

Supporting Information

Palladium-catalyzed direct addition of arylboronic acids to 2-aminobenzonitrile derivatives: synthesis, biological evaluation and *in silico* analysis of 2-aminobenzophenones, 7-benzoyl-2-oxoindolines, and 7-benzoylindoles

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1. General information

Melting points are uncorrected. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were measured on a 500 MHz spectrometer (^1H at 500 MHz, ^{13}C at 125 MHz), using $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ or CDCl_3 as the solvent with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard at room temperature. Chemical shifts are given in δ relative to TMS, and the coupling constants J are given in hertz. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on an ESI-Q-TOF mass spectrometer. Other commercially obtained reagents were used without further purification. All reactions were conducted using standard Schlenk techniques. Column chromatography was performed using EM silica gel 60 (300–400 mesh).

Activity Assay. The modified MTT [3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide] assay was performed. The cells were seeded in 96-well plate with a concentration of 5.0×10^4 cells per mL and a volume of 100 μL per well. Different concentrations of compounds were applied to culture wells in triplicate after the cells incubated at 37 °C in a humidified incubator with 5% CO_2 for 24 h. After incubation for another 48 h, 10 μL MTT solutions (5 mg/mL in PBS) was added to each well and the plate incubated for another 3 h at 37°C. The culture medium was then removed and 200 μL DMSO was added to dissolve the MTT crystals. The plate was shaken for 20 min and the absorbance was read on 570 nm using a multi-well plate reader (Model 680, Bio-Rad Laboratories). The half maximal inhibitory concentration (IC_{50}) was calculated, as the compound concentrations required reducing the MTT signal by 50% compared with untreated control cultures.

Molecular Docking. The complex crystal structure of tubulin with its destabilizing drug BAL27862 was retrieved from the PDB database¹⁸ under the accession ID: 4O2A. The active site of tubulin was defined by its co-crystallized BAL27862. First, the BAL27862, water molecules and other cofactors were manually removed from the crystal structure and hydrogen atoms were added to protein by using REDUCE program.¹⁹ Then the atoms of protein receptor and compound ligands were assigned with Kollman²⁰ and Gasteiger²¹ charges, respectively. The AutoDock Tools²² were employed to set the center and size of grid boxes covering the identified ligand-binding site in tubulin, and to prepare the *pdbqt* files for protein and compound ligands. The docking calculations were implemented with AutoDock Vina,²³ which utilized Lamarckian genetic algorithm (LGA) to explore the conformational space of ligand molecule within the active pocket of protein receptor.

2. General procedure

General procedure for the synthesis of 2-aminobenzophenones. A Schlenk tube was charged with 2-aminobenzonitriles **1** (0.4 mmol), arylboronic acids **2** (0.8 mmol), Pd(O₂CCF₃)₂ (5 mol %), MsOH (10 equiv), **L2** (7.5 mol %), 2-MeTHF (2 mL), and H₂O (1 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at 80 °C for 36 h. The mixture was poured into ethyl acetate, which was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (2 × 10 mL) and then brine (1 × 10 mL). After the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate, the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under a vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent) to afford the desired products **3**.

General procedure for the synthesis of 7-benzoyl-2-oxoindolines and 7-benzoylindoles. A Schlenk tube was charged with 2-oxoindoline-7-carbonitrile (**1i**) or indole-7-carbonitrile (**1j**) (0.4 mmol), arylboronic acids **2** (0.8 mmol), Pd(O₂CCF₃)₂ (10 mol %), **L2** (15 mol %), 2-MeTHF (2 mL), and H₂O (1 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at 80 °C for 36 h. The mixture was poured into ethyl acetate, which was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (2 × 10 mL) and then brine (1 × 10 mL). After the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate, the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under a vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent) to afford the desired products **4** or **5**.

