

Facile Synthesis of Azaarene-Substituted 3-Hydroxy-2-Oxindoles via Brønsted Acid-Catalyzed sp³ C-H Functionalization

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General methods

Experiments involving moisture and/or air sensitive components were performed in oven-dried glassware under a positive pressure of nitrogen using freshly distilled solvents. Commercial grade solvents and reagents were used without further purification.

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck 60 F254 precoated silica gel plate (0.2 mm thickness). Subsequent to elution, plates were visualized using UV radiation (254 nm) on Spectroline Model ENF-24061/F 254 nm. Further visualization was possible by staining with basic solution of potassium permanganate or acidic solution of ceric molybdate.

Flash chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 with freshly distilled solvents. Columns were typically packed as slurry and equilibrated with the appropriate solvent system prior to use.

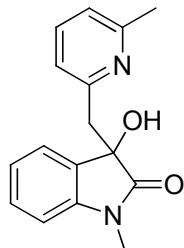
High Resolution Mass (**HRMS**) spectra were obtained using Finnigan MAT95XP GC/HRMS (Thermo Electron Corporation).

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹H NMR) were recorded on a Bruker Avance DPX 300 and Bruker AMX 400 spectrophotometer (CDCl₃ as solvent). Chemical shifts for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe₄ (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-*d* (δ 7.2600, singlet). Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet); d (doublet); t (triplet); q (quartet); dd (doublets of doublet); ddd (doublets of doublets of doublet); dt (doublets of triplet); or m (multiplets). The number of protons (n) for a given resonance is indicated by nH. Coupling constants are reported as a *J* value in Hz. Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹³C NMR) are reported as δ in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield from SiMe₄ (δ 0.0) and relative to the signal of chloroform-*d* (δ 77.0, triplet).

General Procedure for Synthesis of Azaarene-Substituted 3-Hydroxy-2-Oxindoles via Organocatalytic Brønsted Acid-Catalyzed sp³ C-H Functionalization

To an 25 mL pressure tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar were added dioxane (1 mL) and 1-methylindoline-2,3-dione **2a** (0.3 mmol) before addition of TfOH (0.03 mmol) and 2,6-lutidine **1a** (1.2 mmol). The mixture was then stirred at 120 °C for 48 h. The reaction mixture was cooled down and the solvent was removed. The residue was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1-1:1) to afford the desired product **3a** as a yellow solid (68.4 mg, 85% yield).

3-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-((6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl)indolin-2-one (3a)



Yellow solid, mp 126-127 °C;

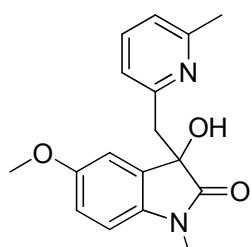
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (m, *J* = 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.79 (m, 3H), 3.30 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.99 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.7, 157.1, 156.9, 142.8, 137.3, 131.1, 129.2, 123.7, 122.6, 121.8, 121.4, 108.1, 76.1, 42.2, 26.1, 24.2;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₂O₂ 269.1290 [M+H]⁺, found 269.1291 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) ν/cm⁻¹: 3281, 1696, 1618, 1470, 1094, 756, 601.

3-hydroxy-5-methoxy-1-methyl-3-((6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl)indolin-2-one (3b)



Red solid, mp 212-215 °C;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H),

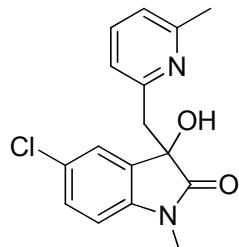
3.30 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 3H), 2.97 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 176.4, 157.0, 156.7, 155.8, 137.2, 136.2, 132.2, 121.7, 121.4, 113.4, 111.1, 108.5, 76.3, 55.5, 42.2, 26.1, 24.1$;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ 299.1396 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 299.1392 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$;

IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 3170, 1702, 1594, 1356, 1156, 1033.

