Lewis Acid Catalyzed Decarboxylative Annulation of 2-Aminoindole-3-Carboxylate with ynals involving [3+2] spirocycloaddition and 2,3-Aza Migration.

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I. General Information and methods:

All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used without purification. NMR spectra were recorded with a 300, 400 MHz spectrometers for ¹H NMR, 75, 100 MHz for ¹³C NMR, NMR Chemical shifts δ are given in ppm relative to the residual signals of tetramethylsilane in CDCl₃ or deuterated solvent DMSO-*d*₆ for ¹H and ¹³C NMR. Multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), doublet of triplets (dt), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m), broad singlet (bs). HRMS were obtained using the electro spray ionization (ESI) technique and a time-of-flight (TOF) analyzer. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (100-200 mesh) as the stationary phase. All reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). The purity and characterization of these compounds were further established using HRMS/ESI Mass spectroscopy. Melting points were measured on a capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

II. General Procedure for the preparation of starting materials and final compounds and chareteristic data of compounds:

Starting materials $1, 1, 2, 2, 5^3, 6^4$ and 7^5 were prepared following the literature procedures.



General Procedure A for the synthesis of dihydrochromeno δ -carbolines (3aa-3ja and 3ab-3at) taking Synthesis of 3aa as an example.



To a 15 mL Schlenk tube was added ethyl 2-amino-1*H*-indole-3-carboxylate (**1a**) (102 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2-((3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)oxy) benzaldehyde (**2a**) (118 mg, 0.5 mmol) and Yb(OTf)₃ (31 mg, 10 mol%) in anhydrous MeCN (3 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C (oil bath temperature) until complete conversion of starting material (monitored by TLC, 14 h for **3aa–3da**, 16 h for **3ea–3ja** 14 h for **3ag–3aj** and 18 h for **3ak-3at**). After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude material was purified on silica gel using 20% EtOAc/hexane to get **3aa** (118 mg, 68%) as off-colorless solid.

Synthesis of dihydrochromeno δ-carboline 3aa in 2 mmol Scale.



To a 25 mL round bottom flask was added ethyl 2-amino-1*H*-indole-3-carboxylate (**1a**) (410 mg, 2 mmol), 2-((3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)oxy) benzaldehyde (**2a**) (472 mg, 2 mmol) and Yb(OTf)₃ (124 mg, 10 mol%) in anhydrous MeCN (12 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C (oil bath temperature) until complete conversion of starting material (monitored by TLC, 15 h). After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude material was purified on silica gel using 20%

EtOAc/hexane to get **3aa** (446 mg, 64%) as off-colorless solid along with minor amount of **4aa** (112 mg 13%).

7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3aa):



3aa (118 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 304-306 °C; Yield (68%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.19 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (dd, J = 15.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H); ¹³C

NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.6, 141.9, 141.3, 140.9, 133.3, 131.4, 130.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.0, 124.8, 124.7, 122.7, 121.9, 121.3, 120.6, 120.2, 117.0, 112.7, 66.5; IR (KBr) υ 3178, 2966, 1545, 1446, 1239, 848, 652 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₁₇N₂O [M + H]⁺ 349.1341 found 349.1325.

11-methyl-7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3ba)



3ba (107 mg) was obtained from **1b** (109 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.32$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 274-276 °C; Yield (59%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.06 (s, 2H), 8.40 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (s, 2H), 7.68 – 7.60 (m, 6H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (s, 4H), 2.51 – 2.50 (m, 9H); ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 155.7, 141.2, 140.6, 140.3, 133.5, 131.7, 130.3, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 125.0, 124.7, 122.7, 122.2, 121.1, 120.3, 117.0, 112.4, 66.5, 21.5; IR (KBr) υ 3169, 2943, 1554, 1439, 1231, 867, 638 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₅H₁₉N₂O [M + H]⁺ 363.1497 found 363.1499.

7,11-diphenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3ca)



3ca (140 mg) was obtained from **1c** (140 mg) following general procedure **A**; Colorless solid; $R_f = 0.26$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 256-258 °C; Yield (66%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.27 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.65 (m, 5H), 7.58 (ddd, J = 29.8, 13.9, 7.4 Hz, 6H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ

155.7, 142.5, 141.4, 141.1, 140.3, 133.4, 132.1, 130.4, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 127.9, 127.5, 124.9, 124.7, 122.7, 121.4, 121.3, 121.1, 119.5, 117.1, 110.5, 66.5; IR (KBr) υ 3163, 2964, 1554, 1424, 1214, 837, 637 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₂₁N₂O [M + H] + 425.1654 found 425.1672.

