Supplementary Material

PhI(OAc)₂-BF₃-OEt₂ Mediated Domino Imine Activation, Intramolecular C-C Bond Formation and β -Elimination: New Approach for the synthesis of Fluorenones, Xanthones and Phenanthridines[†]

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General information

All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. IR spectra of the compounds were recorded on Perkin-Elmer AC-1 spectrometer. ¹H NMR spectra were run on Bruker Advance DPX 300 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃ and TMS was used as internal standard. ESI mass spectra were recorded on JEOL SX 102/DA-6000. Silica gel 60-120 and 230-400 mesh was used as stationary phase to isolate the compounds. Melting points were uncorrected and were recorded on a Buchi B-54 melting point apparatus. Dichloromethane (DCM) and 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE) was distilled over calcium hydride. Aldimines (2, 12-19, 29, 32, 37-39 and 46-48) were prepared from condensation of the corresponding aldehydes with amines according to the literature method.¹



General procedure (I) for synthesis of biaryl-2-carbaldehydes

5 mmol of 2-bromobenzaldehyde, 6 mmol of arylboronic acid and 0.5 mmol of $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ were taken in a round bottom flask. 10 ml of DMF was added in the reaction mixture and stirred for 2 min. 10 ml of 2(M) Na₂CO₃ solution was then added and then refluxed for 4-8 h at 80 °C. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 10 mL). The combined ethyl acetate layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum to yield the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using ethyl acetate/hexane as eluent.

Spectroscopic data of biaryl-2-carbaldehydes



2-(naphthalen-2-yl)benzaldehyde (1): Following the general procedure (I), 1 was prepared from naphthalen-2-ylboronic acid and 2-bromo benzaldehyde and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Yellow oil 373 mg (59% yield); IR (KBr): v_{max} 3058, 3020, 2860, 1695 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.08 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.98-7.85 (m, 4H), 7.72-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 5H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.4 (C), 145.9 (C), 135.2 (C), 134.0 (C), 133.6 (CH), 133.0 (C), 132.8 (C), 131.0 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.7 (CH); MS (ESI): *m/z* = 233.1 (M+H)⁺. The compound was previously reported by Larock et al.²



3',4'-dichlorobiphenyl-2-carbaldehyde (4): Following the general procedure (I), 4 was prepared from 3,4dichlorophenylboronic acid and 2-bromo benzaldehyde and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 80 : 20). Yellow solid 412 mg (61% yield); m.p. 136-138 °C; IR (KBr): 3035, 2850, 1692, 777, 766 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.15 (s, 1H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.2 (C), 139.3 (C), 137.4 (C), 137.4 (C), 135.0 (CH), 134.2 (C), 131.9 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 126.1 (CH); MS (ESI): *m/z* = 251.1 (M+H)⁺.



4'-chlorobiphenyl-2-carbaldehyde (5): Following the general procedure (I), 5 was prepared from 4-chlorophenylboronic acid and 2-bromo benzaldehyde and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Pale yellow oil³ 383 mg (67% yield). Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.³



4'-methylbiphenyl-2-carbaldehyde (6): Following the general procedure (I), 6 was prepared from 4-methylphenylboronic acid and 2-bromo benzaldehyde and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Pale yellow oil⁴ 382 mg (72% yield). Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.⁴



4'-ethylbiphenyl-2-carbaldehyde (7): Following the general procedure (I), 7 was prepared from 4-ethylphenylboronic acid and 2-bromo benzaldehyde and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Pale yellow oil 407 mg (68% yield); IR (Neat): 3020, 2965, 2930, 2845, 1698 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.03 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.33 (brs, 4H), 2.74 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.6 (C), 146.0 (C), 135.0 (C), 133.8 (C), 133.5 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 130.1 (2CH), 127.9 (2CH), 127.5 (CH), 28.6 (CH₂), 15.5 (CH₃); MS (ESI): *m/z* 211.1 (M+H)⁺.



