

Supporting Information

Palladium-catalysed aminocarbonylation of aryl thianthrenium salts to aryl carboxamides using Mo(CO)_6 as a CO source

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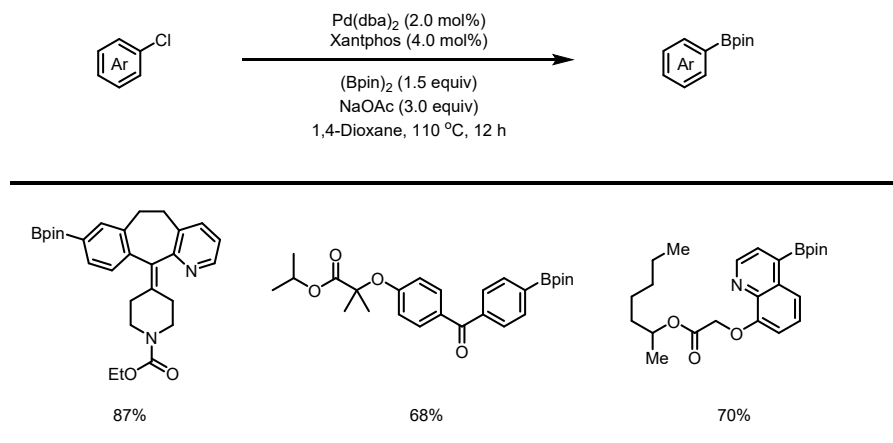
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1. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, all other reagents and starting materials were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on GF 254 plates (0.25 mm layer thickness). Flash chromatography was performed with 200-300 mesh silica gels. Reactions were monitored by TLC and visualized by a dual short-wave/long-wave UV lamp. ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 400, 500, or 600 MHz spectrophotometers. Chemical shifts in ^1H NMR spectra were reported in parts per million (ppm) on the δ scale. Data for ^1H NMR were reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br. s = broad singlet), coupling constant in hertz (Hz) and integration. Data for ^{13}C NMR spectra were reported in terms of chemical shift in ppm. ESI-MS was taken on a Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ-Orbitrap XL spectrometer.

2. Preparation of Substrates

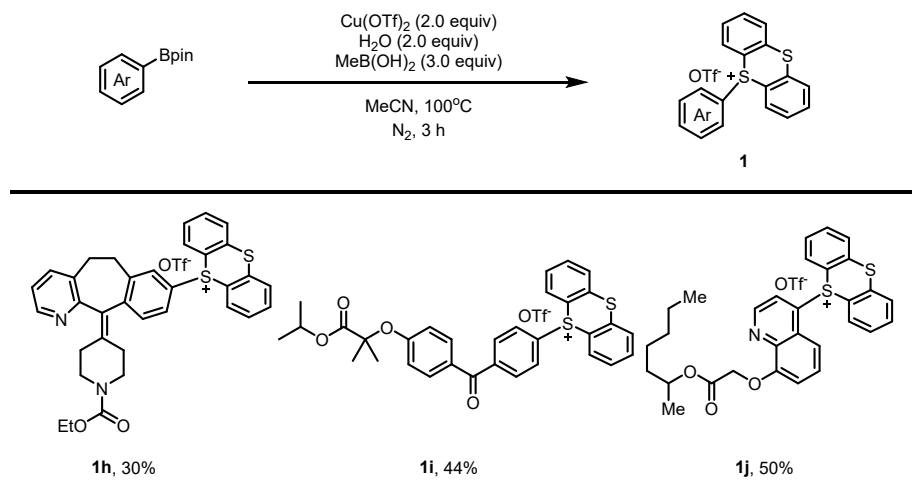
2.1 Preparation of Bioactive Molecule-Derived Arylborons



To a mixture of aryl chloride (5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (95.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2.0 mol%), Xantphos (97.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 4.0 mol%), $(\text{BPin})_2$ (1.9 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), and NaOAc (1.23 g, 18.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) in a Schlenk tube under N_2 was added 1,4-dioxane (10 mL). The tube was sealed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 12 h and then cooled to room temperature. Water was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (EA, 2×150 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (100 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under

reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the corresponding aryl boronic acid pinacol ester.

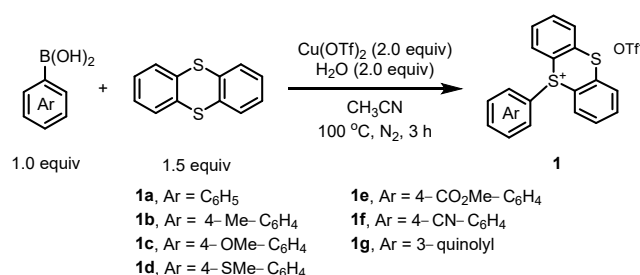
2.2 Thianthrenation of Bioactive Molecule-Derived Arylborons



A 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with aryl boronic acid pinacol ester (2.0 mmol), thianthrene (648 mg, 6.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), and MeB(OH)_2 (360 mg, 12 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), followed by the addition of Cu(OTf)_2 (1.45 g, 4.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.). Then, the reaction tube was backfilled with N_2 three times. H_2O (18 μL , 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and MeCN (2 mL) were added under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was added into ammonia solution (50 mL, 25%–28% aqueous solution), and the water phase was extracted with DCM (2 $\times$ 60 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in DCM, and precipitated by adding the solution into the stirring Et_2O (200 mL). The solid was collected by filtration to afford the arylthianthrenium salts **1** without further purification.

2.3 Preparation of Aryl Thianthrenium Salts (1)

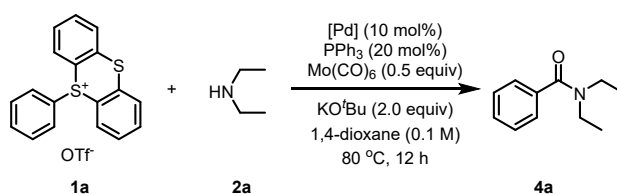
Compounds **1** were prepared according to literature procedures¹. And the spectra are matching with the literature reports.