3. The dose-response curves of **4e** against the different cancer cell lines

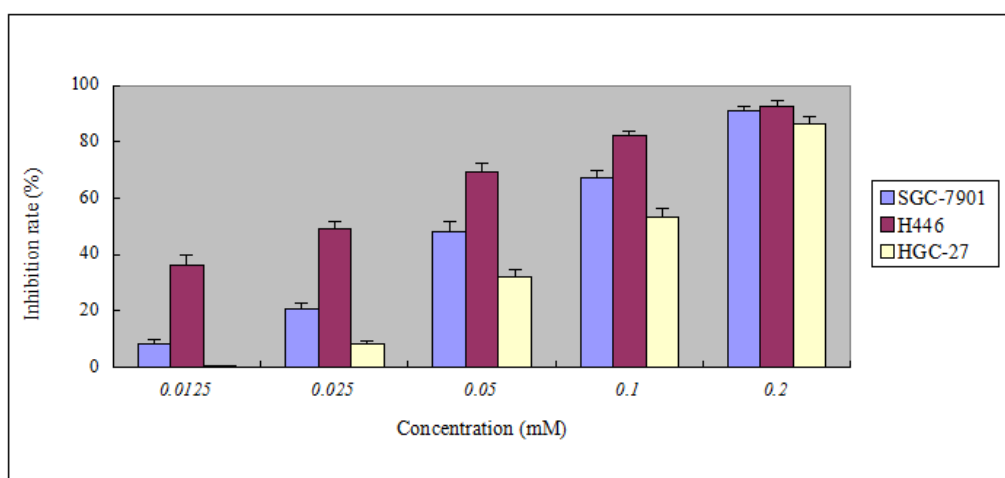


Fig. S1 The dose-response curves of **4e** against the different cancer cell lines

4. Analytical data for all products

2-Aminobenzophenone (3aa). Yellow solid (73.3 mg, 93% yield), mp 111-112 °C (Lit.¹ 109-111 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 199.1, 150.9, 140.1, 134.6, 134.2, 131.0, 129.1, 128.1, 118.2, 117.0, 115.5.

(2-Aminophenyl)(p-tolyl)methanone (3ab). Yellow solid (75.1 mg, 89% yield), mp 92-93 °C (Lit.² 92-93 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 3H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 198.8, 150.7, 141.7, 137.2, 134.4, 134.0, 129.4, 128.7, 118.6, 116.9, 115.5, 21.5.

(2-Aminophenyl)(m-tolyl)methanone (3ac). Yellow solid (96.8 mg, 91% yield), mp 56-57 °C (Lit.³ 57 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64-6.59 (m, 1H), 6.09 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 198.8, 150.7, 141.7, 137.2, 134.4, 134.0, 129.4, 128.7, 118.6, 116.9, 115.5, 21.5. δ 198.8, 150.4, 139.7, 137.4, 134.1, 133.6, 131.3, 129.1, 127.4, 125.8, 117.9, 116.5, 115.0, 20.8.

(2-Aminophenyl)(o-tolyl)methanone (3ad). Yellow solid (48.1 mg, 57% yield), mp 79-81 °C (Lit.⁴ 84 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 4H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 200.8, 150.7, 140.1, 134.6, 134.3, 134.2, 130.0, 128.7, 126.6, 124.7, 117.9, 116.4, 115.1, 19.0.

(2-Aminophenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (3ae). Yellow solid (80.0 mg, 88% yield), mp 77-78 °C (Lit.⁵ 75-76 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (s, 2H), 3.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 197.8, 162.3, 150.4, 134.0, 133.7, 131.8, 122.2, 199.0, 117.0, 115.6, 113.4, 55.4.

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(2-Aminophenyl)(3-methoxyphenyl)methanone (**3af**).⁶ Light yellow oil (80.9 mg, 89% yield); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.47 (d, *J*=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J*=7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J*=7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J*=8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 2H), 3.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 198.3, 158.9, 150.4, 140.9, 134.1, 133.8, 128.5, 121.1, 117.7, 116.8, 116.5, 115.0, 113.3, 54.9.

(2-Aminophenyl)(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methanone (**3ag**). Yellow solid (96.7 mg, 94% yield), mp 80-81 °C (Lit.⁷ 79-81 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.48 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, *J*=7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 197.7, 152.0, 150.4, 148.8, 134.0, 133.7, 132.4, 124.1, 118.9, 117.0, 115.6, 112.1, 109.8, 56.1, 55.0.

