21.38. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[1]</sup>

# 1-(tert-butyl)-4-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzene (1e)



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 4H), 7.26 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 149.5, 133.7, 131.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 125.4, 123.8, 87.8, 82.4, 34.4, 31.4, 25.2. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[1]</sup>

## 1,3-dimethoxy-5-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzene (1f):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.44 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 3H), 6.58 (s, 2H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.77 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 160.9, 139.1, 131.6, 128.2, 127.8, 123.6, 106.1, 98.6, 87.2, 82.7, 55.3, 25.9. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[3]</sup>

## 1-(tert-butyl)-4-(3-phenylprop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (1g):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.23 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 1.30 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 151.0, 136.9, 131.3, 128.5, 127.9, 126.5, 125.2, 120.6, 86.7, 82.7, 34.7, 31.2, 25.7. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[2]</sup>

# 1-fluoro-4-(3-phenylprop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (1h):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 162.2 (d, *J* = 247.1 Hz), 136.6, 133.4 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 128.5, 127.9, 126.7, 119.7 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 115.4 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 87.2, 81.5, 25.6. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[1]</sup>

## 1-methyl-3-(3-phenylprop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (1i):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.41 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 137.9, 136.8,

132.2, 128.7, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 126.6, 123.4, 87.1, 82.8, 25.7, 21.2. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[1]</sup>

# 1-methoxy-4-(3-phenylprop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene(1j):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.33 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.74 – 6.73 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 159.2, 137.0, 132.9, 128.5, 127.9, 126.5, 115.8, 113.8, 85.9, 82.4, 55.2, 25.7. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[1]</sup>

N,N-diphenyl-4-(3-phenylprop-1-yn-1-yl)aniline(1k):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.29 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.13 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 6.90 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 147.4, 147.2, 136.9, 132.5, 129.3, 128.4, 127.9, 126.5, 124.6, 123.2, 122.6, 116.8, 86.5, 82.6, 25.74. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N: 360.1747, found :360.1743

# 2-4,4'-(prop-1-yne-1,3-diyl)bis(methylbenzene) (11):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.25 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 137.7, 136.1, 133.8, 131.5, 129.2, 128.9, 127.8, 120.6, 87.0, 82.4, 25.3, 21.4, 21.0. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[4]</sup>

# 4,4'-(prop-1-yne-1,3-diyl)bis(tert-butylbenzene) (1m):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (s, 4H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 1.32 (s, 9H), 1.30 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 150.9, 149.5, 133.9, 131.3, 127.6, 125.4, 125.2, 120.7, 87.0, 82.5, 34.7, 34.4, 31.4, 31.2, 25.2. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>: 305.2264, found :305.2259

4,4"-(prop-1-yne-1,3-diyl)di-1,1'-biphenyl (1n):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 98.3-100.2 °C.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.60 – 7.57 (m, 6H), 7.55 – 7.52 (m, 4H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.34 (m, J = 7.4, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 140.9, 140.6, 140.5, 139.7, 135.9, 132.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 127.0, 122.6, 88.2, 82.6, 25.6. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>21</sub>: 345.1638, found :345.1633

4,4'-(prop-1-yne-1,3-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) (10):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.32 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (m, J = 20.2, 8.7 Hz, 4H), 3.68 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 162.2 (d, J = 247.4 Hz), 161.7 (d, J = 243.1 Hz), 133.4 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 132.2 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 129.3 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 119.5 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 115.5 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 115.3 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 86.9, 81.7, 24.9. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M-H]<sup>-</sup> for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>2</sub>: 227.0678, found :227.0675

3,3'-(prop-1-yne-1,3-diyl)bis(methylbenzene) (1p):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 138.2, 137.8, 136.7, 132.2, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.3, 125.0, 123.5, 87.3, 82.6, 25.6, 21.4, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>: 221.1325, found :221.1323

#### 5,5'-(prop-1-yne-1,3-diyl)bis(1,3-dimethoxybenzene) (1q):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 6.60 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 3.76 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 160.9, 160.4, 138.9, 124.9, 109.4, 106.1, 101.3, 98.6, 86.9, 82.6,55.3, 55.3, 25.9. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 313.1434, found :313.1429

2,2'-(prop-1-yne-1,3-diyl)dinaphthalene (1r):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 107.2-110.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 3H), 7.52 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (s, 4H), 4.02 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 134.2, 133.5, 133.0, 132.6, 132.4, 131.3, 128.7, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.6, 126.5, 126.4, 126.4, 126.3, 126.1, 125.4, 120.9, 87.8, 83.2, 26.1. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>: 293.1325, found :293.1320

