

Supporting Information

Access to Structurally Diverse Quinoline-Fused Heterocycles via Rhodium(III)-Catalyzed C-C/C-N Coupling of Bifunctional Substrates

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I. General Remarks

All commercially available chemicals were used as received without further purification, unless otherwise stated. All reactions were performed in a nitrogen-filled dry box. ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400 MHz NMR spectrometer in the solvents indicated. HRMS were obtained on an Agilent Q-TOF 6540. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (300-400 mesh) using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether as eluents. The indole substrates,¹ pyridone substrates,² and anthranils³ were prepared according to literature reports.

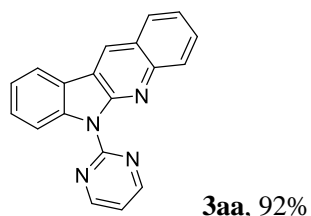
II. Experimental Information and Characterization Data

Representative procedures for the synthesis of product 3

N-pyrimidinylindole (0.2 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (0.006 mmol), AgSbF_6 (0.04 mmol), and PivOH (0.4 mmol) were dissolved in MeOH (3 mL) in a pressure tube. The resulting mixture was stirred for seconds under N_2 atmosphere, to which was added anthranil (0.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 20 hours. After that, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether/ Et_3N (30:60:1) to afford product **3aa** as a yellow solid (92%).

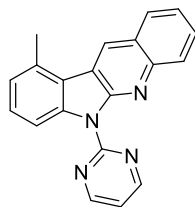
Representative procedures for the synthesis of product 5

Pyridone (0.2 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (0.006 mmol), AgSbF_6 (0.04 mmol), and PivOH (0.6 mmol) were dissolved in DCE (3 mL) in a pressure tube. The resulting mixture was stirred for seconds under N_2 atmosphere, to which was added anthranil (0.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 20 hours. After that, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:2) to afford product **5ag** as a white solid (95%).



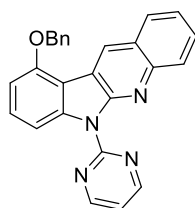
Product **3aa** was obtained as a yellow solid in 92% yield (54.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CHCl_3) δ 9.06 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (ddd, J = 8.5, 6.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (ddd, J = 8.5, 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0

Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.6, 157.4, 152.0, 146.7, 140.6, 128.89, 128.85, 128.4, 128.1, 127.3, 125.4, 124.4, 122.5, 122.0, 120.9, 119.3, 118.1, 113.8. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_4$: 297.1140, found 297.1144.



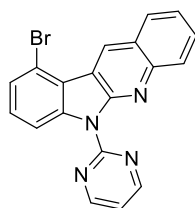
3ba, 84%

Product **3ba** was obtained as a yellow solid in 84% yield (52.1 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 9.00 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 6.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 6.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.94 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.7, 157.4, 152.0, 146.0, 140.7, 134.4, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 125.4, 124.3, 124.2, 120.3, 119.9, 118.3, 110.9, 21.0. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4$: 311.1297, found 311.1293.



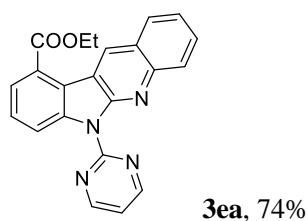
3ca, 94%

Product **3ca** was obtained as a yellow solid in 94% yield (75.6 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.97 (s, 2H), 8.95 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 6.7, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.24 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.7, 157.5, 155.6, 151.7, 146.1, 141.9, 136.9, 130.2, 129.2, 128.82, 128.77, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 125.7, 124.2, 118.5, 118.2, 111.2, 106.7, 105.2, 70.4. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_4\text{O}$: 403.1559, found 403.1563.