4'-propylbiphenyl-2-carbaldehyde (8): Following the general procedure (I), 8 was prepared from 4-propylphenylboronic acid and 2-bromo benzaldehyde and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Pale yellow oil 450 mg (74% yield); IR (Neat): 3032, 2945, 2862, 1696 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 225.1 (M+H)⁺; ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR data was identical with that previously reported.⁵



4'-isopropylbiphenyl-2-carbaldehyde (9): Following the general procedure (I), 9 was prepared from 4-isopropylphenylboronic acid and 2-bromo benzaldehyde and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Pale yellow oil⁶ 405 mg (68% yield). Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.⁶



4'-tert-butylbiphenyl-2-carbaldehyde (10): Following the general procedure (I), 10 was prepared from 4-tertbutylphenylboronic acid and 2-bromo benzaldehyde and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Pale yellow oil⁷ 445 mg (69% yield). Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.⁷



Biphenyl-2-carbaldehyde (11): Following the general procedure (I), 11 was prepared from phenylboronic acid and 2-bromo benzaldehyde and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Pale yellow oil⁸ 344 mg (69% yield). Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.⁹



2-(benzofuran-3-yl)benzaldehyde (28): Following the general procedure (I), 28 was prepared from benzofuran-3-ylboronic acid and 2-bromo benzaldehyde and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 85 : 15). Pale yellow oil² 410 mg (68% yield). Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.²



2-(naphthalen-1-yl)benzaldehyde (31): Following the general procedure (I), 31 was prepared from naphthalen-1-ylboronic acid acid and 2-bromo benzaldehyde and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). White solid¹⁰ 362 mg (58% yield); m.p.: 88-90°C (lit¹⁰ m.p. 87-88°C). Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.¹⁰

General procedure (II) for synthesis of the 2-(aryloxy)benzaldehydes¹¹

To a solution of DMA (10 mL) containing 2-fluorobenzaldehyde (5.0 mmol) and hydroxy benzene derivative (5.0 mmol), was added K_2CO_3 (5.0 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at 170 °C under an Argon atmosphere. It was then cooled to room temperature and after usual workup and concentration, crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using ethyl acetate/hexane as eluent.

Spectroscopic data of 2-(aryloxy)benzaldehydes



2-(p-tolyloxy)benzaldehyde (34): Following the general procedure (II), 34 was prepared from 4-methylphenol and 2-fluro benzaldehyde and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Pale yellow oil¹² 512 mg (60% yield). Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.¹²



2-(4-tert-butylphenoxy)benzaldehyde (35): Following the general procedure (II), 35 was prepared from 4-tertbutylphenol and 2-flurobenzaldehyde and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Pale yellow oil² 650 mg (65% yield). Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.²



2-phenoxybenzaldehyde (36): Following the general procedure (II), 36 was prepared from phenol and 2-fluro benzaldehyde and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Pale yellow oil¹³ 496 mg (62% yield). Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.¹³

General procedure (III) for synthesis of biaryl-2-amines¹⁴

To a 100 mL round bottom flask, aryl boronic acid (3.0 mmol), K_2CO_3 (8.0 mmol), and Pd(PPh_3)₄ (0.2 mmol) were dissolved in 15 mL of toluene followed by the addition of 3 mL of H₂O and 5 mL of EtOH. 2-Bromoaniline (2.0 mmol) was then added and the resulting mixture was heated at 100 °C for 16 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with 30 mL of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl and 30 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The aqueous phase was extracted with an additional 2×30 mL of CH₂Cl₂, and the combined organic layers were washed with 30 mL of water and 30 mL of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using ethyl acetate/hexane as eluent.

Spectroscopic data of biaryl-2-amines



4'-chlorobiphenyl-2-amine (43): Following the general procedure (III), 43 was prepared from 4-chlorophenylboronic acid and 2-bromo aniline and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 80 : 20). Yellow oil¹⁵ 410 mg (69% yield). Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.¹⁵



4'-methylbiphenyl-2-amine (44): Following the general procedure (III), 44 was prepared from 4-methylphenylboronic acid and 2-bromo aniline and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 80 : 20). Brown oil¹⁶ 332 mg (62% yield). Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.¹⁶



biphenyl-2-amine (45): Following the general procedure (III), 45 was prepared from phenylboronic acid and 2-bromo aniline and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60-120 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 80 : 20). Brown solid¹⁷ 310 mg (63% yield). mp. 51-54 °C (lit¹⁷ m.p. 52-54 °C); Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.¹⁷

