

Supplementary Information

Convenient syntheses of halo-dibenz[*b,f*]azepines and carbamazepine analogues via *N*-arylindoles

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1. Experimental details and characterisation

For general procedures, see the main MS.

***N*-Phenyl-1H-indole 23.^{19(b)}**

Found: m/z , 194.0693, $C_{14}H_{12}N$ (MH^+) requires m/z , 194.0964; δ_H 6.62 (1 H, dd, $J = 3.3$ and 0.7 Hz, 3-H), 7.11-7.19 (2 H, m, 5-H + 6-H), 7.20-7.25 (2 H, m, 2-H + 4'-H), 7.34-7.40 (4 H, m, 2'-H + 3'-H + 5'-H + 6'-H), 7.52 (1 H, m, 4-H) and 7.64-7.67 (1 H, m, 7-H); δ_C 103.9, 110.8, 120.7, 121.4, 122.6, 124.5, 126.6, 128.2, 129.6, 129.8, 136.1 and 140.0.

***N*-(4-Methoxy)phenylindole 31.**

Mp. 71-72° C. Found: C, 80.5; H, 5.9; N, 6.2; m/z 224.0173. $C_{15}H_{13}NO$ requires C, 80.7; H, 5.9; N, 6.3%; $C_{15}H_{14}NO$ (MH^+) requires m/z , 224.1070; δ_H 3.86 (3 H, s, CH_3O), 6.60 (1 H, dd, $J = 3.2$ and 0.6 Hz, 3-H), 7.01 and 7.38 (4 H, 2m, 2'-H + 3'-H + 5'-H + 6'-H), 7.12-7.25 (2 H, m, 5-H + 6-H), 7.27 (1 H, d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 2-H), 7.45 (1 H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 7-H) and 7.68 (1 H, d, $J = 7$ Hz, 4-H); δ_C 56.0, 103.3, 110.8, 115.2, 120.5, 121.4, 122.6, 126.4, 128.7, 129.4, 133.3, 136.8 and 158.7.

5-Methoxy-*N*-phenylindole 32.

Light red oil. Found: m/z , 224.1076. $C_{15}H_{14}NO$ (MH^+) requires m/z , 224.1070; δ_H 3.86 (3 H, s, CH_3O), 6.60 (1 H, dd, $J = 3.2$ and 0.8 Hz, 3-H), 6.87 (1 H, dd, $J = 9.0$ and 2.5 Hz, 6-H), 7.13 (1 H, d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 4-H), 7.31 (1 H, d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 2-H), 7.30-7.35 (1 H, m, ArH of N-Ph), 7.46 (1 H, d, $J = 7$ Hz, 7-H) and 7.46-7.52 (4 H, m, ArH of N-Ph); δ_C 56.3, 103.1, 103.7, 111.7, 112.9, 124.5, 126.7, 128.8, 130.0, 130.3, 131.5, 140.4 and 155.0.

6-Methoxy-*N*-phenylindole 33.

Light red oil. Found: m/z , 224.1074. $C_{15}H_{14}NO$ (MH^+) requires m/z , 224.1070; δ_H 3.83 (3 H, s, CH_3O), 6.60 (1 H, d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 3-H), 6.84 (1 H, dd, $J = 8.6$ and 2.2 Hz, 5-H), 7.04 (1 H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 7-H), 7.23 (1 H, d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 2-H), 7.32-7.42 (2 H, m, ArH of N-Ph), 7.45-7.53 (3 H, m, ArH of N-Ph) and 7.55 (1 H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 4-H); δ_C 56.2, 94.6, 103.8, 110.6, 122.0, 123.9, 124.7, 126.8, 127.4, 130.0, 137.0, 140.3 and 157.2.

***N*-(4-Chloro)phenylindole 35.**

Off-white solid. Found: C, 73.34; H, 4.4; N, 6.1; m/z , 228.0572. $C_{14}H_{10}ClN$ requires C, 73.85; H, 4.4; N, 6.15%; $C_{14}H_{11}ClN$ (MH^+) requires m/z , 228.0575; δ_H 6.69 (1 H, d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 3-H), 7.16-7.26 (2 H, m, 5-H + 6-H), 7.29 (1 H, d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 2-H), 7.42-7.49 (4 H, approx. dd, 2'-, 3'-, 5'- and 6'-H), 7.51 (1 H, d, $J = 8$ Hz, 7-H) and 7.69 (1 H, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4-H); δ_C 104.5, 110.7, 121.0, 121.7, 123.0, 125.9, 128.1, 129.8, 130.2, 132.4, 136.2 and 138.8.