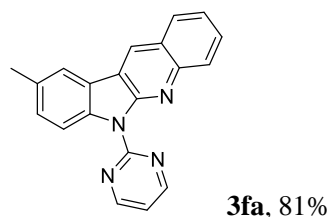


3da, 79%

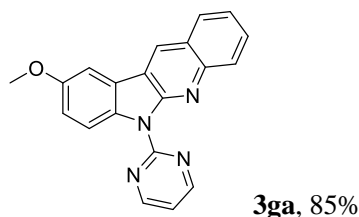
Product **3da** was obtained as a yellow solid in 79% yield (59.3 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.57 (s, 1H), 9.08 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.7, 157.0, 151.5, 146.6, 141.8, 130.6, 129.4, 128.7, 128.62, 128.60, 126.5, 125.0, 124.5, 120.8, 118.6, 117.5, 112.2. One signal is missing due to overlap. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{Br}$: 375.0245, found 375.0245.



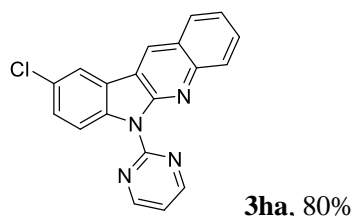
Product **3ea** was obtained as a yellow solid in 74% yield (54.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.85 (s, 1H), 9.02 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.41 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.7, 158.8, 157.0, 151.9, 146.8, 141.4, 135.1, 129.7, 129.3, 128.3, 127.2, 126.0, 125.5, 125.3, 124.2, 121.5, 118.8, 117.5, 117.1, 52.5. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$: 355.1195, found 355.1196.



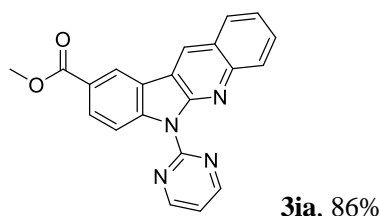
Product **3fa** was obtained as a yellow solid in 81% yield (50.2 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.81 (s, 2H), 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.20 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.7, 155.4, 152.1, 146.80, 140.76, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 125.2, 124.2, 122.3, 121.8, 121.0, 119.2, 113.4, 15.4. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4$: 311.1297, found 311.1295.



Product **3ga** was obtained as a yellow solid in 85% yield (55.4 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.97 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.72 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.6, 157.5, 155.8, 152.3, 146.8, 134.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.1, 127.3, 125.1, 124.4, 122.9, 119.5, 117.7, 116.2, 115.3, 104.4, 56.0. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}$: 327.1246, found 327.1246.

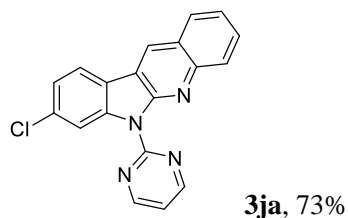


Product **3ha** was obtained as a yellow solid in 80% yield (52.8 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.98 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.7, 157.2, 151.9, 147.0, 138.8, 129.4, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 125.2, 124.7, 123.3, 120.7, 118.2, 115.3. One signal is missing due to overlap. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{Cl}$: 331.0750, found 331.0755.

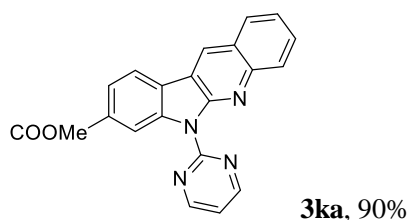


Product **3ia** was obtained as a yellow solid in 86% yield (60.9 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 9.01 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.82 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H),

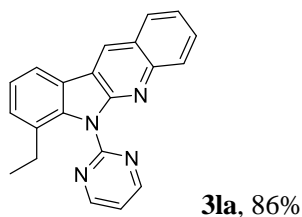
7.52 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.0, 158.8, 157.0, 152.3, 146.9, 143.5, 129.9, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 128.1, 125.4, 124.8, 124.3, 122.9, 121.9, 118.7, 118.6, 113.4, 52.2. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$: 355.1195, found 355.1200.



