

Supporting Information

Copper-catalyzed bis-arylations of alkenes leading to oxindole derivatives

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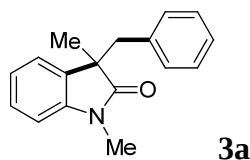
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General experimental procedures

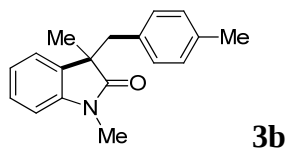
All reactions were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere. Proton and carbon magnetic resonance spectra (^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR) were recorded using tetramethylsilane (TMS) in the solvent of CDCl_3 as the internal standard (^1H NMR: TMS at 0.00 ppm, CDCl_3 at 7.26 ppm; ^{13}C NMR: CDCl_3 at 77.26 ppm).

General procedure for synthesis of oxindole derivatives (3a-w). A 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with a magnetic stirrer and dichloroethane (2.5 mL). *N*-Alkyl-*N*-phenylacrylamide (**1**) (0.25 mmol), diaryliodonium triflate (**2**) (0.75 mmol) and CuI (0.025 mol, 5.0 mg) were added, the tube was sealed under nitrogen atmosphere, and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24-48 h (TCL determination till completion). The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate as the eluent to give the desired target product (**3**).

Characterization data of compounds 3a-w

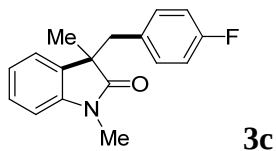


3-Benzyl-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (3a).¹ Eluent: petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 45 mg (71%). White solid, mp 88-89 °C (Lit.¹ 86-88 °C). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 6.85 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.59 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 3.06 (q, 2H, J = 31.6 Hz), 2.97 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 180.1, 143.2, 136.3, 133.1, 129.9, 127.9, 127.6, 126.5, 123.4, 122.2, 107.9, 50.0, 44.6, 25.9, 22.8. ESI-MS: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z 252.4, $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ m/z 274.2.

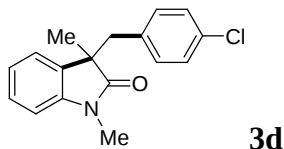


1,3-Dimethyl-3-(4-methylbenzyl)indolin-2-one (3b).¹ Eluent: petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 57 mg (86%). White solid, mp 111-112 °C (Lit.¹ 116-118 °C). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 7.19 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.01 (t, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 6.85 (d, 2H,

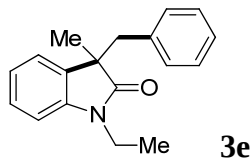
$J = 7.9$ Hz), 6.73 (d, 2H, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 6.61 (d, 1H, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 3.08 – 2.94 (m, 5H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 180.3, 143.3, 136.0, 133.4, 133.3, 129.9, 128.4, 127.9, 123.5, 122.2, 107.9, 50.0, 44.2, 26.1, 22.9, 21.2. ESI-MS: ESI-MS: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z 266.3, $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ m/z 288.2.



3-(4-Fluorobenzyl)-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (3c).¹ Eluent: petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 46 mg (68%). White solid, mp 131-132 °C (Lit.¹ 126-127 °C). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.05 (t, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 6.80 – 6.69 (m, 4H), 6.62 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 3.02 (q, 2H, $J = 59.9$ Hz), 2.98 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.9, 161.9 (d, $J = 244.4$ Hz), 143.4, 132.9, 132.1, 131.4 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 128.1, 123.3, 122.4, 114.5 (d, $J = 21.1$ Hz), 108.9, 50.2, 43.9, 26.1, 22.9. ESI-MS: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z 270.2, $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ m/z 292.3.

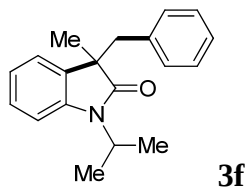


3-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (3d). Eluent: petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 44 mg (62%). White solid, mp 124-125 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.76 (d, 2H, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 3.12 – 2.93 (m, 5H), 1.46 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 179.0, 143.1, 137.0, 135.4, 134.4, 132.8, 132.1, 131.2, 129.1, 128.0, 110.3, 50.2, 44.0, 26.2, 23.0. ESI-MS: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z 286.4, $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ m/z 308.3.

