Brønsted acid ionic liquid catalyzed facile synthesis of 3-vinylindoles through direct C3 alkenylation of indoles with simple ketones

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1. General remarks:

Indole, benzhydrol, acetophenone, 4-methylacetophenone, 4-*t*-butylacetophenone, 4-fluoroacetophenone, 4chloroacetophenone, 4-methoxycarbonylacetophenone, divinyl sulfone, trifluoromethanesulfonic acid, 1,3-propane sultone, 2-methylindole, 2-methyl-6-fluoroindole, 1,2-dimethylindole, 2-phenylindole, 1-methyl-2-phenylindole, 1ethyl-2-phenylindole, 2-hydroxymethylindole, 2-methylcyclohexanone and 2-methylcyclopentanone were purchased from Energy Chemical Company. 1,2-Dimethylindole, phenylacetylene, 2'-bromoacetophenone, 2'fluoroacetophenone, 1-phenyl-2-buten-1-one, Sc(OTf)₃, were purchased from Adamas Reagent Ltd. 4,4-Dimethoxy-2-butanone, 5-bromoindole, 2,6-dimethylcyclohexanone, acetone- d_6 , DMSO- d_6 , and chloroform-d were purchased from Alfa Aesar Chemical Company. 3,3'-(Cyclohexane-1,1-diyl)bis(5-bromo-1H-indole) **5b** was prepared from 5-bromoindole and cyclohexanenone using oxalic acid as catalyst.¹ 2,3'-Diindolylmethan **12a** was synthesized according to a literature method.² Acetophenone, methyl isopropyl ketone, *p*-toluenesulfonic acid, ethyl acetate, sodium chloride, acetone and ethanol were all purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagents Limited Company (SCRC). ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-400. Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm relative to Me₄Si in CDCl₃. HRMS was recorded on a Bruker micrOTOF-Q II instrument. IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR Bruker (VERTEX 70) using liquid film technology.

2. Synthesis of Brønsted acid IL 1a and 1b.

Brønsted acid IL **1a** was synthesized according to our previous report.³ In 250 ml of round bottomed flask equipped with mechanical stirring, divinyl sulfone (11.8 g, 0.10 mol) was mixed with *n*-butylamine (7.3 g, 0.10 mol) in methanol (150 ml). The mixture was then stirred at 60 °C for 5 hours. Methanol was removed by a rotary evaporator under vacuum, and 4-*n*-butylthiomorpholine 1,1-dioxide was obtained as a color-less oil quantitatively. The obtained 4-*n*-butylthiomorpholine 1,1-dioxide was then mixed with 1,3-propane sultone (13.4 g, 0.11 mol) in acetonitrile (150 ml). The solution was refluxed for 5 hours. Then, the generated white solid was filtrated, and washed with acetone (10 ml × 3). After 6 hours of drying at 60 °C under vacuum (20 mmHg), 4-*n*-butyl-4-(3-sulfopropyl)thiomorpholinium 1,1-dioxide inner salt was obtained as a white powder (23.1 g, 74 %). In a 100 ml of round bottomed flask, 4-*n*-butyl-4-(3-sulfopropyl)thiomorpholinium 1,1-dioxide inner salt was obtained as a white powder (23.1 g, 74 %). In a 100 ml of round bottomed flask, 4-*n*-butyl-4-(3-sulfopropyl)thiomorpholinium 1,1-dioxide inner salt was obtained as a white powder (23.1 g, 74 %). In a 100 ml of round bottomed flask, 4-*n*-butyl-4-(3-sulfopropyl)thiomorpholinium 1,1-dioxide inner salt (15.6 g, 50 mmol) was mixed with trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (7.5 g, 50 mmol). Then, the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 8 hours. In order to facilitate the stirring, water (1.0 ml) was added into the system. The formed liquid was washed with ethyl acetate (15 ml × 3) and diethyl ether (15 ml × 3). After that, it was dried at 80 °C under vacuum (10 mmHg) for 4 hours. Finally, IL **1a** was obtained as a viscous brown oil (22.2 g, 96 %). Brønsted acid IL **1b** was synthesized according to a known method reported by us.⁴