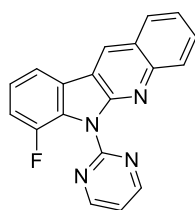
Product **3ja** was obtained as a yellow solid in 73% yield (48.2 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 9.30 – 8.96 (m, 3H), 8.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.23 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.99 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 159.8, 156.4, 151.8, 146.5, 141.2, 133.3, 130.0, 129.1, 128.9, 128.3, 125.4, 124.9, 123.5, 122.9, 120.4, 120.1, 117.8, 113.2. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{Cl}$: 331.0750, found 331.0751.



Product **3ka** was obtained as a yellow solid in 90% yield (63.7 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{Chloroform}-d$) δ 9.04 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.9 (s, 1H), 8.76 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 6.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.1, 158.8, 157.1, 152.4, 147.3, 140.1, 129.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 125.8, 125.2, 124.7, 123.8, 120.6, 118.4, 118.2, 115.2, 52.3. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$: 355.1195, found 355.1193.

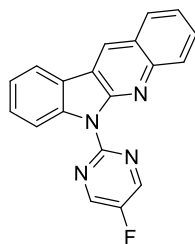


Product **3la** was obtained as a yellow solid in 86% yield (55.7 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.97 (dd, $J = 4.9, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.71 (s, 1H), 8.08 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (ddd, $J = 8.5, 6.7, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 6.7, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 2.35 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.06 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.0, 158.5, 154.2, 146.9, 139.9, 129.1, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.4, 125.3, 123.9, 122.7, 122.4, 119.9, 119.2, 119.1, 25.7, 13.9. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_4$: 325.1453, found 325.1457.



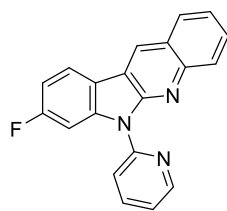
3ma, 88%

Product **3ma** was obtained as a yellow solid in 88% yield (55.3 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.99 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.74 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.20 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.7, 156.7, 152.6, 149.5 ($J = 246.6$ Hz), 147.1, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5 ($J = 9.2$ Hz), 128.4, 128.3, 125.22, 125.19, 124.4, 122.6 ($J = 6.6$ Hz), 119.6, 118.6 ($J = 2.3$ Hz), 117.0 ($J = 3.6$ Hz), 115.5 ($J = 19.0$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -122.1. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{F}$: 315.1046, found 315.1046.



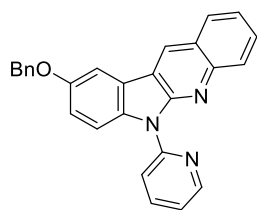
3na, 90%

Product **3na** was obtained as a yellow solid in 90% yield (56.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.85 (s, 2H), 8.73 (s, 1H), 8.21 – 8.15 (m, 2H), 8.13 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 6.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 7.3, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 6.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.3 ($J = 260.9$ Hz), 153.2 ($J = 3.4$ Hz), 151.9, 146.6 ($J = 21.6$ Hz), 146.3, 140.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.5, 125.3, 124.5, 122.7, 121.9, 121.1, 119.2, 113.3. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -141.5. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{F}$: 315.1046, found 315.1042.



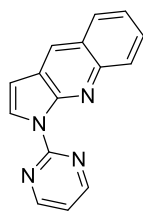
3a, 71%

Product **3a** was obtained as a yellow solid in 71% yield (44.6 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.65 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 8.15 (dd, $J = 10.6, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, $J = 8.5, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.68 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 6.7, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 6.7, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, $J = 6.8, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (td, $J = 8.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.1 ($J = 244.0$ Hz), 152.1, 151.0, 148.2, 145.9, 142.0 ($J = 12.9$ Hz), 138.1, 128.9, 128.22, 128.15, 126.7 ($J = 1.8$ Hz), 125.0, 124.2, 121.9 ($J = 10.2$ Hz), 121.2, 119.8, 118.5 ($J = 0.7$ Hz), 117.7 ($J = 2.1$ Hz), 109.6 ($J = 24.0$ Hz), 101.8 ($J = 28.8$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -110.3. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{F}$: 314.1094, found 314.1096.



