
Supporting Information

I₂-DMSO Mediated N-H/ α -C(sp³)-H Difunctionalization of Tetrahydroisoquinoline: Formal [2+2+1] Annulation for the Construction of Pyrrolo [2,1-*a*]isoquinoline Derivatives

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1. General

All of the substrates and reagents were commercially available and used without further purification. TLC analysis was performed using pre-coated glass plates. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200–300 mesh). ^1H NMR spectra were determined at 25 °C on a Varian Mercury 600 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts were provided in ppm relative to the internal standard of tetramethylsilane (TMS). ^{13}C spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 or $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ on 150 MHz NMR spectrometers and resonances (δ) in ppm. The data is being reported as s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration. HRMS were obtained on Thermo Scientific Q Exactive equipped with an electron spray ionization source. Melting points were determined by using an electrothermal capillary melting point apparatus and not corrected. The X-ray crystal-structures were obtained on a Bruker APEX DUO CCD system.

2. Experimental procedures

General procedure for the synthesis of **3** and **4** (1 mmol scale of **3a** as an example)

A sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with acetophenone (**1a**) (120.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), iodine (254.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) at room temperature, and DMSO (3 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**2a**) (133.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. After the reaction completed, the mixture was quenched with saturation Na₂S₂O₃ solution (100 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2:1) to yield the desired product **3a** (243.0 mg, yield 64%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.3).

3. The crystallographic data

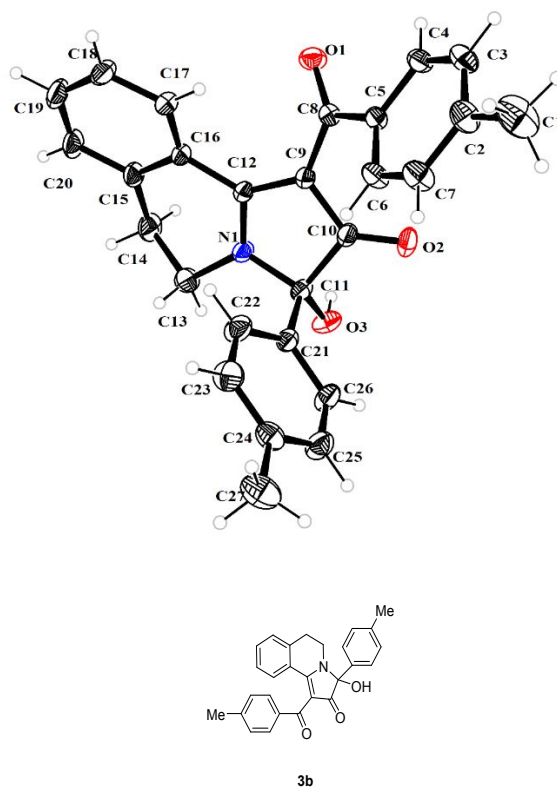


Figure S1. X-ray crystal structure of **3b** ORTEP (30%) drawing

Crystal Data for Compound **3b**: CCDC 2094616 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic.

Sample preparation: In a 10 mL glass bottle, 15 mg of pure **3b** was completely dissolved in the mixed solvent of 3 mL CHCl_3 , and then 2 mL of n-hexane was added slowly. After a week of solvent evaporation, some yellow transparent crystals were obtained. The crystals were mounted on a glass fiber for diffraction experiments. Intensity data were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer with Mo $K\alpha$ radiation (0.71073 Å) at room temperature.

Bond precision: C-C = 0.0021 Å

Wavelength=0.71073

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alpha=117.539(2) beta=106.494(2) gamma=94.119(3)

Temperature: 296 K

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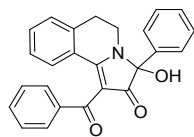
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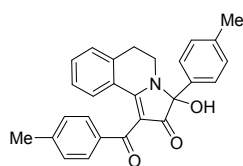
4. Spectroscopic data



3a

1-benzoyl-3-hydroxy-3-phenyl-5,6-dihydropyrrolo [2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3a**)

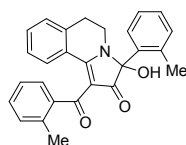
Prepared according to the **1a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 60.0 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3a** (133.4 mg, yield 70%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.3); mp 200–202 °C; 1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.72 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.60–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.46 (s, 3H), 7.43–7.36 (m, 5H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.52–3.48 (m, 1H), 3.17–3.10 (m, 2H), 3.09–3.04 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 194.3, 189.8, 170.6, 139.2, 138.0, 136.2, 133.6, 132.2, 130.9, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 126.7, 125.5, 124.1, 103.1, 90.8, 37.1, 27.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{25}H_{20}NO_3^+$ 382.14377; Found 382.14337.