## 2,3,5-triphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3a):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 126.6-128.4 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 7.25 – 7.12 (m, 7H), 6.63 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 136.5, 133.2, 132.4, 132.4, 129.5, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 127.1, 126.7, 126.1, 124.0, 123.9, 108.7. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N: 296.1434, found :296.1431. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[5]</sup>

## 3,5-diphenyl-2-(p-tolyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (3b):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 69.8-73.3 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 136.8, 136.5, 132.3, 131.9, 130.2, 129.4, 128.9, 128.3, 128.3, 127.4, 126.4, 125.8, 123.7, 123.4, 108.4, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N: 310.1590, found :310.1586. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[5]</sup>

## 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3c):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 121.6-127.3 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.33 (s, 4H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz,

2H), 7.25 - 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.69 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 150.0, 136.6, 132.3, 131.9, 130.2, 129.4, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 127.1, 126.4, 125.7, 125.7, 123.7, 123.5, 108.5, 34.6, 31.3. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N: 352.2060, found :352.2056. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[5]</sup>

# 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3d):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 95.2-98.4 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 158.7, 136.4, 132.3, 131.7, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 126.3, 125.7, 125.7, 123.7, 123.0, 114.1, 108.2, 55.2; HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO :326.1539 , found :326.1535. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[5]</sup>

#### 2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3e):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 165.0-169.3 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.22 (m, J = 7.4, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 137.1, 136.3, 132.2, 132.1, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 126.6, 126.5, 126.0, 123.8, 123.8, 108.6, 15.6. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>1</sub>S:342.1311, found :342.1308.

#### 2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3f):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 138.2, 136.4, 133.0, 132.3, 131.9, 129.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 126.4, 125.8, 125.3, 123.7, 123.5, 108.4, 21.3. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N: 324.1747, found :324.1744.



Yellow solid. M.p.: 108.6-113.6 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  ppm 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 148.0, 146.9, 136.4, 132.4, 131.9, 129.3, 129.1, 128.5, 128.5, 127.3, 126.6, 126.0, 123.9, 123.4, 121.4, 108.8, 108.5, 108.4, 101.2. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 340.1332, found :340.1330.

## 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3h):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 105.9-107.9 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.00 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 161.9 (d, J = 245.4 Hz), 136.1, 132.2 (d, J = 19.0 Hz), 129.3 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 129.2 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 126.6, 126.0, 123.8, 123.8, 115.7 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 108.4. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN: 314.1340, found :314.1335. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[5]</sup>

## 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3i):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 94.4-100.3 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 8H), 6.65 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 136.1, 132.7, 132.7, 132.1, 131.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 128.1, 126.8, 126., 1324.4, 124.0, 108.9. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClN: 330.1044, found: 330.1040. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[5]</sup>

## 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3j):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 75.1-80.4 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.80 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.33 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.98 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 159.4 (d, J = 244.1 Hz), 136.5, 132.6, 132.1, 130.7 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 129.0, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 126.7, 126.2, 125.8, 124.2 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 123.9, 122.7, 120.4 (d, J = 12.6 Hz), 116.1 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 108.2. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN: 314.1340, found: 314.1336.

#### 2-(3-chlorophenyl)-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3k):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (m, J = 15.8, 8.2 Hz, 5H), 7.29 (t, J = 8.4, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 6.66 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm136.0, 134.9, 134.6, 132.9, 132.1, 130.0, 129.1, 128.6, 127.8, 127.1, 126.9, 126.9, 126.4, 125.9, 124.9, 124.0, 109.0. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClN: 330.1044, found: 330.1041.

#### 2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (31):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 106.4-112.4 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.64 – 6.54 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 164.0 (d, J = 13.5 Hz), 162.4 (d, J = 13.3 Hz), 135.9, 135.6, 132.5 (d, J = 219.2 Hz), 129.0, 128.6, 126.8 (d, J = 60.6 Hz), 126.7, 125.6, 124.0, 109.7 (d, J = 25.9 Hz), 109.7 (d, J = 15.0 Hz), 109.2, 102.0 (d, J = 50.6 Hz), 101.8. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N: 332.1245, found: 332.1241.