3pa, 95%

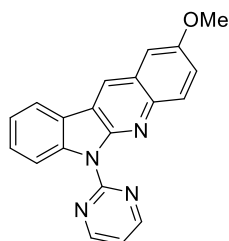
Product **3pa** was obtained as a yellow solid in 95% yield (76.2 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.65 (dd, $J = 4.9, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.88 (m, 3H), 7.65 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 6.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.26 (dd, $J = 7.3, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.6, 151.5, 151.2, 148.4, 145.7, 142.5, 138.0, 137.1, 130.0, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 125.4, 123.7, 121.2, 120.4, 118.3, 110.7, 106.6, 104.6, 70.3. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}$: 402.1606, found 402.1603.



3qa, 71%

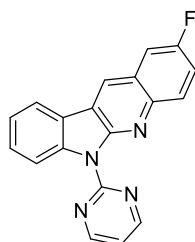
Product **3qa** was obtained as a yellow solid in 71% yield (34.9 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.87 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.47 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, $J = 8.6$

Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 6.7, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 6.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.8, 156.9, 149.0, 145.6, 130.7, 129.5, 128.10, 128.05, 127.8, 125.4, 124.4, 117.1, 104.2. One signal is missing due to overlap. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_4$: 247.0984, found 247.0989.



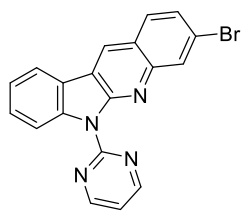
3ab, 89%

Product **3ab** was obtained as a yellow solid in 89% yield (58.0 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.97 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.64 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.25 (t, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.6, 157.5, 156.3, 150.8, 142.7, 140.5, 130.3, 128.4, 126.1, 122.5, 122.0, 121.6, 120.9, 119.5, 117.9, 114.0, 105.6, 55.5. One signal is missing due to overlap. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}$: 327.1246, found 327.1243.



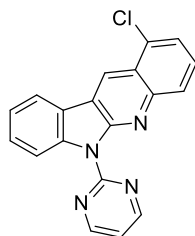
3ac, 95%

Product **3ac** was obtained as a yellow solid in 95% yield (59.7 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.98 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, $J = 9.3, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.2 ($J = 243.5$ Hz), 158.7, 157.3, 151.7 ($J = 2.2$ Hz), 143.6, 140.7, 131.0 ($J = 9.0$ Hz), 128.8, 126.5 ($J = 5.3$ Hz), 125.6 ($J = 9.7$ Hz), 122.7, 121.5, 121.2, 120.0, 119.0 ($J = 25.5$ Hz), 118.1, 114.0, 110.9 ($J = 21.7$ Hz). HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{F}$: 315.1046, found 315.1042.



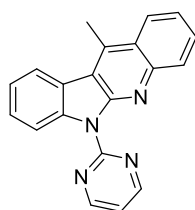
3ad, 79%

Product **3ad** was obtained as a yellow solid in 79% yield (59.3 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.01 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.6, 157.2, 152.3, 147.2, 140.7, 131.1, 129.1, 128.7, 127.8, 127.1, 123.8, 122.9, 122.7, 121.6, 121.0, 119.6, 118.3, 113.8. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{Br}$: 375.0245, found 375.0250.



3ae, 62%

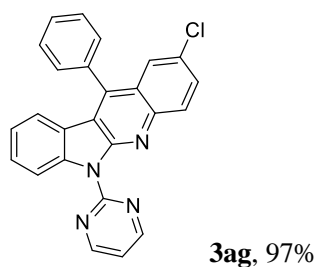
Product **3ae** was obtained as a yellow solid in 62% yield (40.9 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.20 (s, 1H), 9.07 – 8.95 (m, 2H), 8.34 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 7.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.7, 157.3, 152.2, 147.4, 140.8, 131.5, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 124.6, 124.3, 123.4, 122.9, 121.8, 121.4, 120.2, 118.3, 114.0. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{Cl}$: 331.0750, found 331.0752.