3b

3-hydroxy-1-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo [2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3b**)

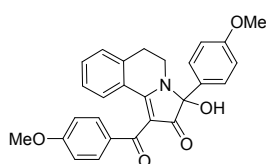
Prepared according to the **1b** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.0 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3b** (139.2 mg yield 68%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.3); mp 219–220 °C; 1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 4H), 3.50–3.44 (m, 1H), 3.16–3.12 (m, 1H), 3.12–3.07 (m, 1H), 3.07–3.02 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 194.4, 189.6, 170.1, 142.4, 137.9, 136.6, 133.4, 130.8, 129.6, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 126.6, 125.4, 124.2, 103.3, 90.7, 37.0, 27.8, 21.2, 20.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{27}H_{24}NO_3^+$ 410.17507; Found 410.17484.



3c

3-hydroxy-1-(2-methylbenzoyl)-3-(*o*-tolyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo [2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3c**)

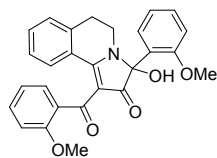
Prepared according to the **1c** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.0 mg), I₂ (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3c** (118.8 mg, yield 58%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.3); mp 215–217 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.08 (m, 2H), 3.50–3.43 (m, 1H), 3.12–3.01 (m, 2H), 2.99–2.92 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 194.4, 190.7, 170.7, 141.4, 137.8, 135.6, 135.3, 134.1, 133.8, 131.7, 131.6, 131.3, 130.3, 129.3, 128.8, 128.31, 128.29, 126.5, 125.8, 125.0, 124.4, 37.2, 27.7, 19.6, 15.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₂₄NO₃⁺ 410.17507; Found 410.17520.



3d

3-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo [2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3d**)

Prepared according to the **1d** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 75.0 mg), I₂ (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3d** (112.6 mg, yield 51%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.28); mp 222–224 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.49–3.45 (m, 1H), 3.16–3.13 (m, 1H), 3.12–3.08 (m, 1H), 3.08–3.03 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 194.5, 188.7, 169.8, 162.6, 159.4, 137.9, 133.3, 131.7, 130.6, 128.6, 128.3, 126.8, 126.6, 124.2, 114.0, 113.2, 103.3, 90.5, 55.4, 55.1, 37.0, 27.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₂₄NO₅⁺ 442.16490; Found 442.16537.

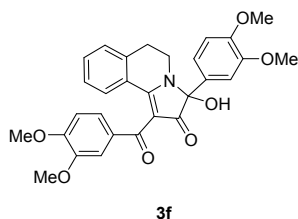


3e

3-hydroxy-1-(2-methoxybenzoyl)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo [2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3e**)

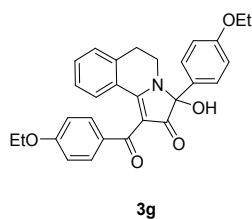
Prepared according to the **1e** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 75.0 mg), I₂ (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl

acetate (1:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3e** (99.3 mg, yield 45%) as yellow solid ($R_f = 0.3$); mp 202–203 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.55–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.40–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.01 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.91–6.84 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.43–3.38 (m, 1H), 3.03–2.96 (m, 1H), 2.92–2.86 (m, 1H), 2.74–2.65 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 194.4, 187.2, 170.0, 157.1, 156.1, 137.6, 133.1, 132.3, 131.3, 130.4, 130.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.0, 126.2, 125.0, 124.4, 120.1, 119.6, 111.4, 111.2, 105.7, 87.7, 79.2, 55.6, 55.5, 37.2, 27.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_5^+$ 442.16490; Found 442.16479.



