

# A highly efficient thiourea catalyzed dehydrative nucleophilic substitution reaction of 3-substituted oxindoles with xanthhydrols

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**General:** Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography using UV light to visualize the course of reaction. Purification of reaction products were carried out by flash chromatography on silica gel. Chemical yields refer to pure isolated substances.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were obtained using a Bruker DPX-400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. The following abbreviations were used to designate chemical shift multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, h = heptet, m = multiplet, br = broad.

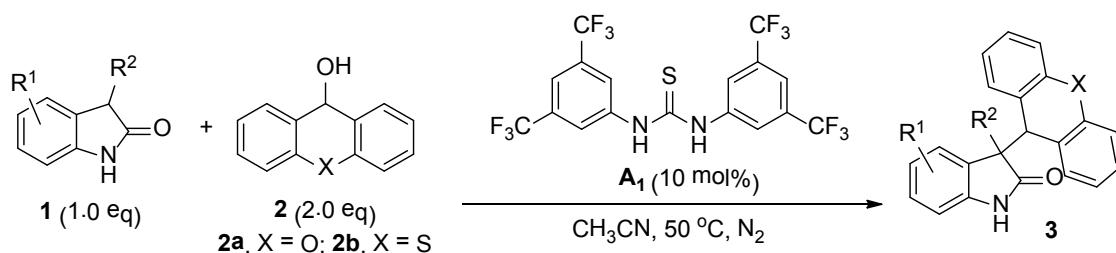
All reactions were run under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere. Anhydrous THF and toluene were prepared by distillation over sodium-benzophenone ketyl prior to use. Anhydrous acetone was distilled over anhydrous  $\text{CaSO}_4$  and stored over MS 4 $\text{\AA}$ . Anhydrous DMF was prepared by first distillation over anhydrous  $\text{CaSO}_4$  and then from MS 4  $\text{\AA}$ . Anhydrous halogenated solvents and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  were prepared by first distillation over  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  and then from  $\text{CaH}_2$ . Anhydrous Ethyl acetate was prepared by first dried in anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and then distilled over  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  and stored over MS 4 $\text{\AA}$ . Anhydrous  $\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$  was prepared by first dried in anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and then distilled under reduced pressure. Oxindoles **1** were prepared according to literature report.<sup>1</sup> 9H-xanthen-9-ol (**2a**) and 9H-thioxanthen-9-ol (**2b**) were prepared through the reduction of corresponding ketone using  $\text{NaBH}_4$ .<sup>2</sup>  $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$  and  $\text{CuCl}$  were purchased individually from Strem chemicals and Aldrich. Thiourea catalysts **A1-A4**<sup>3a</sup>, **B1-B2**<sup>3b</sup>, **C1-C2**<sup>3c</sup> were prepared according to the literature methods.

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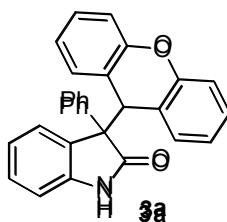
<sup>2</sup> X.- Q. Zhu, Z. Dai, A. Yu, S. Wu and J.-P. Cheng, *J. Phys. Chem. B.*, 2008, **112**, 11694.

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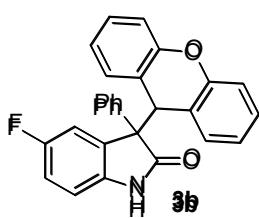
**General procedure for the dehydrative nucleophilic substitution reaction of 3-substituted oxindoles with 9H-xanthen-9-ol (**2a**) and 9H-thioxanthen-9-ol (**2b**)**



Under an atmosphere of  $\text{N}_2$ , to a flame-dried Schlenk tube were added **A<sub>1</sub>** (12.5 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.1 eq), oxindole **1** (0.25 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2a** or **2b** (0.5 mmol, 2.0 eq) and 1.0 mL of anhydrous  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ . The reaction mixture was heated to  $50^\circ\text{C}$  and stirred till almost full conversion of **1** by TLC analysis. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was subjected to column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as the eluent to afford the desired product **3**.