General procedure (IV) for synthesis of fluorenones, anthranone and xanthones

Aldimine (0.25 mmol) was dissolved in DCE (1.0 ml) and added in mixture of PhI(OAc)₂ (0.375 mmol) and BF₃-OEt₂ (0.375 mmol) in DCE (3 ml). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min and then was refluxed for 24-30 h at 80 °C and then cooled to room temperature. 1N HCl (2 ml) was added and stirred for 2-6 h at room temperature. Diluted with H₂O and extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 15 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the residue, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using ethyl acetate/hexane as the eluent to provide the desired product.

Spectroscopic data of fluorenones, anthranone and xanthones



11H-benzo[b]fluoren-11-one (3): Following the general procedure (IV), 3 was prepared from aldimine 2 and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Yellow solid¹⁸ (60 mg, 61% yield); m.p.: 142-144 °C (lit.¹⁸ m.p. 141-142 °C); IR (KBr): v_{max} 3042, 1710, 1604, 895 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.89-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.1 (C), 144.8 (C), 138.5 (C), 136.9 (C), 136.2

(C), 135.0 (CH), 133.9 (C), 132.7 (C), 130.8 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 119.0 (CH); MS (ESI): m/z = 231.1 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₇H₁₀O: 230.0732, found: 231.0734 (M+H)⁺. Spectroscopic data was compared with that previously reported.¹⁸



2,3-dichloro-9H-fluoren-9-one (20): Following the general procedure (IV), 20 was prepared from aldimine 12 and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 85 : 15). Yellow solid (64 mg, 65% yield); m.p.: 134-136 °C; IR (KBr): v_{max} 1712, 1602, 777 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.57 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.9 (C), 143.8 (C), 142.5 (C), 140.4 (C), 136.9 (C), 136.1 (C), 135.7 (C), 133.9 (C), 129.5 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 122.2 (CH); MS (ESI): m/z = 249.1 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₃H₆Cl₂O: 247.9796, found: 248.9798 (M+H)⁺.



2-chloro-9H-fluoren-9-one (21): Following the general procedure (IV), 21 was prepared aldimine 13 and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Pale yellow solid¹⁹ 58 mg (59% yield). m.p.: 120-121 °C (lit.¹⁹ mp 118-120 °C); Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.¹⁹



2-methyl-9H-fluoren-9-one (22): Following the general procedure (IV), 22 was prepared from aldimine 14 and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Yellow solid¹⁹ 56 mg (57% yield). m.p.: 92-94 °C (lit.¹⁹ mp 92 °C); Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.¹⁹



2-ethyl-9H-fluoren-9-one (23): Following the general procedure (IV), 23 was prepared from aldimine 15 and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Pale yellow oil 56 mg (57% yield); IR (Neat): 1720, 1600, 1485, 1440 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.64-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 2H), 2.72 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, *J*=6.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.2 (C), 144.9 (C), 141.2 (C), 139.8 (C), 135.9 (C), 135.4 (C), 134.7 (CH), 134.5 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 125.2 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 121.1 (CH), 28.7 (CH₂), 13.0 (CH₃); MS (ESI): *m/z* = 209.1 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₅H₁₂O: 208.0888, found: 209.0887 (M+H)⁺.



2-propyl-9H-fluoren-9-one (24): Following the general procedure (IV), 24 was prepared from aldimine 16 and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Yellow oil 54 mg (55% yield); IR (Neat): 2935, 1722, 1605, 1480, 1450 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.5 Hz,

1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 1H), 2.54 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.78-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.05 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.4 (C), 144.1 (C), 141.4 (C), 139.2 (C), 135.6 (C), 134.8 (C), 134.2 (CH), 133.6 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 38.6 (CH₂), 24.5 (CH₂), 13.0 (CH₃); MS (ESI): m/z = 223.1 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₆H₁₄O: 222.1045, found: 223.1044 (M+H)⁺.