1-(3,4-dimethoxybenzoyl)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo [2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3f**)

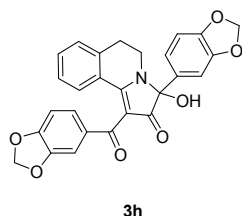
Prepared according to the **1f** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 90.0 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:2 v/v) as eluent afforded **3f** (120.4 mg, yield 48%) as yellow solid ($R_f = 0.35$); mp 216–218 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.63 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.50–3.45 (m, 1H), 3.21–3.15 (m, 1H), 3.14–3.09 (m, 1H), 3.09–3.03 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 194.6, 189.0, 169.4, 152.5, 149.0, 148.8, 148.1, 137.9, 133.3, 131.6, 130.6, 130.5, 128.8, 128.7, 126.7, 124.3, 124.2, 117.5, 111.8, 110.5, 109.3, 103.3, 90.4, 55.7, 55.6, 55.5, 55.3, 37.0, 27.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_7^+$ 502.18603; Found 502.18646.



1-(4-ethoxybenzoyl)-3-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo [2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3g**)

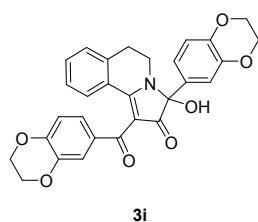
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(t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 4H), 4.11–4.06 (m, 2H), 4.04–3.99 (m, 2H), 3.49–3.44 (m, 1H), 3.17–3.12 (m, 1H), 3.12–3.08 (m, 1H), 3.07–3.03 (m, 1H), 1.36–1.32 (m, 3H), 1.32–1.28 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 194.6, 188.7, 169.8, 162.0, 158.7, 137.9, 133.3, 131.8, 131.6, 130.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 126.8, 126.6, 124.2, 114.5, 113.6, 103.3, 90.5, 63.4, 63.1, 37.0, 27.8, 14.7, 14.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_5^+$ 470.19620; Found 470.19675.



3-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxole-5-carbonyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo [2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3h**)

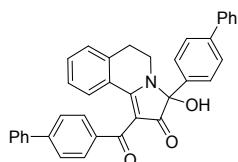
Prepared according to the **1h** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 82.0 mg), **I₂** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3h** (129.1 mg, yield 55%) as yellow solid ($R_f = 0.35$); mp 205–207 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.63 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 6.98–6.94 (m, 2H), 6.94–6.89 (m, 2H), 6.10 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 3.49–3.44 (m, 1H), 3.21–3.16 (m, 1H), 3.15–3.10 (m, 1H), 3.07–3.02 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 194.2, 188.4, 169.9, 150.8, 147.6, 147.5, 147.1, 137.9, 133.6, 133.4, 130.7, 130.2, 128.7, 126.7, 125.7, 124.1, 119.0, 109.6, 109.0, 108.3, 107.6, 106.1, 103.1, 101.8, 101.3, 90.3, 37.0, 27.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_7^+$ 470.12343; Found 470.12387.



3-(2,3-dihydrobenzo[*b*][1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-1-(2,3-dihydrobenzo[*b*][1,4]dioxine-6-carbonyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo [2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3i**)

Prepared according to the **1i** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 89.0 mg), **I₂** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3i** (136.8 mg, yield 55%) as yellow oil yellow solid ($R_f = 0.33$); ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.62 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.88 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 4.24 (s, 6H), 3.49–3.44 (m, 1H),

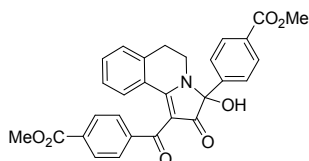
3.17–3.12 (m, 1H), 3.10–3.02 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 194.3, 188.7, 169.8, 147.3, 143.6, 143.4, 142.6, 137.8, 133.3, 132.5, 130.6, 129.3, 128.7, 126.7, 124.1, 123.3, 118.7, 118.0, 117.3, 116.5, 114.6, 103.2, 90.2, 64.5, 64.1, 63.9, 37.0, 27.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_7^+$ 498.15473; Found 498.15485.