5-chloro-3-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-((6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl)indolin-2-one (3c)



Yellow solid, mp 145-147 °C;

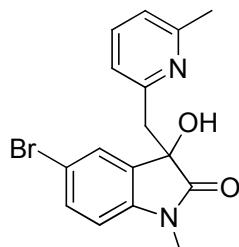
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.19$ (s, 1H), 7.64 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 3.05 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.72 – 2.61 (m, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 176.3, 157.4, 156.5, 142.0, 137.5, 133.2, 132.0, 127.3, 122.1, 121.5, 115.3, 109.7, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 76.1, 42.0, 26.3, 24.3$;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ 303.0900 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 303.0901 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$;

IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 3354, 1700, 1611, 1361, 1103, 639.

5-bromo-3-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-((6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl)indolin-2-one (3d)



Yellow solid, mp 136-138 °C;

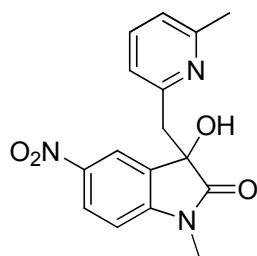
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.13$ (s, 1H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.28 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.98 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 176.3, 157.3, 156.4, 141.5, 137.5, 132.8, 129.1, 127.9, 124.4, 122.1, 121.4, 109.2, 76.1, 42.0, 26.2, 24.2$;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2$ 347.0395 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, found 347.0396 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$;

IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 3350, 1701, 1612, 1456, 1103, 812.

3-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-((6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl)-5-nitroindolin-2-one (3e)



Yellow solid, mp 141-143 °C;

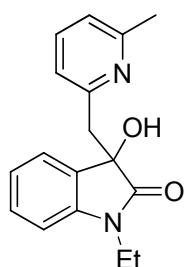
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.38 – 3.16 (m, 4H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H));

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.9, 157.5, 155.8, 148.6, 143.3, 137.7, 131.9, 126.4, 122.3, 121.4, 119.8, 107.9, 75.6, 41.7, 26.5, 24.2;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆N₃O₄ 314.1141 [M+H]⁺, found 314.1143 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) v/cm⁻¹: 3336, 1716, 1615, 1511, 1331, 1066.

1-ethyl-3-hydroxy-3-((6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl)indolin-2-one (3f)



Yellow solid, mp 126-128 °C;

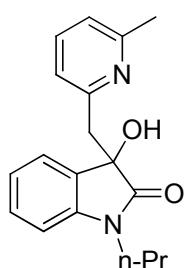
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 – 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.30 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.4, 157.2, 157.0, 142.0, 137.3, 131.4, 129.2, 124.0, 122.4, 121.8, 121.5, 108.3, 76.1, 42.4, 34.6, 24.3, 12.5;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉N₂O₂ 283.1447 [M+H]⁺, found 283.1451 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) v/cm⁻¹: 3308, 2949, 1692, 1456, 1205, 1114, 739, 600.

3-hydroxy-3-((6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl)-1-propylindolin-2-one (3g)



Yellow solid, mp 101-103 °C;

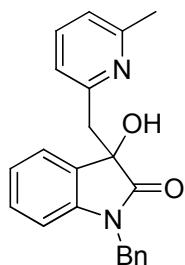
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (td, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.76 (m, 4H), 3.72 – 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.32 – 3.24 (m, 1H), 2.98 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 3H), 1.69 (dt, J = 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.93 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.2 Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.7, 157.1, 156.9, 142.3, 137.3, 131.3, 129.1, 123.9, 122.3, 121.8, 121.4, 108.4, 76.0, 42.5, 41.3, 24.2, 20.5, 11.2;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₂₁N₂O₂ 297.1603 [M+H]⁺, found 297.1600 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) v/cm⁻¹: 3344, 1694, 1616, 1471, 1202, 750

1-benzyl-3-hydroxy-3-((6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl)indolin-2-one (3h)



Yellow solid, mp 176-178 °C;