10-fluoro-7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3da)



3da (93 mg) was obtained from **1d** (111 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.34$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 271-273 °C; Yield (51%); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.24 (s, 1H), 8.33 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd, J = 8.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR

(100 MHz, DMSO) δ 162.5 (d, J = 242.4 Hz), 155.7, 142.5 (d, J = 13.2 Hz), 141.3, 140.9, 133.2, 131.9, 130.6, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.0, 124.7, 122.7, 122.3, 122.2, 121.1, 118.8, 117.1, 108.6 (d, J = 24.5 Hz), 98.8 (d, J = 26.2 Hz), 66.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO) δ -112.90 (s, 1F); IR (KBr) υ 3126, 2971, 1544, 1426, 1241, 865, 631 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₁₆N₂OF [M + H]⁺ 367.1247 found 367.1236.

11-fluoro-7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3ea)



3ea (106 mg) was obtained from **1e** (111 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.34$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 215-217 °C; Yield (58%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.30 (s, 1H), 8.40 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.55 (m, 5H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H); ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 162.4 (d, J = 241.7 Hz), 155.7, 142.6 (d, J = 13.4 Hz), 141.3, 140.9, 133.2, 131.9, 130.5, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 124.7, 122.7, 122.3, 122.2, 121.1, 118.8, 117.0, 108.6 (d, J = 24.5 Hz), 98.8 (d, J = 24.6 Hz), 66.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO) δ -112.86 (s, 1F); IR (KBr) υ 3154, 2939, 1544, 1456, 1236, 842, 629 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₁₆N₂OF [M + H]⁺ 367.1247 found 367.1279.



11-bromo-7-phenyl-6,8dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3fa)

3fa (126 mg) was obtained from **1f** (141 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.32$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 293-295 °C; Yield (59%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.30 (s, 1H), 8.40 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.57 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5

Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.7, 142.5, 141.5, 140.6, 133.1, 131.6, 130.6, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 124.7, 124.6, 123.1, 122.7, 122.3, 121.8, 121.1, 120.7, 117.0, 115.2, 66.4; IR (KBr) υ 3156, 2988, 1562, 1447, 1265, 858, 662 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₁₆N₂OBr [M + H]⁺ 427.0446 found 427.0453.

10,11-dichloro-7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3ga)



3ga (100 mg) was obtained from **1g** (136 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.34$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 229-231°C; Yield (48%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.41 (s, 1H), 8.48 – 8.35 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.61 (m, 4H), 7.56 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.7, 141.9, 140.4, 139.6,

132.9, 132.4, 131.9, 130.81, 129.93, 129.75, 129.68, 129.54, 128.75, 124.87, 124.4, 122.7, 122.4, 122.0, 121.6, 117.1, 114.1, 66.3; IR (KBr) υ 3191, 2974, 1555, 1459, 1246, 837, 645 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₁₅N₂OCl₂ [M + H]⁺ 417.0561 found 417.0551.

7-phenyl-10-(trifluoromethyl)-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole



(**3ha**)

3ha (98 mg) was obtained from **1h** (136 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.28$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 148-150 °C; Yield (47%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.55 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.71 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.61 (dt, *J* = 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02

(d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.8, 142.0, 140.7, 140.0, 133.0, 132.7, 130.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.2, 127.9, 127.6, 126.5 (q, J = 256.7

Hz), 124.8, 124.5, 123.9, 122.8 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 121.6, 117.1, 116.3, 109.7 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 66.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO) δ -59.76 (s, 3F); IR (KBr) υ 3146, 2949, 1558, 1459, 1239, 846, 651 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₁₆N₂OCF₃ [M + H]⁺ 417.1215 found 417.1232.

Methyl 7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole-11-carboxylate (3ia)



3ia (107 mg) was obtained from **1i** (131 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.32$ (30% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 290-292 °C; Yield (53%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.47 (s, 1H), 8.47 – 8.33 (m, 2H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.56 (m, 5H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s,

3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 167.1, 155.8, 141.8, 141.02, 140.18, 133.11, 133.06, 130.79, 129.82, 129.70, 129.6, 129.5, 128.8, 128.5, 125.5, 124.8, 124.6, 122.7, 120.6, 117.1, 114.2, 66.4, 52.6; IR (KBr) υ 3171, 2978, 1567, 1449, 1254, 857, 659 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₁₉N₂O₃ [M + H]⁺ 407.1396 found 407.1395.

benzyl 7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole-11-carboxylate

(**3**ja)



3ja (149 mg) was obtained from **1j** (169 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.34$ (30% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 222-224 °C; Yield (62%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.46 (s, 1H), 8.41 (t, *J* = 7.6

Hz, 2H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 –

7.62 (m, 3H), 7.59 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, J = 17.6, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 5.28 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.4, 155.8, 141.9, 141.0, 140.1, 136.6, 133.0, 133.0, 130.7, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 129.03, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 125.6, 124.8, 124.6, 122.7, 120.7, 120.7, 117.1, 117.0, 114.3, 66.7, 66.4; IR (KBr) υ 3192, 2971, 1714, 1546, 1443, 1245, 886, 649 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₂₃N₂O₃ [M + H]⁺ 483.1709 found 483.1699.