2-isopropyl-9H-fluoren-9-one (25): Following the general procedure (**IV**), 25 was prepared from aldimine 17 and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Yellow oil (57 mg, 58% yield); IR (Neat): 1710, 1612, 1380 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 1H), 3.23-3.11 (m, 1H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.2 (C), 144.9 (C), 143.2 (C), 141.6 (C), 139.1 (C), 135.4 (C), 134.5 (CH), 130.3 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 125.1 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 121.1 (CH), 119.1 (CH), 34.3 (C), 23.2 (2CH₃); MS (ESI): *m/z* = 223.1 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₆H₁₄O: 222.1045, found: 223.1042 (M+H)⁺.



2-tert-butyl-9H-fluoren-9-one (26): Following the general procedure (IV), 26 was prepared from aldimine 18 and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Yellow oil (54 mg, 55% yield); IR (Neat): 1712, 1595, 1385 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 1H), 1.35 (s, 9H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.3 (C), 151.9 (C), 144.3 (C), 141.7 (C), 138.4 (C), 135.5 (C), 134.6 (CH), 130.9 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 125.2 (CH), 122.9 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 35.0 (C), 31.4 (3CH₃); MS (ESI): *m/z* = 237.1 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₇H₁₆O: 236.1201, found: 237.1211 (M+H)⁺.



9H-fluoren-9-one (27): Following the general procedure (IV), 27 was prepared from aldimine 19 and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Yellow solid²⁰ 46 mg (47% yield). m.p.: 82-85 °C (lit.²⁰ mp 82-83 °C); Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.²⁰



6H-benzo[d]indeno[2,1-b]furan-6-one (**30**) Following the general procedure (**IV**), **30** was prepared from aldimine **29** and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Orange yellow solid²¹ (42 mg, 66% yield); m.p.: 110-112 °C (lit.²¹ m.p. 109-110 °C); IR (KBr): v_{max} 3025, 1720 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.72 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.17 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 179.6 (C), 163.2 (C), 155.9 (C), 144.9 (C), 141.0 (C), 135.3 (C), 135.2 (CH), 128.4 (2CH), 127.9 (C), 121.8 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 120.1 (CH), 116.8 (CH), 112.6 (CH); MS (ESI): *m/z* = 221.2 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₅H₁₈O₂: 220.0524, found: 221.0525 (M+H)⁺. Spectroscopic data was compared with that previously reported.²¹



7H-benzo[de]anthracen-7-one **(33)** Following the general procedure **(IV)**, **33** was prepared from aldimine **31** and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Yellow solid¹⁸ (44 mg, 68% yield); m.p.: 160-162 °C (lit.¹⁸ m.p. 162-1664 °C); IR (KBr): v_{max} 3040, 1650, 1597 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.8 (C), 136.1 (C), 135.1 (CH), 133.5 (CH), 133.0 (C), 131.3 (C), 130.2 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 128.5 (C), 128.2 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.9 (C), 126.8 (C), 126.5 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 123.0 (CH); MS (ESI): *m/z* = 231.1 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₇H₁₀O: 230.0732, found: 231.0733 (M+H)⁺. Spectroscopic data was compared with that previously reported.¹⁸



2-methyl-9H-xanthen-9-one **(40):** Following the general procedure **(IV)**, **40** was prepared from aldimine **37** and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Pale yellow oil²² 76 mg (74% yield). IR (KBr): v_{max} 3060, 2920, 2864, 1658 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.27 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.72-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 177.3 (C), 156.4 (C), 154.3 (C), 136.3 (CH), 134.8 (CH), 133.4 (C), 126.1 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 121.9 (C), 119.2 (C), 118.7 (CH), 118.3 (CH), 20.8 (CH₃); MS (ESI): *m/z* = 211.1 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₄H₁₀O₂: 210.0681, found: 211.0685 (M+H)⁺. Spectroscopic data was compared with that previously reported.²



