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Supporting Information

Copper-Catalyzed *N*-Arylation of Azoles and Diazoles using Highly Functionalized Trivalent Organobismuth Reagents

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1. General information

Unless otherwise indicated, all reactions were run under argon in non-flame dried glassware. For reactions performed under oxygen, 99.6% extra dry oxygen was used. Unless otherwise stated, commercial reagents were used without further purification. Grignard reagents were prepared by conventional methods using metallic magnesium or via Knochel's procedure.¹ Triphenylbismuth was prepared according to Barton et al.² Triarylbismuthanes were prepared according to procedures that we previously reported.^{3,4} Anhydrous solvents were obtained using a MBRAUN (model MB-SPS 800) encapsulated solvent purification system. The evolution of reactions was monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography using silica gel 60 F254 precoated plates. Flash chromatography was performed employing 230-400 mesh silica (Silicycle) using the indicated solvent system according to standard techniques.⁵ Melting points were taken on an Electrothermal Mel-TEMP and are uncorrected. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹H, ¹³C) were recorded on a Bruker Avance-III 300MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts for ¹H-NMR spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (chloroform, & 7.27 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, qt = quintuplet, dd = doublet of doublet, m = multiplet), coupling constant J in Hz and integration. Chemical shifts for ${}^{13}C$ spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane using the central peak of deuterochloroform (§ 77.16 ppm) as the internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet 6700 PT-IR from thin films and are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹). HRMS were performed at Université du Québec à Montréal (nanoQAM center) on Agilent Technologies, LC 1200 Series / 6210 TOF LCMS analyzer using the electrospray (ESI) mode.

2. Triarylbismuthanes used in the N-arylation reaction of azoles and diazoles

The organobismuthanes used in this publication are illustrated in Figure S1.



Figure S1. Functionalized organobismuthanes used in this publication. ^{*a*} The synthesis of these organobismuthanes has been reported in P. Petiot and A. Gagnon, *Eur. J. Org. Chem.*, 2013, 5282; ^{*b*} The synthesis of these organobismuthanes has been reported in C. Crifar, P. Petiot, T. Ahmad and A. Gagnon, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2014**, 2755.

3. Synthesis of triarylbismuthanes

Triphenylbismuth was synthesized according to Barton *et al.* (D. H. R. Barton, N. Y. Bhatnagar, J.-P. Finet and W. B. Motherwell, *Tetrahedron*, 1986, **42**, 3111). Triarylbismuthanes **3b**, **3d**, **3f**, **3g**, **3k**, **3m**, **3p** and **3q** were synthesized according to P. Petiot and A. Gagnon (*Eur. J. Org. Chem.*, **2013**, 5282) and C. Crifar, P. Petiot, T. Ahmad and A. Gagnon (*Chem. Eur. J.*, **2014**, 2755). The procedure for the preparation of organobismuthanes **3c**, **3e**, **3h**, **3i**, **3j**, **3l**, **3n**, **3o**, **3r**, **3s**, and **3t** is described below.

a) General procedure for the synthesis of substituted triarylbismuthanes



In a flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a condenser, bismuth chloride (500 mg, 1.6 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (23 mL) under argon and was cooled to -10° C (ice/acetone bath). The organomagnesium reagent **A** (5.23 mmol) was slowly added dropwise under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for one hour and heated at 65°C for 30 minutes. After cooling to r.t., the solution was diluted with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (2 x 100 mL), sat. aq. NaCl (2 x 100 mL), dried over Na₂S₂O₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using the indicated solvent system to afford the desired triarylbismuthane **3**.

Tris(3-methylphenyl)bismuthine (3c)



The general procedure was followed on a 2.4 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 3tolylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(3-methylphenyl)bismuthine (**3c**) as a white solid (1.0 g, 87%); m.p. 64-66°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound⁶: ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

Tris(4-methoxyphenyl)bismuthine (3e)



The general procedure was followed on a 4.4 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 4methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(4-methoxyphenyl)bismuthine (**3e**) as a white solid (1.8 g, 78%): m.p. 70-74°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound⁶: ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

Tris(3-fluorophenyl)bismuthine (3h)



The general procedure was followed on a 2.5 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 3fluorophenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(3-fluorophenyl)bismuthine (**3h**) as a white solid (1.0 g, 81%); m.p. 69-73°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound⁷: ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.06-6.99 (m, 1H).