(2-Aminophenyl)(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)methanone (**3ah**).⁸ Yellow solid (125.5 mg, 81% yield), 55-57 °C (not reported); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.50 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J*=7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, *J*=7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 198.1, 152.8, 150.8, 140.8, 135.2, 134.2, 134.2, 118.3, 117.1, 115.5, 106.9, 61.0, 56.3.

(2-Aminophenyl)(4-fluorophenyl)methanone (**3ai**).⁹ Yellow solid (69.7 mg, 81% yield), mp 128-129 °C (not reported); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.69-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J*=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J*=7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J*=8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 197.5, 165.5 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F}=252 Hz, 1C), 150.8, 136.1, 134.3, 134.2, 131.7 (d, ³*J*_{C-F}=8.9 Hz, 1C), 118.1, 117.1, 115.6, 115.3 (d, ²*J*_{C-F}=22 Hz, 1C).

(2-Aminophenyl)(4-chlorophenyl)methanone (**3aj**). Yellow solid (78.8 mg, 85% yield), mp 100-101 °C (Lit.¹⁰ 98-100 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.59 (d, *J*=8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.30 (t, *J*=7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J*=8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 197.9, 151.0, 138.4, 137.4, 134.5, 134.3, 130.6, 128.4, 117.9, 117.2, 115.7.

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(2-Aminophenyl)(4-bromophenyl)methanone (**3ak**).¹¹ Yellow solid (83.9 mg, 76% yield), mp 108-109 °C (not reported); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 197.8, 151.0, 138.8, 134.5, 134.2, 131.4, 130.7, 125.8, 117.7, 117.1, 115.6.

(2-Aminophenyl)(4-iodophenyl)methanone (**3al**). Yellow solid (91.7 mg, 71% yield), mp 102-103 °C; IR (KBr) 3420, 3331, 1623, 1595, 1541, 1508, 1460, 1261, 1172, 837, 769 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 198.0, 151.1, 139.5, 137.4, 134.6, 134.3, 130.7, 117.7, 117.2, 115.7, 98.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₁INO⁺ [M + H]⁺ 323.9880, found 323.9874.

(2-Aminophenyl)(4-(methylthio)phenyl)methanone (**3am**). Yellow solid (52.6 mg, 54% yield), mp 87-88 °C; IR (KBr) 3432, 3326, 1627, 1586, 1538, 1467, 1421, 1141, 824, 758 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500MHz): δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 3H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (s, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 198.0, 150.7, 143.5, 136.2, 134.2, 134.1, 130.0, 125.0, 118.5, 117.1, 115.6, 15.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₄NOS⁺ [M + H]⁺ 244.0791, found 244.0798.

(2-Aminophenyl)(thiophen-3-yl)methanone (**3an**). Yellow solid (29.2 mg, 36% yield), mp 81-82 °C (Lit.¹² 82-85 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.78-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125MHz) δ 191.4, 149.8, 142.0, 133.5, 132.9, 130.9, 128.1, 125.1, 118.8, 116.5, 115.3.

(2-Aminophenyl)(biphenyl-4-yl)methanone (**3ao**). Yellow solid (100.6 mg, 92% yield), mp 141-142 °C (Lit.¹³ 142-144 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 4H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 198.7, 150.9, 144.0, 140.3, 138.8, 134.5, 134.3, 129.9, 129.0, 128.0, 127.3,

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126.9, 118.4, 117.1, 115.6.

(2-Aminophenyl)(naphthalen-2-yl)methanone (**3ap**). Yellow solid (80.1 mg, 81% yield), mp 107-108 °C (Lit.¹⁴ 110-111 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.93-7.89 (m, 3H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 199.0, 150.9, 137.3, 134.6, 134.6, 134.2, 132.3, 130.1, 129.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 125.8, 118.5, 117.1, 115.6.

(2-Amino-4-methylphenyl)(phenyl)methanone (**3ba**). Yellow solid (76.9 mg, 91% yield), mp 63-64 °C (Lit.¹⁵ 66-67 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 198.7, 151.3, 145.4, 140.5, 134.8, 130.8, 129.0, 128.1, 117.1, 117.0, 116.0, 21.8.