2-methyl-7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3ab)



3ab (101 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.32$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 272-274 °C; Yield (56%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.17 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.60 (m, 3H),

7.58 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 153.6, 141.9, 141.2, 141.0, 133.5, 131.4, 130.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 127.9, 124.8, 124.6, 122.0, 121.50, 120.6, 120.1, 116.8, 112.7, 66.4, 21.0; IR (KBr) υ 3178, 2956, 1559, 1452, 1242, 856, 658 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₁₉N₂O [M + H]⁺ 363.1497 found 363.1506.

3-methyl-7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3ac)



3ac (107 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.32$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 306-308 °C; Yield (59%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.16 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.68 – 7.47 (m, 7H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.65, 141.90, 141.20, 140.35, 133.54,

131.28, 129.82, 129.57, 129.26, 128.93, 127.90, 124.59, 123.56, 122.29, 122.06, 120.98, 120.63, 120.08, 117.36, 112.70, 21.50; IR (KBr) υ 3178, 2944, 1535, 1428, 1251, 845, 637 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₁₉N₂O [M + H] 363.1497 found 363.1505.

3-methoxy-7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3ad)



3ad (119 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **A**; Colorless solid; $R_f = 0.28$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 258-260 °C; Yield (63%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.11 (s, 1H), 8.29 (dd, J = 17.3, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.72 – 7.44 (m, 7H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 161.5, 157.0, 141.8, 141.3, 141.1, 133.5,

130.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.25, 129.01, 127.81, 125.82, 122.04, 120.59, 120.16, 120.0, 117.8, 112.6, 109.5, 101.9, 66.8, 55.8; IR (KBr) v 3154, 2942, 1513, 1472, 1256, 84, 684 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₅H₁₉N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 379.1447 found 379.1440.

2-methoxy-7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3ae)



3ae (115 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.28$ (30% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 190-192 °C; Yield (61%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.21 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.48 (m, 7H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.88 (m,

2H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H);¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.0, 149.6, 141.9, 141.2, 140.9, 133.4, 131.5, 129.8, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.0, 125.5, 121.9, 121.7, 120.7, 120.1, 117.9, 116.5, 112.7, 108.6, 66.5, 56; IR (KBr) υ 3178, 2937, 1544, 1435, 1229, 857, 643 cm⁻¹ HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₁₉N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 379.1447 found 379.1428.

4-ethoxy-7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3af)



3af (131 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.26$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 202-204 °C; Yield (67%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.19 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 4.07 (dd, J = 13.7, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100

MHz, DMSO) δ 148.0, 145.2, 141.8, 141.2, 141.1, 133.2, 131.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.0, 125.7, 122.3, 121.9, 121.3, 120.6, 120.2, 116.6, 114.6, 112.7, 66.4, 64.5, 15.1; IR (KBr) υ 3166, 2972, 1558, 1454, 1234, 878, 653 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₁N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 393.1603 found 393.1601.

2,11-dimethyl-7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3ag)



3ag (105 mg) was obtained from **1b** (109 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.32$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 314-316 °C; Yield (56%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.01 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.66 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.54 (dd, J = 7.4, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s,

3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 153.5, 141.0, 140.8, 140.2, 133.5, 131.6, 131.4, 130.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 124.7, 124.6, 122.1, 121.2, 120.3, 116.8, 112.4, 66.4, 21.4, 21.0; IR (KBr) υ 3148, 2932, 1559, 1445, 1248, 840, 655 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₁N₂O [M + H]⁺ 377.1654 found 377.1646.

3-methoxy-7,11-diphenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3ah)



3ah (157 mg) was obtained from **1c** (140 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (30% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 289-291°C; Yield (69%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.20 (s, 1H), 8.33 (dd, J = 8.4, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J = 6.0, 4.9 Hz, 3H), 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, J = 12.5, 4.9 Hz, 3H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.4 Hz,

1H), 6.60 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 161.6, 157.0, 142.4, 141.6, 141.4, 140.9, 140.1, 133.5, 131.6, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 127.8, 127.4, 125.8, 121.3, 121.1, 120.2, 119.4, 117.8, 110.5, 109.5, 101.9, 66.8, 55.8; IR (KBr) υ 3198, 2963, 1527, 1443, 1231, 839, 625 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₁H₂₃N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 455.1760 found 455.1737.