A 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with aryl boronic acid or heteroaryl boronic acid (2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), thianthrene (649 mg, 3.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), followed by the addition of Cu(OTf)₂ (1.45 g, 4.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.). Then, the reaction tube was backfilled with N₂ three times, and H₂O (180 μL, 4.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and MeCN (2.0 mL) were added under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was added into ammonia solution (200 mL, 25%–28% aqueous solution), and the water phase was extracted with DCM (2×60 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in DCM, and precipitated by adding the solution into the stirring Et₂O (200 mL). The solid was collected by filtration to afford the arylthianthrenium salts **1** without further purification.

3. Optimization of Reaction Conditions of the Aminocarbonylation of **1a** with Aliphatic Amines

3.1 Evaluation of Pd Catalysts^a

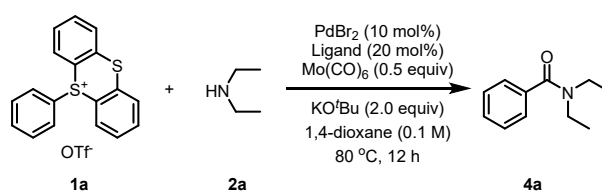


Entry	[Pd]	Yield of 4a ^b (%)
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	23
2	PdCl ₂	20
3	Pd(dppf) ₂ Cl ₂	28
4	Pd(dba) ₂	31
5	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	18
6	Pd(PPh ₃) ₂ Cl ₂	31

7	Pd(acac) ₂	32
8	PdBr ₂	33

^aThe reaction was performed using **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol). ^bDetermined by crude ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

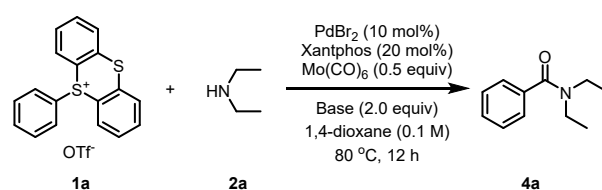
3.2 Evaluation of Ligands^a



Entry	Ligand	Yield of 4a ^b (%)
1	PPh ₃	33
2	PCy ₃	32
3	(<i>o</i> -CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄) ₃ P	28
4	(<i>p</i> -CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄) ₃ P	33
5	(<i>p</i> -CF ₃ OC ₆ H ₄) ₃ P	36
6	(<i>o</i> -CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄) ₃ P	37
7	(<i>p</i> -CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄) ₃ P	30
8	BINAP	46
9	BuPAd ₂	31
10	Xantphos	60

^aThe reaction was performed using **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol). ^bDetermined by crude ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

3.3 Evaluation of Bases^a

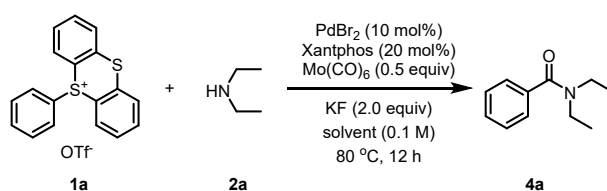


Entry	Base	Yield of 4a ^b (%)
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1	KO ^t Bu	60
2	Cs ₂ CO ₃	79
3	CsOAc	66
4	CsOPiv	63
5	K ₂ CO ₃	80
6	NaO ^t Bu	19
7	CsF	85
8	KF	89

^aThe reaction was performed using **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol). ^bDetermined by crude ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

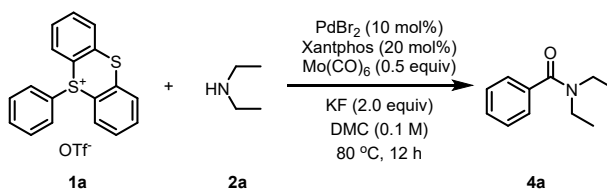
3.4 Evaluation of Solvents^a



Entry	Solvent	Yield of 4a ^b (%)
1	1,4-dioxane	89
2	Toluene	72
3	CH ₃ CN	73
4	DCE	67
5	DMC	90

^aThe reaction was performed using **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol). ^bDetermined by crude ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

3.5 Evaluation of Loading of **1a**^a

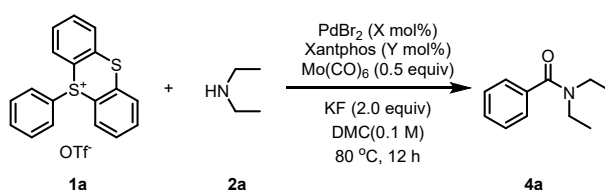


Entry	1a (equiv.)	Yield of 4a ^b (%)
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1	1.0	90
2	1.2	92
3	1.5	97 (94 ^c)
4	2.0	84

^aThe reaction was performed using **2a** (0.2 mmol). ^bDetermined by crude ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard. ^cIsolated yield.

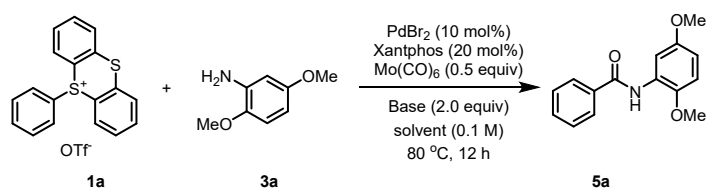
3.6. Evaluation of Loading of PdBr₂ and Xantphos^a



Entry	PdBr ₂ (mol%)	Xantphos (mol%)	Yield of 4a ^b (%)
1	5.0	10	79
2	2.0	4.0	51
3 ^c	2.0	4.0	80

^aThe reaction was performed using **1a** (0.3 mmol) and **2a** (0.2 mmol). ^bDetermined by crude ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard. ^cThe reaction was performed for 24 h.

4. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions of the Aminocarbonylation of **1a** with Aromatic Amines^a

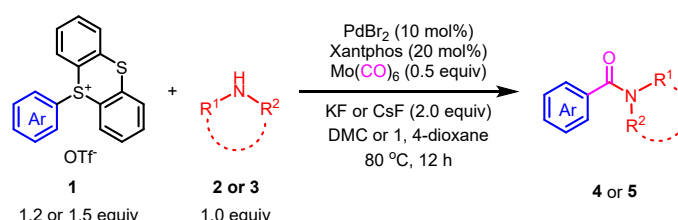


Entry	Base	Solvent	Yield of 5a ^b (%)
1	KO ^t Bu	1,4-dioxane	53
2	NaO ^t Bu	1,4-dioxane	15
3	K ₂ CO ₃	1,4-dioxane	75
4	Cs ₂ CO ₃	1,4-dioxane	80
5	CsOAc	1,4-dioxane	96

6	CsOPiv	1,4-dioxane	21
7	KF	1,4-dioxane	86
8	CsF	1,4-dioxane	98
10 ^c	CsF	1,4-dioxane	99 (98 ^f)
11 ^d	CsF	1,4-dioxane	82
12 ^e	CsF	1,4-dioxane	74

^aThe reaction was performed using **1a** (0.2 mmol), **3a** (0.2 mmol). ^bDetermined by crude ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard. ^c1.2 equiv. of **1a**. ^d1.5 equiv. of **1a**. ^e2.0 equiv. of **1a**. ^fIsolated yield.

5. General Procedure for the Synthesis of Substituted Aryl Aminocarboxamide Compounds by Aminocarbonylation of Aryl Thianthrenium Salts



General procedure 1:

To a mixture of corresponding aryl thianthrenium salts **1** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), PdBr₂ (10 mol%), Mo(CO)₆ (0.5 equiv.), Xantphos (20 mol%), KF (2.0 equiv.), and corresponding aliphatic amines **2** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added DMC (dimethyl carbonate 2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was then stirred at the rate of 1000 rpm at 80 °C for 12 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC until it was over. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was passed through a pad of Celite with EA as the eluent to remove any insoluble precipitate. The resulting solution was concentrated, and the residual mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/EA=150:1 to 5:1) to afford the corresponding products **4**.

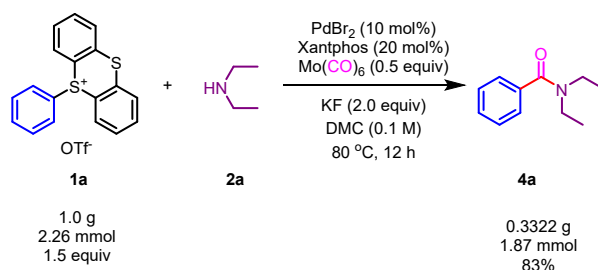
General procedure 2:

To a mixture of corresponding aryl thianthrenium salts **1** (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), PdBr₂ (10 mol%), Mo(CO)₆ (0.5 equiv.), Xantphos (20 mol%), CsF (2.0 equiv.), and corresponding aromatic amines **3** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in a sealed tube equipped with

a magnetic stir bar was added 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was then stirred at the rate of 1000 rpm at 80 °C for 12 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC until it was over. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was passed through a pad of Celite with EA as the eluent to remove any insoluble precipitate. The resulting solution was concentrated, and the residual mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/EA=150:1 to 1:1) to afford the corresponding products **5**.

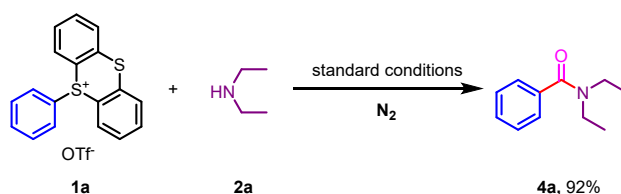
6. Gram-Scale and Control Experiments

6.1 Gram-Scale Experiment



To a mixture of phenyl thianthrenium salt **1a** (2.26 mmol, 1.0 g, 1.5 equiv.), PdBr₂ (39.9 mg, 10 mol%), Mo(CO)₆ (198.0 mg, 0.5 equiv.), Xantphos (173.6 mg, 20 mol%), KF (174.3 mg, 2.0 equiv.), and diethylamine (1.5 mmol, 109.7 mg, 1.0 equiv.) in a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added DMC (dimethyl carbonate, 15 mL). The reaction mixture was then stirred at the rate of 1000 rpm at 80 °C for 12 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC until it was over. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was passed through a pad of Celite with EA as the eluent to remove any insoluble precipitate. The resulting solution was concentrated, and the residual mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/EA=150:1 to 5:1) to afford the corresponding product *N,N*-diethylbenzamide **4a** (332.2 mg, 83% yield).

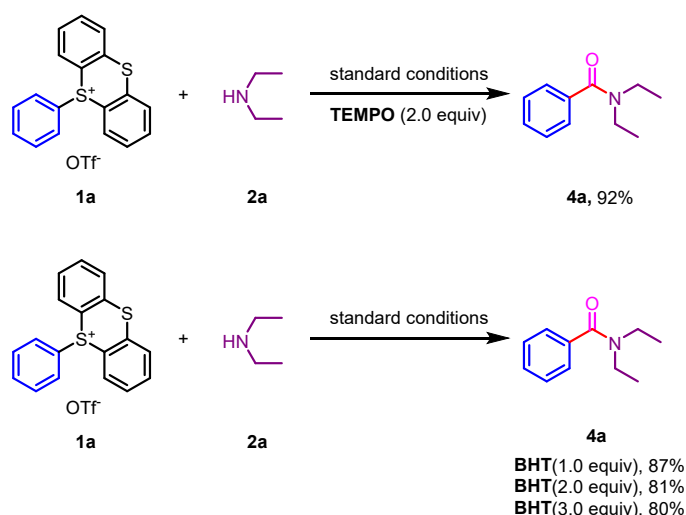
6.2 The Reaction under a N₂ Atmosphere



To a mixture of phenyl thianthrenium salt **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), PdBr₂ (10