5-Chloro-*N*-phenylindole 36.

Found: m/z , 228.0573. $C_{14}H_{11}ClN$ (MH^+) requires m/z , 228.0575; δ_H 6.61 (1 H, dd, $J = 3.2$ and 0.5 Hz, 3-H), 7.16 (1 H, dd, $J = 8.8$ and 2.0 Hz, 6-H), 7.35 (1 H, d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 2-H), 7.37 (1 H, m, ArH), 7.45 (1 H, d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 7-H), 7.43-7.48 (2 H, m, ArH), 7.49-7.54 (2 H, m, ArH) and 7.64 (1 H, d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 4-H); δ_C 103.5, 112.0, 120.9, 123.0, 124.8, 126.4, 127.2, 129.7, 130.1, 130.7, 134.7 and 139.8.

***N*-(4-Bromo)phenylindole 38.**

Found: m/z , 272.0071. $C_{14}H_{11}NBr$ (MH^+ for ^{79}Br) requires m/z , 272.0069; δ_H 6.69 (1 H, dd, $J = 3.3$ and 0.8 Hz, 3-H), 7.15-7.26 (2 H, m, 5-H + 6-H), 7.23 (1 H, d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 2-H), 7.35-7.40 and 7.60-7.65 (4 H, m, 2'-, 3'-, 5'- and 6'-H), 7.52 (1 H, dd, $J =$

8.4 and 1.0 Hz, 7-H) and 7.68 (1 H, dt, $J = 8.4$ and 0.7 Hz, 4-H); δ_C 104.6, 110.7, 120.1, 121.1, 121.7, 123.1, 126.2, 128.0, 129.8, 133.2, 136.1 and 139.3.

5-Bromo-*N*-phenylindole 39.

Mp. 39-41° C. Found: C, 61.45; H, 3.7; N, 4.9; m/z , 272.0065. $C_{14}H_{10}BrN$ requires C, 61.8; H, 3.7; N, 5.1%; $C_{14}H_{11}NBr$ (MH^+ for ^{79}Br) requires m/z , 272.0060; δ_H 6.60 (1 H, dd, $J = 3.2$ and 0.7 Hz, 3-H), 7.28 (1 H, dd, $J = 8.8$ and 1.9 Hz, 6-H), 7.32 (1 H, d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 2-H), 7.40 (1 H, d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 7-H), 7.34-7.39 (1 H, m, ArH), 7.43-7.48 (2 H, m, ArH), 7.49-7.55 (2 H, m, ArH) and 7.80 (1 H, d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 4-H); δ_C 103.4, 112.4, 113.9, 124.0, 124.8, 125.6, 127.3, 129.5, 130.2, 131.4, 135.0 and 139.8.

5-Bromo-*N*-(4-bromo)phenylindole 40.

Mp. 72-74° C, softened 68-70°C. Found: C, 48.0; H, 2.6; N, 3.9. $C_{14}H_9Br_2N$ requires C, 47.9; H, 2.6; N, 4.0%; δ_H 6.62 (1 H, d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 3-H), 7.28 (1 H, d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 2-H), 7.30-7.37 (4 H, m, 6-H + 7-H + 3'-H + 5'-H), 7.61-7.67 (2 H, m, 2'-H + 6'-H) and 7.80 (1 H, d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 4-H); δ_C 104.0, 112.1, 114.2, 120.7, 124.1, 125.9, 126.2, 129.2, 131.5, 133.3, 134.8 and 138.8.

3-Methoxy-5*H*-dibenz[*b,f*]azepine 48.²⁴

Found: m/z , 224.1079. $C_{15}H_{14}NO$ requires m/z , 224.1070 (MH^+); δ_H 3.75 (3 H, s, CH_3O), 4.91 (1 H, br s, NH), 6.06 (1 H, d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 4-H), 6.17, 6.24 (2 H, ABq, 10-H + 11-H), 6.36 (1 H, dd, $J = 8.4$ and 2.4 Hz, 2-H), 6.47 (1H, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 6-H), 6.76 (1 H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 9-H), 6.79-6.85 (2 H, m, 7-H + 8-H) and 7.00 (1 H, ddd, $J = 7.8$, 6.1 and 2.8 Hz, 1-H); δ_C 55.3, 103.3, 105.6, 107.4, 119.2, 123.0, 129.1, 129.6, 129.9, 130.3, 131.7, 147.5, 149.6, 152.9 and 161.2; m/z (CI) 224 (MH^+ , 100%).

