

Supporting Information

The Direct Electrophilic Cyanation of β -Keto Esters and Amides with Cyano Benziodoxole

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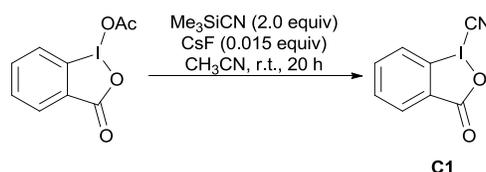
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1. General Information

The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz) NMR, $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz) spectra for solution in CDCl_3 are recorded on a Bruker Avance 400. ^1H NMR spectra are internally referenced to CDCl_3 signal ($\delta = 7.26$ ppm) and ^{13}C NMR spectra are internally referenced to CDCl_3 signal ($\delta = 77.0$ ppm). IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ALPHA FT-IR-Spektrometer. The melting and decomposition points of **C1**, **C2** were recorded on a METTLER TOLEDO differential scanning calorimeter at a scan rate of $10\text{ }^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$, the melting points of **2b-2d**, **2k-2m** and **2o** were determined on a XT4A melting point apparatus (uncorrected). HRMS was recorded on Bruker Apex IV FTMS. Analytical TLC is performed using F254 pre-coated silica gel plate. Column chromatography is performed with silica gel (200–300 mesh). Petroleum ether (PE) has a boiling point ranging $60\text{--}90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. All reactions are performed in oven-dried glassware under a positive pressure of argon using typical vacuum-line techniques unless otherwise noted. Solvents are dry and transferred *via* syringe into the reaction vessels through a rubber septum. Substrate **1a-1g** and **1j** was prepared according to literature procedure.¹ The tert-butyl and 1-admantyl β -keto esters **1h** and **1i** were synthesized by transesterification of the methyl ester.² The β -keto amides **1k-1q** was synthesized by aminolysis of the ethyl ester.

2. Synthesis of **C1**, **C2**, **C4**, **3a** and **3b**

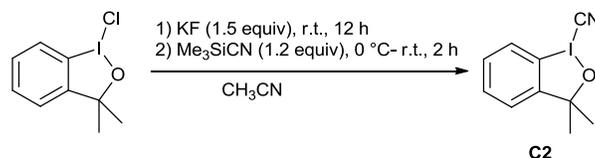
1-Cyano-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1H)-one (**C1**).



Following a modified procedure,³ CsF (27 mg, 0.015 equiv) and 1-acetoxy-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1H)-one⁴ (4.58 g, 15.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were dissolved in dry acetonitrile (40 mL) under Ar atmosphere. After the addition of Me_3SiCN (4.3 mL, 30 mmol, 2.0 equiv), the mixture was stirred for 20 h at room temperature. The product was filtered off, washed with acetonitrile, and dried at $40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in Glass Oven under vacuum. Then the pure target product **C1** was obtained.

White solid, 89.8% yield; mp $194\text{--}197\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (dec.) (lit.,³ $155\text{--}158\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, lit.,⁵ $173\text{--}175\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 8.31$ (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (td, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H) ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 2160, 1627\text{ cm}^{-1}$. NMR data correspond to the reported values.^{3,5}

1-Cyano-3,3-dimethyl-3-(1H)-1,2-benziodoxole (**C2**)

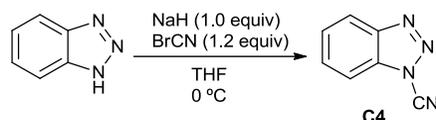


The anhydrous KF (0.29 g, 5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was flame-dried in a sheleck bottle. After the bottle was cooled to room temperature under Ar atmosphere, 1-chloro-3,3-dimethyl-1,2-benziodoxole⁶ (0.99 g, 3.3 mmol, 1 equiv) followed by anhydrous MeCN (10 mL) was added. The resulting suspension was vigorously stirred for 12 h. Then the resulting suspension was cooled in an ice-salt bath to $-10\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, and Me_3SiCN (0.63 mL, 4.3 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was injected. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, allowed to warm to rt, and filtered over a 1 cm thick pad of Celite and the filter cake was washed with a little dry MeCN under Ar atmosphere. The brown solution was concentrated to dryness. The crude was washed with PE and dissolved in ether. The ether solution was filtered under Ar to remove the precipita-

tion. After addition of PE to the ether solution, the product was precipitated. The product was filtered off, washed with PE, and dried at room temperature in Glass Oven under vacuum.