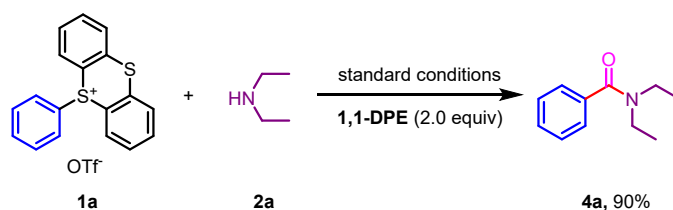
mol%), Mo(CO)₆ (0.5 equiv.), Xantphos (20 mol%), and KF (2.0 equiv.) in a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar. The reaction tube was backfilled with N₂ three times. DMC (dimethyl carbonate, 2.0 mL) and diethylamine (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then stirred at the rate of 1000 rpm at 80 °C for 12 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC until it was over. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was passed through a pad of Celite with EA as the eluent to remove any insoluble precipitate. The resulting solution was concentrated, and the residual mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/EA=150:1 to 5:1) to afford the corresponding product *N,N*-diethylbenzamide **4a** in 92% yield.

6.3 Radical Inhibition Experiments



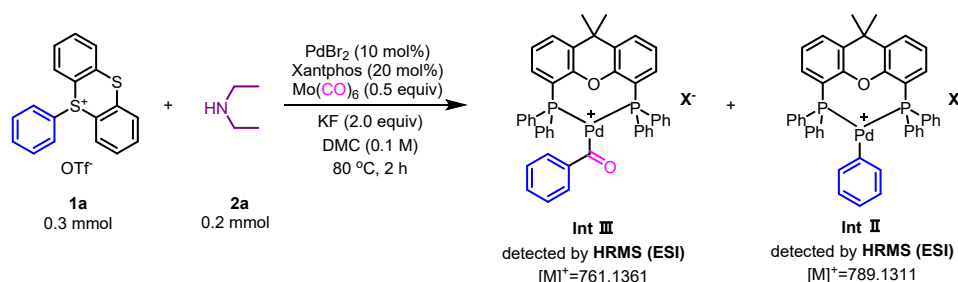
To a mixture of phenyl thianthrenium salt **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), PdBr₂ (10 mol%), Mo(CO)₆ (0.5 equiv.), Xantphos (20 mol%), KF (2.0 equiv.), diethylamine (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and TEMPO (2.0 equiv.) or BHT (butylated hydroxytoluene, 1.0 to 3.0 equiv.) in a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added DMC (dimethyl carbonate, 2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was then stirred at the rate of 1000 rpm at 80 °C for 12 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC until it was over. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was passed through a pad of Celite with EA as the eluent to remove any insoluble precipitate. The resulting solution was concentrated, and the residual mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/EA=150:1 to 5:1) to afford the corresponding product *N,N*-diethylbenzamide **4a** in 80% to 92% yields.

6.4 Radical Capture Experiment



To a mixture of phenyl thianthrenium salt **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), PdBr₂ (10 mol%), Mo(CO)₆ (0.5 equiv.), Xantphos (20 mol%), KF (2.0 equiv.), diethylamine (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 1,1-DPE (1,1-diphenylethylene, 2.0 equiv.) in a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added DMC (dimethyl carbonate, 2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was then stirred at the rate of 1000 rpm at 80 °C for 12 h. Until the reaction was over (monitored by TLC), after being allowed to cool to room temperature, the reaction mixture was passed through a pad of Celite with EA as the eluent to remove any insoluble precipitate. The resulting solution was concentrated, and the residual mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/EA=150:1 to 5:1) to afford the corresponding product *N,N*-diethylbenzamide **4a** in 90% yield.

6.5 Identification of Pd complex by ESI-HRMS.



To a mixture of phenyl thianthrenium salt **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), PdBr₂ (10 mol%), Mo(CO)₆ (0.5 equiv.), Xantphos (20 mol%), KF (2.0 equiv.), and diethylamine **2a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in a sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added DMC (2.0 mL). After the reaction mixture was stirred at the rate of 1000 rpm at 80 °C for 1 h, 2 h, and 12 h, respectively, 1 drop of the reaction solution was sampled using a dropper, diluted with methanol, filtered through a PTFE syringe filter (0.45 μm), and analyzed by ESI-HRMS. Ion peaks corresponding to **Int II**, **Int III**, Xantphos oxide, and Xantphos dioxide were detected in the mass spectra. In contrast, no signal for Mo(CO)₅DMC was detected in the three samples, indicating that this species was not formed under these conditions.

Int II: ESI-HRMS (*m/z*): calcd. for C₄₅H₃₇OP₂Pd⁺ $[M]^+$ 761.1349, found 761.1361.

Int III: ESI-HRMS (m/z): calcd. for $C_{46}H_{37}O_2P_2Pd^+ [M]^+$ 789.1298, found 789.1311.

Xantphos oxide: ESI-HRMS (m/z): calcd. for $C_{39}H_{33}O_2P_2^+ [M+H]^+$ 595.1950, found 595.1964.

Xantphos dioxide: ESI-HRMS (m/z): calcd. for $C_{39}H_{33}O_3P_2^+ [M+H]^+$ 611.1899, found