3. A typical procedure for the reaction of indoles and ketones

All reactions were conducted in a 10 mL of V-type flask equipped with triangle magnetic stirring. In a typical reaction, **1a** (34.7 mg, 0.075 mmol) was mixed with 2-methyl-indole **2a** (327.7 mg, 2.5 mmol) and acetophenone **6a** (300.2 mg, 2.5 mmol) under air. The mixture was stirred for 15 minutes at 60 °C. After reaction, the temperature was decreased to room temperature and the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 ml \times 3). The organic phase was combined together, and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ then subjected to a flash silica column

chromatography after removing ethyl acetate by a rotary evaporator. A mixed solution of ethyl acetate and petro ether as eluting solvent (the ratio of ethyl acetate/petroether is $1/20_{v/v}$) was used as eluting solvent. The desired product **4a** was obtained in 95 % of yield, 553.6 mg. Tests for substrate scope and the reaction of using other indoles and ketones were all performed according to an analogous procedure. The recovered ionic liquid was treated at 100 °C under vacuum (10 mmHg) for 30 minutes, and then used in the next run.

4. Synthesis of 6a

Reaction was conducted in a 10 mL of V-type flask equipped with triangle magnetic stirring. In a typical reaction, **1a** (34.7 mg, 0.075 mmol) was mixed with 2-methyl-indole **2a** (983.2 mg, 7.5 mmol) and 4,4-dimethoxybutanon (1.98 g, 15.0 mmol) under air. The mixture was stirred for 15 minutes at 60 °C. After reaction, the temperature was decreased to room temperature and the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (5 ml × 3). The organic phase was combined together, and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ then subjected to a flash silica column chromatography after removing ethyl acetate by a rotary evaporator. A mixed solution of ethyl acetate and petro ether as eluting solvent (the ratio of ethyl acetate/petroether is $1/15_{v/v}$) was used as eluting solvent. The desired product **5a** was obtained in 90 % of yield, 1.49 g.

5. One-pot step-wise synthesis of 8a

Reactions were conducted in a 10 mL of V-type flask equipped with triangle magnetic stirring. In a typical reaction, as first step, **1a** (34.8 mg, 0.075 mmol) was mixed with 2-methyl-indole **2a** (327.7 mg, 2.5 mmol) and acetophenone **6a** (300.2 mg, 2.5 mmol) under air. The mixture was stirred for 15 minutes at 60 °C. After that, *trans*-1-phenyl-2-buten-1-one **7a** (365.2 mg, 2.5 mmol) was added into the solution. The mixture was stirred for 1 hour at 60 °C. After reaction, the temperature was decreased to room temperature and the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (4 ml × 3). The organic phase was combined together, and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, then subjected to a flash silica column chromatography after removing ethyl acetate by a rotary evaporator. A mixed solution of ethyl acetate and petro ether as eluting solvent (the ratio of ethyl acetate/petroether is $1/15_{v/v}$) was used as eluting solvent. The desired product **8a** was obtained in 82 % of overall yield, 777.4 mg.

6. One-pot step-wise synthesis of 10a

Reactions were conducted in a 10 mL of V-type flask equipped with triangle magnetic stirring. In a typical reaction, as first step, **1a** (34.7 mg, 0.075 mmol) was mixed with 2-methyl-indole **2a** (327.7 mg, 2.5 mmol) and acetophenone **6a** (300.2 mg, 2.5 mmol) under air. The mixture was stirred for 15 minutes at 60 °C. After that, benzhydrol **9a** (460.2 mg, 2.5 mmol) was added into the reaction system. The mixture was stirred for 1 hour at 60 °C. After reaction, the temperature was decreased to room temperature and the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (4 ml × 3). The organic phase was combined together, and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ then subjected to a flash silica column chromatography after removing ethyl acetate by a rotary evaporator. A mixed solution of ethyl acetate and petro ether as eluting solvent (the ratio of ethyl acetate/petroether is $1/15_{v/v}$) was used as eluting solvent. The desired product **10a** was obtained in 90 % of overall yield, 898.2 mg.