4-ethoxy-11-fluoro-7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole



(**3ai**)

3ai (129 mg) was obtained from **1e** (111 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.28$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 226-228 °C; Yield (63%); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.30 (s, 1H), 8.27 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.25 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (ddd, J = 16.0, 9.4, 4.4 Hz, 3H),

5.22 (s, 2H), 4.09 - 4.00 (m, 2H), 1.32 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 162.5 (d, J = 241.6 Hz), 148.0, 145.3, 142.5 (d, J = 13.6 Hz), 141.6, 140.8, 133.2, 131.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 128.9, 125.6, 122.3, 122.2, 121.1, 118.8, 116.6, 114.7, 108.6 (d, J = 24.2 Hz), 98.9 (d, J = 26.2 Hz), 66.4, 64.5, 15.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO) δ -112.84 (s, 1F); IR (KBr) υ 3159, 2974, 1556, 1460, 1238, 847, 634 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₀N₂O₂F [M + H]⁺ 411.1509 found 411.1506.

10-fluoro-3-methyl-7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole



(**3aj**)

3aj (125 mg) was obtained from **1d** (111 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 292-294 °C; Yield = 125 mg (66%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.26 (s, 1H), 8.28 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (ddd, *J* = 23.1, 14.9,

6.8 Hz, 5H), 7.25 (dd, J = 9.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 162.7 (d, J =240.2 Hz), 155.6, 142.5 (d, J = 12.7 Hz), 141.6, 140.8, 140.4, 133.3, 131.7, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 124.6, 123.5, 122.2, 122.1, 120.7, 118.8, 117.3, 108.4 (d, J = 24.4 Hz), 98.8 (d, J = 25.9 Hz), 66.4, 21.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO) δ -113.02 (s, 1F); IR (KBr) υ 3189, 2971, 1549, 1444, 1236, 857, 652 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₁₈N₂OF [M + H]⁺ 381.1403 found 381.1414.

10,11-dichloro-2-methyl-7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2b]indole (3ak)



3ak (112 mg) was obtained from **1g** (136 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.36$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 205-207 °C; Yield (52%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.53 (s, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.71 – 7.56 (m, 6H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 154.7, 142.0, 141.4, 139.2, 133.1,

132.7, 131.8, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.3, 127.0, 126.7, 121.8, 121.2, 120.8, 120.3, 119.6, 114.5, 112.7, 66.6, 27.4; IR (KBr) υ 3145, 2972, 1544, 1446, 1265, 845, 639 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₁₇N₂OCl₂ [M + H]⁺ 431.0718 found 431.0711.

11-bromo-2-methyl-7-phenyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole



(**3al**)

3al (123 mg) was obtained from **1f** (141 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 218-220 °C; Yield (56%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.28 (s, 1H), 8.26 – 8.18 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 153.6, 142.5, 141.7, 140.5, 133.2, 131.6, 131.4, 131.1, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 124.8, 124.3, 123.1, 122.3, 122.0, 121.1, 120.6, 116.8, 115.2, 66.3, 21.0; IR (KBr) υ 3171, 2946, 1546, 1437, 1244, 856, 644 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₁₈N₂OBr [M + H]⁺ 441.0606 found 441.0600.

7-(p-tolyl)-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3am)



3am (85 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.30$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 248-250 °C; Yield (47%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.16 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.6, 141.9, 141.2, 140.8, 138.7,

131.6, 130.4, 130.3, 130.1, 129.7, 128.9, 127.9, 124.9, 124.7, 122.6, 122.0, 121.3, 120.6, 120.1, 117.0, 112.7, 66.5, 21.4; IR (KBr) υ 3168, 2945, 1554, 1459, 1266, 847, 614 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₁₉N₂O [M + H]⁺ 363.1497 found 363.1493.

7-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3an)



3an (107 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.34$ (30% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 234-236 °C; Yield (53%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.18 (s, 1H), 8.41 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.8 Hz, 3H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H),

1.41 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.6, 151.6, 141.9, 141.3, 140.9, 131.5, 130.5, 130.3, 129.5, 128.8, 127.9, 126.3, 124.9, 124.7, 122.6, 122.0, 121.4, 120.6, 120.1, 117.0, 112.7, 66.5, 35.0, 31.5; IR (KBr) υ 3172, 2944, 1555, 1456, 1244, 857, 643 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₂₅N₂O [M + H]⁺ 405.1967 found 405.1989.

7-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3ao)



3ao (104 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.28$ (30% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 215-217 °C; Yield (55%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.17 (s, 1H), 8.40 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.31 (ddd, J = 18.0, 11.3, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd, J = 13.3, 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

DMSO) δ 160.0, 155.7, 141.8, 141.2, 140.9, 131.7, 131.1, 130.3, 128.8, 127.9, 125.4, 125.0, 124.7, 122.6, 122.1, 121.4, 120.6, 120.1, 117.0, 115.0, 112.7, 66.5, 55.7; IR (KBr)

 υ 3182, 2949, 1551, 1442, 1229, 836, 648 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₁₉N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 379.1447 found 379.1450.