3j

1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbonyl)-3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3j**)

Prepared according to the **1j** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 98.0 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3j** (160.1 mg, yield 60%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.3); mp 161–163 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.87 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.84–7.75 (m, 3H), 7.73 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 5H), 7.67 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.48 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 5H), 7.43–7.33 (m, 3H), 3.60–3.52 (m, 1H), 3.27–3.20 (m, 1H), 3.19–3.06 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 194.3, 189.4, 170.6, 143.7, 140.4, 139.6, 139.3, 138.0, 138.0, 135.3, 133.6, 130.9, 130.2, 129.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.1, 127.7, 127.1, 126.9, 126.7, 126.2, 124.1, 103.3, 90.8, 37.2, 27.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3^+$ 534.20637; Found 534.20660.

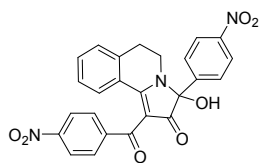


3k

methyl 14-(3-hydroxy-1-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)benzoyl)-2-oxo-2,3,5,6-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-3-yl)benzoate (**3k**)

Prepared according to the **1k** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 89.0 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3k** (129.4 mg, yield 52%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.35); mp 223–225 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.01 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.57–3.48 (m, 1H), 3.25–3.18 (m, 1H), 3.18–3.13 (m, 1H), 3.11–3.02 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 193.7, 188.7, 171.3, 165.8, 143.4, 141.1, 138.1, 133.9, 132.0, 131.2, 129.9, 129.7, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 126.7, 126.1, 123.9,

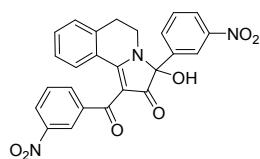
103.4, 102.9, 90.6, 52.4, 52.2, 37.3, 27.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{29}H_{24}NO_7^+$ 498.15473; Found 498.15491.



3l

3-hydroxy-1-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3l**)

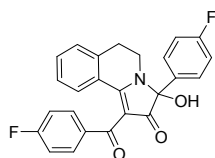
Prepared according to the **1l** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 82.5 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3l** (134.4 mg, yield 57%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.28); mp 205–207 °C; 1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.26 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 4H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.58–3.53 (m, 1H), 3.27–3.22 (m, 1H), 3.21–3.16 (m, 1H), 3.11–3.05 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 193.3, 187.6, 171.8, 149.0, 147.8, 145.0, 142.9, 138.2, 134.3, 131.5, 131.4, 130.2, 128.6, 127.3, 126.7, 124.0, 123.1, 102.7, 90.4, 37.4, 27.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{25}H_{18}N_3O_7^+$ 472.11393; Found 472.11411.



3m

3-hydroxy-1-(3-nitrobenzoyl)-3-(3-nitrophenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3m**)

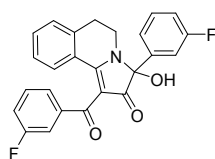
Prepared according to the **1m** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 82.5 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3m** (127.3 mg, yield 54%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.28); mp 191–193 °C; 1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.59–3.54 (m, 1H), 3.31–3.26 (m, 1H), 3.22–3.17 (m, 1H), 3.12–3.06 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 193.4, 186.9, 172.1, 148.2, 147.4, 140.7, 138.3, 138.2, 135.5, 134.3, 131.9, 131.4, 130.7, 129.6, 128.6, 126.7, 126.3, 123.9, 123.8, 120.8, 102.6, 90.1, 37.4, 27.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{25}H_{18}N_3O_7^+$ 472.11393; Found 472.11404.



3n

1-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (3n**)**

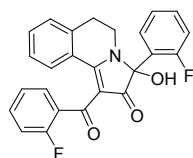
Prepared according to the **1n** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 69.0 mg), I₂ (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3n** (129.4 mg, yield 62%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.3); mp 219–220 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.81–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.21 (m, 4H), 3.53–3.47 (m, 1H), 3.21–3.16 (m, 1H), 3.16–3.11 (m, 1H), 3.09–3.03 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 194.0, 188.2, 170.8, 165.3, 163.7, 163.0, 161.4, 138.0, 135.8, 133.7, 132.4, 132.1, 131.0, 128.6, 127.8, 126.7, 124.0, 115.7, 115.5, 114.9, 114.8, 102.8, 90.3, 37.1, 27.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₁₈F₂NO₃⁺ 418.12493; Found 418.12491.