7. Preparation of 5,6,11,12-tetrahydro-6-methyl-6-phenylindolo[3,2-b]carbazole 11a

Reaction was conducted in a 10 mL of V-type flask equipped with triangle magnetic stirring. In a typical reaction, **1a** (57.9 mg, 0.125 mmol) was mixed with 2-hydroxymethylindole (367.7 mg, 2.5 mmol) and acetophenone **6a** (172.9 mg, 1.25 mmol) under air. The mixture was stirred for 1 hour at 60 °C. After reaction, the temperature was decreased to room temperature and the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (4 ml \times 3). The organic phase was combined together, and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, then subjected to a flash silica column chromatography after removing ethyl acetate by a rotary evaporator. A mixed solution of ethyl acetate and petro ether as eluting solvent (the ratio of ethyl acetate/petroether is $1/15_{v/v}$) was used as eluting solvent. The desired product **11a** was obtained in 88 % of yield, 383.0 mg.

8. Spectroscopic data of ionic liquid and products

4-*n*-Butyl-4-(3-sulfopropyl)thiomorpholinium 1,1-dioxide trifluoromethanesulfonate (**1a**):³ Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, D₂O, 25 °C): δ = 3.84-3.81 (m, 4H), 3.51 (s, 4H), 3.47-3.43 (m, 2H), 3.30 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.51 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (d, J = 8.0, 1H), 0.74-0.71 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100MHz, D₂O, 25 °C): δ = 124.2, 121.1, 117.9, 57.3, 46.7, 44.9, 22.9, 18.7, 17.3, 12.6 ppm.

2-Methyl-3-(1-phenylethenyl)-1*H*-indole (**4a**):⁵ Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, 25 °C, TMS, CDCl₃): δ = 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J_a = 6.5 Hz, J_b = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, J_a = 7.6 Hz, J_b = 3.0 Hz, 3H), 7.32 (dd, J_a = 11.3 Hz, J_b = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.32 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 142.6, 141.9, 135.2, 133.3, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 127.4, 121.3, 119.8, 119.7, 114.9, 114.0, 110.3, 12.9 ppm.

2-Methyl-3-[1-(4-methylphenyl)ethenyl]-1*H*-indole (**4b**):⁵ Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): $\delta = 7.94$ (s, 1H), 7.33 (dd, $J_a = 8.0$ Hz, $J_b = 2.5$ Hz, 3H), 7.28 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.02 (dd, $J_a = 7.8$ Hz, $J_b = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 5.31 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.31 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): $\delta = 142.3$, 138.9, 137.3, 136.1, 135.2, 133.1, 128.9, 128.5, 127.2, 121.2, 120.9, 119.6, 114.2, 110.2, 21.2, 12.8 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3400, 3053, 3026, 2923, 2857, 1678, 1613, 1510, 1490, 1458, 1288, 1242, 1184, 1153, 1123, 1075.

2-Methyl-3-[1-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)ethenyl]-1*H*-indole (**4c**): Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): $\delta = 7.94$ (s, 1H), 7.35 (q, J = 8.7 Hz, 5H), 7.29 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.35 ppm (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): $\delta = 150.6$, 138.8, 136.1, 135.3, 129.1, 127.0, 125.2, 121.0, 119, 110.5, 100.4, 34.6, 31.5, 13.7 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3403, 3054, 2960, 2866, 1672, 1607, 1555, 1456, 1405, 1342, 1285, 1215, 1149, 1114, 1014. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₂₁H₂₄N, [M + H]⁺ 290.1909, found 290.1902.

2-Methyl-3-[1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethenyl]-1*H*-indole (**4d**):⁶ Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): $\delta = 7.99$ (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.32 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ 141.5, 140.4, 135.2, 133.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 121.4, 119.8, 119.7, 119.6, 115.3,

113.6, 110.3, 12.8 ppm.

2-Methyl-3-[1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethenyl]-1*H*-indole (**4e**): Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ = 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J_a = 8.7 Hz, J_b = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, J_a = 14.4 Hz, J_b = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 5.70 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.32 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ = 162.5 (d, J = 245.0 Hz), 141.5, 137.9, 135.2, 133.2, 128.9 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 121.3, 119.7 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 115.0 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 114.6, 113.9, 110.2, 12.8 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3398, 3057, 2960, 2926, 2857, 1680, 1600, 1505, 1458, 1295, 1225, 1157, 1132, 1097. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₇H₁₉FN, [M + H]⁺ 252.1189, found 252.1192.