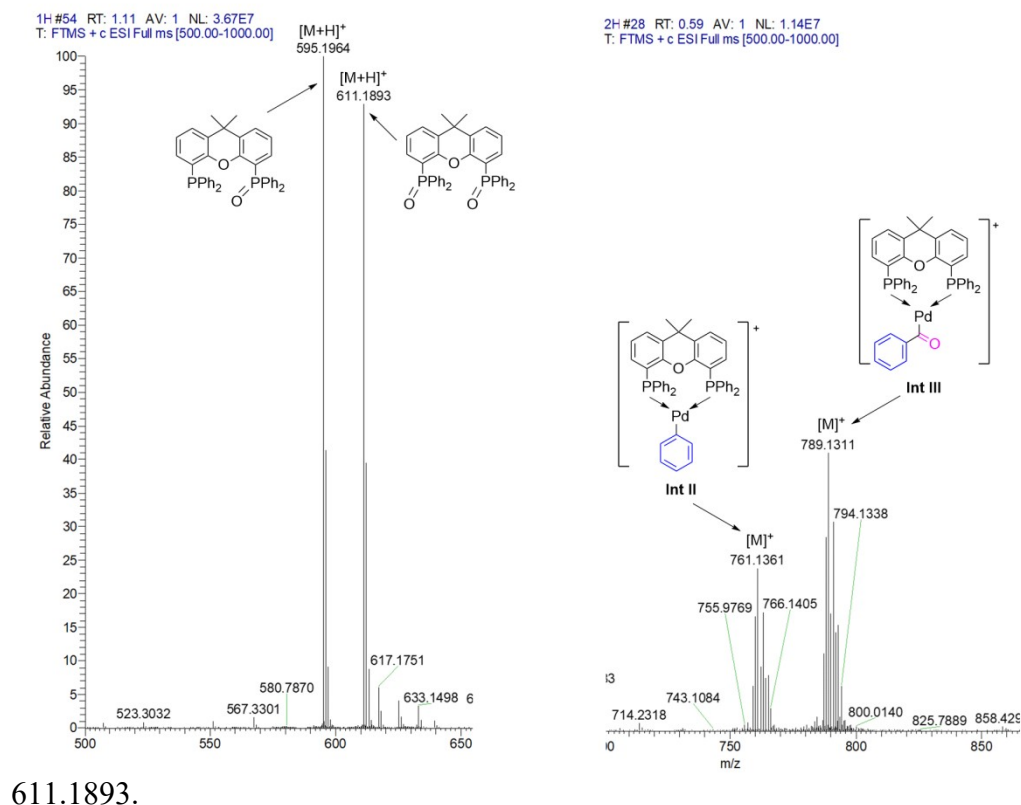
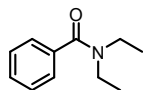


Fig. 1 The mass spectra of the reaction mixtures for 1 h and 2 h.

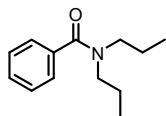
7. Characterization of Products

N,N-Diethylbenzamide (4a)



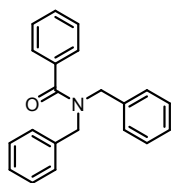
Colourless oil. 94% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 3.56 (q, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (q, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.3, 137.3, 129.1, 128.4, 126.3, 43.3, 39.2, 14.2, 12.9. ESI-MS (m/z): calcd. for $C_{11}H_{16}NO [M+H]^+$ 178.1226, found 178.1228.

***N,N*-Dipropylbenzamide (4b)**



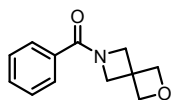
Colourless oil. 85% yield. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 3.46 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.76-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.58 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.74 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.8, 137.4, 129.0, 128.3, 126.4, 50.7, 46.3, 21.9, 20.7, 11.5, 11.0. **ESI-MS** (*m/z*): calcd. for C₁₃H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺ 206.1539, found 206.1543.

***N,N*-Dibenzylbenzamide (4c)**



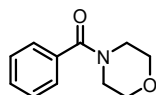
Colourless oil. 84% yield. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 7H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.3, 137.0, 136.4, 136.2, 129.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 127.6, 127.1, 126.8, 51.6, 46.8. **ESI-MS** (*m/z*): calcd. for C₂₁H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺ 302.1539, found 302.1540.

Phenyl(2-oxa-6-azaspiro[3.3]heptan-6-yl)methanone (4d)



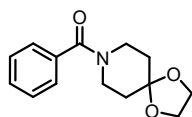
Colourless oil. 76% yield. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 132.8, 131.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 80.9, 62.9, 58.2, 38.4. **ESI-MS** (*m/z*): calcd. for C₁₂H₁₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 204.1019, found 204.1022.

Morpholino(phenyl)methanone (4e)



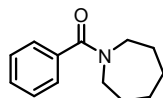
White solid. 82% yield. m.p.= 62–64 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 3.8 Hz, 5H), 3.84 – 3.44 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 135.3, 129.9, 128.6, 127.1, 66.9, 48.2, 29.7. **ESI-MS** (*m/z*): calcd. for C₁₁H₁₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 192.1019, found 192.1023.

Phenyl(1,4-dioxa-8-azaspiro[4.5]decan-8-yl)methanone (4f)



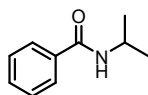
Pale-yellow oil. 85% yield. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (m, 5H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 4H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 3.49 (s, 2H), 1.81 (s, 2H), 1.65 (s, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 136.0, 129.6, 128.5, 126.8, 107.0, 64.5, 45.7, 40.3, 35.7, 34.8. **ESI-MS** (*m/z*): calcd. for C₁₄H₁₈NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 248.1281, found 248.1280.

Azepan-1-yl(phenyl)methanone (4g)



Pale-yellow oil. 92% yield. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 3.70 – 3.62 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.88–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.68–1.54 (m, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 137.3, 129.2, 128.5, 126.5, 49.9, 46.4, 29.6, 27.9, 27.3, 26.5. **ESI-MS** (*m/z*): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈NO [M+H]⁺ 204.1383, found 204.1385.

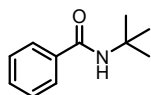
N-Isopropylbenzamide (4h)



Pale-yellow solid. 87% yield. m.p.=83–85°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 4.27 (m, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 135.0, 131.3, 128.6,

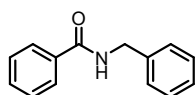
126.9, 42.0, 22.9. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₀H₁₄NO [M+H]⁺ 164.1070, found 164.1071.

***N*-(*tert*-Butyl)benzamide (4i)**



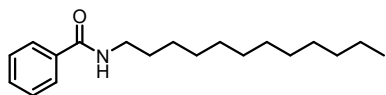
White solid. 92% yield. m.p. = 170–171°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 135.7, 130.8, 128.2, 126.5, 51.4, 28.6. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₁H₁₆NO [M+H]⁺ 178.1226, found 178.1229.