3o

1-(3-fluorobenzoyl)-3-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (3o**)**

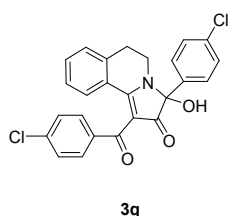
Prepared according to the **1o** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 69.0 mg), I₂ (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3o** (123.1 mg, yield 59%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.3); mp 192–194 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.42–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.19 (m, 1H), 3.60–3.49 (m, 1H), 3.28–3.20 (m, 1H), 3.20–3.12 (m, 1H), 3.12–3.03 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 193.7, 188.3, 171.2, 163.3, 162.6, 161.6, 161.0, 141.7, 139.1, 138.1, 133.8, 131.1, 130.9, 130.0, 128.6, 126.7, 125.3, 124.0, 121.4, 118.8, 115.7, 115.6, 113.0, 112.8, 102.9, 90.2, 37.2, 27.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₁₈F₂NO₃⁺ 418.12493; Found 418.12460.



3p

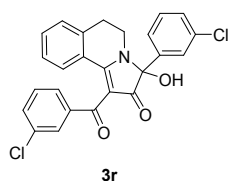
1-(2-fluorobenzoyl)-3-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3p**)

Prepared according to the **1p** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 69.0 mg), **I₂** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3p** (114.8 mg, yield 55%) as yellow solid (*R_f* = 0.3); mp 236–238 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.41 (m, 4H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.12 (m, 3H), 3.53–3.50 (m, 1H), 3.09–3.02 (m, 1H), 3.01–2.95 (m, 1H), 2.95–2.88 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 193.7, 184.3, 170.4, 160.8, 159.8, 159.2, 158.1, 138.0, 134.0, 132.3, 132.2, 131.4, 131.3, 130.1, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 128.4, 126.6, 124.6, 124.3, 123.9, 123.4, 123.3, 115.8, 115.7, 115.6, 115.5, 104.8, 87.4, 37.3, 27.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₁₈F₂NO₃⁺ 418.12493; Found 418.12454.



1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3q**)

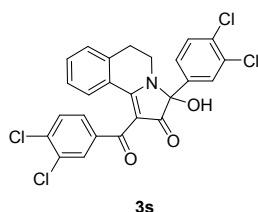
Prepared according to the **1q** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 77.0 mg), **I₂** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3q** (153.1 mg, yield 68%) as yellow solid (*R_f* = 0.3); mp 200–202 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.47 (s, 4H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.53–3.47 (m, 1H), 3.22–3.17 (m, 1H), 3.17–3.12 (m, 1H), 3.08–3.03 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 193.8, 188.3, 171.0, 138.04, 137.96, 136.8, 135.1, 133.8, 133.4, 131.2, 131.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 126.7, 123.9, 102.8, 90.3, 37.1, 27.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₁₈Cl₂NO₃⁺ 450.06583; Found 450.06598.



1-(3-chlorobenzoyl)-3-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3r**)

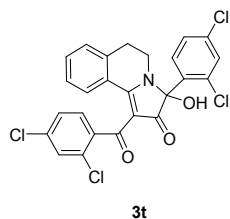
Prepared according to the **1r** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 77.0 mg), **I₂** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C

(heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3r** (146.3 mg, yield 65%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.3); mp 192–194 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.49–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.39–7.33 (m, 2H), 3.57–3.50 (m, 1H), 3.26–3.20 (m, 1H), 3.18–3.12 (m, 1H), 3.11–3.04 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 193.7, 188.1, 171.3, 141.3, 138.6, 138.1, 133.9, 133.6, 132.7, 131.7, 131.1, 130.8, 129.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 127.8, 126.7, 125.8, 124.0, 123.9, 102.8, 90.2, 37.3, 27.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₁₈Cl₂NO₃⁺ 450.06583; Found 450.06598.



1-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (3s**)**

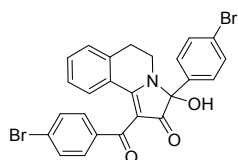
Prepared according to the **1s** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 95.0 mg), I₂ (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3s** (161.0 mg, yield 62%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.3); mp 138–140 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.75–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.69–7.60 (m, 3H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.58–3.49 (m, 1H), 3.31–3.24 (m, 1H), 3.22–3.14 (m, 1H), 3.11–3.03 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 193.4, 186.9, 171.6, 139.6, 138.2, 137.1, 134.5, 134.1, 131.64, 131.62, 131.3, 131.10, 131.06, 130.7, 130.2, 129.2, 128.6, 128.0, 126.6, 125.8, 123.8, 102.6, 89.8, 37.3, 27.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₁₆Cl₄NO₃⁺ 517.98788; Found 517.98798.