2-Methyl-3-[1-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)ethenyl]-1*H*-indole (**4f**): Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J_a* = 18.2 Hz, *J_b* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 2.31 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ = 145.5, 141.5, 135.2, 133.3, 129.5 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 127.6 , 125.2 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 123.8 (q, *J* = 272 Hz), 121.5, 119.9, 119.7, 116.8, 113.3, 110.3, 12.8 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3397, 3059, 2926, 1705, 1615, 1526, 1490, 1325, 1224, 1166, 1123, 1068, 1015. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₈H₁₅F₃N, [M + H]⁺ 302.1157, found 302.1144.

2-Methyl-3-[1-(4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)ethenyl]-1*H*-indole (**4g**): Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): $\delta = 8.10$ (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.29 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃. 25 °C): $\delta = 167.2$, 146.6, 141.9, 135.2, 133.3, 129.6, 129.1, 128.2, 127.3, 121.4, 119.8, 119.5, 116.8, 113.4, 110.3, 52.1, 12.8 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3383, 3056, 2952, 1935, 1718, 1608, 1491, 1458, 1436, 1362, 1283, 1221, 1112, 1016. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂, [M + H]⁺ 292.1338, found 292.1326.

2-Methyl-3-[1-(2-bromophenyl)ethenyl]-1*H*-indole (**4h**): Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): $\delta = 7.87$ (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, $J_a = 7.3$ Hz, $J_b = 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 2.23 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) $\delta = 144.1$, 143.0, 135.3, 133.3, 131.5, 128.9, 128.0, 127.5, 123.0, 121.9, 121.3, 120.0, 119.6, 117.3, 113.5, 110.7, 13.1 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): IR (cm⁻¹): 3400, 3055, 2924, 2853, 1707, 1613, 1488, 1460, 1431, 1285, 1250, 1217, 1155. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₇H₁₅Br⁷⁹N, [M + H]⁺ 312.0388, found 312.0367.

2-Methyl-3-[1-(2-fluorophenyl)ethenyl]-1*H*-indole (**4i**): Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): $\delta = 7.86$ (s, 1H), 7.32 (dd, $J_a = 12.7$ Hz, $J_b = 7.7$ Hz, 4H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, $J_a = 16.8$ Hz, $J_b = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 2.30 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): $\delta = 160.4$ (d, J = 247 Hz), 135.1, 131.1, 130.1 (d, J = 12.5 Hz), 128.9 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 123.9 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 121.4 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 119.8, 119.3, 118.6, 115.9 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 114.2, 110.3, 12.7 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 1399, 3058, 2922, 1704, 1611, 1488, 1457, 1392, 1362, 1288, 1258, 1216, 1094, 1013. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₇H₁₅FN, [M + H]+ 252.1189, found 252.1184.

4-(2-Methylindol-3-yl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (4j): Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25

°C): $\delta = 8.00$ (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, $J_a = 18.8$ Hz, $J_b = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.60 (dd, $J_a = 12.1$ Hz, $J_b = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.39 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): $\delta = 136.4$, 135.6, 135.4, 132.7, 132.1, 129.3, 128.9, 127.6, 126.8, 126.4, 125.7, 121.2, 119.6, 119.5, 112.6, 110.4, 28.5, 23.7, 12.6 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3404, 1708, 1485, 1452, 1421, 1363, 1299, 1249, 1226, 1148, 1093, 1073. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N, [M + H]⁺ 260.1439, found 260.1441.

2-Methyl-3-[1-(2-naphthyl)ethenyl]-1*H*-indole (**4k**): Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): $\delta = 8.20$ (s, 1H), 7.96 – 7.92 (m, 3H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.36 (dd, $J_a = 7.8$ Hz, $J_b = 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 2.30 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): $\delta = 142.6$, 139.6, 133.6, 133.1, 130.4, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 126.3, 126.1, 125.9, 123.9, 121.3, 119.8, 115.6, 113.9, 110.4, 12.9 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3397, 3055, 2922, 1676, 1624, 1690, 1461, 1430, 1363, 1281, 1228, 1193, 1130, 1070. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N, [M + H]⁺ 284.1439, found 284.1438.