2-Chloro-5*H*-dibenz[*b,f*]azepine 49.⁹ δ_{H} 4.91 (1 H, br s, NH), 6.22, 6.35 (2 H, ABq, 10-H + 11-H), 6.43 (1 H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, 6-H), 6.49 (1 H, d, J = 7.8 Hz, 4-H), 6.83 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1-H), 6.92 - 6.78 (2 H, m, 7-H + 8-H), 6.98 (1 H, dd, J = 8.3 and 2.3 Hz, 3-H) and 7.09 - 6.94 (1 H, m, 4-H); δ_{C} 119.3, 120.3, 123.2, 127.9, 128.9, 129.3, 129.7, 129.9, 130.7, 131.3, 132.1, 133.4, 146.8 and 148.0.

2,8-Dichloro-5*H*-dibenz[*b,f*]azepine 50.⁹ δ_{H} 6.99 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 6.84 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 6.25 (s, 2 H) and 4.89 (br s, 1 H); δ_{C} 146.6, 132.0, 131.0, 130.1, 129.2, 128.3 and 120.4.

2-Bromo-5*H*-dibenz[*b,f*]azepine 51.⁹ Mp. 152-154°C; δ 7.09 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.03 (ddd, J = 7.9, 5.9, 3.1 Hz, 1 H), 6.95 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.82 - 6.86 (m, 2 H), 6.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.35 (s, 1 H), 6.30 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.17 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1 H) and 4.89 (br s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.3, 147.4, 133.4, 132.8, 131.8, 131.7, 130.7, 130.6, 129.8, 129.3, 123.3, 120.7, 119.3 and 115.3.

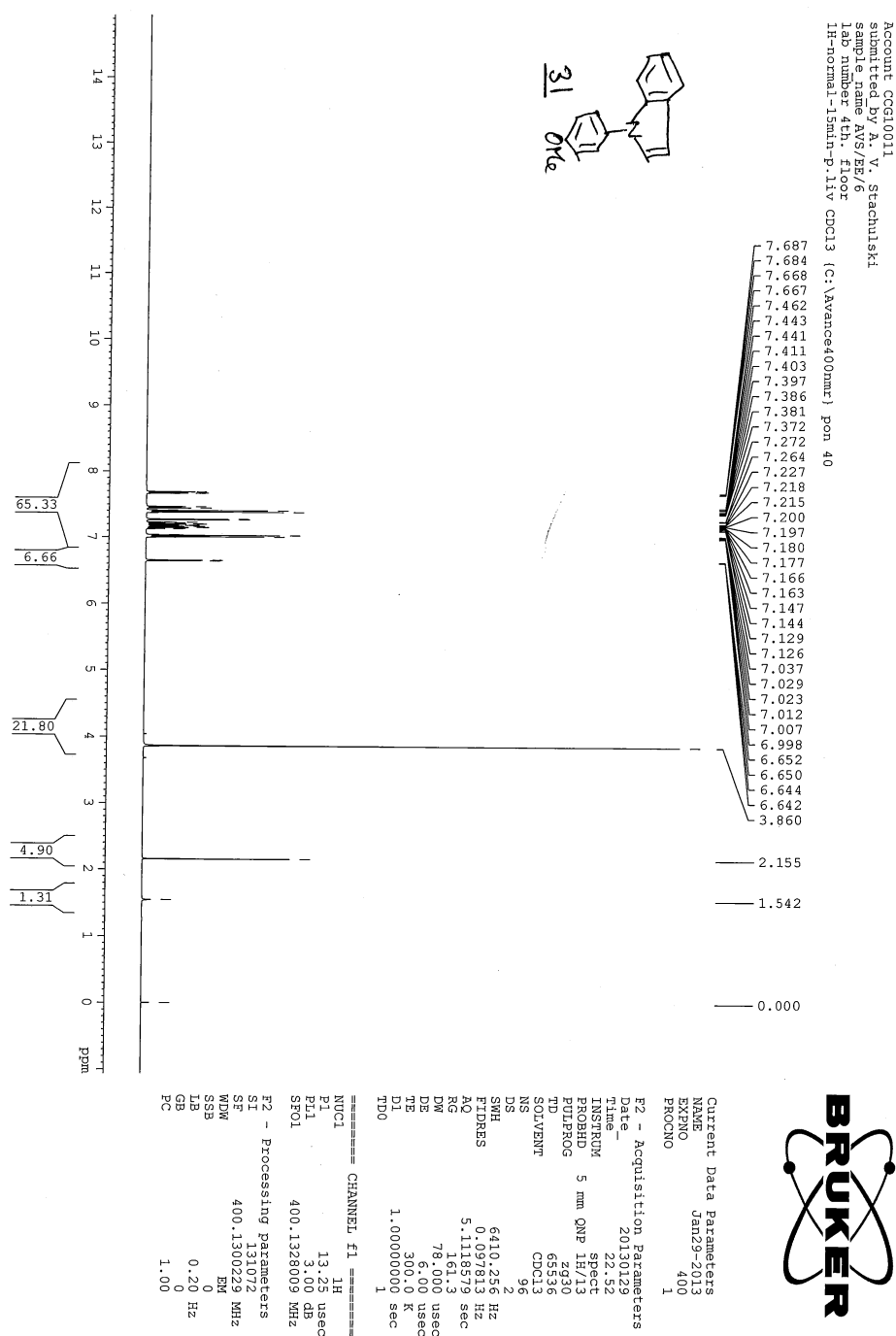
2,8-Dichloro-5*H*-dibenz[*b,f*]azepine-5-carboxamide 55. White solid; δ_{H} 4.46 (2 H, br s, NH_2), 6.89 (2 H, s, 10-H + 11-H), 7.26 (2 H, s), 7.36 (2 H, d, J = 1.8 Hz) and 7.40 - 7.42 (2 H, d, J = 2.3 Hz); δ_{C} 121.7, 130.3, 132.4, 132.7, 136.5, 138.8 and 156.3.