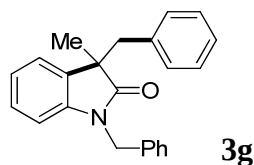


3-Benzyl-1-ethyl-3-methylindolin-2-one (3e).¹ Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 52 mg (79%). White solid, mp 79-80 °C (Lit.¹ 76-78 °C). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 6.99 (m, 4H), 6.81 (dd, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, $J = 1.6$ Hz), 6.61 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 3.73 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.40 – 3.31 (m, 1H), 3.07 (q, 2H, $J = 41.2$ Hz), 1.47 (s, 3H), 0.85 (t, 3H, $J = 7.3$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ

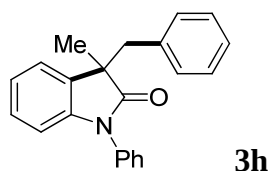
179.6, 142.5, 136.3, 133.5, 130.0, 127.9, 127.7, 126.6, 123.5, 122.1, 108.1, 50.0, 44.9, 34.4, 23.1, 12.3. ESI-MS: $[M+H]^+$ m/z 266.4, $[M+Na]^+$ m/z 288.3.



3-Benzyl-1-iso-propyl-3-methylindolin-2-one (3f).¹ Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 50 mg (72%). White solid, mp 126-127 °C (Lit.¹ 119-121 °C). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.14 (td, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $J = 1.4$ Hz), 7.05 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 6.79 – 6.75 (m, 3H), 4.43 (m, 1H), 3.06 (q, 2H, $J = 53.6$ Hz), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.26 (d, 3H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 1.01 (d, 3H, $J = 7.3$ Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 179.5, 142.0, 136.3, 133.8, 129.9, 127.7, 126.5, 123.5, 121.7, 109.8, 49.8, 45.2, 43.3, 23.2, 19.4, 18.9. ESI-MS: $[M+H]^+$ m/z 280.3, $[M+Na]^+$ m/z 302.1.

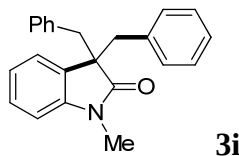


1,3-Dibenzyl-3-methylindolin-2-one (3g).¹ Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 65 mg (79%). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, 2H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 6.64 (d, 2H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 6.41 – 6.39 (m, 1H), 4.99 (d, 1H, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 4.46 (d, 1H, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 3.18 (q, 2H, $J = 34.3$ Hz), 1.54 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 180.0, 142.5, 136.5, 135.5, 133.2, 130.2, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 127.3, 126.8, 126.7, 123.4, 122.4, 109.4, 50.4, 44.4, 43.6, 24.3. ESI-MS: $[M+H]^+$ m/z 328.3, $[M+Na]^+$ m/z 350.2.

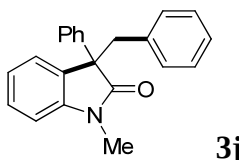


3-Benzyl-3-methyl-1-phenylindolin-2-one (3h). Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 67 mg (86%). White solid, mp 98-99 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.11 – 7.01 (m, 5H), 6.93 (d, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 6.85 (d, 2H, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 6.49 – 6.46 (m, 1H), 3.17 (q, 2H, $J = 44.3$ Hz), 1.61 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100

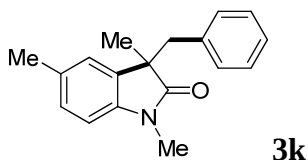
MHz) δ 179.3, 143.5, 136.2, 134.5, 132.9, 130.0, 129.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 126.8, 126.7, 123.5, 122.7, 109.2, 50.4, 45.6, 23.1. ESI-MS: $[M+H]^+$ m/z 314.4, $[M+Na]^+$ m/z 336.2.



3,3-Dibenzyl-1-methylindolin-2-one (3i). Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (10:1). Yield 64 mg (78%). White solid, mp 125-127 °C. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 300 MHz) δ 7.17 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, $J = 1.2$ Hz), 7.07 – 6.99 (m, 8H), 6.90 – 6.87 (m, 4H), 6.36 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.23 (q, 4H, $J = 36.1$ Hz), 2.76 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 75 MHz) δ 178.7, 143.9, 136.2, 130.4, 130.2, 128.0, 127.7, 126.6, 124.5, 121.9, 107.8, 56.4, 43.6, 25.9. ESI-MS: $[M+H]^+$ m/z 328.3, $[M+Na]^+$ m/z 350.2.

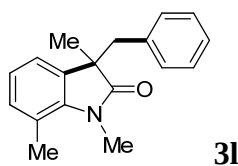


3-Benzyl-1-methyl-3-phenylindolin-2-one (3j). Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (10:1). Yield 38 mg (49%). White solid, mp 121-122 °C. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 300 MHz) δ 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 7.08 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 6.83 (dd, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, $J = 1.9$ Hz), 6.59 (d, 1H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 3.58 (q, 2H, $J = 65.7$ Hz), 2.93 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 75 MHz) δ 177.9, 143.9, 139.9, 135.9, 131.5, 130.2, 128.8, 128.4, 127.7, 127.4, 126.7, 125.7, 122.4, 108.2, 58.5, 44.2, 26.2. ESI-MS: $[M+H]^+$ m/z 314.3, $[M+Na]^+$ m/z 336.2.