3-[Cyclobutylidene(phenyl)methyl]-2-methyl-1*H*-indole (**4**I): Yellow solid, mp. = 62-64 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ = 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 6H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.14 (dd, *J_a* = 11.2 Hz, *J_b* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.19 – 2.12 ppm (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ = 143.4, 140.9, 135.5, 132.3, 128.7, 128.1, 127.7, 125.8, 125.0, 120.9, 119.5, 119.4, 112.5, 110.3, 33.2, 32.5, 17.7, 12.5 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3397, 2948, 2916, 1614, 1598, 1489, 1457, 1301, 1216, 1155, 1106, 1072. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₂₀H₂₀N, [M + H]⁺ 274.1596, found 274.1588.

3-(1,2-Diphenylethenyl)-2-methyl-1*H*-indole (*E*, determined by ¹H NMR and compared with literature's data) (**4m**):⁷ Yellow solid, mp. = 162-163 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ = 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 4H), 7.19 (dd, *J_a* = 16.1 Hz, *J_b* = 7.4 Hz, 8H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.03 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ = 143.3, 138.7, 135.8, 135.2, 133.2, 130.4, 129.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 126.5, 121.3, 120.0, 119.7, 110.3, 12.5 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3408, 3056, 3022, 2917, 1707, 1598, 1490, 1458, 1430, 1363, 1322, 1297, 1227.

4-(1,2-Dimethylindol-3-yl)-1,2-dihydronaphthalene (**4n**): White solid, mp. = 128-130 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ = 7.41 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, *J*_a = 7.4 Hz, *J*_b = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, *J*_a = 7.3 Hz, *J*_b = 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.04 (dd, *J*_a = 18.4 Hz, *J*_b = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (td, *J*_a = 8.0 Hz, *J*_b = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.41 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.7, 136.4, 135.7, 134.4, 132.4, 129.3, 128.0, 127.5, 126.7, 126.3, 125.6, 120.8, 119.5, 119.2, 112.1, 108.6, 29.7, 28.4, 23.7, 11.4. IR (cm⁻¹): 3011, 2940, 2917, 2881, 2829, 1615, 1544, 1474, 1407, 1372, 1324, 1219, 1040. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₂₀H₂₀N, [M + H]⁺ 274.1596, found 274.1591.

1-Methyl-2-phenyl-3-(1-phenylethenyl)-1*H*-indole (**4o**): Yellow solid, mp. = 126-128 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ = 7.38-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 1H) ppm;¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ 142.3, 141.8, 139.2, 137.3, 131.9, 130.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 121.9, 120.5, 119.8, 116.3, 109.4, 31.1 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3050, 2958, 2923,

2850, 1626, 1486, 1465, 1441, 1371, 1330, 1310, 1238, 1075. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for $C_{23}H_{20}N$, [M + H]⁺ 310.1596, found 310.1587.

2,5-Dimethyl-3-(1-phenylethenyl)-1*H*-indole (**4p**): colorless viscous liquid;¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ = 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.22 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ = 142.5, 141.9, 133.5, 128.9, 128.2, 127.4, 127.3, 122.7, 119.3, 114.9, 113.6, 109.8, 21.5, 12.9 ppm. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈N, [M + H]⁺ 248.1439, found 248.1435.

3-[(1*E*)-1-Phenyl-1-propen-1-yl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole (Z/E was determined by liquid chromatography) (**4q**): White solid, mp.= 79-81 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ = 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.24-7.13 (m, 5H), 7.09 (t, , J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H),1.39 ppm (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ = 143.1, 139.1, 137.7, 134.6, 132.3, 129.9, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 126.6, 126.3, 121.8, 120.4, 119.6, 112.3, 109.4, 31.3, 16.0 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3051, 1920, 1600, 1466, 1438, 1382, 1364, 1339, 1311, 1208, 1127, 1072. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂N, [M + H]⁺ 324.1752, found 324.1745.