#### 3,5-diphenyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (3m):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 79.4-83.6 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 136.4, 135.9, 133.3, 131.8, 129.0, 128.5, 128.5, 127.5, 127.1, 126.9, 126.4, 125.6 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 125.5, 124.2 (q, *J* = 270.4 Hz), 124.0, 109.2. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N: 364.1308, found: 364.1304. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[6]</sup>

4-(3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)benzonitrile (3n):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 168.6-170.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) $\delta$  ppm 8.66 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.27 (m, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 137.3, 135.7, 134.1, 132.4, 131.6, 129.0, 128.6, 127.1, 127.0, 126.8, 126.5, 124.1, 119.1, 109.7, 109.3. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: 321.1386, found: 321.1383.

#### 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (30):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 122.8-127.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.74 (m, J = 15.5, 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.33 (m, 7H), 7.27 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 6.71 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 136.4, 133.7, 132.7, 132.5, 132.3, 130.80, 129.4, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 126.2, 126.0, 125.4, 124.4, 124.0, 108.9. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N: 346.1590, found: 346.1586.

3,5-diphenyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrole (3p):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 93.8-99.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 135.8, 134.8, 132.3, 131.9, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 127.4, 126.7, 126.3, 124.9, 124.8, 124.5, 123.8, 123.0, 108.5. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NS: 302.0998, found: 302.0995.

#### 2-(furan-2-yl)-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3q):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.78 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 147.3, 140.3, 136.1, 132.0, 131.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 126.6, 126.6, 124.1, 123.8, 120.6, 111.6, 108.7, 104.3. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO: 286.1226, found: 286.1223.

3-(5-(3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-dihydroisobenzofuran-1-yl)-N,N-dimethylpropan-1-amine (3r):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.56 (s, 1H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 6.98 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.30 – 4.96 (m, 2H), 2.23 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.20 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 2.12 (s, 6H), 1.53 – 1.34 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 161.8 (d, J = 243.7 Hz), 142.9, 140.9 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 139.6, 136.2, 132.8, 132.3, 132.1, 128.9, 128.9, 128.3, 127.0, 126.8, 126.7, 126.5, 125.9, 123.9, 123.8, 122.0, 120.0, 115.0 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 108.6, 90.8, 71.7, 59.5, 45.2, 39.4, 22.1. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>34</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O: 517.2650, found: 517.2646.

2-phenyl-3,5-di-p-tolyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3s):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 132.4-134.3 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.28 (m, J = 14.8, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 136.1, 135.4, 133.4, 133.2, 132.3, 129.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 127.3, 126.7, 123.7, 123.6, 108.1, 21.1. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N: 324.1747, found: 324.1744.

#### 2-phenyl-3,5-di-m-tolyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3t):



Yellow oil.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.16 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (m, J = 14.4, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 138.5, 137.8, 136.3, 133.1, 132.3, 132.2, 129.1, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.2, 127.3, 126.8, 126.7, 125.5, 124.5, 123.8, 120.9, 108.2, 21.5, 21.4. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N: 324.1747, found: 324.1745.

#### 3,5-bis(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3u):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.32 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 149.4, 148.6, 133.4, 133.4, 132.2, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4, 126.7, 125.8, 125.2, 123.6, 123.5, 108.3, 34.5, 34.4, 31.4, 31.3. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N: 408.2686, found: 408.2684.

#### 3,5-bis(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3v):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.68 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 3H), 6.55 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 3.68 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 161.3, 160.6, 138.2, 134.1, 132.9, 132.0, 129.6, 128.6,

127.7, 127.1, 123.6, 108.7, 106.3, 102.2, 98.6, 98.6, 55.4, 55.2. HRMS (ESI): calculated  $[M+H]^+$  for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 416.1856, found: 416.1853.

3,5-di([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3w):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 203.7-209.2 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 11.51 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.41 – 7.39 (t, 3H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 139.8, 139.7, 137.3, 137.1, 135.7, 132.9, 131.7, 131.4, 129.9, 128.9, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.8, 126.8, 126.5, 126.3, 124.4, 122.2, 108.2. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N: 448.2060, found: 448.2056.

#### 3,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3x):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 151.5-155.9 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.25 (t, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 161.7 (d, J = 244.6 Hz), 161.5 (d, J = 243.2 Hz), 132.7, 132.2(d, J = 3.0 Hz), 131.4, 129.8(d, J = 7.6 Hz), 129.2, 128.8, 128.5(d, J = 3.2 Hz), 127.4, 127.1, 125.5(d, J = 7.6 Hz), 122.8, 116.0 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 115.2(d, J = 21.1 Hz), 108.3. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N: 332.1245, found: 332.1242.