2-tert-butyl-9H-xanthen-9-one **(41):** Following the general procedure **(IV)**, **35** was prepared from aldimine **38** and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). Yellow oil²³ (67 mg, 68% yield); IR (Neat): v_{max} 2965, 2867, 1661 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.32-8.28 (m, 2H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 177.4 (C), 156.5 (C), 154.9 (C), 147.6 (C), 134.8 (CH), 133.5 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 123.7 (CH), 122.7 (CH), 122.0 (C), 121.3 (C), 118.1 (CH), 117.8 (CH), 35.4 (C), 31.7 (3CH₃); MS (ESI): *m/z* = 253.1 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₇H₁₆O₂: 252.1150, found: 253.1155 (M+H)⁺. Spectroscopic data was compared with that previously reported.²



9H-xanthen-9-one (42): Following the general procedure (IV), 42 was prepared from aldimine 39 and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 90 : 10). White solid²⁴ 53 mg (54% yield). m.p.: 172-174 °C (lit.²⁴ m.p. 176-177 °C); IR (KBr): v_{max} 2920, 2870, 1655, 1458 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 177.2 (C), 156.2 (C), 134.8 (2CH), 126.6 (2CH), 124.1 (2CH), 121.7 (C), 118.0 (2CH); MS (ESI): *m/z* =197.1 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₃H₈O₂: 196.0524, found: 197.0525 (M+H)⁺. Spectroscopic data was identical with that previously reported.²⁴

General procedure (V) for synthesis of phenanthridines

Aldimine (0.25 mmol) was dissolved in DCE (1 ml) and added in a mixture of $PhI(OAc)_2$ (0.375 mmol) and BF_3-OEt_2 (0.375 mmol) in DCE (3 ml). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min and then was refluxed for 30 h at 80 °C and then cooled to room temperature. Diluted with H₂O and extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 15 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to afford the residue, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using ethyl acetate/hexanes as the eluent to provide the desired product.



8-chloro-6-phenylphenanthridine **(49):** Following the general procedure **(V)**, **49** was prepared from aldimine **46** and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 80 : 20). White solid (57 mg, 58% yield); m.p.: 143-145 °C; IR (Neat): 3062, 2990, 2927, 1606, 1510, 1495, 1466, 1455, 1354, 1250, 1235, 1170, 1032, 830, 777, 735, 726 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.55 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.66-7.58 (m, 5H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.1 (C), 144.2 (C), 139.9 (C), 135.3 (C), 132.6 (C), 131.6 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.9 (2CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 (2CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 125.7 (C), 124.2 (C), 122.2 (CH), 121.6 (CH); MS (ESI): *m/z* = 290.1 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₀H₁₂ClN: 289.0658, found: 290.0655 (M+H)⁺.



8-methyl-6-phenylphenanthridine (**50**): Following the general procedure (**V**), **50** was prepared from aldimine **47** and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 80 : 20). Yellow oil²⁵ (56 mg, 57% yield); IR (Neat): v_{max} 3060, 2920, 1580, 1562, 1460, 1365, 1230, 766, 733, 703 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.58 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.75-7.65 (m, 5H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.3 (C), 143.8 (C), 139.8 (C), 137.1 (C), 132.3 (CH), 131.2 (C), 130.2 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.7 (2CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 125.3 (C), 124.0 (C), 122.0 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 21.7 (CH₃); MS (ESI): *m/z* = 270.1 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₀H₁₅N: 269.1204, found: 270.1206 (M+H)⁺. Spectroscopic data was compared with that previously reported.²⁵



6-phenylphenanthridine (51): Following the general procedure (V), 51 was prepared from aldimine 48 and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using (hexane : EtOAc = 80 : 20). White solid²⁶ 49 mg (48% yield). m.p.: 105-106 °C (lit.²⁶ mp 109 °C); IR (KBr): v_{max} 3058, 3020, 2926, 2851, 1560, 1482, 1458, 1444, 1361, 1330, 1300, 1228, 1135, 1073, 1029, 956, 784, 763, 727, 701, 672 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.56 (m, 9H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.2 (C), 143.7 (C), 139.8 (C), 133.3 (C), 130.5 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 129.7 (2CH), 128.8 (C), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 125.2 (C), 123.6 (C), 122.1 (CH), 121.9 (CH); MS (ESI): *m/z* = 256.1 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₉H₁₃N: 255.1048, found: 256.1044 (M+H)⁺. Spectroscopic data was compared with that previously reported.²⁶

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