1,2-Dimethyl-3-[1-(2-bromophenyl)ethenyl]-1*H*-indole (**4r**): Yellow solid, mp. = 175-176 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ = 7.63 (dd, J_a = 7.9 Hz, J_b = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J_a = 7.6 Hz, J_b = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J_a = 13.8 Hz, J_b = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, J_a = 11.3 Hz, J_b = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.32 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ = 144.1, 142.9, 136.7, 134.9, 133.2, 131.4, 128.6, 127.2, 122.8, 120.9, 119.6,119.4, 117.8, 113.4, 108.7, 29.6, 11.4 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3051, 2918, 2852, 1725, 1605, 1546, 1472, 1430, 1381, 1290, 1232, 1095. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₈H₁₇Br⁷⁹N, [M + H]⁺ 326.0544, found 326.0541.

2-Methyl-3-(3-methyl-2-buten-2-yl)-1H-indole (**4s**): Yellow solid, mp. = 81-83 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, TMS): δ = 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.51 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ = 135.4,130.4, 129.7, 128.4, 122.1, 120.8, 119.4, 119.2, 117.1, 110.3, 22.3, 20.3, 20.0, 12.3 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3393, 2980, 2911, 2854, 1457, 1424, 1365, 1305, 1264, 1168, 1129, 1047, 1011. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₄H₁₈N, [M + H]⁺ 200.1439, found 200.1443.

3-(3-Methyl-2-buten-2-yl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole (**4t**): Yellow solid, mp.= 160-161 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): $\delta = 8.09$ (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, J =7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.26 (t, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 1.49 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): $\delta = 135.9$, 133.5, 132.4, 130.6, 128.9, 120.8, 118.9, 117.2, 116.3, 112.3, 122.2, 120.2, 110.7, 22.3, 20.3, 19.8 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3395, 2962, 2918, 2852, 1712, 1670, 1600, 1486, 1449, 1322, 1260, 1129. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀N, [M + H]⁺ 262.1596, found 262.1583.

1-Ethyl-3-(3-methyl-2-buten-2-yl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole (**4u**): Yellow solid, mp. = 90-92 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ = 7.44 (d, J =8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J =7.3 Hz, 4H), 4.13-4.08 (m, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.44 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ = 136.5, 136.3, 133.2, 130.0, 129.9, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 121.9, 121.4, 120.2, 119.2, 118.5, 109.7, 38.8, 22.6, 20.4, 20.4, 15.4 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3057, 2974, 2916, 2853, 1604, 1461, 1408, 1352, 1254, 1213, 1128, 1093, 1021. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for

 $C_{21}H_{24}N$, $[M + H]^+$ 290.1909, found 290.1903.

2-Methyl-6-fluoro-3-(1-phenylethenyl)-1*H*-indole (**4v**): Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ = 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.07 (dd, J_a = 8.4 Hz, J_b = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J_a = 2.4 Hz, J_b = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.75-6.70 (m, 1H), 5.71 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.2 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ = 160.6, 158.3, 142.3, 141.7, 135.0, 133.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.3, 124.9, 120.4, 120.3, 115.1, 107.9, 96.9, 12.8 ppm. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₇H₁₅FN, [M + H]⁺ 252.1189, found 252.1186.

1,3-Dimethyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl)indol-3-yl]cyclohexene (**4w**): Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ = 7.40-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.18-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.52-1.48 (m, 2H), 0.73-0.68 ppm (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ = 137.3, 136.3, 132.7, 132.6, 130.3, 129.8, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 121.5, 120.4, 119.3, 116.7, 109.3, 34.2, 32.0, 31.4, 31.2, 21.6, 20.3, 19.7 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3053, 2924, 2865, 1605, 1664, 1465, 1399, 1365, 1323, 1244, 1156, 1130, 1071. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₂₂H₂₄N, [M + H]⁺ 302.1909, found 302.1900.

1,3-Dimethyl-2-(1-methylindol-3-yl)cyclohexene (**4x**): Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ = 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.02 (m, 2H), 2.22-2.18 (m, 3H), 2.11-2.10 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.76 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.52 (m, 3H), 1.44-1.31 (m, 3H), 0.84-0.76 (m, 3H);¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ = 135.6, 132.6, 131.5, 129.9, 128.5, 120.7, 120.6, 119.1, 119.0, 110.2, 33.4, 32.0, 31.2, 20.9, 20.3, 19.8, 12.4 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3284, 2920, 2890, 1716, 1696, 1634, 1616, 1458, 1427, 1228, 1160, 1136. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₇H₂₂N, [M + H]⁺ 240.1752, found 240.1738.