7-(4-chlorophenyl)-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3ap)



3ap (97 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.28$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 264-268 °C; Yield = 97 mg (51%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.23 (s, 1H), 8.41 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H); ¹³C

NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.6, 141.9, 141.3, 140.8, 134.1, 132.3, 131.8, 131.4, 130.4, 129.6, 128.1, 127.7, 124.8, 124.7, 122.7, 122.0, 121.3, 120.7, 120.2, 117.0, 112.6, 66.3; IR (KBr) υ 3176, 2976, 1554, 1451, 1247, 837, 661 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₁₆N₂OCl [M + H]⁺ 383.0951 found 383.0942.

7-(4-chlorophenyl)-11-methyl-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole



(**3aq**)

3aq (107 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.32$ (30% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 209-211 °C; Yield (54%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.10 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.9

Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.6, 141.2, 140.5, 140.2, 134.1, 133.7, 132.3, 131.7, 131.6, 130.3, 129.6, 129.0, 127.5, 124.9, 124.6, 122.6, 122.1, 121.1, 120.3, 117.0, 112.3, 66.4, 21.5; IR (KBr) υ 3172, 2941, 1560, 1442, 1235, 849, 644 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₁₈N₂OCl [M + H]⁺ 397.1108 found 397.1122.

4-(6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indol-7-yl)benzonitrile (3ar)



3ar (108 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **A**; Light pink solid; $R_f = 0.32$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 212-214 °C; Yield (58%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.26 (s, 1H), 8.42 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ

155.6, 141.9, 141.5, 140.8, 136.7, 132.7, 131.3, 130.9, 130.5, 128.2, 127.4, 126.4, 124.7, 122.7, 122.1, 121.9, 121.2, 120.7, 120.3, 117.1, 114.9, 112.6, 66.3; IR (KBr) υ 3165, 2938, 1537, 1428, 1251, 845, 637 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₅H₁₆N₃O [M + H]⁺ 374.1293 found 374.1294.

Methyl 4-(6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indol-7-yl)benzoate (3as)



3as (132 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.28$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 224-226 °C; Yield (65%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.27 (s, 1H), 8.39 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.18 (td, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.98 (m, 1H),

5.24 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.5, 155.6, 141.9, 141.4, 140.8, 138.3, 131.1, 130.6, 130.4, 130.3, 128.2, 127.8, 124.7, 122.8, 121.8, 121.2, 120.7, 120.3, 117.1, 112.6, 66.3, 52.9; IR (KBr) υ 3157, 2987,1682, 1578, 1436, 1211, 842, 652 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₆H₁₉N₂O₃ [M + H]⁺ 407.1396 found 407.1393.

7-(thiophen-2-yl)-6,8-dihydrochromeno[3',4':5,6]pyrido[3,2-b]indole (3at)



3at (103 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **A**; Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.28$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 307-309 °C; Yield (58%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.34 (s, 1H), 8.34 (dd, J = 44.1, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.36 (ddd, J = 22.3, 15.5, 9.8 Hz, 4H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.6, 141.9,

141.4, 140.8, 132.8, 131.8, 130.5, 130.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.2, 124.7, 122.7, 122.0, 121.8, 120.7, 120.4, 117.0, 112.9, 66.5; IR (KBr) υ 3178, 2966, 1558, 1436, 1246, 838, 657 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₅N₂OS [M + H]⁺ 355.0905 found 355.0907.

General Procedure B for the synthesis of annelated pyrimidines (4a-c) Taking Synthesis of 4a as an Example.



Ethyl 2-amino-1*H*-indole-3-carboxylate (**1a**) (102 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2-((3-phenylprop-2yn-1-yl)oxy) benzaldehyde (**2a**) (118 mg, 0.5 mmol) and Yb(OTf)₃ (31 mg, 10 mol%) in anhydrous MeCN (3 mL) in a 15 mL Schlenk tube were added TFA (Triflouro acetic acid) (0.04 mL, 1 equiv) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C (oil bath temperature) until complete conversion of starting material (monitored by TLC, 20 h). After completion of the reaction, the solvent removed under reduced pressure and the crude material was purified on silica gel using 40% EtOAc/hexane to get **4a** (136 mg, 65%) as a dark brick red solid.

ethyl 7-phenyl-6H-chromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrimido[1,2-a]indole-13-carboxylate (4a)



Brick red solid; $R_f = 0.28$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 198-200 °C; Yield = 136 mg (65%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.61 – 8.47 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 4.57 (q, J = 7.1Hz, 2H), 1.59 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ δ 165.1, 158.1, 151.1, 146.5, 142.7, 133.6,