(2-Amino-4-methylphenyl)(4-fluorophenyl)methanone (**3bi**). Yellow solid (84.4 mg, 92% yield), mp 106-107 °C; IR (KBr) 3412, 3330, 1617, 1595, 1538, 1463, 1421, 1261, 1149, 874, 768 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.62-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 6.41-6.42 (m, 1H), 6.06 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 197.2, 165.4, 163.4, 151.2, 145.5, 136.4, 134.4, 131.5, 131.5, 117.1, 115.9, 115.2, 115.1, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₂FNO⁺ [M + H]⁺ 230.0976, found 230.0969.

(2-Amino-4-chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (**3ca**). Yellow solid (84.3 mg, 91% yield), mp 82-84 °C (Lit.¹⁶ 83-85 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.55-6.57 (m, 1H), 6.21 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 198.3, 151.7, 140.3, 139.7, 135.9, 131.3, 129.0, 128.2, 116.6, 116.2, 116.0.

(2-Amino-5-fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (**3da**). Yellow solid (73.2 mg, 85% yield), mp 115-117 °C (Lit.¹⁷ 118 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.70-6.72 (m, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 198.0, 153.1 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 233.6 Hz, 1C), 147.3, 139.4, 131.5, 129.1, 128.3, 122.2 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 23.5 Hz, 1C), 118.5 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.5 Hz, 1C), 118.2 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 6.7 Hz,

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(2-Amino-5-chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (**3ea**). Yellow solid (88.9 mg, 96% yield), mp 97-98 °C (Lit.¹⁸ 98-100 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 198.0, 149.4, 139.3, 134.2, 133.3, 131.6, 129.1, 128.4, 120.0, 118.8, 118.5.

(2-Amino-5-bromophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (**3fa**). Yellow solid (103.8 mg, 94% yield), mp 108-109 °C (Lit.¹⁹ 110 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 198.0, 149.8, 139.4, 136.9, 136.3, 131.7, 129.2, 128.5, 119.6, 118.9, 106.7.

(2-Amino-5-chlorophenyl)(2-fluorophenyl)methanone (**3eq**).²⁰ Yellow solid (63.9 mg, 64% yield), mp 96-97 °C (not reported); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.52-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 194.5, 160.0, 158.1, 149.6, 135.1, 133.2, 133.2, 132.3, 132.2, 129.7, 129.7, 128.0, 127.9, 124.4, 124.3, 120.1, 118.6, 118.3, 116.4, 116.2.

(2-Amino-5-chlorophenyl)(2-chlorophenyl)methanone (**3er**).²¹ Yellow solid (55.3 mg, 52% yield), mp 88-89 °C (not reported); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.47-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.69-6.67 (m, 1H), 6.47 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 196.4, 149.9, 139.0, 135.3, 133.2, 130.8, 130.7, 130.1, 128.4, 126.8, 120.1, 118.4, 118.0.

(2-Amino-5-nitrophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (**3ga**). Yellow solid (94.4 mg, 97% yield), mp 153-154 °C (Lit.²² 152 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.16-8.18 (m, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (s, 2H), 6.77-6.75 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 198.0, 155.3, 138.5, 136.7, 132.2, 131.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 116.8, 116.1.

(2-Amino-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methanone (**3ha**). Yellow solid (100.8 mg, 98% yield), mp 78-79 °C (Lit.²³ 78-80 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.3

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Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.25 (s, 2H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 197.2, 155.5, 148.6, 140.7, 139.7, 130.6, 128.7, 128.1, 116.7, 110.0, 99.3, 56.6, 55.9.

(2-Amino-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methanone (**3hg**).²⁴ Yellow oil (118.0 mg, 93% yield), (not reported); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 7.28-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 6.05 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.92 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 6H), 3.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 196.1, 155.0, 151.5, 148.7, 139.6, 133.1, 123.2, 116.4, 112.0, 110.4, 109.9, 99.4, 56.6, 56.0, 56.0, 55.9.