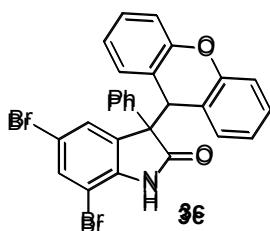


Column chromatography afforded the desired product **3a** in 81% yield as white solid. Mp 213-215  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.91 (m, 2H), 6.73-6.64 (m, 3H), 6.59-6.57 (m, 1H), 6.44-6.42 (m, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 178.82, 153.54, 152.80, 140.62, 136.36, 129.97, 129.86, 128.73, 128.47, 128.45, 128.22, 128.18, 127.79, 127.66, 127.05, 122.74, 122.20, 121.49, 120.16, 119.82, 116.06, 115.72, 109.11, 63.24, 48.57; IR (neat): 2928, 1713, 1475, 1253, 878, 739, 696  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 412.1308, Found: 412.1305.

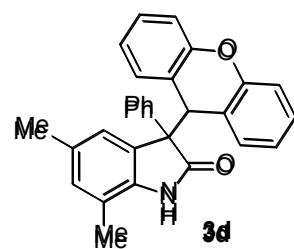


Column chromatography afforded the desired product **3b** in 76% yield as white solid. Mp 252-253  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.71-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.95-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.83 (m, 1H), 6.77-6.69 (m, 2H), 6.52-6.49 (m, 1H), 6.42-6.36 (m, 2H), 5.15 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 177.54, 158.17, 155.83, 153.05, 152.28, 138.34, 136.27, 130.02, 129.82, 128.91, 128.73, 128.65, 128.54, 128.33, 128.21, 127.69, 122.86, 122.40, 119.86, 119.79, 115.81, 115.64, 115.04, 114.81, 114.53, 114.27, 109.82,

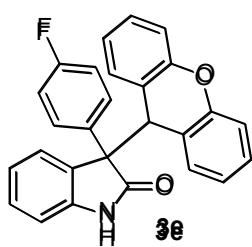
109.74, 63.10, 46.87;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = -120.77; IR (neat): 3250, 1714, 1480, 1253, 1095, 755, 697, 650  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNNaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 430.1214, Found: 430.1202.



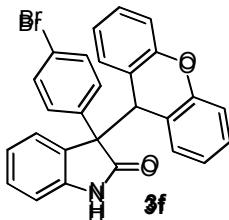
Column chromatography afforded the product **3c** in 83% yield as white solid. Mp 234-236  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.66-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.93 (m, 1H), 6.82-6.80 (m, 1H), 6.74-6.70 (m, 1H), 6.59-6.58 (m, 1H), 6.41-6.39 (m, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 177.18, 153.54, 152.59, 139.42, 135.12, 133.21, 129.78, 129.74, 128.98, 128.65, 128.46, 128.35, 128.12, 123.03, 122.45, 119.30, 118.93, 116.14, 116.09, 114.35, 102.37, 65.10, 49.10; IR (neat): 3190, 1708, 1455, 1253, 898, 757, 699, 632  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{17}\text{Br}_2\text{NNaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 567.9518, Found: 567.9501.



Column chromatography afforded the desired product **3d** in 80% yield as yellow solid. Mp 190-192  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.77 (m, 2H), 6.71-6.68 (m, 2H), 6.43-6.41 (m, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 179.41, 153.73, 152.71, 137.05, 136.69, 130.66, 130.00, 129.84, 129.82, 128.83, 128.38, 128.06, 128.00, 127.49, 126.60, 125.94, 122.53, 122.01, 120.24, 119.71, 117.84, 115.76, 115.61, 63.76, 48.63, 21.14, 16.14; IR (neat): 2974, 2893, 1695, 1477, 1255, 1089, 1049, 880, 750, 696, 644  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 440.1621, Found: 440.1608.



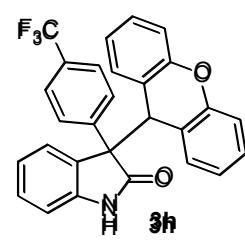
Column chromatography afforded the desired product **3e** in 89% yield as white solid. Mp 226-228  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.73-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.01 (m, 4H), 6.96-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.76-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.65-6.63 (m, 1H), 6.58-6.56 (m, 1H), 6.42-6.40 (m, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 178.87, 163.54, 161.09, 153.53, 152.75, 140.61, 132.21, 132.18, 130.51, 130.43, 129.90, 129.74, 128.61, 128.29, 127.62, 126.95, 122.75, 122.30, 121.65, 119.93, 119.62, 116.17, 115.79, 115.10, 114.89, 109.26, 62.63, 48.78;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = -114.75; IR (neat): 3300, 1713, 1476, 1256, 812, 743, 679  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNNaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 430.1214, Found: 430.1203.