Tris(3,5-difluorophenyl)bismuthine (3i)



The general procedure was followed on a 2.7 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 3,5difluorophenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(3,5-difluorophenyl)bismuthine (**3i**) as a yellow solid (1.1 g, 74%): m.p. 100-104°C; R_f 0.68 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.03 (m, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 164.2 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 119.7 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.4 Hz), 104.6 (t, *J* = 24.8 Hz); IR (neat) 3088, 1582, 1410, 1263, 1116; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₉BiF₆: 548.0412, found 593.0395 (M+HCO₂).

Tris(2,6-dimethylphenyl)bismuthine (3j)



The general procedure was followed on a 2.5 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 2,6dimethylphenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(2,6-dimethylphenyl)bismuthine (**3j**) as a white solid (1.1 g, 84%): m.p. 128-130°C; $R_f 0.80$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.14-7.10 (m, 3H), 2.34 (s, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 146.0, 128.3, 127.9, 28.1; IR (neat) 3045, 2960, 2918, 1442, 763.

Tris(3-cyclopropylphenyl)bismuthine (3l)



The general procedure was followed on a 0.31 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 3cyclopropylphenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(3-cyclopropylphenyl)bismuthine (**3**I) as a colorless oil (151 mg, 87%): $R_{f.}0.71$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.87-1.81 (m, 1H), 0.95-0.88 (m, 2H), 0.65-0.61 (m, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3) δ 155.1, 145.8, 135.0, 134.8, 130.4, 125.1, 15.6, 9.5; IR (neat) 3078, 3039, 3001, 1589, 1560.

Tris(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)bismuthine (3n)



The general procedure was followed on a 4.4 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 3trifluoromethylphenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)bismuthine (**3n**) as a yellow oil (2.7 g, 95%): $R_f 0.56$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3) δ 156.2, 140.8 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 133.9 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 132.8 (q, *J* = 31.8 Hz), 131.2, 125.3 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 122.5; IR (neat) 3051, 2959, 1592, 1319, 1308, 1114, 1070; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₂BiF₉: 644.0599, found 689.0592 (M+HCO₂).

Tris(4-(dimethoxymethyl)phenyl)bismuthine (30)



The general procedure was followed on a 3.2 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 4-(dimethoxymethyl)phenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(4-(dimethoxymethyl)phenyl)-bismuthine (**3o**) as a yellow oil (2.1 g, quant.): $R_f 0.32$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 3.34 (s, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.4, 137.7, 137.5, 128.8, 103.4, 52.9; IR (neat) 2988, 2934, 2903, 2827, 1348, 1207, 1180, 1096, 1048.

b) Procedures for the synthesis of functionalized organobismuthanes by functional group manipulation

4,4',4''-Bismuthylidyne tris[α,α-dimethylbenzenemethanol] (3r)



A solution of tris(4-carbomethoxyphenyl)bismuthine **3p** (100 mg, 0.2 mmol) in anhydrous THF (5 mL), was cooled to -10° C (acetone/ice bath) and methylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 1.2 mmol, 2M in THF) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was heated at 65°C for 2h, then cooled to r.t., transferred over aq. sat. NH₄Cl (50 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq. NH₄Cl (10 mL) and sat. aq. NaCl (3 x 10 mL), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 4,4',4''-bismuthylidyne tris[α , α -dimethylbenzenemethanol] (**3r**) as a colorless oil (103 mg, 84%): R_f 0.53 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s(br), 1H), 1.56 (s, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3) δ 152.8, 148.7, 137.5, 126.6, 72.6, 31.7; IR (neat) 3375, 3063, 2973, 2925, 2851, 1384, 1169.

3,3',3''-Bismuthylidyne tris[α-methylbenzenemethanol] (3s)



A solution of tris(3-formylphenyl)bismuthine **3m** (400 mg, 0.8 mmol) in anhydrous THF (10 mL), was cooled to -10° C (acetone/ice bath) and methylmagnesium bromide (0.83 mL, 2.5 mmol, 3M in THF) was added slowly. After 10 minutes, the reaction mixture was diluted with aq. sat. NH₄Cl (50 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (20 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (15 mL) and sat. aq. NaCl (3 x 15 mL), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified on silica gel (40% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 3,3',3''-bismuthylidyne tris[α -methylbenzenemethanol] (**3s**) as a white solid (384 mg, 84%): m.p. 78-83°C; R_f0.32 (80% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.30 (m, 2H), 4.88-4.81 (m, 1H), 1.47-1.43 (m, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 147.6, 136.6, 134.6, 130.4, 125.1, 70.3, 25.1; IR (neat) 3348, 3045, 2972, 2869, 1412, 1264; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₇BiO₃: 572.1764, found 617.1745 (M+HCO₂).