***N*-Benzylbenzamide (4j)**



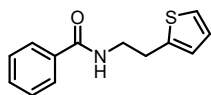
White solid. 84% yield. m.p. = 101–104°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.42 (ddt, *J* = 8.3, 6.5, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 138.3, 134.5, 131.7, 128.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.8, 127.1, 44.2. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₄H₁₄NO [M+H]⁺ 212.1070, found 212.1068.

***N*-Dodecylbenzamide (4k)**



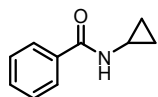
White solid. 62% yield. m.p. = 61–62°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (q, *J* = 7.3, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.64–1.55 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.19 (m, 18H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.7, 135.0, 131.3, 128.5, 127.0, 40.2, 32.0, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 27.1, 22.8, 14.2. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₉H₃₂NO [M+H]⁺ 290.2478, found 290.2475.

***N*-(2-(Thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)benzamide (4l)**



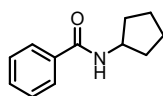
Pale-yellow oil. 94% yield. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.45 (dt, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 3.70 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.8, 141.3, 134.4, 131.6, 128.6, 127.2, 127.0, 125.5, 124.1, 41.5, 29.9. **ESI-MS** (*m/z*): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄NOS [M+H]⁺ 232.0791, found 232.0795.

***N*-Cyclopropylbenzamide (4m)**



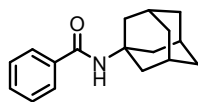
Colourless oil. 86% yield. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 2.92-2.85 (m, 1H), 0.83 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 0.64 – 0.58 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 134.5, 131.6, 128.6, 127.0, 23.2, 6.8. **ESI-MS** (*m/z*): calcd. for C₁₀H₁₂NO [M+H]⁺ 162.0913, found 162.0915.

***N*-Cyclopentylbenzamide (4n)**



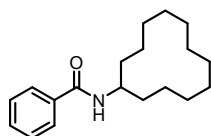
Colorless oil. 94% yield. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 4.46-4.35 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.77-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.45 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 135.0, 131.4, 128.7, 126.9, 51.8, 33.4, 23.9. **ESI-MS** (*m/z*): calcd. for C₁₂H₁₆NO [M+H]⁺ 190.1226, found 190.1230.

***N*-((3s,5s,7s)-Adamantan-1-yl)benzamide (4o)**



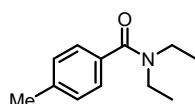
White solid. 88% yield. m.p.=138–139°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 2.12 (s, 9H), 1.72 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 136.1, 131.2, 128.6, 126.8, 52.4, 41.8, 36.5, 36.3, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₇H₂₂NO [M+H]⁺ 256.1696, found 256.1693.

***N*-Cyclododecylbenzamide (4p)**



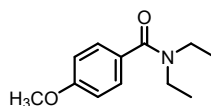
White solid. 86% yield. m.p. = 181–184°C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.32–4.25 (m, 1H), 1.75–1.68 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.30 (m, 20H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 135.1, 131.4, 128.7, 126.9, 46.7, 30.4, 24.1, 23.8, 23.6, 23.4, 21.6. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₉H₃₀NO [M+H]⁺ 288.2322, found 288.2325.

***N,N*-Diethyl-4-methylbenzamide (4q)**



Colourless oil. 86% yield. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 3.26 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.24 – 1.06 (m, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6, 139.2, 134.5, 129.1, 126.5, 43.4, 39.3, 21.5. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₂H₁₈NO [M+H]⁺ 192.1383, found 192.1384.

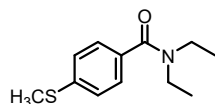
***N,N*-Diethyl-4-methoxybenzamide (4r)**



Colourless oil. 92% yield. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 6.92 –

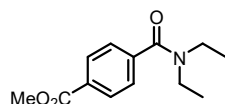
6.87 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 3.31 (s, 2H), 1.19 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4, 160.4, 129.6, 128.3, 113.8, 55.4, 43.6, 39.5, 14.4, 13.1. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₂H₁₈NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 208.1332, found 208.1336.

***N,N*-Diethyl-4-(methylthio)benzamide (4s)**



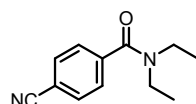
Brown oil. 80% yield. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 3.27 (s, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.24 – 1.08 (m, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.1, 140.3, 133.7, 127.1, 126.0, 43.5, 39.5, 15.6, 14.4, 13.0. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₂H₁₈NOS [M+H]⁺ 224.1104, found 224.1109.

Methyl 4-(diethylcarbamoyl)benzoate (4t)



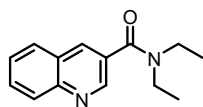
Colourless oil. 85% yield. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.56 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 166.6, 141.7, 130.8, 130.0, 126.4, 52.5, 43.4, 39.4, 14.3, 13.0. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 236.1281, found 236.1286.

4-Cyano-*N,N*-diethylbenzamide (4u)



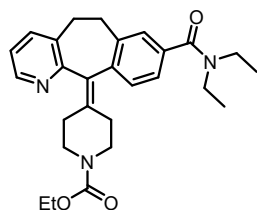
Colourless oil. 67% yield. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 3.55 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3, 141.7, 132.6, 127.2, 118.4, 113.1, 43.4, 39.6, 14.4, 13.0. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₂H₁₅N₂O [M+H]⁺ 203.1179, found 203.1183.

***N,N*-Diethylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4v)**



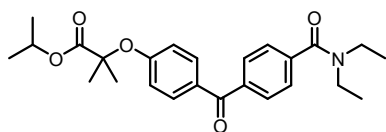
Yellow oil. 62% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.93 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, $J = 8.2$, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (ddd, $J = 8.5$, 6.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (ddd, $J = 8.1$, 6.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.33 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.17 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.8, 148.2, 148.1, 134.2, 130.6, 130.2, 129.5, 128.3, 127.5, 127.2, 43.7, 39.8, 14.5, 13.0. ESI-MS (m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 229.1335, found 229.1340.