(2-Amino-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)methanone (**3hh**).²⁵ Yellow solid (127.8 mg, 92% yield), mp 163-165 °C (not reported); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 2H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 6.15 (s, 2H), 3.90-3.89 (m, 6H), 3.86 (s, 6H), 3.68 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 196.1, 155.4, 152.8, 148.5, 140.3, 139.7, 135.8, 116.3, 109.8, 106.4, 99.4, 61.0, 56.6, 56.2, 55.9.

(2-Aminopyridin-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**3ia**). Yellow solid (65.0 mg, 82% yield), mp 146-147 °C (Lit.²⁶ 140 °C); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 8.25 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.77 (dd, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.81 (s, 2H), 6.59-6.62 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 197.8, 159.8, 153.9, 143.0, 139.2, 131.6, 129.1, 128.4, 112.9, 112.1.

(2-Aminopyridin-3-yl)(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methanone (**3ig**). Yellow solid (94.0 mg, 91% yield), mp 162-163 °C (Lit.²⁷ 163 °C); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 6.56-6.54 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 196.3, 159.6, 153.2, 152.4, 149.0, 142.3, 131.5, 124.0, 113.4, 112.0, 111.9, 109.9, 56.1, 56.1.

(3-Aminopyridin-4-yl)(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methanone (**3jg**).²⁸ Yellow solid (83.7 mg, 81% yield), mp 144-146 °C (not reported); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.97-7.96 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.27 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.57 (s, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H); ^{13}C

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NMR (CDCl₃, 125MHz) δ 196.3, 153.1, 149.1, 143.9, 140.9, 136.9, 130.5, 124.8, 124.6, 123.5, 111.9, 109.9, 56.1, 56.1.

(4-Aminopyrimidin-5-yl)(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)methanone (**3kh**). Yellow solid (82.1 mg, 71% yield), mp 136-138 °C; IR (KBr) 3444, 3331, 3013, 1629, 1613, 1580, 1527, 1503, 1450, 1407, 1238, 1135, 993, 921, 801, 776, 666, 540 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500MHz) δ 8.66-8.63 (m, 2H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 2H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125MHz) δ 195.5, 162.8, 161.1, 160.9, 153.2, 141.9, 132.9, 111.4, 106.8, 61.1, 56.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₆N₃O₄⁺ [M + H]⁺ 290.1135, found 290.1144.

7-Benzoyl-2-oxoindoline (**4a**). Yellow solid (84.5 mg, 89% yield), mp 153-154 °C (Lit.²⁹ 154 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 9.57 (s, 1H), 7.72-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125MHz) δ 196.8, 176.7, 145.6, 138.0, 132.2, 131.1, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 127.0, 121.0, 117.9, 35.1.

7-(4-Bromobenzoyl)-2-oxoindoline (**4b**). Yellow solid (89.7 mg, 71% yield), mp 195-196 °C (Lit.³⁰ 196-198 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500MHz) δ 9.49 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125MHz) δ 195.6, 176.4, 145.7, 136.7, 131.7, 130.9, 130.7, 129.2, 127.2, 121.1, 117.6, 112.0, 35.1.

7-(3-Methoxybenzoyl)-2-oxoindoline (**4c**). Yellow solid (82.3 mg, 77% yield), mp 131-133 °C; IR (KBr) 3318, 1728, 1712, 1651, 1583, 1509, 1418, 1338, 1168, 1122, 868, 688 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 9.69 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 196.4, 176.8, 159.6, 145.5, 139.2, 131.0, 129.3, 129.0, 127.0, 121.9, 121.0, 118.3, 118.0, 114.0, 55.5, 35.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NO₃⁺ [M + H]⁺ 268.0968, found 268.0961.

7-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzoyl)-2-oxoindoline (**4d**). Yellow solid (101.1 mg, 85% yield), mp 154-156 °C; IR (KBr) 3308, 1712, 1712, 1651, 1583, 1513, 1418, 1338, 1165, 868, 771, 681 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 9.36 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.34 (m,

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2H), 7.04 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 195.1, 176.5, 152.9, 149.1, 145.3, 130.6, 130.5, 128.5, 127.0, 124.5, 120.8, 118.4, 112.0, 109.9, 56.1, 56.1, 35.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_4^+ [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 298.1074, found 298.1066.