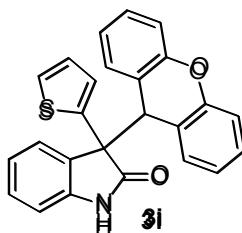
Column chromatography afforded the desired product **3f** in 75% yield as white solid. Mp 218-220 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.62-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.79-6.71 (m, 2H), 6.63-6.58 (m, 2H), 6.46-6.44 (m, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 178.49, 153.52, 152.46, 140.59, 135.57, 131.26, 130.49, 129.87, 129.74, 128.70, 128.66, 128.35, 127.59, 126.60, 122.76, 122.43, 122.04, 121.70, 119.84, 119.47, 116.21, 115.80, 109.31, 62.87, 48.59; IR (neat): 3290, 1706, 1474, 1250, 1098, 1007, 816, 767, 673  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrNNaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 490.0413, Found: 490.0404.



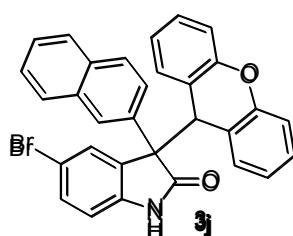
Column chromatography afforded the desired product **3g** in 86% yield as white solid. Mp 223-224 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.59-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.11 (m, 4H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.94-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.70 (m, 2H), 6.62-6.56 (m, 2H), 6.50-6.48 (m, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 179.38, 153.53, 152.77, 140.80, 137.30, 133.31, 130.07, 129.82, 128.86, 128.56, 128.38, 128.34, 128.14, 127.63, 127.31, 122.68, 122.19, 121.39, 120.30, 119.87, 115.99, 115.65, 109.19, 63.14, 48.24, 21.03; IR (neat): 3300, 1707, 1454, 1251, 1099, 1020, 812, 744, 698, 630  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (ESI): 426 [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 426.1448, Found: 426.1465.



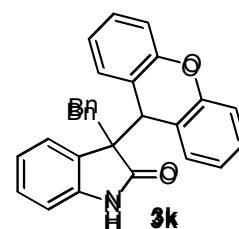
Column chromatography afforded the desired product **3h** in 91% yield as white solid. Mp 193-194 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.89-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.06-6.96 (m, 3H), 6.88-6.84 (m, 1H), 6.74-6.62 (m, 4H), 6.40-6.38 (m, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 178.39, 153.58, 152.83, 140.68, 140.59, 129.72, 129.21, 128.91, 128.81, 128.47, 127.68, 126.43, 125.07 (q,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz), 122.82, 122.47, 121.88, 119.71, 119.36, 116.37, 115.90, 109.49, 63.30, 48.85;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = -62.49; IR (neat): 3360, 2975, 1702, 1455, 1323, 1251, 1049, 974, 881, 748  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 480.1182, Found: 480.1177.



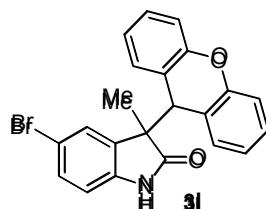
Column chromatography afforded the desired product **3i** in 65% yield as white solid. Mp 180-182 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.51-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.04 (m, 4H), 6.98-6.90 (m, 3H), 6.84-6.80 (m, 1H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.59-6.56 (m, 2H), 4.94 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 178.34, 153.48, 152.71, 140.42, 140.17, 129.73, 129.67, 128.79, 128.66, 128.35, 128.05, 127.52, 126.53, 126.46, 125.81, 122.77, 122.38, 121.86, 119.84, 119.46, 115.99, 115.75, 109.19, 61.11, 50.29; IR (neat): 2892, 1698, 1618, 1475, 1255, 747, 714, 653  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{17}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 418.0872, Found: 418.0853.