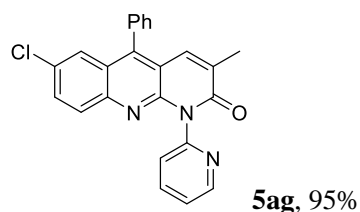
3af, 82%

Product **3af** was obtained as a yellow solid in 82% yield (50.8 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.00 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.7, 157.3, 151.6, 146.4, 140.5, 139.3, 129.4, 128.6, 127.6, 125.3, 124.0, 123.7, 123.5, 123.0,

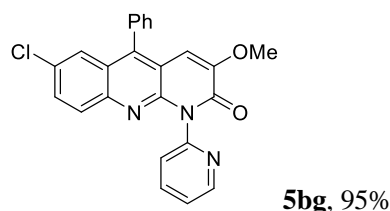
122.4, 118.3, 117.2, 113.2, 15.2. HRMS: m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}N_4$: 311.1297, found 311.1296.



Product **3ag** was obtained as a yellow solid in 97% yield (78.8 mg). 1H NMR (400 MHz, Methylene Chloride- d_2) δ 9.03 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.67 (m, 4H), 7.64 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.46 (ddd, J = 8.5, 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 158.8, 157.1, 151.7, 141.6, 141.1, 135.5, 129.8, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.3, 125.7, 124.9, 123.0, 122.1, 121.6, 118.8, 117.5, 112.9. Two signals are missing due to overlap. HRMS: m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{25}H_{16}N_4Cl$: 407.1063, found 407.1065.

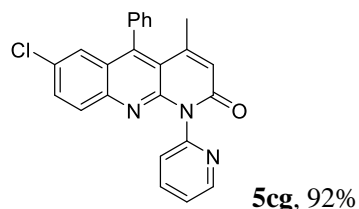


Product **5ag** was obtained as a white solid in 95% yield (75.1 mg). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.78 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.61 (m, 4H), 7.50– 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.36 (br, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 163.7, 151.6, 150.1, 149.5, 146.3, 145.1, 138.5, 134.2, 132.7, 132.5, 131.1, 130.8, 130.4, 130.1(br), 129.1, 129.0, 125.2, 125.1, 124.7, 123.7, 115.0, 17.4. HRMS: m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{24}H_{17}ClN_3O$: 398.1055, found 398.1058.

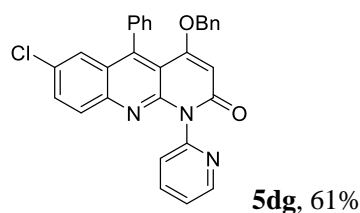


Product **5bg** was obtained as a white solid in 95% yield (78.4 mg). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.77 (dd, J = 4.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.38 (br, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.0, 151.0, 150.1,

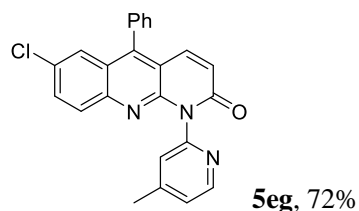
149.1, 147.0, 144.6, 143.9, 138.6, 134.5, 130.9, 130.4, 130.3, 129.8 (br), 129.13, 129.1, 125.4, 124.7, 124.6, 123.9, 115.2, 106.7, 56.1. HRMS: m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{24}H_{17}ClN_3O_2$: 414.1004, found 414.1008.



Product **5cg** was obtained as a white solid in 92% yield (73.4 mg). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.76 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.32 (br, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.80 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 162.3, 151.6, 150.1, 150.0, 147.8, 147.7, 144.6, 138.5, 137.2, 131.6, 130.9, 129.9, 129.7 (br), 129.1, 128.5, 126.3, 125.6, 125.4, 124.7, 123.6, 115.4, 24.3. HRMS: m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{24}H_{17}ClN_3O$: 398.1055, found 398.1053.