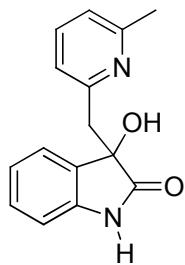
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.14 (s, 2H), 6.85 (m, 3H), 6.69 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (m, 2H), 3.34 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.83, 157.18, 156.77, 141.87, 137.34, 135.62, 131.16, 129.07, 128.66, 127.48, 127.16, 123.83, 122.61, 121.87, 121.45, 109.17, 76.15, 43.54, 42.46, 24.21;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₂H₂₁N₂O₂ 345.1603 [M+H]⁺, found 345.1659 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) v/cm⁻¹: 3166, 2921, 1722, 1617, 1353, 1078, 751, 605.

3-hydroxy-3-((6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl)indolin-2-one (3i)



Red solid, mp 177-179 °C;

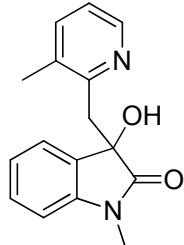
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.93 – 6.80 (m, 3H), 6.73 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H). One labile proton was not resolved due to significant broadening.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 179.0, 157.3, 156.9, 140.0, 137.4, 131.7, 129.2, 124.2, 122.6, 122.0, 121.6, 110.1, 76.6, 42.4, 24.3;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $C_{15}H_{15}N_2O_2$ 255.1134 [M+H]⁺, found 255.1133 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 3261, 1710, 1475, 1006, 779, 738, 656, 520, 476.

3-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-((3-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl)indolin-2-one (3J)



Red solid, mp 116-118 °C;

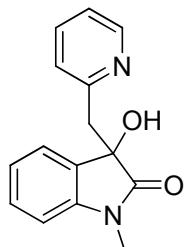
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.46 – 8.40 (m, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (td, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, J = 7.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.94 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.87 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 3.32 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.02 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.8, 156.5, 145.3, 142.9, 138.5, 132.5, 131.6, 129.2, 123.8, 122.7, 122.2, 108.2, 76.1, 38.3, 26.2, 18.8;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $C_{16}H_{17}N_2O_2$ 269.1290 [M+H]⁺, found 269.1288 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 2922, 1717, 1611, 1467, 1345, 1092, 751.

3-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)indolin-2-one (3k)



Yellow solid, mp 135-137°C;

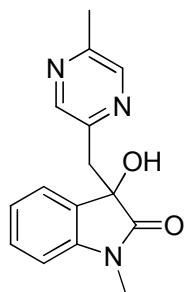
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.58 (dd, J = 4.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52(s,1H),7.26 (ddd, J = 7.7, 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (td, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.83 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 3.33 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 3.08 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.7, 148.2, 143.0, 140.3, 137.1, 131.0, 129.4, 124.6, 123.9, 122.7, 122.3, 108.2, 76.2, 42.6, 26.2;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $C_{15}H_{15}N_2O_2$ 255.1134 [M+H]⁺, found 255.1132 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 3353, 2963, 1715, 1612, 1471, 1091, 752.

3-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-((5-methylpyrazin-2-yl)methyl)indolin-2-one (3l)



Red solid, mp 101–103 °C;

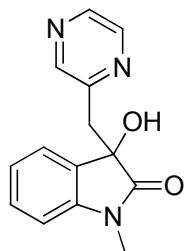
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 3.30 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.8, 152.4, 149.0, 144.4, 142.9, 142.7, 129.8, 129.7, 123.9, 122.9, 108.3, 75.9, 40.9, 26.1, 21.1;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₅H₁₆N₃O₂ 270.1243 [M+H]⁺, found 270.1245 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) ν/cm⁻¹: 3373, 2919, 1713, 1613, 1471, 1346, 1087, 753.