131.1, 130.4, 130.2, 128.5, 128.4, 126.6, 125.1, 122.8, 121.9, 121.7, 121.5, 117.4, 114.3, 110.23, 95.2, 64.8, 59.7, 14.8; IR (KBr) υ 2933, 1667, 1378, 1219, 770 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₇H₂₁N₂O₃ [M + H]⁺ 421.1552 found 421.1560.



ethyl 7-(p-tolyl)-6Hchromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrimido[1,2-a]indole-13carboxylate (4b)

4b (137 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **B**; Brick red solid; $R_f = 0.34$ (30% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 203-205 °C; Yield (63%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz,

1H), 8.51 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 7.0, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.98 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.92 (ddd, J = 8.5, 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 4.57 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 1.58 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 165.1, 158.1, 151.1, 146.6, 143.0, 141.4, 133.6, 130.8, 130.2, 128.6, 128.2, 127.4, 126.6, 125.0, 122.7, 121.8, 121.7, 121.4, 117.3, 114.5, 110.3, 95.0, 64.8, 59.7, 21.7, 14.8; IR (KBr) υ 2933, 1732, 1436, 1220, 770 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₈H₂₃N₂O₃ [M + H]⁺ 435.1709 found 435.1707.

ethyl

2-bromo-7-phenyl-6H-chromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrimido[1,2-a]indole-13carboxylate (4c):



4c (169 mg) was obtained from **1a** (102 mg) following general procedure **B**; Brick red solid; $R_f = 0.28$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 221-223 °C; Yield (68%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.49 (ddd, J = 8.1, 4.5, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (ddd, J = 8.5, 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.7 Hz,

1H), 6.21 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 4.57 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 165.0, 156.9, 149.6, 146.0, 143.0, 136.1, 131.31, 130.3, 129.01, 128.5, 128.3, 125.3, 123.2, 122.0, 121.8, 119.3, 115.4, 114.4, 109.6, 95.5, 64.9, 59.9, 14.6; IR (KBr) υ 2972, 1616, 1496, 1229, 667 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₇H₂₀N₂O₃Br [M + H]⁺ 499.0657 found 499.0671.

General Procedure C for the synthesis dihydrochromeno a-carbolines of (7a-c)

Taking Synthesis of 7a as an Example.



To a 15 mL Schlenk tube was added ethyl 1H-indol-2-amine hydrochloride (7) (84 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2-((3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)oxy) benzaldehyde (**2a**) (118 mg, 0.5 mmol) and Yb(OTf)₃ (31 mg, 10 mol%) in anhydrous MeCN (3 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C (oil bath temperature) until complete conversion of starting material (monitored by TLC, 18 h). After completion of the reaction, solvent was removed under

reduced pressure and the crude material purified on silica gel using 30% EtOAc/hexane to get **4a** (107 mg, 62%) as a off-colorless solid

7-phenyl-6,9-dihydrochromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrido[2,3-b]indole (8a)



Off-colorless solid; $R_f = 0.28$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 195-198 °C; Yield = 107 mg (62%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.11 (s, 1H), 8.34 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, J = 5.8, 4.4 Hz, 3H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 156.4, 152.0, 145.1, 141.3, 139.9, 135.7, 131.5, 129.6, 129.4,

128.8, 127.0, 125.0, 124.3, 122.7, 121.7, 120.0, 119.8, 117.2, 116.3, 113.2, 111.8, 66.2; IR (KBr) υ 3090, 2966, 1592, 1460, 1222, 839, 769 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₄H₁₇N₂O [M + H]⁺ 349.1341 found 349.1339.

7-(p-tolyl)-6,9-dihydrochromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrido[2,3-b]indole (8b)



8b (107 mg) was obtained from **7** (84 mg) following general procedure **C**; Off- colorless solid; $R_f = 0.28$ (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 209-211 °C; Yield (59%); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.11 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.47 (m, 5H), 7.38 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 156.4, 152.1, 145.1, 141.4, 139.8, 138.7, 132.7, 131.4, 130.1, 128.81, 126.9, 125.0, 124.3, 122.6,

121.8, 120.7, 119.8, 117.2, 116.47, 113.3, 111.8, 66.2, 21.5; IR (KBr) υ 2934, 1678, 1484, 1216, 827, 769 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₅H₁₉N₂O [M + H]⁺ 363.1497 found 363.1497.

methyl 4-(6,9-dihydrochromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrido[2,3-b]indol-7-yl)benzoate (8c)



8c (118 mg) mg was obtained from 7 (84 mg) following general procedure C; Off-colorless solid; R_f = 0.28 (20% EtOAc/Hexanes); mp: 204-206 °C; Yield (58%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.22 (s, 1H), 8.41 – 8.33 (m, 2H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.39 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ

166.5, 157.1, 152.8, 150.7, 143.9, 140.5, 134.6, 132.0, 130.1, 129.9, 129.60, 128.5, 127.7, 123.0, 122.9, 122.6, 120.3, 119.9, 119.6, 118.06, 112.1, 109.3, 67.3, 52.7; IR (KBr) υ

2924, 1725, 1460, 1278, 872, 761 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for $C_{26}H_{19}N_2O_3$ [M + H]⁺ 407.1396 found 407.1397.