Ethyl 4-(3-(diethylcarbamoyl)-5,6-dihydro-11*H*-benzo[5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-*b*]pyridin-11-ylidene)piperidine-1-carboxylate (4w)



Colourless oil. 65% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.39 (dd, $J = 4.7$, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 7.7$, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.10 (m, 2H), 4.11 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 3.44 – 3.29 (m, 2H), 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.09 (dt, $J = 13.1$, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (m, 2H), 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.24 (m, 3H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H), 1.12 – 1.04 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.2, 157.3, 155.6, 146.7, 140.1, 138.2, 137.6, 137.5, 136.4, 134.8, 133.7, 129.2, 127.4, 123.8, 122.4, 61.4, 44.9, 44.9, 43.3, 39.2, 31.9, 31.6, 30.8, 30.6, 14.8, 14.4, 12.9. ESI-MS (m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 448.2595, found 448.2590.

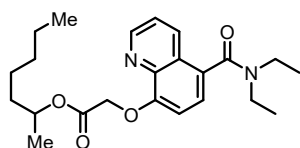
Isopropyl 2-(4-(4-(diethylcarbamoyl)benzoyl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (4x)



Colourless oil. 59% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (dd, $J = 8.5$, 3.3 Hz,

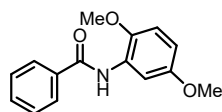
4H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 5.07 (hept, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.55 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.24 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.64 (s, 6H), 1.27 – 1.23 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.19 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H), 1.10 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.0, 173.2, 170.4, 159.9, 140.6, 138.8, 132.2, 130.2, 129.9, 126.2, 117.3, 79.5, 69.4, 43.4, 39.4, 25.4, 21.6, 14.3, 13.0. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 426.2275, found 426.2275.

Heptan-2-yl 2-((5-(diethylcarbamoyl)quinolin-8-yl)oxy)acetate (4y)



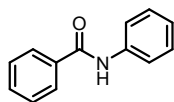
Yellow oil. 49% yield. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.95 (dd, $J = 4.1, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 8.5, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.06 – 4.98 (m, 1H), 4.93 (s, 2H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 3.10 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.60 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 9H), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.85 – 0.80 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.1, 168.3, 154.3, 149.9, 140.0, 133.4, 128.3, 126.6, 124.0, 122.5, 108.5, 72.8, 66.4, 43.3, 39.3, 35.8, 31.6, 25.0, 22.6, 20.0, 14.4, 14.0, 13.2. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 401.2435, found 401.2436.

N-(2,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)benzamide (5a)



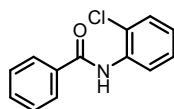
Colourless oil. 98% yield. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, $J = 8.9, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4, 154.0, 142.4, 135.3, 131.9, 128.9, 128.5, 127.1, 110.8, 109.0, 106.0, 56.4, 55.9. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 258.1125, found 258.1122.

N-Phenylbenzamide (5b)



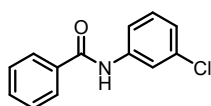
Off-white solid. 89% yield. m.p. = 164–165°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.55 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.37 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 138.0, 135.1, 132.0, 129.2, 129.0, 127.2, 124.7, 120.3. **ESI-MS** (*m/z*): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₂NO [M+H]⁺ 198.0913, found 198.0914.

***N*-(2-Chlorophenyl)benzamide (5c)**



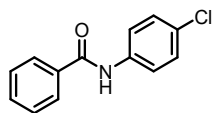
White solid. 94% yield. m.p. = 91–92°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.95 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.52 (tt, *J* = 6.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 134.8, 134.7, 132.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.0, 127.2, 124.9, 123.2, 121.6. **ESI-MS** (*m/z*): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₁ClNO [M+H]⁺ 232.0524, found 232.0523.

***N*-(3-Chlorophenyl)benzamide (5d)**



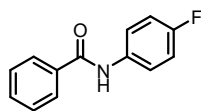
White solid. 98% yield. m.p. = 116–118°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.86 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 139.2, 134.8, 134.6, 132.2, 130.2, 129.0, 127.2, 124.7, 120.5, 118.3. **ESI-MS** (*m/z*): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₁ClNO [M+H]⁺ 232.0524, found 232.0523.

***N*-(4-Chlorophenyl)benzamide (5e)**



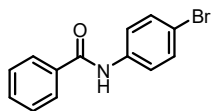
Pale-yellow solid. 71% yield. m.p. = 166–167°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 142.2, 134.2, 133.5, 132.6, 129.1, 127.3, 120.1, 119.0, 107.5. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₁ClNO [M+H]⁺ 232.0524, found 232.0524.

***N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)benzamide (5f)**



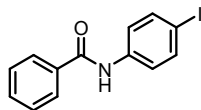
White solid. 90% yield. m.p. = 180–183°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.84 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 7.03 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 160.9 (d, *J* = 242.8 Hz), 134.9, 134.0, 132.1, 129.0, 127.1, 122.2 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 115.9 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -117.59. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₁FNO [M+H]⁺ 216.0819, found 216.0816.

***N*-(4-Bromophenyl)benzamide (5g)**



Off-white solid. 81% yield. m.p. = 206–208°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 4H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 137.1, 134.8, 132.2, 132.2, 129.0, 127.1, 121.8, 117.3. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₁BrNO [M+H]⁺ 276.0019, found 276.0015.

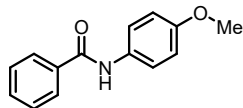
***N*-(4-Iodophenyl)benzamide (5h)**



White solid. 27% yield. m.p. = 221–223°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 – 7.83

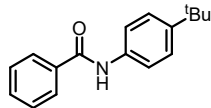
(m, 2H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50 (ddt, $J = 8.4, 6.6, 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.8, 138.2, 137.9, 134.8, 132.2, 129.0, 127.1, 122.1, 87.9. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{INO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 323.9880, found 323.9874.