#### 3,5-di(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3y):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 139.2-142.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.61 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 7.89 – 7.78 (m, 4H), 7.78 – 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.55 – 7.39 (m, 7H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 133.9, 133.8, 133.8, 133.0, 132.4, 132.3, 132.0, 130.1, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.8, 127.7, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5,

127.5, 127.1, 126.6, 126.4, 125.9, 125.6, 125.3, 124.0, 123.0, 121.1, 109.4. HRMS (ESI): calculated  $[M+H]^+$  for  $C_{30}H_{22}N$ : 396.1747, found: 396.1743.

## 2,5-diphenyl-3-(m-tolyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (3aa):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (m, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.17 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 137.8, 136.2, 133.1, 132.2, 132.1, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 127.4, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 125.6, 123.9, 123.8, 108.6, 21.4. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N: 310.1590, found: 310.1586.

## 2,3-diphenyl-5-(m-tolyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (3aa'):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.36 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 138.6, 136.4, 133.1, 132.3, 132.1, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 127.4, 126.9, 125.9, 124.5, 123.7, 120.9, 108.5, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N: 310.1590, found: 310.1585.

3-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ba):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 115.4-119.5 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.34 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.64 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 149.5, 136.4, 133.2, 132.4, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 126.8, 125.8, 123.7, 123.6, 108.2, 34.5, 31.3. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N: 352.2060, found: 352.2056.

## 5-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ba'):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.69 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 148.7, 133.3, 132.3, 132.1, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5, 126.9, 126.4, 125.2, 123.7, 123.7, 108.6, 34.4, 31.2. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N: 352.2060, found: 352.2057.

#### 3-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ca):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 160.6, 138.2, 132.9, 132.1, 129.6, 129.0, 128.6, 127.7, 127.1, 126.5, 123.8, 123.7, 108.3, 106.3, 98.6, 55.2. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 356.1645, found: 356.1642.

## 5-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ca'):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 121.3-124.1 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.4 Hz, 3H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 161.3, 136.3, 134.1, 133.0, 132.1, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 127.0, 125.9, 123.7, 108.9, 102.3, 98.5, 55.4. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 356.1645, found: 356.1640.

## 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3da):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 138.0-143.1 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H),

7.02 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 161.7 (d, J = 244.8 Hz), 136.2, 133.0, 131.4, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 127.0, 126.0, 125.5 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 123.8, 116.0 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 108.5. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN: 314.1340, found: 314.1335. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.<sup>[5]</sup>

#### 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3da'):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.91 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 161.2 (d, J = 243.2 Hz), 132.9, 132.4 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 132.2(d, J = 24.4 Hz), 129.9, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 127.4, 127.1, 126.6, 123.8, 122.8, 115.2 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 108.5. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN: 314.1340, found: 314.1336.

#### 3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ea):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 91.3-96.3 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 8H), 7.27 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.16 (t, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3)  $\delta$  ppm140.9, 138.5, 135.4, 133.1, 132.3, 132.1, 129.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 127.0, 127.0, 127.0, 126.8, 126.5, 123.8, 123.3, 108.4. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N: 372.1747, found: 372.1745.

#### 5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ea'):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 151.3-156.8 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 11.47 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.73 – 7.68 (t, 4H), 7.45 (m, *J* = 13.8, 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.37 – 7.25 (m, 8H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm 139.7, 137.3, 136.6, 132.9, 131.6, 131.4, 129.7, 128.9, 128.3, 128.1,

128.0, 127.2, 126.8, 126.7, 126.3, 125.6, 124.4, 122.8, 108.4. HRMS (ESI): calculated  $[M+H]^+$  for  $C_{28}H_{22}N$ : 372.1747, found: 372.1743.

# 2,3-diphenyl-5-(m-tolyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (3ab):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.36 – 7.18 (m, 9H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 138.5, 136.4, 133.1, 132.3, 132.1, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 127.3, 126.9, 125.9, 124.5, 123.7, 120.9, 108.5, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N: 310.1590, found: 310.1586.

# 2,5-diphenyl-3-(m-tolyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (3ab'):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.39 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (m, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 137.8, 136.2, 133.1, 132.2, 132.1, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 127.4, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 125.6, 123.9, 123.8, 108.7, 21.4. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N: 310.1590, found: 310.1587.