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IV. Spectral data of 3aa-ja, 3ab-3au, 4a-c and 8a-c.





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V. X-ray crystallographic data.

Crystallographic data

Figure caption: ORTEP diagram of **3af** compound with the atom-numbering. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 35% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius. CCDC 1970227 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper which can be obtained free of charge at <u>https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/</u>

Figure caption: ORTEP diagram of **3da** compound (major component) with the atom-numbering. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 35% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius. The asymmetric unit contains compound and DMSO solvent in 1:0.5 ratio. DMSO interacts with the molecule by N-H...O hydrogen bond, indicated by a dotted line. The symmetry related second half of DMSO is shown for clarity purpose. The -CH₂ group at carbon C24 atom was found to be partially oxidized to -CHOH and found as a disordered site in the crystal lattice. The disorder model refinement suggested that the unoxidized product is the major component with site occupancy of 0.905(5) for C24/H24A/H24B atoms and the oxidized product is the minor component with site occupancy of 0.095(5) for C24D/H24D/O3D/H3D atoms. CCDC 1970228 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper which can be obtained free of charge at https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/.

ORTEP diagram of 3da compound (minor component) with the atom-numbering.

ORTEP diagram of **8c** compound with the atom-numbering. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 35% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius. CCDC 1970229 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper which can be obtained free of charge at <u>https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/</u>

ORTEP diagram of **4b** compound with the atom-numbering. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 35% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius. CCDC 1970230 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper which can be obtained free of charge at <u>https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/</u>

	3af
chemical formula	$C_{26}H_{20}N_2O_2, C_4H_8O_2$
Fw; F(000)	480.54; 4572
<i>T</i> (K)	293(2)
wavelength (Å)	0.71073
space group	R-3
<i>a</i> (Å)	26.635(19)
b (Å)	26.635
<i>c</i> (Å)	16.714(14)
a (deg)	90
β (deg)	90
γ (deg)	120
Z	18
$V(\text{\AA}^3)$	10269(17)
ρ _{calcd} (g·cm ⁻³)	1.399
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.093
θ range (deg); completeness	2.635 - 30.632; 0.998
collected reflections; R _σ	28339; 0.0433
unique reflections; Rint	28339; 0.0400
R1 ^a ; wR2 ^b [I > $2\sigma(I)$]	0.0561; 0.1542
R1; wR2 [all data]	0.1016; 0.1776
GOF	1.007
largest diff peak and hole	0.184 and -0.213

 Table S1. Crystal Data Collection and Refinement Parameters for 3af.

^a $\mathbf{R}_1 = \Sigma(||\mathbf{F}_0| - |\mathbf{F}_c||) / \Sigma |\mathbf{F}_0|$

 $\frac{\mathbf{b} \mathbf{w} \mathbf{R}_2}{\mathbf{w} \mathbf{E}_0^2 - \mathbf{E}_0^2} / \sum [\mathbf{w} (\mathbf{E}_0^2)^2] / \sum [\mathbf{w} (\mathbf{E}_0^2)^2]$

	3da
chemical formula	$2(C_{24}H_{15}FN_2O_{1.10}), C_2H_6OS$
<i>Fw</i> ; <i>F</i> (000)	813.92; 1694
<i>T</i> (K)	293(2)
wavelength (Å)	0.71073
space group	C2/c
<i>a</i> (Å)	22.70(2)
b (Å)	7.518(7)
<i>c</i> (Å)	24.71(2)
a (deg)	90
β (deg)	109.661(16)
γ (deg)	90
Z	4
$V(\text{\AA}^3)$	3972(6)
ρcalcd (g·cm ⁻³)	1.361
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.142
θ range (deg); completeness	2.109 - 24.998; 0.999
collected reflections; R _o	17034; 0.0535
unique reflections; Rint	17034; 0.0545
R1 ^a ; wR2 ^b [I > $2\sigma(I)$]	0.0579; 0.1456
R1; wR2 [all data]	0.1079; 0.1723
GOF	1.051
largest diff peak and hole	0.212 and -0.267

 Table S2. Crystal Data Collection and Refinement Parameters for 3da.