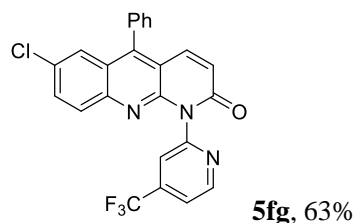


Product **5dg** was obtained as a white solid in 61% yield (68.2 mg). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.77 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 6.92 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 163.9, 162.6, 151.5, 150.0, 149.7, 147.6, 145.4, 138.5, 137.4, 133.8, 131.9, 130.8, 129.9, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6 (br), 126.3, 125.8, 125.0, 123.6, 110.5, 99.2, 71.4. HRMS: m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{30}H_{21}ClN_3O_2$: 490.1317, found 490.1321.

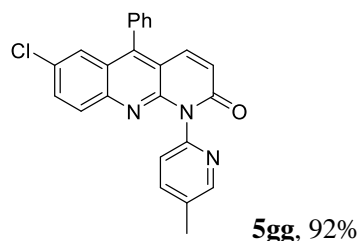


Product **5eg** was obtained as a white solid in 72% yield (57.4 mg). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.70 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.61 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (br, 2H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 14.2, 4.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz,

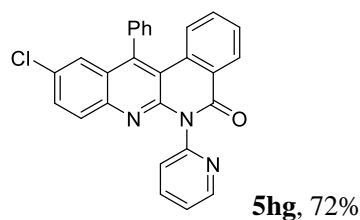
1H), 2.58 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.1, 151.0, 150.1, 149.8, 149.6, 147.8, 145.7, 136.6, 133.8, 131.6, 131.0, 130.5, 130.0 (br), 129.2, 129.0 (br), 125.3, 125.2, 124.9, 124.91, 123.7, 114.6, 21.2. HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₄H₁₇ClN₃O: 398.1055, found 398.1055.



Product **5fg** was obtained as a white solid in 63% yield (57.0 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.97 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 5H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8, 152.2, 151.1, 149.5, 148.3, 145.6, 140.9 (q, *J* = 34.2 Hz), 137.1, 133.6, 132.0, 131.4, 130.4, 129.9, 129.4, 129.0, 125.4, 125.2, 122.6 (q, *J* = 271.8 Hz), 123.5, 121.2 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 119.7 (q, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 114.5. HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₄H₁₄ClF₃N₃O: 452.0772, found 452.0776.

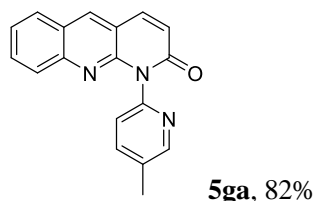


Product **5gg** was obtained as a white solid in 92% yield (72.7 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (m, 3H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.2, 150.4, 149.9, 148.6, 147.9, 145.8, 139.2, 136.6, 133.8, 133.5, 131.7, 131.0, 130.5, 130.0 (br), 129.3, 129.0 (br), 125.3, 125.0, 123.9, 123.8, 114.7, 18.3. HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₄H₁₇ClN₃O: 398.1055, found 398.1050.

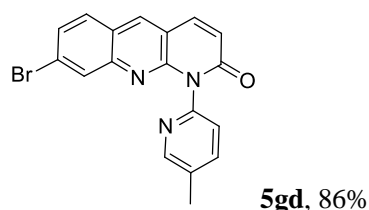


Product **5hg** was obtained as a white solid in 72% yield (93.3 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.79 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.65

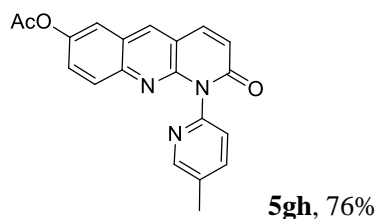
(m, 3H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.6, 152.2, 150.0, 149.3, 146.4, 144.1, 138.5, 137.8, 132.7, 132.2, 131.0, 130.9, 130.1, 129.9, 129.2, 129.2, 128.6, 127.8, 127.3, 126.5, 125.3, 124.8, 123.6, 114.1. HRMS: m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$: 434.1055, found 434.1057.



Product **5ga** was obtained as a white solid in 82% yield (46.9 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 19.6, 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.6, 150.4, 149.8, 148.6, 147.5, 139.2, 138.4, 136.8, 133.5, 131.1, 128.7, 127.9, 125.4, 124.9, 123.9, 123.6, 116.0 18.3. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}$: 288.1131, found 288.1128.