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A solution of PPh₃ (1.1 g, 4.3 mmol) in sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (25 mL) was stirred at r.t., then tris(3formylphenyl)bismuthine **3m** (500 mg, 0.9 mmol) and ethyl bromoacetate (0.58 mL, 5.2 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2h, acidified with aq. HCl 1M (5 mL) and then diluted with EtOAc (10 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq. NaCl (3 x 10 mL), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(3-((*E*)-2-propenoic acid ethyl ester)phenyl)bismuthine (**3t**) as a yellow oil (519 mg, 79%): R_f 0.21 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 156.1, 144.5, 139.3, 137.3, 136.6, 131.2, 127.6, 118.7, 60.5, 14.4; IR (neat) 3042, 2980, 2902, 1703, 1633, 1304, 1164; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₃H₃₃BiO₆: 734.2081, found 779.2076 (M+HCO₂).

4. General procedures for the *N*-arylation of azoles and diazoles

Compound 2, 4a-i, 6a-s, 8a,b and 10a,b were prepared according to the following procedures:



Method	Azole	Ar ₃ Bi (5)	$Cu(OAc)_2$	Pyridine
	(n equiv)	(m equiv)	(x equiv)	(y equiv)
Α	1.0	1.0	0.1	1.0
В	1.0	1.0	0.1	3.0
С	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0

Method A: In a sealed tube, triarylbismuthine (1.0 equiv) was added, followed by copper (II) acetate (0.1 equiv) and the azole or diazole (1.0 equiv). The reagents were dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (4 mL) and pyridine (1.0 equiv) was added to the mixture. The reaction tube was purged by bubbling dry oxygen in the solution for 30 seconds. The tube was sealed and heated at 50°C overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to r.t. and transferred in a round bottom flask. Silica gel was added and the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using EtOAc/hexanes as the eluent to give the corresponding product.

Method B: Idem as method A except for pyridine (3.0 equiv instead of 1.0 equiv).

Method C: Idem as method **A** except for copper (II) acetate (1.0 equiv instead of 0.1 equiv) and pyridine (3.0 equiv instead of 1.0 equiv).

1-Phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (2)



Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3a**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **2** as a yellow oil (70 mg, 96%). Spectral data was identical to literature⁸: ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H).





Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3b**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4a** as a yellow solid (67 mg, 87%): m.p. 90-92°C; R_f 0.66 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 5H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 138.5, 137.1, 136.8, 130.4, 129.7, 128.8, 124.5, 124.2, 123.7, 122.3, 110.3, 104.6, 52.0, 21.2; IR (neat) 3105, 2938, 2835, 1721, 1709, 1698, 1606, 1523, 1519, 1514, 1446, 1434, 1335, 1311, 1270, 1228, 1197; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₅NO₂: 265.1103, found 266.1170 (M+H).

1-(3-Methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4b)



Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3c**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4b** as a yellow oil (67 mg, 87%): R_f 0.52 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR

(75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 139.9, 139.2, 138.4, 129.6, 128.9, 127.9, 125.2, 124.2, 123.7, 122.4, 121.7, 110.3, 104.7, 52.0, 21.5; IR (neat) 3105, 2946, 2835, 1709, 1693, 1605, 1445, 1432, 1334, 1270, 1230, 1191; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₅NO₂: 265.1103, found 266.1177 (M+H).

1-(2-Methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4c)



Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3d**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4c** as a yellow oil (19 mg, 24%): R_f 0.52 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.2, 139.5, 137.8, 135.9, 131.4, 130.2, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 124.1, 123.6, 122.1, 110.3, 104.0, 52.0, 17.6; IR (neat) 3109, 3027, 2950, 2852, 1720, 1712, 1612, 1513, 1501, 1461, 1445, 1434, 1335, 1300, 1269, 1231, 1196; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₅NO₂: 265.1103, found 266.1170 (M+H). Compound **3c** was also obtained (59 mg, 78%) following method C on a 0.285 mmole scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate.

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4d)



Method A was followed on a 0.28 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3e**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4d** as a colorless oil (45 mg, 57%): R_f 0.39 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 158.7, 138.8, 132.2, 129.8, 128.5, 126.1, 124.1, 123.6, 122.2, 114.9, 110.1, 104.3, 55.6, 51.9; IR (neat) 3106, 2998, 2949, 2837, 1707, 1611, 1513, 1434, 1298.