***N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)benzamide (5i)**



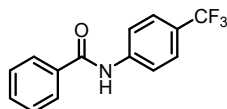
White solid. 97% yield. m.p. = 152–155°C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 8.0, 5.5$ Hz, 3H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 8.2, 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.8, 156.7, 135.1, 131.8, 131.1, 128.9, 127.1, 122.3, 114.4, 55.6. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 228.1019, found 228.1022.

***N*-(4-(Tert-butyl)phenyl)benzamide (5j)**



White solid. 88% yield. m.p. = 139–142°C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.87 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 147.6, 135.4, 135.2, 131.8, 128.8, 127.2, 126.0, 120.3, 34.5, 31.5. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 254.1539, found 254.1539.

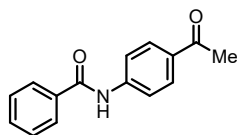
***N*-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)benzamide (5k)**



Off-white solid. 78% yield. m.p. = 202–205°C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.91 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 166.5, 143.3, 135.0, 132.3, 128.9, 128.3, 126.4 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 124.9 (q, $J = 270.0$ Hz), 124.1 (q, $J = 31.8$

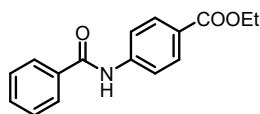
Hz), 120.5. **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.11. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₄H₁₁F₃NO [M+H]⁺ 266.0787, found 266.0781.

***N*-(4-Acetylphenyl)Benzamide (5l)**



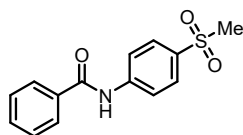
White solid. 84% yield. m.p. = 207–209°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 – 7.97 (m, 3H), 7.92 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.1, 165.9, 142.4, 134.6, 133.3, 132.5, 130.0, 129.1, 127.2, 119.4, 26.6. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₅H₁₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 240.1019, found 240.1021.

Ethyl 4-benzamidobenzoate (5m)



White solid. 92% yield. m.p. = 145–146°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.05 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.88 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 166.1, 142.3, 134.6, 132.3, 130.9, 128.9, 127.2, 126.2, 119.4, 61.0, 14.5. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 270.1125, found 270.1127.

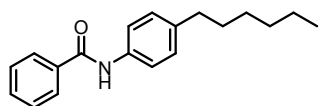
***N*-(4-(Methylsulfonyl)phenyl)benzamide (5n)**



White solid. 78% yield. m.p. = 189–191°C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.97 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.91 – 7.86 (m, 4H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 142.9, 135.7, 134.12, 132.7, 129.2,

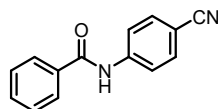
129.0, 127.3, 120.1, 44.9. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for $C_{14}H_{14}NO_3S$ $[M+H]^+$ 276.0689, found 276.0694.

***N*-(4-Hexylphenyl)benzamide (5o)**



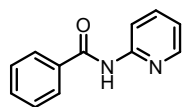
White solid. 67% yield. m.p. = 175–177°C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.48 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.61 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.27 (m, 6H), 0.91–0.85 (m, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165.8, 139.5, 135.6, 135.2, 131.9, 129.1, 128.9, 127.1, 120.3, 35.5, 31.9, 31.6, 29.0, 22.8, 14.3. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for $C_{19}H_{24}NO$ $[M+H]^+$ 282.1852, found 282.1854.

***N*-(4-Cyanophenyl)benzamide (5p)**



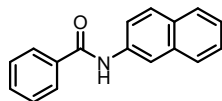
White solid. 57% yield. m.p. = 169–171°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.88 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165.8, 136.6, 134.8, 132.2, 129.7, 129.3, 129.0, 127.1, 121.5. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for $C_{14}H_{11}N_2O$ $[M+H]^+$ 223.0866, found 223.0865.

***N*-(Pyridin-2-yl)benzamide (5q)**



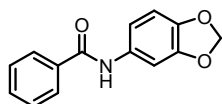
Yellow oil. 97% yield. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.19 (s, 1H), 8.40 (dt, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (ddd, J = 5.0, 2.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.73 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.02 (ddd, J = 7.4, 4.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 166.1, 151.8, 147.9, 138.6, 134.5, 132.3, 128.9, 128.6, 127.4, 120.0, 114.4. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for $C_{12}H_{14}N_2O$ $[M+H]^+$ 199.0866, found 199.0865.

***N*-(Naphthalen-2-yl)benzamide (5r)**



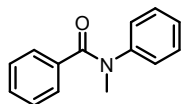
White solid. 81% yield. m.p. = 161–165°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.93 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.84 – 7.77 (m, 3H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.40 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 135.5, 135.0, 134.0, 132.0, 130.9, 128.9, 128.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 126.7, 125.3, 120.3, 117.2. ESI-MS (m/z): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄NO [M+H]⁺ 248.1070, found 248.1069.

***N*-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)benzamide (5s)**



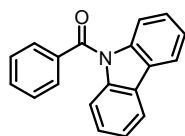
White solid. 91% yield. m.p. = 133–134°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.85 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 147.9, 144.6, 134.9, 132.2, 131.9, 128.8, 127.1, 113.8, 108.2, 103.4, 101.4. ESI-MS (m/z): calcd. for C₁₄H₁₂NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 242.0812, found 242.0808.

***N*-Methyl-*N*-phenylbenzamide (5t)**



Pale-yellow oil. 94% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.8, 145.0, 136.0, 129.7, 129.3, 128.8, 127.8, 127.0, 126.6, 38.5. ESI-MS (m/z): calcd. for C₁₄H₁₄NO [M+Na]⁺ 234.0889, found 234.0889.

(9*H*-carbazol-9-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5u)



Off-white solid. 20% yield. m.p. = 100–101°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.74 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 4H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 139.2, 135.8, 132.5, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 126.9, 126.1, 123.5, 120.0, 115.9. **ESI-MS** (m/z): calcd. for C₁₉H₁₃NO [M+H]⁺ 272.1070, found 272.1068.

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