White solid, 45.2% yield; mp 116-124 °C (lit.,⁵ 97-101 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 6H) ppm. ¹³C (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 148.0, 131.6, 130.8, 128.2, 126.8, 111.4, 97.8, 80.3, 30.1 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2138 cm⁻¹. NMR data correspond to the reported values.⁵

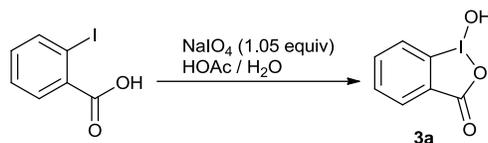
1-Cyanobenzo-1,2,3-triazol (C4)



Following a slightly modified procedure,⁷ a solution of benzotriazole (1.49 g, 12.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (5 mL) was added to NaH (0.5 g, 12.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (10 mL). The solution was stirred for 1 h, then cyanogen bromide (1.67 g, 15 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added over 15 min in an ice bath. The reaction mixture was stirred in another 1h at room temperature. Then the solution was filtered and the solvent was evaporated to give the crude product. The crude product was sublimed at 75 °C (1 Torr) to give of 1-cyanobenzo-1,2,3-triazole.

White crystal, 85.2% yield, mp 72-74 °C (lit.,⁷ 73-75 °C); IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2922, 2249, 1604, 1452, 1317, 1222, 956, 765 cm⁻¹.

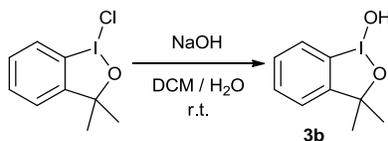
1-Hydroxy-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1H)-one (3a).



Following a literature procedure,⁴ To a mixture of acetic acid (15 mL) and of water (22 mL) were added 2-iodobenzoic acid (7.44 g, 30 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NaIO₄ (6.9 g, 31.5 mmol, 1.05 equiv). The mixture was refluxed for 4 h and then cooled to 10 °C within 2 h. The mixture was charged into 180 mL of water. The solids were collected by filtration and washed with water (14 mL) and acetone (7 mL). The product was dried at 40 °C in a glass oven to yield g of **3a**.

White solid, 98% yield, mp 256-258 °C (lit.,⁴ 258 °C); IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2832, 2396, 1602, 1557, 1437, 1336, 739, 579 cm⁻¹.

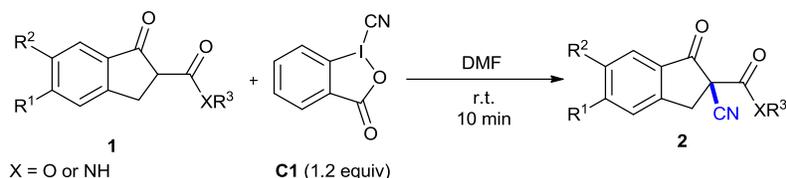
1-Hydroxy-3,3-dimethyl-3-(1H)-1,2-benziodoxole (3b)



Following a literature procedure,⁸ the 1-chloro-3,3-dimethyl-3-(1H)-1,2-benziodoxole (296.5 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in DCM (5 mL) and NaOH (40.0 mg, 1 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in water (1 mL) was added. After 3 h, the organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO₄, filtered over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was recrystallized in EtOAc, washed with PE and dried under vacuum to afford **3b**.

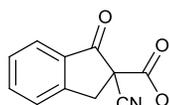
Needle crystal, 38% yield, mp 151-153 °C (lit.,⁴ 140-142 °C); IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2956, 1426, 1152, 952, 867, 767, 630 cm⁻¹.

3. General procedure for the electrophilic cyanation of β -keto esters and amides



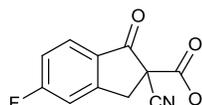
The cyclic β -keto ester or amide (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and cyano benziodoxole **C1** (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were added into a reaction tube. After the addition of DMF (0.2 mL), the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC indicated the completion of the reaction (0.15 h -1 h). The crude mixture was purified directly by column chromatography on silica gel with PE/EtOAc (15:1 to 10:1) as eluent.

4. Characterization data for cyanation products



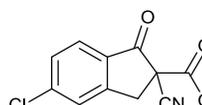
Ethyl 2-cyano-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (**2a**)

White solid, 95% yield; mp 91-93 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.85 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 190.7, 164.0, 151.5, 136.9, 132.1, 128.9, 126.5, 126.3, 115.8, 64.2, 54.3, 37.5, 13.9 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2983, 2247, 1725, 1589, 1243, 1210, 902, 749 cm^{-1} . NMR data correspond to the reported values.⁹



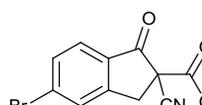
Ethyl 2-cyano-5-fluoro-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (**2b**)

White solid, 89% yield; mp 74-75 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.87 (dd, J = 8.3 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.33 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 188.8, 168.3 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 260.3 Hz), 167.0, 163.8, 154.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 10.9 Hz), 128.8 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 10.9 Hz), 128.4 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 1.8 Hz), 117.6 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 24.0 Hz), 115.5, 113.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 23.2 Hz), 64.4, 54.5, 37.2 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.2 Hz), 13.9 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2989, 2247, 1724, 1589, 1234, 1209, 1087, 978, 863, 648 cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3$ [$M+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$: 265.0983 found: 265.0985.