7-(3,4,5-Trimethoxybenzoyl)-2-oxoindoline (4e). Yellow solid (73.3 mg, 56% yield), mp 156-158 °C; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3311, 2961, 1722, 1702, 1649, 1580, 1503, 1411, 1338, 1314, 1165, 1122, 862, 764, 698 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 9.45 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 6H), 3.58 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 195.7, 176.5, 153.0, 145.5, 141.8, 133.0, 130.7, 128.9, 127.1, 120.9, 118.0, 107.1, 61.0, 56.3, 35.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_5^+ [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 328.1179, found 328.1183.

7-(4-Fluorobenzoyl)indole (5a). Yellow solid (68.9 mg, 72% yield), mp 101-102 °C (Lit.³¹ 103-104 °C); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 10.40 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.66 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 196.7, 135.7, 131.9, 131.9, 129.6, 127.9, 127.4, 126.5, 126.1, 125.9, 125.9, 119.7, 119.2, 118.7, 115.5, 103.8, 102.7.

7-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)indole (5b). Yellow solid (76.7 mg, 75% yield), mp 149 °C (Lit.³² 149-151 °C); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 10.38 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.16 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 196.8, 137.8, 137.4, 135.6, 130.8, 129.6, 128.6, 127.9, 127.5, 125.9, 119.1, 118.7, 102.7.

7-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)indole (5c). Yellow solid (76.4 mg, 76% yield), mp 156-158 °C; IR (KBr) 3358, 1628, 1586, 1586, 1513, 1406, 1265, 1035, 872, 856 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 10.36 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 196.8, 162.6, 135.8, 131.9, 131.6, 129.4, 127.6, 126.7, 125.7, 119.8, 118.6, 113.6, 102.5, 55.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2^+ [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 252.1019, found 252.1026.

7-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzoyl)indole (5d). Yellow solid (91.1 mg, 81% yield), mp 98-100 °C; IR (KBr)

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3351, 2914, 1626, 1596, 1580, 1510, 1404, 1265, 1139, 1023, 888, 867, 734, 627 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 10.32 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.16 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 196.7, 152.3, 148.9, 135.8, 131.6, 129.5, 127.5, 126.7, 125.7, 124.3, 119.2, 118.4, 112.2, 109.9, 102.6, 56.1, 56.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 282.1125, found 282.1132.

7-(3,4,5-Trimethoxybenzoyl)indole (5e). Yellow solid (88.4 mg, 71% yield), mp 112-113 $^\circ\text{C}$ (Lit.³³ 114.1-115.2 $^\circ\text{C}$); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 10.36 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (s, 2H), 6.67-6.65 (m, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 197.1, 152.9, 141.1, 135.7, 134.2, 129.5, 127.7, 127.1, 125.9, 119.4, 118.6, 107.1, 102.7, 61.0, 56.3.

7-(4-Phenylbenzoyl)indole (5f). Yellow solid (102.3 mg, 86% yield), mp 155-157 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR (KBr) 3361, 1636, 1581, 1576, 1532, 1404, 1143, 1013, 877, 721, 636 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 10.48 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 197.8, 144.4, 140.2, 137.8, 135.7, 130.1, 129.5, 129.0, 128.1, 127.2, 126.5, 125.9, 119.7, 119.5, 118.7, 103.7, 102.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 298.1226, found 298.1231.

7-(2-Naphthalenoyl)indole (5g). Yellow solid (98.7 mg, 91% yield), mp 87-89 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR (KBr) 3345, 1631, 1592, 1570, 1512, 1408, 1255, 1141, 1033, 871, 743, 631 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 10.48 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.00-7.93 (m, 4H), 7.90-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.15-7.20 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 198.1, 136.3, 134.8, 132.3, 130.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.2, 127.9, 127.2, 126.8, 126.5, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8, 119.7, 118.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 272.1070, found 272.1076.

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