1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4e)



Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3f**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4e** as a yellow oil (40 mg, 49%): R_f 0.47 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

168.0, 160.7, 140.4, 138.3, 130.5, 129.5, 128.9, 124.1, 123.8, 122.5, 116.7, 112.5, 110.5, 110.3, 104.9, 55.6, 51.9; IR (neat) 2998, 2948, 2836, 1708, 1602, 1592, 1493, 1432, 1275; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₅NO₃: 281.1052, found 282.1128 (M+H).

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4f)



Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3g**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4f** as a yellow solid (53 mg, 68%). Spectral data was identical to literature⁸: ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H).

1-(3-Fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4g)



Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3h**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4g** as a yellow solid (54 mg, 69%): m.p. 95-100°C; R_f 0.41 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.27 (m,

1H), 7.18 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (td, J = 11.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dt, J = 8.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 164.9, 161.6, 140.8, 140.6, 138.1, 131.1, 131.0, 129.1, 129.0, 124.2, 124.0, 122.8, 120.0, 119.9, 114.1, 113.8, 111.9, 111.6, 110.1, 105.5, 52.0; IR (neat) 3072, 2955, 1714, 1607, 1301, 1283, 1192; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₂FNO₂: 269.0852, found 270.0933 (M+H).

1-(3,5-Difluorophenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4h)



Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3i**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4h** as a yellow solid (43 mg, 52%): m.p. 170-174°C; R_f 0.52 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.79 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.7, 165.3, 165.1, 162.0, 161.8, 141.4, 141.2, 137.8, 129.2, 128.7, 124.4, 124.3, 123.2, 110.0, 107.7, 107.6, 107.5, 107.3, 106.1, 102.8, 102.4, 102.1, 52.1; IR (neat) 3099, 2959, 2922, 1708, 1626, 1598, 1283, 1193, 1116; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₁F₂NO₂: 287.0758, found 288.0834 (M+H).

1-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4i)



Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3j**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4i** as a yellow oil (15 mg, 19%): R_f 0.53 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.04 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.2, 138.8, 137.1, 136.5, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 124.0, 123.5, 122.0, 109.8, 104.0, 51.9, 17.4; IR (neat) 2948, 2922, 1708, 1611, 1446, 1434, 1295, 1269; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₇NO₂: 279.1259, found 280.1347 (M+H).

1-((3-Diethoxymethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-indole-3-carboxaldehyde (6a)



Method A was followed on a 0.34 mmol scale starting from 1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde and **3k**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6a** as a yellow oil (101 mg, 92%): R_f 0.18 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.10 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.59-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 2H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.74-3.55 (m, 4H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.0, 141.8, 138.2, 137.5, 129.8, 126.6, 125.6, 124.7, 124.6, 123.5, 123.1, 122.3, 119.8, 111.1, 100.7, 61.4, 15.3; IR (neat) 3117, 3052, 2966, 2868, 2807, 2762, 2725, 1665, 1660, 1605, 1530, 1493, 1480, 1461, 1309; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₁NO₃: 323.1521, found 324.1584 (M+H).

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indole-3-carboxaldehyde (6b)



Method A was followed on a 0.34 mmol scale starting from 1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde and **3g**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6b** as a white solid (43 mg, 52%): m.p. 141-143°C. Spectral data was identical to literature⁹: ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.00 (s, 1H), 8.29 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.16 (m, 5H); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₀FNO: 239.0746, found 240.0813 (M+H).

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-1*H*-indole-3-carboxaldehyde (6c)



Method A was followed on a 0.31 mmol scale starting from 2-methyl-1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde and 3g. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6c** as a

white solid (60 mg, 76%): m.p. 174-176°C; $R_f 0.21$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.15 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.17 (m, 5H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.8, 164.5, 161.2, 147.8, 138.3, 132.0, 130.0, 129.9, 125.7, 123.7, 123.4, 121.0, 117.3, 117.0, 115.3, 110.4, 11.4; IR (neat) 3068, 2929, 2827, 1642, 1511, 1503, 1480, 1461, 1426, 1225, 1218; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₂FNO: 253.0903, found 254.0981 (M+H).

1-(4-Methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole3-acetonitrile (6d)



Method C was followed on a 0.32 mmol scale starting from 1*H*-indole-3-ylacetonitrile and **3b**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6d** as a red oil (69 mg, 88%): R_f 0.37 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.08 (m, 7H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.9, 136.7, 136.5, 130.3, 127.2, 126.7, 124.4, 123.2, 120.7, 118.5, 118.1, 111.1, 105.4, 21.1, 14.4; IR (neat) 3040, 2917, 2856, 2251, 1646, 1611, 1518, 1514, 1461, 1454; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N₂: 246.1157, found 247.1223 (M+H).