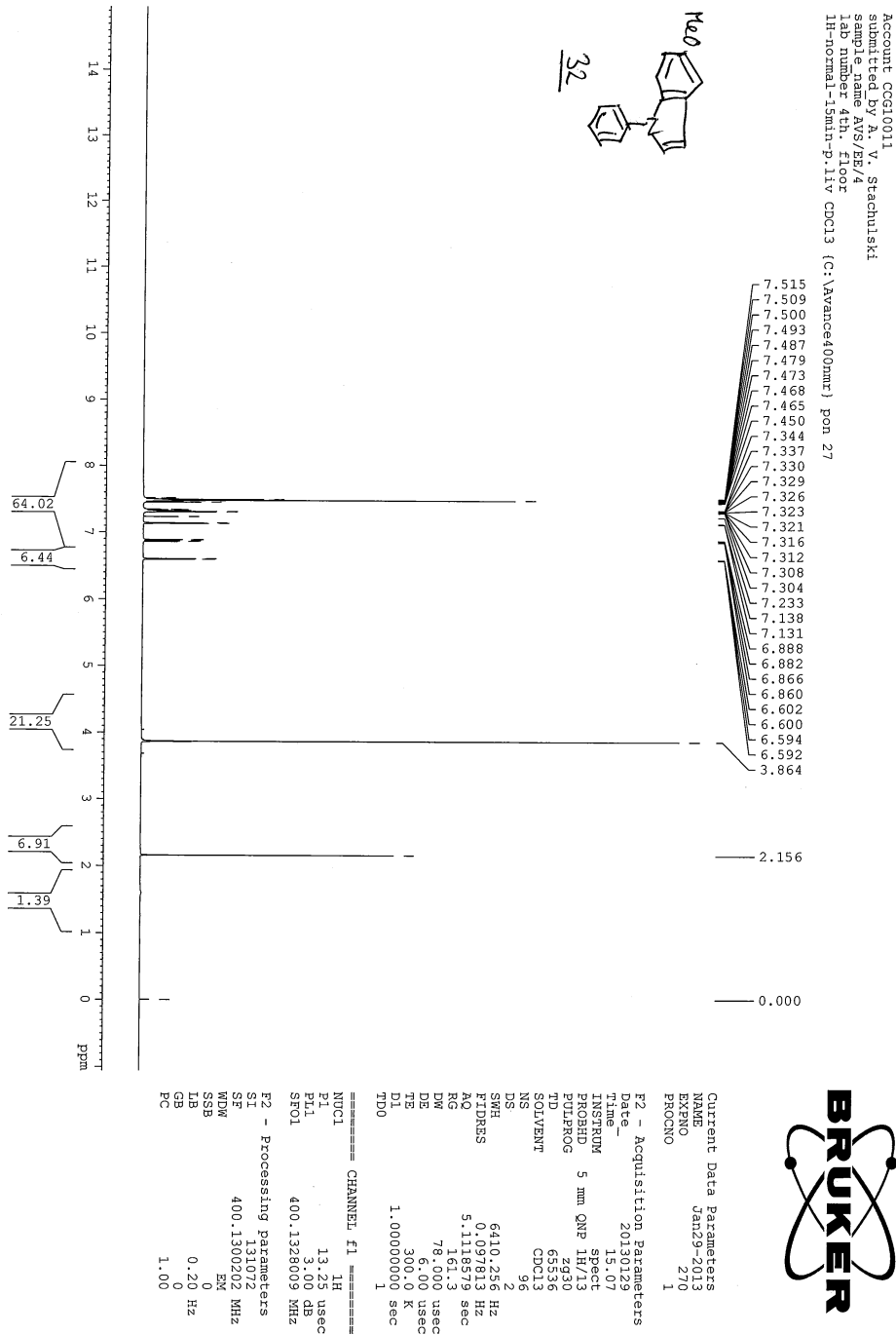
2,8-Dibromo-5*H*-dibenz[*b,f*]azepine-5-carboxamide 56. White solid; δ_{H} 4.58 (2 H, br s, NH_2), 6.87 (2 H, s, 10-H + 11-H), 7.32 (2 H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.51 (2 H, d, J = 2.3 Hz) and 7.55 (2 H, dd, J = 8.4 and 2.2 Hz, 3-H + 7-H); δ_{C} 122.1, 130.7, 132.8, 133.1, 136.9, 139.2 and 156.7.