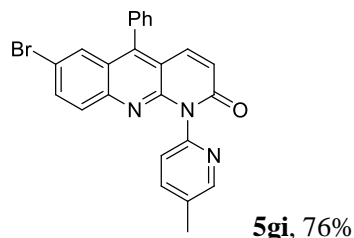


Product **5gd** was obtained as a white solid in 86% yield (63.0 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.81 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.4, 150.4, 150.36, 148.3, 147.8, 139.2, 138.1, 136.6, 133.7, 130.9, 129.1, 129.0, 125.7, 123.9, 123.8, 123.4, 116.1, 18.3. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}^+$: 366.0237, found 366.0238.

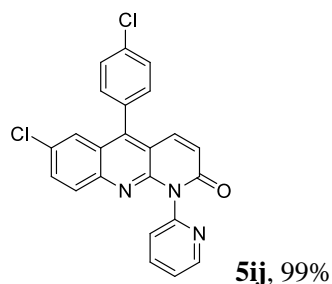


Product **5gh** was obtained as a white solid in 76% yield (52.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 9.2$

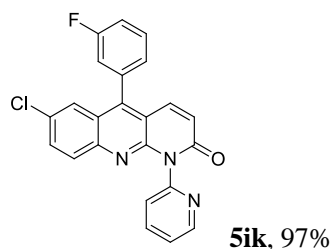
Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 9.2, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.3, 163.4, 150.4, 149.7, 148.4, 147.5, 145.4, 139.2, 138.1, 136.3, 133.5, 130.0, 126.4, 124.9, 124.1, 123.9, 118.2, 116.3, 21.2, 18.3. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$: 346.1186, found 346.1184.



Product **5gi** was obtained as a white solid in 76% yield (67.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 - 7.57 (m, 7H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.71 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.2, 150.4, 150.0, 148.6, 147.8, 146.0, 139.2, 136.6, 134.2, 133.8, 133.6, 130.6, 130.1, 129.9, 129.0, 128.7, 125.5, 123.9, 123.8, 119.1, 114.7, 18.3. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}^+$: 442.0550, found 442.0551.



Product **5ij** was obtained as a white solid in 99% yield (83.0 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.77 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 - 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50 - 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.32 (br, 2H), 6.73 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.9, 151.0, 150.1, 149.8, 146.4, 145.7, 138.6, 136.3, 135.6, 132.2, 131.9, 131.3, 130.6, 129.4, 125.0, 124.8, 124.7, 124.1, 123.9, 114.6. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}^+$: 418.0508, found 418.0509.



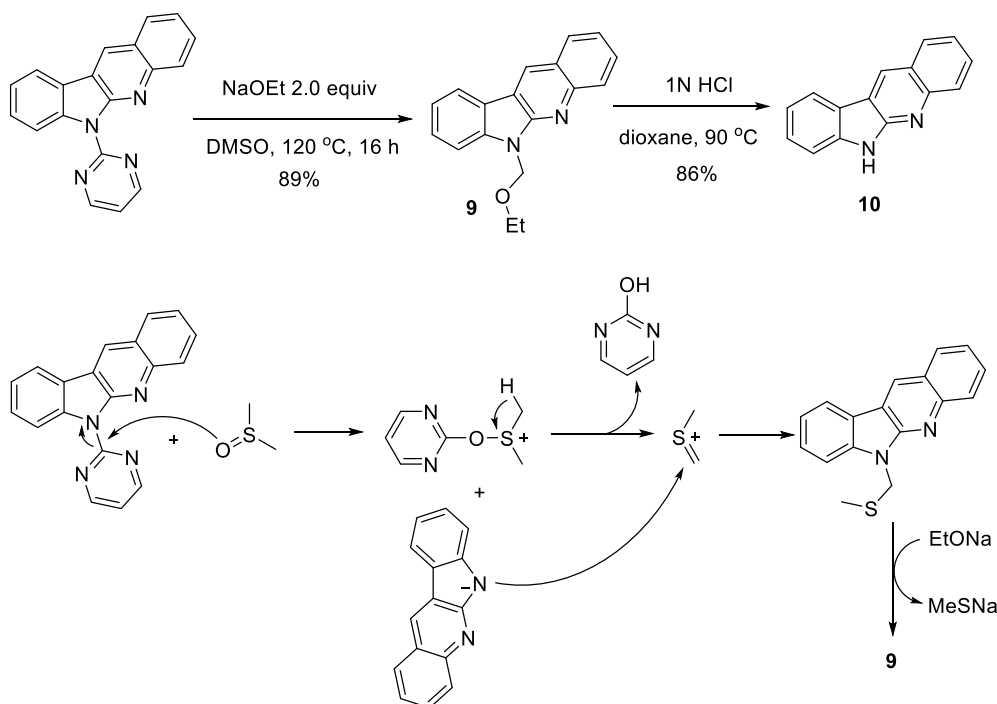
Product **5ik** was obtained as a yellow solid in 97% yield (78.0 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.78 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 - 7.52 (m, 3H),