1-(3-Cyclopropylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-4-carbonitrile (6e)



Method C was followed on a 0.27 mmol scale starting from 4-cyanoindole and **31**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6e** as a yellow oil (61 mg, 88%): $R_f 0.53$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.93-1.84 (m, 1H), 0.99-0.93 (m, 2H), 0.70-0.64 (m, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.6, 138.8, 135.9, 130.8, 130.5, 129.8, 125.7, 124.9, 122.2, 122.0, 121.8, 118.7, 115.5, 103.6, 102.2, 15.6, 9.8; IR (neat) 3077, 3007, 2917, 2831, 2227, 1587, 1511, 1503, 1494, 1462, 1444, 1428, 1330; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₂: 258.1157, found 259.1225 (M+H).

1-(3-Formylphenyl)-1H-indole-4-carbonitrile (6f)



Method A was followed on a 0.35 mmol scale starting from 4-cyanoindole and **3m**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6f** as a white solid (53 mg, 62%): m.p. 124-127°C; R_f 0.18 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.02 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dt, J = 4.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 3.3, 0.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.1,

139.8, 138.1, 135.6, 130.9, 130.8, 130.4, 130.2, 129.1, 126.2, 124.6, 122.6, 118.4, 115.1, 104.0, 103.3; IR (neat) 3129, 3105, 2921, 2831, 2733, 2218, 1702, 1692, 1586, 1514, 1492, 1484, 1461, 1432, 1328, 1301, 1184, 1144; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₀N₂O: 246.0793, found 247.0860 (M+H).

1-(3-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1*H*-indol-4-ol-4-acetate (6g)



Method C was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from 1*H*-indol-4-yl acetate and **3n**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6g** as a black solid (40 mg, 43%): m.p. 74-76°C; R_f 0.33 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.62-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 144.0, 140.2, 137.6, 132.7, 132.3, 130.5, 128.0, 127.7, 123.6, 123.3, 122.9, 121.4, 113.2, 108.4, 101.4, 21.2; IR (neat) 2913, 1765, 1618, 1593, 1493, 1462, 1335, 1323, 1197, 1125; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₂F₃NO₂: 319.0820, found 320.0891 (M+H).

4-(5-Bromo-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-α,α-dimethylbenzenemethanol (6h)



Method C was followed on a 0.063 mmol scale starting from 5-bromoindole and **3r**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (25% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6h** as a pink wax (11 mg, 53%): $R_f 0.27$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.53 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s (br), 1H), 1.58 (s, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 138.0, 134.8, 131.1, 129.2, 126.0, 125.3, 124.2, 123.7, 113.6, 112.1, 103.1, 72.5, 32.0; IR (neat) 3379, 2974, 2921, 2844, 1610, 1519, 1514, 1461, 1453; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₆BrNO: 329.0415, found 312.0373 (M+H)-[H₂O] (⁷⁹Br), 314.0352 (M+H)-[H₂O] (⁸¹Br).

4-(5-Bromo-1*H*-indol-1-yl)benzoic acid methyl ester (6i)



Method C was followed on a 0.24 mmol scale starting from 5-bromoindole and **3p**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6i** as a pink solid (53 mg, 67%): m.p. 94-98°C; R_f 0.52 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 143.3, 134.3, 131.5, 131.4, 128.7, 128.2, 125.8, 124.0, 123.4, 114.2, 112.1, 104.4, 52.4; IR (neat) 2946, 2840, 1720, 1712, 1666, 1605, 1514, 1450, 1434, 1276; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₂BrNO₂: 329.0051, found 330.0117 (M+H) (⁷⁹Br), 332.0100 (M+H) (⁸¹Br).

1-(3-Methylphenyl)-1H-Indole-3-propanol (6j)



Method C was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-1*H*-indole and **3c**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6j** as a yellow oil (40 mg, 52%): R_f 0.21 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.15 (m, 5H), 3.79 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.06 (qt, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.49 (s(br), 1H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.9, 139.7, 136.1, 129.4, 128.9, 126.9, 125.3, 124.8, 122.4, 121.2, 119.8, 119.3, 116.9, 110.7, 62.7, 32.9, 21.5, 21.3; IR (neat) 3339 (br), 3047, 2922, 2863, 1605, 1588, 1493, 1477, 1458; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO: 265.1467, found 266.1544 (M+H), 248.1408 [(M+H)-H₂O].