2-Methyl-1-(1,2-dimethylindol-3-yl)cyclopentene (**4y**): Yellow viscous liquid, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ = 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 4.49 (t, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.01-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.60 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ = 136.7, 135.5, 133.1, 129.7, 127.5, 120.5, 119.5, 118.8, 110.3, 108.6, 38.5, 37.9, 29.6, 22.7, 15.7, 11.4 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 2920, 2842, 1721, 1613, 1472, 1440, 1409, 1374, 1195, 1131, 1091. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₆H₂₀N, [M + H]⁺ 226.1596, found 226.1581.

2-Methyl-1-(2-methylindol-3-yl)cyclohexene (**4z**): White solid, mp. = 95-96 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ = 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 2.37 (t, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 1H), 2.09-2.04 (m, 3H), 1.79-1.73 (m, 4H), 1.47 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ = 135.5, 131.8, 130.8, 128.5, 124.7, 120.8, 119.3, 119.2, 116.0, 110.5, 31.8, 31.5, 23.9, 23.7, 21.1, 12.3 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3396, 2932, 2859, 2827, 1459, 1428, 1376, 1341, 1298, 1241, 1141, 1067, 1013. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₆H₂₀N, [M + H]⁺ 226.1596, found 226.1589.

1-(5-Bromoindol-3-yl)cyclohexene (**4aa**): Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): $\delta = 8.09$ (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.20-6.19 (m, 1H), 2.41-2.39 (m, 2H), 2.24-2.25 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.69 ppm (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): $\delta = 135.3$, 130.7, 127.1, 124.9, 123.4, 123.1, 121.8, 113.2, 112.6, 28.6, 25.7, 23.1, 22.4 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 2928, 2858, 1708, 1456, 1234, 1107, 884, 797, 732. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₁₄H₁₅Br⁷⁹N, [M + H]⁺ 276.0388, found 276.0382.

3,3'-(Cyclohexane-1,1-diyl)bis(5-bromo-1H-indole) (5b), Brown oil, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) δ =

8.03 (s, 2H), 7.55 (s, 2H), 7.18 – 7.06 (m, 6H), 2.51 – 2.34 (m, 4H), 1.59 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 3H); 1.53 ppm (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C) $\delta = 135.7$, 127.9, 124.2, 123.6, 123.0, 112.6, 111.9, 39.1, 36.8, 26.7, 22.8 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹) *v*: 3465, 2933, 2853, 1457, 1407, 1333, 1239, 1101, 904, 862, 794, 671, 579, 422. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₁⁷⁹Br₂N₂ [M + H]⁺ 471.0071 found 471.0054.

2-Methyl-3-(3-phenyl)indole (**6a**):⁸ Yellow solid, mp. = 114-115 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ = 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.09 (m, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.43 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃. 25 °C): δ = 138.0, 135.3, 135.2, 131.4, 130.1, 128.4, 127.9, 126.6, 126.5, 121.5, 119.9, 118.9, 114.6, 110.3, 21.6, 12.6 ppm.

3-Methyl-1,5-diphenyl-5-(2-methylindol-3-yl)-4-penten-1-one (E/Z = 1/1, detected by ¹H NMR) (**8a**): Colorless viscose liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): $\delta = 6.79$ (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 6.62-6.60 (m, 1H), 6.33-6.30 (m, 2H), 6.20 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 6.06-5.98 (m, 5H), 2.68 (dd, *J_a* = 7.2 Hz, *J_b* = 14.0, 1H), 2.42 (dd, *J_a* = 6.4 Hz, *J_b* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (dd, *J_a* = 7.6 Hz, *J_b* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 0.41 ppm (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ = 200.6, 137.5, 136.7, 135.8, 133.1, 130.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.3, 126.8, 120.7, 119.2, 119.1, 115.4, 111.0, 110.7, 46.0, 27.7, 21.3, 12.0 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3400, 3057, 2966, 2924, 2872, 1677, 1618, 1597, 1581, 1489, 1457, 1362, 1283, 1211. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₂₇H₂₆NO, [M + H]⁺ 380.2014, found 380.2008.