2. Photocopy NMR spectra

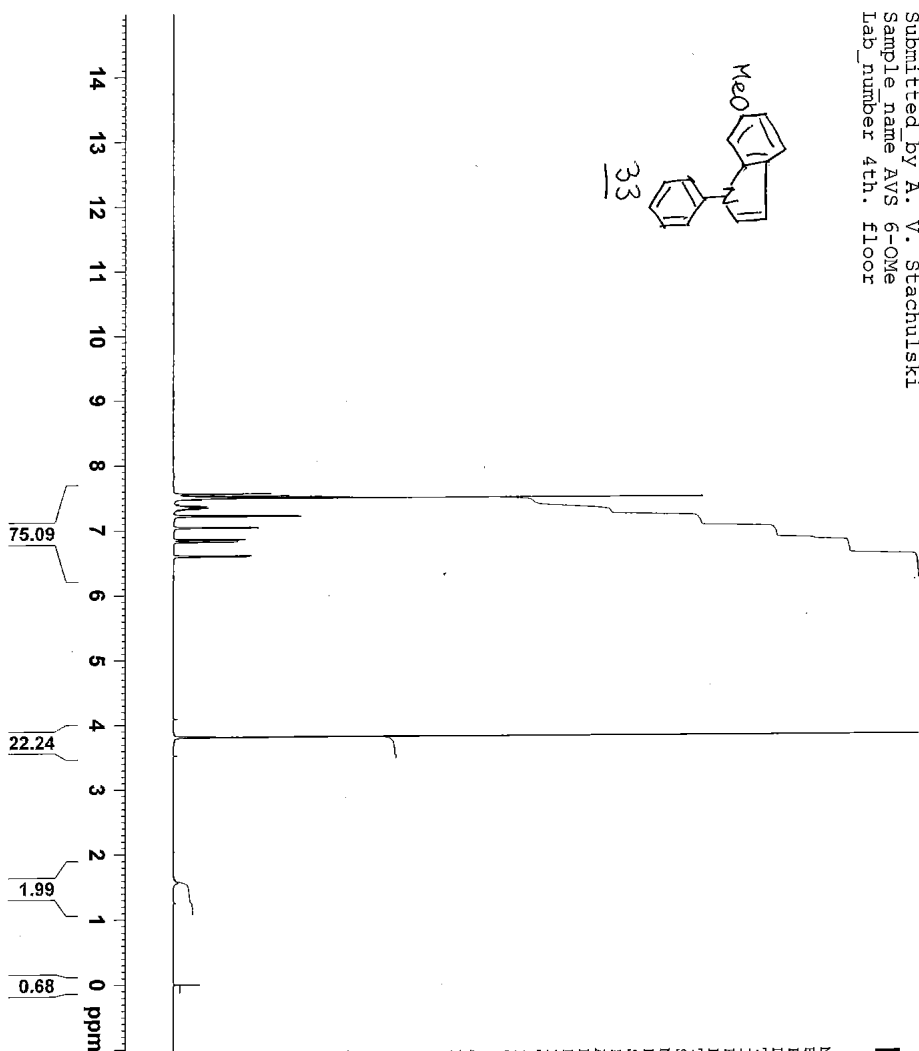
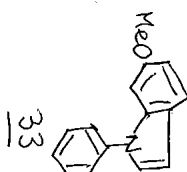
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