(E)-3-(5-Iodo-1*H*-indol-1-yl)phenyl-2-propenoic acid ethyl ester (6k)



Method C was followed on a 0.14 mmol scale starting from 5-iodoindole and **3t**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6k** as a pink oil (38 mg, 65%): $R_f 0.52$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.61-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.56

(d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 143.3, 139.9, 136.3, 134.9, 131.9, 130.9, 130.4, 130.1, 128.5, 126.4, 125.8, 123.5, 119.9, 112.3, 103.3, 84.1, 60.8, 14.4; IR (neat) 3056, 2978, 1705, 1638, 1582, 1512, 1487, 1456, 1176; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₆INO₂: 417.0226, found 418.0296 (M+H).

α,α-Dimethyl-1-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-methanol (6l)



Method A was followed on a 0.28 mmol scale starting from α, α -dimethyl-1*H*-indole-5-methanol and **3b**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6l** as a yellow oil (44 mg, 59%): R_f 0.38 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.32 (m, 6H), 6.68 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.3, 137.4, 136.3, 134.9, 130.2, 129.0, 128.5, 124.2, 119.6, 116.5, 110.3, 103.5, 72.9, 32.2, 21.1; IR (neat) 3405, 2971, 2923, 1517, 1474, 1334; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO: 265.1467, found 248.1431 [(M+H)-H₂O].

1-[4-(Tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy]phenyl-5-nitro-1H-indole (6m)



Method A was followed on a 0.31 mmol scale starting from 5-nitroindole and **3q**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6m** as a yellow solid (77 mg, 74%): m.p. 99-104°C; R_f 0.36 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃); δ 8.62 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dt, *J* = 9.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.70-3.64 (m, 1H), 2.12-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.62 (m, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.6, 142.0, 139.1, 132.2, 131.6, 128.2, 126.1, 118.3, 117.8, 117.6, 110.5, 105.2, 96.6, 62.2, 30.3, 25.2, 18.7; IR (neat) IR 2917, 2852, 1610, 1514, 1468, 1453, 1344, 1329, 1202, 1123, 1069, 966, 920; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N₂O₄: 338.1267, found 339.1333 (M+H).

N-[4-(dimethoxymethyl)-1*H*-indol-6-yl]methyl benzamide (6n)



Method C was followed on a 0.20 mmol scale starting from 1*H*-indol-6-yl]methyl benzamide and **30**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6n** as a pink oil (65 mg, 81%): R_f 0.10 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (s(br), 1H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.39 (s, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 139.6, 136.7, 135.9, 134.6, 132.4, 131.5, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.0, 124.1, 121.6, 120.9, 110.3, 103.7, 102.7, 52.9, 45.0, IR (neat) 3317, 2933, 2829, 1639, 1518, 1450, 1340, 1098; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₄N₂O₃: 400.1787, found 423.1695 (M+Na).

1-(5-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)-1-(2-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-2H-pyrido[3,4-

b]indol-2-yl)methanone (60)



Method C was followed on a 0.15 mmol scale starting from (5-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)-(1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-2*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-2-yl)methanone and **3b**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6o** as a yellow oil (28 mg, 43%): R_f 0.16 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.65-3.60 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.82 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 154.2, 137.8, 134.5, 130.4, 130.3, 130.2, 127.8, 127.5, 126.8, 126.6, 126.4, 126.1, 122.0, 120.0, 117.9, 112.4, 110.3, 108.6, 56.0, 45.2, 40.4, 22.1, 21.2; IR (neat) 2925, 2840, 1709, 1659, 1650, 1641, 1632, 1605, 1514, 1493, 1484, 1461, 1440, 1432, 1221; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₃ClN₂O₂: 430.1448, found 431.1515 (M+H).

2-Acetyl-N-(3-benzaldehyde)-pyrrole (6p)



Method B was followed on a 0.46 mmol scale starting from 2-acetyl-1*H*-pyrrole and **3m**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6p** as a beige solid (93 mg, 95%): m.p. 85-87°C; R_f 0.16 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.93 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.25 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.4, 187.4, 141.8, 137.0, 132.3, 131.6, 131.2, 129.4, 129.1, 126.8, 121.1, 109.9, 27.2; IR (neat) 3117, 3060, 2921, 2827, 2729, 1702, 1692, 1665, 1659, 1650, 1643, 1590, 1461, 1453, 1408; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₁NO₂: 213.0790, found 214.0859 (M+H).