1,1-Diphenyl-3-(2-methylindol-3-yl)-3-propene (**10a**): (E/Z ratio is not measurable with NMR and liquid chromatography) White solid, mp. = 121-123 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ = 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 16H), 7.06-6.99 (m, 3H), 6.89-6.86 (m, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 2.14 ppm (s,3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): δ = 143.9, 135.2, 132.0, 129.2, 128.2, 126.1, 120.8, 119.6, 119.2, 114.1, 110.1, 47.8, 12.4 ppm. 3415, 3049, 3027, 2866, 1598, 1490, 1455, 1304, 1267, 1242, 1155, 1099, 1076. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₃₀H₂₆N, [M + H]⁺ 400.2065, found 400.2051.

5,6,11,12-Tetrahydro-6-methyl-6-phenylindolo[3,2-*b*]carbazole (**11a**): White solid, mp. = 261-263 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, TMS, 25 °C): δ = 11.07 (s, 1H), 10.67 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.3 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 1H), 7.10-6.94 (m, 4H), 6.80-6.76 (m, 1H), 4.19 (d *J* = 20.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (d, *J* = 20.0 Hz, 1H), 2.18 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 25 °C): δ = 147.5, 141.9, 137.0, 136.9, 132.3, 128.0, 127.3, 126.4, 125.8, 125.1, 121.0, 120.3, 118.8, 118.5, 118.3, 118.1, 115.70, 111.2, 111.1, 104.2, 41.0, 25.9, 21.1 ppm. IR (cm⁻¹): 3380, 2968, 2925, 2858, 1617, 1461, 1372, 1320, 1216, 1189, 1158, 1026. HRMS-ESI (m/z) calcd for C₂₅H₁₉N₂, [M - 1]⁺ 347.1543, found 347.1532.

9. Molecular calculation of 40

To investigate the properties of 3-vinylindoles, 1-methyl-2-phenyl-3-(1-phenylvinyl)-1H-indole **40** is fully determined by X-ray crystallographic analysis. In addition, the structural characteristics were also determined by the analytic techniques employing the hybrid density functional approach (DFT) with B3LYP and PBEPBE and ab inito theory with HF method with $6-311++g^{**}$, $6-31+g^{*}$ and $3-21+g^{*}$ basis sets. The calculation was implemented in GAUSSIAN 98 suit of the program⁹ without any symmetry constraints during the computations. The results

manifested that B3LYP with 6-311++g** basis set enabled a minimum energy during the optimization, **Scheme S1**. The conformation from experimental analysis, X-ray crystallography, is in a good agreement with the results from the calculation, **Figure S1**. The results obtained by comparing the experimental and the theoretical approach convinced us to employ B3LYP/6-311++G** level of the theory to implement the rest of the calculations. Moreover, natural bond orbital, NBO is used to show the atomic electron population and the electronic destabilizing effects of every atom in the structure.

Although every parts of the molecule are supported by electron delocalization of carbon-carbon double bonds in aromatic and non-aromatic systems, there are no conjugated systems that can stabilize C25=C26. This phenomenon is obviously a result of space hindrances of aromatic rings. If the aromatic ring attached to olefin oriented to one surface the distance of H35 to H8 should be much shorter than the summation of two hydrogen van der Waals radius that is naturally impossible. On the other hand, the results of atomic electron population shows that the terminal C26 in the double bond was characterized by a relatively higher electron density, which implies the fact that this carbon can play role of electron donor or act as a nucleophile in a reaction, **Figure S2**. Additionally Structure of **4n** is also fully determined with X-ray crystallography analysis, **Figure S3**.



Scheme S1; Energy surfaces (Hartree) of 40 optimized at B3LYP, PBEPBE and HF methods of theories, employed 6-311++g**, 6-31+g* and 3-21+g basis sets



Figure S1. The structure of **40** from both calculation (left) and X-ray crystallography approaches (right, CCDC number is 1000775).



Figure S2. Atomic electron population (in a.u.) and numbering of **40** by Natural bond orbital approach (hydrogen atoms are omitted for clearness).



Figure S3. The molecular structure of **4n** fully characterized by X-ray crystallography analysis (CCDC number is 1000776).

10. xyz coordinates calculated according to the methods and basis sets of the DFT and ab inito theories for the structure of 40 studied in this work .

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