7.52 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (br, 2H), 6.74 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.9, 162.8 (d, $J = 248.0$ Hz), 151.0, 150.1, 149.7, 146.1, 145.7, 138.6, 136.2, 135.9 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 131.9, 131.3, 130.9 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 130.6, 125.8, 125.0, 124.7, 124.6, 124.2, 123.9, 117.1, 116.4 (d, $J = 20.8$ Hz), 114.6. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClFN}_3\text{O}^+$: 402.0804, found 402.0804.

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III. Derivatization of coupled products



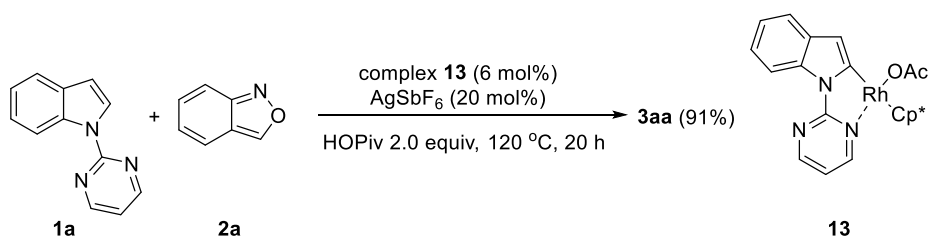
A mixture of **3aa** (0.4mmol) and sodium ethoxide (0.9 mmol) in DMSO (5 mL) was stirred at 120 °C under N_2 atmosphere for 16 h. After cooled to the ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was quenched with H_2O . The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM, and the combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . After filtration and evaporation of the solvents under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford **9** as a light yellow solid (89%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.77 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (s, 2H), 3.70 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.8, 146.6, 141.8, 128.8, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 127.3, 124.6, 123.3, 121.3, 120.81, 120.79, 118.2, 110.2, 70.9, 64.2, 15.0. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: 277.1341, found 277.1340.

Compound **9** (0.4 mmol) was dissolved in 1, 4-dioxane (5 mL), to which was added 1N HCl (4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 16 h. After that, the solution was neutralized with saturation aqueous NaHCO_3 . The solution was extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford **10** as a yellow solid (86%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.27 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 158.1, 151.6, 146.7, 133.9, 133.4, 132.7, 132.7, 132.2, 128.9, 127.9, 127.0, 125.5, 124.9, 123.1, 116.1. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2$: 219.0922, found 219.0918.

IV. Mechanistic Studies



N-pyrimidinylindole (**1a**, 0.2 mmol), complex **13** (0.012 mmol), AgSbF_6 (0.04 mmol), and PivOH (0.4 mmol) were dissolved in MeOH (3 mL) in a pressure tube. The resulting mixture was stirred for seconds under N_2 atmosphere, to which was added anthranil (0.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 20 hours. After that, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether/ Et_3N (30:60:1) to afford product **3aa** as a yellow solid (91%).

V. NMR Spectra