2-Acetyl-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrole (6q)



Method A was followed on a 0.46 mmol scale starting from 2-acetyl-1*H*-pyrrole and **3e**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6q** as a colorless oil (78 mg, 79%): m.p. 79-82°C. Spectral data was identical to literature¹⁰: ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83-6.80 (m, 3H), 6.17 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₃NO₂: 215.0946, found 216.1017 (M+H).

1-[3-(1-Hydroxyethyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole (6r)



Method C was followed on a 0.50 mmol scale starting from 4-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole and **3s**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6r** as a colorless oil (70 mg, 69%): R_f 0.12 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.63-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 4.88 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s(br), 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.7, 141.8, 140.2, 129.4, 125.6, 123.1, 118.2, 117.6, 115.9, 69.9, 25.3, 8.9; IR (neat) 3354, 2971, 2927, 1610, 1593, 1492, 1455, 1390; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₄N₂O: 202.1106, found [(M+H)-H₂O)] 185.1059, 203.1175 (M+H).

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (6s)



Method C was followed on a 0.32 mmol scale starting from 3-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole and **3e**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6s** as a white solid (59 mg, 70%): m.p. 140-143°C; R_f 0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 152.7, 137.7, 134.2, 130.6, 129.4, 128.0, 125.8, 120.8, 114.6, 104.5, 55.7, 21.4; IR (neat) 3138, 2999,

2909, 2835, 1605, 1524, 1519, 1514, 1503, 1462, 1453, 1434, 1257; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{17}H_{16}N_2O$: 264.1263, found 265.1328 (M+H). The position of the transferred aryl group was determined by nOesy NMR studies.

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indazole-6-carboxaldehyde (8a) and 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2*H*indazole-6-carboxaldehyde (8b)



Method C was followed on a 0.34 mmol scale starting from 1*H*-indazole-6-carboxaldehyde **7** and **3g**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **8a** as a yellow solid (41 mg, 50%) and **8b** as an orange solid (6.8 mg, 8%).

<u>Compound 8a</u>: m.p. 143-145°C; R_f 0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.07 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.8, 164.0, 160.7, 139.4, 136.4, 136.2, 136.1, 129.4, 125.7, 125.6, 122.9, 122.1, 117.6, 117.3, 114.2; IR (neat) 2969, 2815, 2725, 1703, 1698, 1692, 1681, 1605, 1519, 1514, 1503, 1493, 1461, 1450, 1434, 1279; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₉FN₂O: 240.0699, found 241.0766 (M+H). <u>Compound</u> **8b**: m.p. 179-183°C; $R_f 0.42$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.10 (s, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.93-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.4, 149.1, 135.9, 126.3, 125.7, 123.2, 123.1, 121.6, 121.3, 119.5, 117.0, 116.7, 29.8; IR (neat) 3121, 2917, 2844, 1687, 1678, 1673, 1666, 1605, 1519, 1514, 1503, 1494, 1468, 1462, 1450, 1432; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{14}H_9FN_2O$: 240.0699, found 241.0767 (M+H). The structure of compound **9** was confirmed by X-ray crystallography; see section **5**: Crystallographic data for compound **9**.

1-(3-Methylphenyl)- N-tert-butoxycarbonyl-L-tryptophan methyl ester (10a)



Method C was followed on a 0.16 mmol scale starting from *N-tert*-butoxycarbonyl-L-tryptophan methyl ester and **3c**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **10a** as a yellow oil (57 mg, 87%): R_f 0.33 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.05 (m, 4H), 5.05 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.62-4.60 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.32-3.18 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.8, 155.3, 139.7, 139.5, 136.1, 129.4, 129.1, 127.2, 126.6, 124.9, 122.6, 121.3, 120.2, 119.1, 111.2, 110.7, 79.9, 54.1, 52.4, 28.4, 27.9, 21.5; IR (neat) 3433, 3377, 3050, 2976, 2928, 1743, 1709, 1606, 1590, 1494, 1493, 1459, 1365, 1159; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₈N₂O₄: 408.2049, found 353.1502 (M-C(CH₃)₃), 431.1941 (M+Na).





Method C was followed on a 0.11 mmol scale starting from *N*-[(9*H*-fluoren-9ylmethoxy)carbonyl]-L-tryptophan methyl ester and **3c**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **10b** as a yellow oil (47 mg, 80%): R_f 0.29 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76-7.66 (m, 5H), 7.55-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 3H), 5.56 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.96-4.90 (m, 1H), 4.58-4.49 (m, 2H), 4.36-4.33 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.4, 155.8, 143.9, 143.8, 141.3, 139.7, 139.5, 136.1, 129.5, 127.7, 127.3, 127.1, 126.7, 125.2, 125.0, 122.7, 121.4, 120.3, 120.0, 119.0, 110.8, 67.1, 54.6, 52.5, 47.2, 28.0, 21.5; IR (neat) 3418, 3356, 3049, 2950, 1717, 1606, 1589, 1494, 1459, 1207.