3-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-(pyrazin-2-ylmethyl)indolin-2-one (3m)



Red solid, mp 135–137 °C;

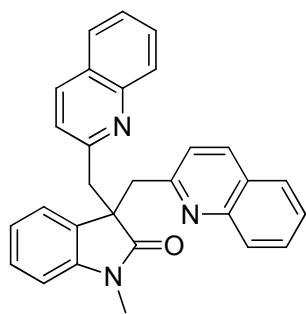
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.52 – 8.48 (m, 2H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.34 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.7, 152.6, 145.7, 143.4, 143.0, 143.0, 129.9, 129.7, 123.9, 123.0, 108.5, 76.0, 41.4, 26.2;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₄H₁₄N₃O₂ 256.1086 [M+H]⁺, found 256.1083 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) ν/cm⁻¹: 3266, 2919, 1698, 1616, 1470, 1113, 1020, 768.

1-methyl-3,3-bis(quinolin-2-ylmethyl)indolin-2-one (3nb)



Yellow solid, mp 167-170 °C;

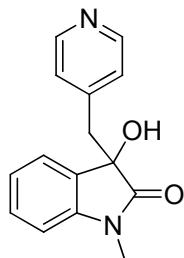
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.84 (m, 4H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 179.3, 157.2, 147.4, 143.7, 135.3, 130.4, 129.0, 129.0, 127.5, 127.2, 126.6, 125.8, 124.3, 122.3, 121.4, 107.2, 53.0, 45.6, 26.1;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₉H₂₄N₃O 430.1919 [M+H]⁺, found 430.1914 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) v/cm⁻¹: 3394, 2913, 1717, 1611, 1598, 823, 745.

3-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)indolin-2-one (3o)



Yellow solid, mp 201-203 °C;

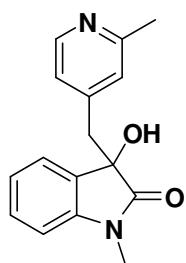
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.25 (s, 2H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 177.4, 148.8, 143.7, 142.9, 129.9, 128.9, 125.5, 124.2, 123.0, 108.4, 76.7, 43.9, 25.9;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₂O₂ 255.1134 [M+H]⁺, found 255.1132 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) v/cm⁻¹: 3083, 1711, 1611, 1472, 1373, 1228, 811, 588, 492.

3-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-((2-methylpyridin-4-yl)methyl)indolin-2-one (3pa)



Yellow solid, mp 138-140 °C;

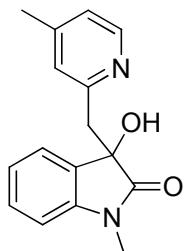
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.11 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.69 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 3.31 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 177.56, 157.51, 147.87, 143.98, 142.89, 129.72, 129.09, 125.11, 124.25, 122.87, 122.52, 108.28, 76.69, 43.79, 25.84, 23.67;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₄H₁₄N₃O₂ 256.1086 [M+H]⁺, found 256.1088 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) v/cm⁻¹: 3054, 2935, 1718, 1614, 1472, 1351, 1092, 752, 473.

3-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-((4-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl)indolin-2-one (3pb)



Yellow solid, mp 151-153°C;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.42 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.8, 157.5, 148.4, 147.8, 142.9, 131.2, 129.3, 125.4, 123.9, 123.3, 122.7, 108.2, 76.2, 42.3, 26.2, 21.1;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₂O₂ 269.1290 [M+H]⁺, found 269.1292 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) v/cm⁻¹: 3049, 2920, 1720, 1608, 1474, 1374, 1085, 747.

2-hydroxy-2-((6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl)acenaphthylen-1(2H)-one (5a)



Yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 203.5, 157.4, 157.2, 140.8, 140.7, 137.3, 131.7, 130.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.3, 124.9, 121.9, 121.8, 121.3, 120.2, 79.9, 42.2, 24.2;

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₉H₁₆NO₂ 290.1181 [M+H]⁺, found 290.1188 [M+H]⁺;

IR (KBr) ν/cm⁻¹: 3296, 1721, 1357, 1110, 801, 601.