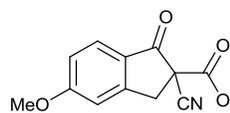
Ethyl 5-chloro-2-cyano-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (**2c**)

White solid, 87% yield; mp 66-67 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.78 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.27 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 189.3, 163.7, 152.9, 143.9, 130.5, 129.9, 127.2, 126.8, 115.4, 64.4, 54.4, 37.1, 13.9 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2940, 2246, 1725, 1595, 1242, 1207, 1062, 905, 759 cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3$ [$M+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$: 281.0687 found: 281.0686.



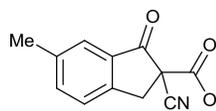
Ethyl 5-bromo-2-cyano-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (**2d**)

White solid, 88% yield; mp 94-96 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.74 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (m, 1CH), 4.33 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.66 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 189.5, 163.7, 152.9, 132.8, 132.7, 131.0, 129.9, 127.2, 115.4, 64.4, 54.3, 37.0, 13.9 ppm. HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrNNaO}_3$ [$M+\text{Na}$] $^+$: 329.9736 found: 329.9736.



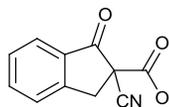
Ethyl 2-cyano-5-methoxy-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate (**2e**)

Colorless oil, 96% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.76 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.88 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 188.5, 167.0, 164.4, 154.8, 128.0, 124.9, 117.2, 116.1, 109.5, 64.1, 56.0, 54.6, 37.4, 13.9 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2939, 2247, 1716, 1595, 1251, 1089, 890 cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4$ [$M+\text{H}$] $^+$: 260.0917 found: 260.0916.



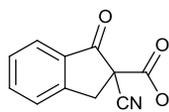
Ethyl 2-cyano-5-methyl-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate (**2f**)

Colorless oil, 95% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.4 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (q, J = 7.12 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 190.7, 164.2, 149.0, 139.2, 138.3, 132.3, 126.1, 126.0, 115.9, 64.1, 54.6, 37.2, 21.0, 13.9 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2983, 2248, 1723, 1494, 1249, 1194, 1009, 752 cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ [$M+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$: 261.1234 found: 261.1231.



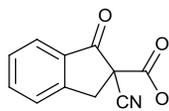
Methyl 2-cyano-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate (**2g**)

Colorless oil, 93% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d, J = 17.37 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 3H), 3.70 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 190.6, 164.6, 151.5, 137.1, 132.1, 129.1, 126.6, 126.4, 115.8, 54.7, 54.2, 37.6 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2958, 2248, 1725, 1603, 1443, 1248, 906, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ [$M+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$: 233.0921 found: 233.0917.



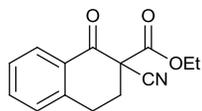
Tert-butyl 2-cyano-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate (**2h**)

Colorless oil, 89% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.84 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 191.2, 162.8, 151.6, 136.7, 132.3, 128.8, 126.4, 126.1, 116.1, 85.8, 55.2, 37.5, 27.6 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2981, 2247, 1725, 1604, 1251, 1146, 902, 834, 736 cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ [$M+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$: 275.1390 found: 275.1390.



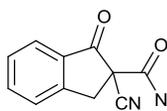
1-Adamantyl 2-cyano-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate (**2i**)

Colorless oil, 95% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 6H), 1.64 (s, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 191.2, 162.3, 151.6, 136.7, 132.3, 128.7, 126.4, 126.1, 116.1, 85.8, 55.3, 40.8, 37.5, 35.8, 30.9 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2910, 2246, 1725, 1603, 1210, 1042, 903, 724 cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_3$ [$M+\text{Na}$] $^+$: 358.1414 found: 358.1411.



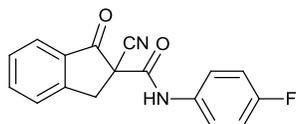
Ethyl 2-cyano-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (**2j**)

Colorless oil, 90% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.07 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (td, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.40-4.32 (m, 2H), 3.33-3.25 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.08 (m, 1H), 2.92-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.58 (m, 1H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 185.0, 164.7, 142.5, 135.1, 129.4, 129.0, 129.0, 127.6, 114.8, 63.7, 55.5, 31.3, 25.4, 13.9 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2983, 2245, 1742, 1692, 1599, 1223, 909, 741 cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for [$M+\text{H}$] $^+$: 244.0968 found: 244.0968.