1-(2,4-dichlorobenzoyl)-3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (3t**)**

Prepared according to the **1t** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 95.0 mg), I₂ (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3t** (168.7 mg, yield 65%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.3); mp 253–254 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 9.0

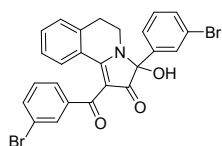
Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.58 (m, 3H), 7.58–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.51–3.45 (m, 1H), 3.13–3.06 (m, 1H), 3.04–2.97 (m, 1H), 2.96–2.89 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 193.2, 185.1, 171.8, 140.6, 138.0, 134.8, 134.4, 133.7, 132.3, 131.62, 131.60, 131.2, 129.9, 129.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.4, 126.9, 126.6, 124.3, 105.0, 87.8, 37.4, 27.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_4\text{NO}_3^+$ 517.98788; Found 517.98724.



3u

1-(4-bromobenzoyl)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3u**)

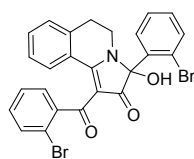
Prepared according to the **1u** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 99.5 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3u** (175.2 mg, yield 65%) as yellow solid ($R_f = 0.3$); mp 210–212 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.61 (m, 4H), 7.61–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.52–3.47 (m, 1H), 3.21–3.17 (m, 1H), 3.15–3.11 (m, 1H), 3.08–3.03 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 193.8, 188.4, 171.1, 138.3, 138.0, 135.5, 133.8, 131.7, 131.3, 131.1, 130.9, 128.6, 127.9, 126.7, 125.9, 123.9, 122.0, 102.7, 90.4, 37.1, 27.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{18}\text{Br}_2\text{NO}_3^+$ 537.96480; Found 537.96533.



3v

1-(3-bromobenzoyl)-3-(3-bromophenyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3v**)

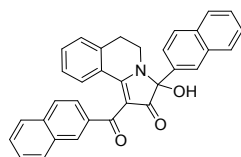
Prepared according to the **1v** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 99.5 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3v** (167.2 mg, yield 62%) as yellow solid ($R_f = 0.3$); mp 212–214 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.85–7.80 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.69–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.55–3.49 (m, 1H), 3.26–3.20 (m, 1H), 3.18–3.13 (m, 1H), 3.10–3.04 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 193.7, 188.0, 171.3, 141.5, 138.7, 138.1, 134.6, 133.9, 131.8, 131.7, 131.14, 131.05, 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 126.7, 124.3, 123.9, 122.1, 121.2, 102.7, 90.1, 37.3, 27.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{18}\text{Br}_2\text{NO}_3^+$ 537.96480; Found 537.96497.



3w

1-(2-bromobenzoyl)-3-(2-bromophenyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3w**)

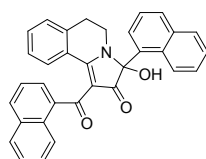
Prepared according to the **1w** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 95.0 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3w** (153.7 mg, yield 57%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.3); mp 226–228 °C; 1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.30 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 1H), 3.49–3.42 (m, 1H), 3.14–3.06 (m, 1H), 3.04–2.98 (m, 1H), 2.93–2.86 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 193.2, 187.0, 172.2, 143.6, 137.8, 134.7, 134.1, 133.8, 132.2, 131.6, 131.0, 130.0, 128.6, 128.1, 127.6, 127.0, 126.5, 124.6, 119.8, 118.9, 105.3, 88.6, 37.5, 27.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{25}H_{18}Br_2NO_3^+$ 537.96480; Found 537.96454.