# 5-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ac):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.52 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 148.7, 133.3, 133.2, 132.2, 132.0, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 127.9, 127.5, 126.8, 126.4, 125.2, 123.7, 128.6, 34.4, 31.2. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N: 352.2060, found: 352.2057.

3-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ac'):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 115.8-118.7 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.30 (m, J = 12.9, 7.4 Hz, 5H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 149.6, 136.4, 133.2, 132.4, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 126.8, 125.9, 123.7, 123.6, 108.2, 34.5, 31.3. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N:352.2060, found: 352.2058.

5-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ad):



Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  ppm 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.35 – 7.23 (m, 6H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 161.7 (d, J = 244.5 Hz), 136.2, 133.0, 131.4, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 127.0, 126.0, 125.5 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 123.8, 115.9 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 108.4. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN: 314.1340, found: 314.1336.

#### 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ad'):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 138.7-142.4 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  ppm 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 12.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.25 (m, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 6.98 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 161.5 (d, J = 243.2 Hz), 160.7, 132.9, 132.3 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 132.3, 132.1, 129.9 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 127.4, 127.0, 126.6, 123.8, 122.8, 115.2 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 108.4. HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN: 314.1340, found: 314.1336.

## 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole(3ae):



Yellow oil.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  ppm 8.39 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 6.8

Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.23 (m, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 158.0, 133.1, 132.2, 132.1, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.3, 126.8, 126.4, 123.7, 123.5, 113.8, 108.5, 55.2; HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO: 326.1539, found: 326.1534

#### 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole(3ae'):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 71.4-75.7 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 11.26 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (m, *J* = 14.6, 7.0 Hz, 5H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm 157.7, 136.8, 133.1, 132.1, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 126.4, 125.5, 125.3, 125.2, 122.5, 114.1, 106.9, 55.1; HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO: 326.1539, found: 326.1535

#### 4-(4,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-N,N-diphenylaniline(3af):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 90.3-94.5 °C.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 11.31 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 7H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm 147.2, 145.1, 136.6, 132.9, 131.8, 129.5, 129.0, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 126.5, 125.5, 125.1, 123.9, 123.6, 122.8, 122.6, 107.5; HRMS (ESI): calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: 463.2169, found: 463.2162

#### 4-(2,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrol-3-yl)-N,N-diphenylaniline(3af'):



Yellow solid. M.p.: 78.5-81.6 °C.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 11.35 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (m, *J* = 9.0, 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm 147.2, 144.8, 133.0, 132.3, 131.9, 131.4, 129.4, 129.2,

128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.6, 125.8, 123.9, 123.7, 123.5, 122.7, 122.2, 107.9; HRMS (ESI): calculated  $[M+H]^+$  for  $C_{34}H_{27}N_2$ : 463.2169, found: 463.2162

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# NMR Spectra for the compounds





<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound 1b







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









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## <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound 1q









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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound 3g

147.7934 136.70634 136.70634 136.70634 132.19337 128.3171 128.3171 128.3171 128.3171 128.3171 128.3171 128.3171 128.3171 128.327097 128.327097 128.3667 128.3667 128.3667 128.3667 128.3667 128.3667 128.3667 128.3667 128.3667 128.3677 128.3777 128.37777 128.37777 128.37777 128.377777 128.	$\underbrace{\{77.2119}{77.0000}$
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound 3k

135.8819 134.854 134.854 132.7845 131.9105 131.9105 132.7847 122.8764 122.9770 122.9770 122.76164 122.67367 122.6647 122.67367 122.7100 122.7100 122.7100 122.88153 	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 77.2119 \\ 77.0001 \\ 76.7883 \end{array} \right.$
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of compound 3w













<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound 3ba





## <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound 3ca





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3.5 13.0 12.5 12.0 11.5 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -0.5 fl (ppm)









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



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound 3ac









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

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound 3ad'



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound 3ad'

<pre>&gt; 162.2844 &gt; 162.2844 &gt; 160.6652 132.3631 132.3631 132.3631 132.3631 132.3643 132.3643 132.3798 132.0794 132.0794 122.09218 135.779 135.779 135.779 135.779 135.760 135.760 135.760 115.2163 108.4391 108.4381 108.438</pre>	
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## <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound 3ae



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound 3ae

157.980 133.146 133.2725 132.2730 132.470 122.8024 122.8024 126.422 126.422 126.422 126.422 126.422 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100 127.3100	77.0013	-55.1846
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d6) spectrum of compound 3ae'





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



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d6) spectrum of compound 3af'



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