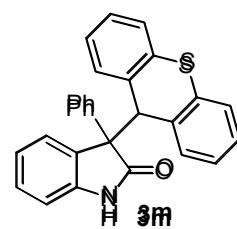
Column chromatography afforded the desired product **3j** in 82% yield as white solid. Mp 253-255 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.16-8.14 (m, 1H), 7.95-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.88-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.89 (m, 1H), 6.79-6.77 (m, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.60-6.57 (m, 1H), 6.51-6.49 (m, 1H), 6.42-6.41 (m, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 177.05, 153.21, 152.39, 141.49, 133.95, 132.37, 132.16, 131.32, 130.12, 129.63, 129.57, 129.41, 128.94, 128.63, 128.22, 127.76, 127.41, 127.22, 126.53, 126.34, 122.90, 122.43, 119.90, 119.66, 115.77, 115.72, 112.75, 111.00, 63.37, 46.48; IR (neat): 3218, 1716, 1476, 1256, 814, 751, 691  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrNNaO}_2 [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 540.0570, Found: 540.0558.



Column chromatography afforded the desired product **3k** in 65% yield as white solid. Mp 265-266 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.50-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.85 (m, 6H), 6.78-6.72 (m, 4H), 6.24-6.22 (m, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 3.43 (AB,  $J$  = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (AB,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 179.62, 153.86, 152.77, 140.44, 135.51, 131.08, 130.02, 129.28, 128.84, 128.39, 128.03, 127.49, 126.25, 125.10, 122.83, 122.79, 121.62, 120.85, 120.62, 116.82, 115.73, 108.49, 61.06, 46.82, 41.25; IR (neat): 3304, 2972, 1694, 1455, 1253, 1051, 903, 760, 698, 655  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (ESI): 426  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_2 [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 426.1465, Found: 426.1452.



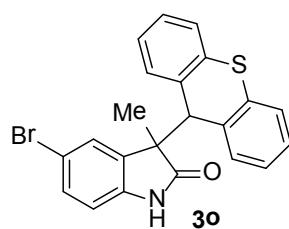
Column chromatography afforded the desired product **3l** in 85% yield as white solid. Mp 240-242 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.40-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.93-6.89 (m, 1H), 6.79-6.77 (m, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.44-6.42 (m, 1H), 4.38 (s, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 181.59, 153.69, 152.63, 139.06, 133.30, 130.73, 129.03, 128.98, 128.23, 127.69, 122.79, 122.73, 120.47, 119.96, 116.65, 116.00, 114.68, 110.23, 55.04, 46.56, 21.06; IR (neat): 3252, 2966, 1713, 1668, 1476, 1253, 1097, 815, 765, 695, 612  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNNaO}_2$  [M+Na] $^+$ : 428.0257, Found: 428.0248.



Column chromatography afforded the desired product **3m** in 79% yield as white solid. Mp 206-208 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 7.81-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.00 (m, 6H), 6.88-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.66-6.59 (m, 3H), 5.32 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 178.34, 141.13, 136.67, 134.89, 133.12, 132.35, 131.04, 130.44, 129.67, 129.51, 128.84, 128.53, 128.09, 127.48, 127.17, 127.04, 126.82, 125.76, 125.61, 125.57, 125.16, 121.30, 109.11, 63.25, 56.16; IR (neat): 2924, 1693, 1469, 1208, 1038, 789, 734, 695, 632  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaOS}$  [M+Na] $^+$ : 428.1080, Found: 428.1072.



Column chromatography afforded the desired product **3n** in 63% yield as white solid. Mp 215-216 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.57-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.07-7.02 (m, 3H), 6.99-6.90 (m, 5H), 6.83-6.76 (m, 4H), 6.26-6.24 (m, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 3.47 (AB,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (AB,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 179.55, 140.69, 135.51, 134.90, 133.04, 132.33, 131.49, 130.73, 130.63, 130.17, 128.21, 128.08, 127.52, 127.39, 127.17, 126.86, 126.70, 126.19, 125.80, 125.74, 125.69, 121.23, 108.40, 61.05, 54.32, 41.61; IR (neat): 2924, 1698, 1468, 1037, 909, 748, 697, 651  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaOS}$  [M+Na] $^+$ : 442.1236, Found: 442.1230.