3x

1-(2-naphthoyl)-3-hydroxy-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3x**)

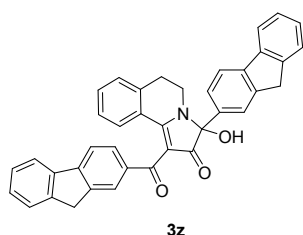
Prepared according to the **1x** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 85.0 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3x** (139.6 mg, yield 58%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.3); mp 224–226 °C; 1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.07–8.04 (m, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.96–7.92 (m, 3H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.89–7.83 (m, 3H), 7.64–7.56 (m, 3H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.61–3.55 (m, 1H), 3.28–3.23 (m, 1H), 3.22–3.17 (m, 1H), 3.13–3.07 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 194.4, 190.0, 170.6, 138.1, 136.7, 134.8, 133.8, 133.6, 132.9, 132.8, 132.0, 130.9, 130.7, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 126.7, 126.6, 126.50, 126.46, 125.6, 125.2, 124.2, 123.0, 103.6, 90.8, 37.3, 27.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{33}H_{24}NO_3^+$ 482.17507; Found 482.17542.



3y

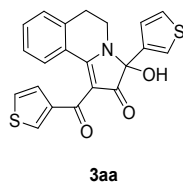
1-(1-naphthoyl)-3-hydroxy-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3y**)

Prepared according to the **1y** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 85 mg), **I₂** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3y** (132.4 mg, yield 55%) as yellow solid (*R_f* = 0.3); mp 230–232 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.04–7.83 (m, 6H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.62–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.44 (m, 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.43–7.28 (m, 3H), 3.52 (s, 1H), 3.05 (s, 1H), 2.86 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 190.3, 170.8, 138.8, 138.0, 134.0, 133.2, 131.3, 131.2, 130.3, 130.0, 128.4, 128.2, 127.1, 126.7, 126.6, 125.83, 125.75, 124.8, 124.5, 103.4, 86.0, 37.4, 27.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₃H₂₄NO₃⁺ 482.17507; Found 482.17545.



3-(9*H*-fluoren-2-yl)-1-(9*H*-fluorene-2-carbonyl)-3-hydroxy-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3z**)

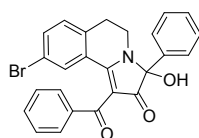
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3-hydroxy-3-(thiophen-3-yl)-1-(thiophene-3-carbonyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**3aa**)

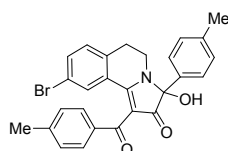
Prepared according to the **1aa** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 63.0 mg), **I₂** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block)

to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **3aa** (98.3 mg, yield 50%) as yellow solid ($R_f = 0.3$); mp 266–268 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.09 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.59–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.52–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.54–3.46 (m, 1H), 3.24–3.10 (m, 2H), 3.10–2.98 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 193.6, 183.4, 168.9, 143.4, 138.1, 138.0, 133.9, 133.3, 130.7, 128.6, 127.8, 127.3, 126.6, 126.0, 125.3, 124.2, 123.9, 104.1, 89.4, 37.1, 27.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2^+$ 394.05661; Found 394.05658.



4a

1-benzoyl-9-bromo-3-hydroxy-3-phenyl-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**4a**)
Prepared according to the **1a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 60.0 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2b** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 106.0 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **4a** (154.2 mg, yield 67%) as yellow solid ($R_f = 0.3$); mp 216–218 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.54–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.43–7.36 (m, 5H), 3.53–3.49 (m, 1H), 3.16–3.08 (m, 2H), 3.05–3.00 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 194.6, 189.8, 169.5, 139.3, 137.4, 136.0, 135.9, 133.1, 132.2, 130.8, 129.3, 128.8, 128.0, 126.2, 125.6, 119.2, 103.3, 90.8, 37.0, 27.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrNO}_3^+$ 460.05428; Found 460.05466.

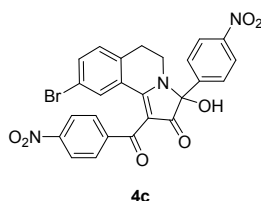


4b

9-bromo-3-hydroxy-1-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**4b**)

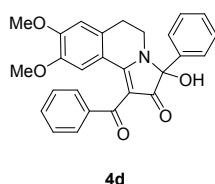
Prepared according to the **1b** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.0 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2b** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 106.0 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **4b** (149.0 mg, yield 61%) as yellow solid ($R_f = 0.3$); mp 212–214 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 4H), 3.51–3.46 (m, 1H), 3.14–3.06 (m, 2H), 3.04–2.99 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.7, 189.5, 169.0, 142.5, 138.1, 137.3, 136.7, 133.0, 129.5, 128.6, 126.2,

125.5, 119.1, 103.5, 36.9, 27.4, 21.2, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{27}H_{23}BrNO_3^+$ 488.08558; Found 488.08551.