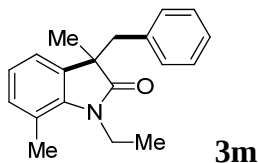


3-Benzyl-1,3,5-trimethylindolin-2-one (3k).¹ Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 52 mg (78%). White solid, mp 70-71 °C (Lit.¹ 72-74 °C). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz) δ 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.99 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.49 (d, 1H, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 3.03 (q, 2H, $J = 19.9$ Hz), 2.95 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz) δ 180.1, 140.9, 136.4, 133.2, 131.7, 130.0, 128.1, 127.6, 126.6, 124.3, 107.6, 50.1, 44.7, 26.1, 22.9, 21.4. ESI-MS: $[M+H]^+$ m/z 266.3, $[M+Na]^+$ m/z

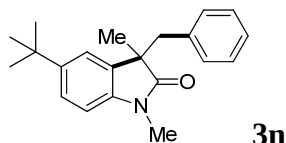
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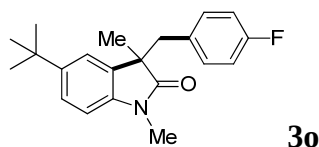
3-Benzyl-1,3,7-trimethylindolin-2-one (3l).¹ Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 47 mg (71%). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.01 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.97 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 6.83 (dd, 2H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 3.25 (s, 3H), 3.03 (q, 2H, *J* = 36.2 Hz), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 180.9, 141.2, 136.4, 133.8, 131.6, 130.0, 127.6, 126.6, 122.2, 121.4, 119.6, 49.5, 45.1, 29.4, 23.3, 19.1. ESI-MS: [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 266.4, [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 288.3.



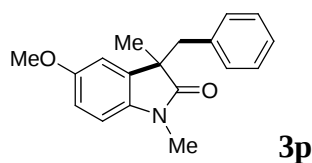
3-Benzyl-1-ethyl-3,7-dimethylindolin-2-one (3m). Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 41 mg (59%). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 4H), 6.96 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.80 (dd, 2H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 3.90 – 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.66 – 3.61 (m, 1H), 3.06 (q, 2H, *J* = 41.7 Hz), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 0.83 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 180.6, 140.5, 136.5, 134.3, 131.8, 130.1, 127.7, 126.6, 122.1, 121.4, 119.1, 49.3, 45.1, 36.2, 23.7, 18.9, 14.5. ESI-MS: [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 280.4, [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 202.2.



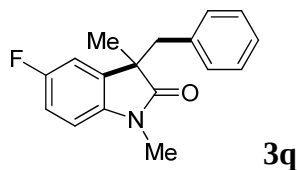
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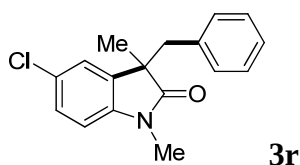
5-(*tert*-Butyl)-3-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (3o). Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (10:1). Yield 58 mg (71%). White solid, mp 119-120 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.19 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 7.09 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 6.81 – 6.71 (m, 4H), 6.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 3.06 – 2.95 (m, 5H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 180.2, 161.9 (d, *J* = 244.4 Hz), 145.5, 140.9, 132.6, 132.2, 131.5 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 124.4, 120.9, 114.5 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 107.4, 50.2, 43.9, 34.7, 31.8, 26.2, 22.7. ESI-MS: [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 326.4, [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 348.3.



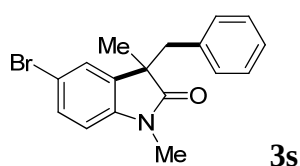
3-Benzyl-5-methoxy-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (3p).¹ Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 62 mg (88%). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.08 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.89 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.71 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 6.51 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.04 (q, 2H, *J* = 28.4 Hz), 2.96 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 179.8, 155.8, 136.9, 136.3, 134.6, 130.1, 127.7, 126.6, 112.1, 111.1, 108.2, 55.9, 50.5, 44.6, 26.2, 22.9. ESI-MS: [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 282.4, [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 304.2.



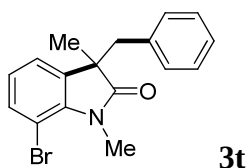
3-Benzyl-5-fluoro-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (3q).¹ Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 42 mg (62%). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.89 – 6.84 (m, 4H), 6.51 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.3 Hz, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 3.05 (q, 2H, *J* = 34.1 Hz), 2.97 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 179.8, 159.3 (d, *J* = 239.7 Hz), 139.2, 135.9, 134.9 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 129.9, 127.8, 126.8, 114.1 (d, *J* = 23.8 Hz), 111.6 (d, *J* = 24.6 Hz), 108.4 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 50.6, 44.7, 26.2, 22.9. ESI-MS: [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 270.2, [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 292.2.