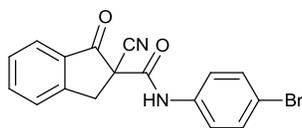
2-Cyano-*N*-phenyl-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxamide (**2k**)

White solid, 94% yield; mp 136-139 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.43 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 193.8, 158.1, 152.6, 137.4, 136.6, 131.8, 129.1, 128.9, 126.6, 126.1, 125.5, 120.3, 116.9, 54.1, 35.3 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3331, 2250, 1718, 1598, 1535, 1272, 905, 753, 690 cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for [$M+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$: 277.0972 found: 277.0970.



2-Cyano-*N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxamide (**2l**)

White solid, 85% yield; mp 136-139 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, J = 7.12, 1H), 7.58 (s, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.05 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (t, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 188.6, 154.6 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 290.2 Hz), 147.4, 132.3, 127.4 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.8 Hz), 126.6, 123.7, 121.5, 121.0, 117.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.0 Hz), 111.7, 110.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 22.6 Hz), 104.5, 48.8, 30.1 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3341, 2923, 2239, 1723, 1606, 1508, 1272, 1213, 906, 832 cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$ [$M+\text{H}$] $^+$: 295.0877 found: 295.0877.

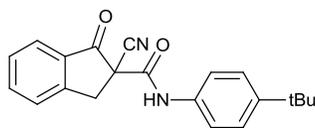


N-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-cyano-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxamide

(**2m**)

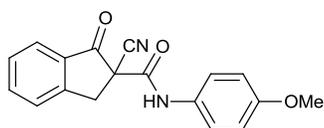
White solid, 84% yield; mp 135-140 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 5H), 4.35 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 193.7, 158.3, 152.6, 137.6, 135.7, 132.1, 131.7, 129.0, 126.7, 126.2, 121.9, 118.4, 116.7, 54.1, 35.2 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3336, 2926, 2239,

1726, 1595, 1527, 1488, 1395, 1727, 1073, 906, 824 cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}_2\text{NaO}_2$ [$M+\text{Na}$] $^+$: 376.9896 found: 376.9894.



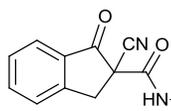
N-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-cyano-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxamide (**2n**)

Colorless oil, 90% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 7.7$, 1H), 7.75 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.36 (d, $J = 17.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, $J = 17.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 193.8, 158.1, 152.6, 148.7, 137.4, 134.1, 131.9, 128.8, 126.6, 126.1, 126.0, 120.0, 117.0, 54.1, 35.3, 34.5, 31.3$ ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 3341, 2962, 2252, 1725, 1598, 1523, 1271, 1202, 905, 832, 727$ cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2$ [$M+\text{Na}$] $^+$: 355.1414 found: 355.1417.



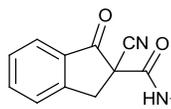
2-Cyano-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxamide (**2o**)

White solid, 95% yield; mp 109-113 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 3H), 6.87 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.35 (d, $J = 17.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.63 (d, $J = 17.53$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 193.9, 157.2, 152.7, 141.8, 137.4, 131.9, 129.7, 128.8, 126.6, 126.1, 122.2, 117.0, 114.2, 55.4, 54.0, 35.4$ ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 3350, 2923, 2237, 1711, 1531, 1230, 1176, 994, 826, 739$ cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ [$M+\text{H}$] $^+$: 307.1077 found: 307.1075.



N-Benzyl-2-cyano-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxamide (**2p**)

Colorless oil, 90% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.83 (d, $J = 7.72$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, $J = 7.73$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.52$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 4.56-4.46 (m, 2H), 4.28 (d, $J = 17.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, $J = 17.4$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 193.4, 160.9, 152.7, 137.2, 136.6, 131.9, 128.9, 128.7, 127.8, 127.5, 126.6, 126.1, 117.2, 53.8, 44.9, 35.6$ ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 3363, 2927, 2240, 1726, 1523, 1252, 906, 744$ cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2$ [$M+\text{Na}$] $^+$: 313.0947 found: 313.0950.



N-(1-Adamantyl)-2-cyano-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxamide (**2q**)

Colorless oil, 93% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.80 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, $J = 7.09$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 4.19 (d, $J = 17.4$, 1H), 3.50 (d, $J = 17.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 6H), 1.67 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 194.0, 158.9, 152.7, 137.0, 132.0, 128.6, 126.5, 125.9, 117.6, 54.3, 53.6, 40.9, 36.1, 35.4, 29.3$ ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu} = 3363, 2907, 2236, 1724, 1520, 1270, 1234, 906, 744$ cm^{-1} . HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2$ [$M+\text{Na}$] $^+$: 357.1573 found: 357.1577.

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