^a $\mathbf{R}_1 = \Sigma(||\mathbf{F}_0| - |\mathbf{F}_c||) / \Sigma |\mathbf{F}_0|$

 $\frac{{}^{b}wR_{2}}{=} \frac{\sum[w(F_{0}^{2}-F_{c}^{2})^{2}]}{\sum[w(F_{0}^{2})^{2}]}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

	8c
chemical formula	$C_{26}H_{18}N_2O3$
Fw; F(000)	406.42; 424
<i>T</i> (K)	293(2)
wavelength (Å)	0.71073
space group	P-1
a (Å)	8.031(3)
b (Å)	10.670(5)
c (Å)	12.569(5)
a (deg)	93.207(12)
β (deg)	102.784(9)
γ (deg)	108.553(11)
Z	2
$V(\text{\AA}^3)$	986.4(7)
ρcalcd (g·cm ⁻³)	1.368
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.091
θ range (deg); completeness	2.452 - 30.555; 0.998
collected reflections; R _o	25056; 0.0533
unique reflections; Rint	25056; 0.0543
R1 ^a ; wR2 ^b [I > $2\sigma(I)$]	0.0540; 0.1576
R1; wR2 [all data]	0.0837; 0.1770
GOF	1.155
largest diff peak and hole	0.385 and -0.255

 Table S3. Crystal Data Collection and Refinement Parameters for 8c.

^a $\mathbf{R}_1 = \Sigma(||\mathbf{F}_0| - |\mathbf{F}_c||) / \Sigma |\mathbf{F}_0|$

 $\frac{{}^{b}wR_{2}}{=} \frac{\sum[w(F_{0}^{2}-F_{c}^{2})^{2}]}{\sum[w(F_{0}^{2})^{2}]}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

	4b
chemical formula	$C_{28}H_{22}N_2O_3$
<i>Fw</i> ; <i>F</i> (000)	434.47; 456
<i>T</i> (K)	293(2)
wavelength (Å)	0.71073
space group	P-1
<i>a</i> (Å)	9.503(7)
b (Å)	9.907(8)
c (Å)	12.446(10)
a (deg)	96.68(2)
β (deg)	99.585(17)
γ (deg)	103.549(19)
Z	2
$V(\text{\AA}^3)$	1108.4(15)
ρcalcd (g·cm ⁻³)	1.302
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.085
θ range (deg); completeness	2.143 - 24.998; 0.999
collected reflections; R _σ	21141; 0.0925
unique reflections; Rint	21141; 0.1256
R1 ^a ; wR2 ^b [I > $2\sigma(I)$]	0.0635; 0.1489
R1; wR2 [all data]	0.1346; 0.1815
GOF	0.997
largest diff peak and hole	0.243 and -0.196

 Table S4. Crystal Data Collection and Refinement Parameters for 4b.

^a $R_1 = \Sigma(||F_o| - |F_c||) / \Sigma|F_o|$

 $\frac{{}^{b}wR_{2}}{=} \frac{\sum[w(F_{0}^{2}-F_{c}^{2})^{2}]}{\sum[w(F_{0}^{2})^{2}]}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Data collection and Structure solution details: Single crystal X-ray data for **3af**, **3da**, **8c**, **4b** compounds were collected at room temperature on a Bruker D8 QUEST equipped with a fourcircle kappa diffractometer and Photon 100 detector. An Iµs microfocus Mo source (\Box =0.71073Å) supplied the multi-mirror monochromated incident beam. A combination of Phi and Omega scans were used to collect the necessary data and unit cell dimensions were determined using 9904 reflections for **3af**, 5015 reflections for **3da**, 9956 reflections for **8c** and 3949 reflections for **4b** data sets. Integration and scaling of intensity data were accomplished using SAINT program.¹ The structures were solved by Direct Methods using SHELXL-2014/7.²⁻³ Anisotropic displacement parameters were included for all non-hydrogen atoms. All H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding on their parent C atoms, with C-H distances of 0.93--0.97 Å, and with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}$ (C) or $1.5U_{eq}$ for methyl atoms. The N bound H atoms were located from the difference Fourier map.

In KA422, the solvent of crystallization ethyl acetate was trapped inside the crystal lattice; however, the ethyl acetate solvent molecule showed extensive disorder and could not be resolved well. PLATON SQUEEZE module⁴ was employed to remove the solvent contribution from the overall scattering during the final cycle of refinement. In KA844 also, the solvent of crystallization DMSO was trapped inside the crystal lattice and was found to be disordered over a two fold axis with 50% site occupancy. The -CH₂ group at carbon C24 atom was found to be partially oxidized to -CHOH and found as a disordered site in the crystal lattice. The disorder model refinement suggested that the unoxidized product is the major component with site occupancy of 0.905(5) for C24/H24A/H24B atoms and the oxidized product is the minor component with site occupancy of 0.095(5) for C24D/H24D/O3D/H3D atoms. The disorder model structural refinement was performed with DELU and SIMU instructions. Structures with CCDC Deposition Numbers 1970227-1970230 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper which can be obtained free of charge at <u>https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/</u>

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