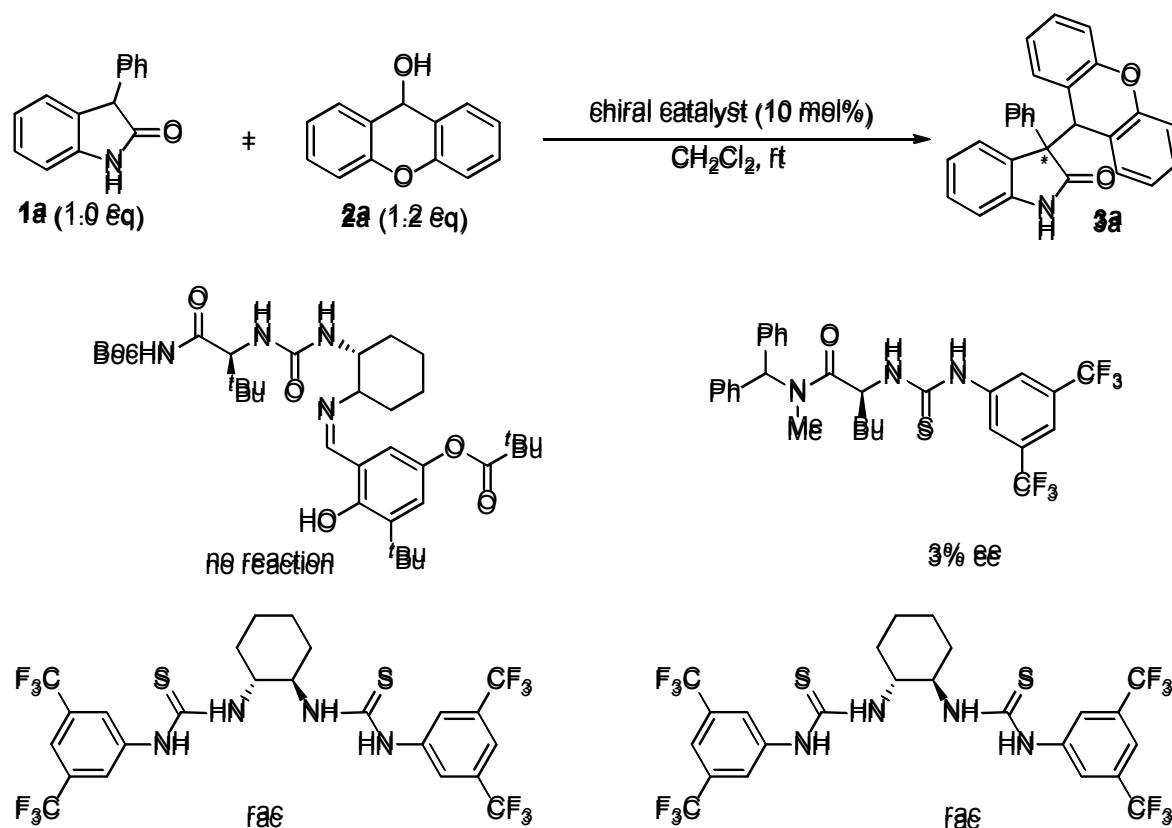


Column chromatography afforded the desired product **3o** in 79% yield as white solid. Mp 214-215 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.43-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 3H), 6.71-6.70 (m, 1H), 6.45-6.43 (m, 1H), 4.50 (s, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):

$\delta = 181.11, 139.08, 134.68, 133.40, 132.83, 132.10, 131.12, 130.74, 130.57, 130.06, 129.28, 127.70, 127.05, 126.56, 125.93, 125.78, 125.75, 114.62, 109.99, 55.08, 54.07, 21.77$ ; IR (neat): 3341, 2924, 1708, 1469, 1377, 1278, 1048, 880, 746, 616  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNNaOS}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 444.0028, Found: 444.0026.

### The catalytic asymmetric version of **1a** with **2a** catalyzed by chiral (thio)urea catalysts

To a 5.0 mL vial were successively added chiral (thio)urea (0.005 mmol, 0.1 eq), **1a** (10.5 mg, 0.05 mmol), **2a** (19.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2.0 eq) and 0.5 mL of anhydrous  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The mixture was stirred at room temperature. Generally, the reaction proceeded very slowly and **1a** could not be consumed even after 48 h. The ee value of the product **3a** was determined by HPLC analysis of a sample taken from the reaction mixture. Unfortunately, since almost no enantioselectivity was observed when several widely used chiral ureas were examined, so we did not check the yield of **3a**.



**The high resolution mass data for the complex of 1a and A<sub>5</sub>**

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Instrument



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C 24 H 25 N 2 Na 1 O 4 S 1	0.047	460.1427	-2.58	-4.86	-1.19	13.00	ok	odd
C 27 H 23 N 3 Na 1 O 1 S 1	0.055	460.1454	3.25	0.83	1.49	17.50	ok	even