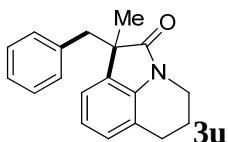
3-Benzyl-5-chloro-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (3r).¹ Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 53 mg (74%). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.15- 7.04 (m, 5H), 6.86 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 3.04 (q, 2H, *J* = 45.7 Hz), 2.95 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 179.6, 141.9, 135.9, 134.9, 129.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.8, 123.9, 108.9, 50.4, 44.7, 26.2, 22.8. ESI-MS: [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 286.3, [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 308.2.



3-Benzyl-5-bromo-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (3s).¹ Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 51 mg (62%). White solid, mp 91-93 °C (Lit.¹ 96-98 °C). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) 7.29 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 7.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.86 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.47 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 3.04 (q, 2H, *J* = 43.5 Hz), 2.95 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 179.5, 142.4, 135.9, 135.4, 130.8, 129.9, 127.9, 126.9, 126.7, 114.9, 109.4, 50.4, 44.7, 26.2, 22.8. ESI-MS: [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 330.2, [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* 352.1.

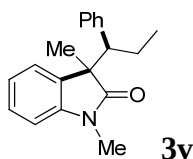


3-Benzyl-7-bromo-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (3t). Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 45 mg (55%). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.28 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 7.03 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, *J* = 0.9 Hz), 6.86 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 0.9 Hz), 6.81 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.04 (q, 2H, *J* = 43.1 Hz), 1.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 180.6, 140.8, 136.4, 135.9, 133.6, 129.9, 127.9, 126.9, 123.4, 122.6, 102.4, 49.9, 45.1, 29.7, 23.2. ESI-MS: [M+H]⁺ *m/z* 330.1

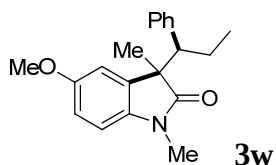


1-Benzyl-1-methyl-5,6-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2,1-ij]quinolin-2(4H)-one (3u).¹

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yield 57 mg (82%). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.45 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 3.56 – 3.38 (m, 2H), 3.03 – 2.79 (m, 2H) (*a pair of isomers were observed for the presence of piperidinyl, ratio = 3 : 1*), 2.61 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.58 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.47, 1.43 (ss, 3H) (*a pair of isomers were observed for the presence of piperidinyl, ratio = 3 : 1*). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 178.9, 178.4, 140.5, 139.3, 139.1, 138.1, 136.7, 136.5, 131.7, 130.0, 129.8, 129.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 126.6, 126.5, 124.3, 121.7, 121.3, 119.9, 119.1, 52.8, 51.4, 44.8, 43.9, 38.7, 24.8, 24.7, 23.7, 22.3, 21.1, 20.9. ESI-MS: [M+H]⁺ m/z 278.1, [M+Na]⁺ m/z 300.3.



1,3-Dimethyl-3-(1-phenylpropyl)indolin-2-one (3v). Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (10:1). Yield 32 mg (46%). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.34 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 7.14 – 6.96 (m, 7H), 6.91 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 6.75 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 6.70 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 6.57 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 3.18 (s, 3H), 3.01 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 2.92 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.3 Hz, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 2.75 (s, 3H), 2.14 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.53 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 0.71 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 0.62 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.3 Hz) (*a pair of diastereoisomers were observed for the presence of a new chiral carbon, ratio = 1 : 1*). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 181.1, 180.2, 143.9, 143.6, 139.4, 139.1, 132.9, 132.6, 130.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.0, 126.7, 124.7, 124.1, 122.0, 107.9, 107.8, 55.2, 54.7, 52.9, 52.3, 26.3, 25.7, 22.8, 22.1, 21.9, 21.1, 12.8, 12.5. ESI-MS: [M+H]⁺ m/z 280.2.



5-Methoxy-1,3-dimethyl-3-(1-phenylpropyl)indolin-2-one (3w). Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (10:1). Yield 41 mg (53%). Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d, 1H, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 6.78–6.73 (m, 4H), 6.68 (d, 1H, $J = 8.7$ Hz), 6.52 (d, 1H, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 6.48 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 3.01 (t, 1H, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 2.90 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.4$ Hz, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 2.74 (s, 3H), 2.10 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.53 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 0.70 (t, 3H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 0.63 (t, 3H, $J = 7.3$ Hz) (*a pair of diastereoisomers were observed for the presence of a new chiral carbon, ratio = 1 : 1*). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 180.7, 179.8, 155.7, 155.6, 139.5, 138.9, 137.6, 137.2, 134.1, 130.4, 129.0, 128.1, 128.7, 127.8, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.7, 112.2, 112.1, 111.9, 108.1, 107.9, 56.1, 55.9, 55.1, 54.9, 53.2, 52.6, 26.4, 25.8, 22.9, 22.0, 21.1, 12.8, 12.4. ESI-MS: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z 210.1, $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ m/z 332.2.

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