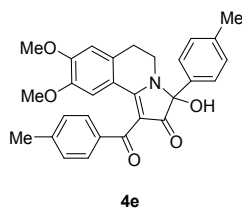
9-bromo-3-hydroxy-1-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo [2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**4c**)

Prepared according to the **11** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 82.5 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2b** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 106.0 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:1 v/v) as eluent afforded **4c** (132.1 mg, yield 48%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.28); mp 226–228 °C; 1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.25 (s, 4H), 8.19 (s, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.60–3.55 (m, 1H), 3.25–3.20 (m, 1H), 3.17–3.12 (m, 1H), 3.07–3.02 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 193.6, 187.6, 170.7, 149.0, 147.9, 145.1, 142.5, 137.6, 136.7, 133.7, 130.7, 130.3, 127.3, 125.9, 124.1, 123.1, 119.2, 103.0, 90.5, 37.2, 27.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{25}H_{17}BrN_3O_7^+$ 550.02444; Found 550.02472.



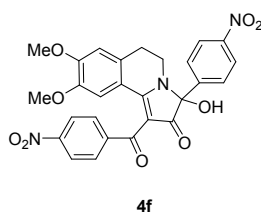
1-benzoyl-3-hydroxy-8,9-dimethoxy-3-phenyl-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**4d**)

Prepared according to the **1a** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 60.0 mg), I_2 (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2c** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 96.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:2 v/v) as eluent afforded **4d** (116.9 mg, yield 53%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.34); mp 236–238 °C; 1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.69 (s, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.44 (s, 5H), 7.36 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 4H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 3.16–2.96 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 194.4, 189.8, 169.8, 153.2, 146.5, 139.8, 136.5, 132.9, 131.9, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 127.9, 125.6, 116.1, 114.1, 111.4, 102.6, 90.5, 55.9, 55.5, 37.4, 27.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{27}H_{24}NO_5^+$ 442.16490; Found 442.16452.



3-hydroxy-8,9-dimethoxy-1-(4-methylbenzoyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**4e**)

Prepared according to the **1b** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 67.0 mg), I₂ (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2c** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 96.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:2 v/v) as eluent afforded **4e** (117.2 mg, yield 50%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.32); mp 221–223 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 1H), 3.13–3.07 (m, 1H), 3.04–2.96 (m, 2H), 2.31 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.5, 189.7, 169.5, 153.1, 146.5, 142.1, 137.8, 137.2, 133.7, 132.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 125.6, 116.2, 113.9, 111.4, 102.7, 90.4, 55.9, 55.4, 37.3, 27.4, 21.2, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₂₈NO₅⁺ 470.19620; Found 470.19601.



3-hydroxy-8,9-dimethoxy-1-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5,6-dihydropyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolin-2(3*H*)-one (**4f**)

Prepared according to the **1l** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 82.5 mg), I₂ (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 127.0 mg) at room temperature, and DMSO (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C (heating block) for 1 h. Then **2c** (1.0 equiv, 0.5 mmol, 96.5 mg) was added at 130 °C (heating block) to react for 4 h. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:2 v/v) as eluent afforded **4f** (119.7 mg, yield 45%) as yellow solid (R_f = 0.27); mp 220–222 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 3H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.54–3.50 (m, 1H), 3.24–3.18 (m, 1H), 3.13–3.08 (m, 1H), 3.05–3.00 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 193.4, 187.7, 170.9, 153.9, 148.8, 147.7, 146.6, 145.8, 143.3, 133.5, 130.1, 130.0, 127.3, 127.2, 123.0, 115.8, 114.6, 102.3, 90.1, 56.0, 55.7, 37.6, 27.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₂₂N₃O₉⁺ 532.13506; Found 532.13544.

5. Copies of ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR spectra