5. Crystallographic data for compound 8b

CCDC-986210 (for **8b**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

Crystal Structure Report for compound 8b



A light orange needle-like specimen of $C_{14}H_9FN_2O$, approximate dimensions 0.047 mm x 0.058 mm x 0.268 mm, was used for the X-ray crystallographic analysis. The X-ray intensity data were measured. A total of 5856 frames were collected. The total exposure time was 16.27 hours. The frames were integrated with the Bruker SAINT software package using a narrow-frame algorithm. The integration of the data using a monoclinic unit cell yielded a total of 15339 reflections to a maximum θ angle of 68.37° (0.83 Å resolution), of which 1971 were independent (average redundancy 7.782, completeness = 99.8%, R_{int} = 5.15%) and 1661 (84.27%) were greater than $2\sigma(F^2)$. The final cell constants of <u>a</u> = 3.76530(10) Å, <u>b</u> = 17.7911(4) Å, <u>c</u> = 16.0214(3) Å, β = 92.874(2)°, volume = 1071.90(4) Å³, are based upon the refinement of the XYZ-centroids of 9053 reflections above 20 $\sigma(I)$ with 7.430° < 2 θ < 136.7°. Data were corrected for absorption effects using the multi-scan method (SADABS). The ratio of minimum to maximum apparent transmission was 0.930. The calculated minimum and maximum transmission coefficients (based on crystal size) are 0.7940 and 0.9590.

The structure was solved and refined using the Bruker SHELXTL Software Package, using the space group P $2_1/c$, with Z = 4 for the formula unit $C_{14}H_9FN_2O$. The final anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement on F² with 164 variables converged at R₁ = 5.83%, for the observed data and wR₂ = 16.57% for all data. The goodness-of-fit was 1.193. The largest peak in the final difference electron density synthesis was 0.358 e⁻/Å³ and the largest hole was -0.276 e⁻/Å³ with an RMS deviation of 0.074 e⁻/Å³. On the basis of the final model, the calculated density was 1.489 g/cm³ and F(000) 496 e⁻.

Table 1. Sample an	nd crystal data	for Pauline1b.
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CCDC deposition number	986210	
Chemical formula	$C_{14}H_9FN_2O$	
Formula weight	240.23	
Temperature	150(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54178 Å	
Crystal size	0.047 x 0.058 x 0.268 m	ım
Crystal habit	light orange needle	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/c 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 3.76530(10) Å	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$
	b = 17.7911(4) Å	$\beta = 92.874(2)^{\circ}$

	c = 16.0214(3) Å	γ = 90°
Volume	1071.90(4) ų	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.489 g/cm ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.900 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	496	

Table 2	2. Data	collection	and structu	re refinem	ent for P	auline1b.
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Theta range for data collection	3.71 to 68.37°		
Index ranges	-4<=h<=4, -21<=k<=21, -19	<=l<=19	
Reflections collected	15339		
Independent reflections	1971 [R(int) = 0.0515]		
Coverage of independent reflections	99.8%		
Absorption correction	multi-scan		
Max. and min. transmission	0.9590 and 0.7940		
Structure solution technique	direct methods		
Structure solution program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 2008	3)	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²		
Refinement program	SHELXL-2013 (Sheldrick, 2013)		
Function minimized	$\Sigma w (F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2$		
Data / restraints / parameters	1971 / 0 / 164		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.193		
Final R indices	1661 data; I>2σ(I)	$R_1 = 0.0583$, $wR_2 = 0.1595$	
	all data	$R_1 = 0.0682$, $wR_2 = 0.1657$	
Weighting scheme	$w=1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2)+(0.0789P)^2+0.9563P]$ where $P=(F_0^2+2F_c^2)/3$		
Extinction coefficient	0.0028(8)		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.358 and -0.276 eÅ ⁻³		
R.M.S. deviation from mean	0.074 eÅ ⁻³		

Atomic coordinates, bond lengths, bond angles, torsion angles, anisotropic atomic displacement parameters are provided in the attached CIF file, which can also be retrieved from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre using deposition number 986210 at the following URL: http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/Community/Requestastructure/Pages/Requestastructure.aspx

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