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Efficient Synthesis of Spirooxindolyl Oxazol-2(5H)-ones via

Palladium(II)-Catalyzed Addition of Arylboronic Acids to Nitriles

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I. General Information

All reactions were carried out under inert atmospheric condition unless otherwise noted, and solvents were dried according to established procedures. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) visualizing with ultraviolet light (UV), KMnO₄, p-anisaldehyde stain, and phosphomolybdic acid (PMA) stain; column chromatography purifications were carried out using silica gel. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra were recorded on a 300 or 500 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃, and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (¹³C NMR) spectra were recorded on 125 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃ unless otherwise noted. Chemical shifts for protons are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS) and are referenced to residual protium in the NMR solvent (CHCl₃ = δ 7.26 ppm). Chemical shifts for carbon are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS) and are referenced to the carbon resonances of the solvent residual peak (CDCl₃ = δ 77.16 ppm). NMR data are presented as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad), coupling constant in Hertz (Hz), integration. Mass spectra were recorded on the Bruker MicrOTOF Q II.

II. Reaction Condition Screening Table S1. Optimized reaction conditions of Pd (II) complex catalyzed reaction ^a

	NC O	OEt 0 +	PhB(OH) ₂ [solv	$\frac{PdJ/Ligand}{rent, additive, T} \qquad $	n + (H ₂ N O	CO₂Et O
	Ме 1а		2a	3a		4a	
Entry	Cat.	Ligand	Solvent	Additive	<i>t</i> (h)	Yield 3a (%) ^b	Yield 4b (%) ^b
1	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	THF	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	77	8
2	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	THF	$Cs_2CO_3(0.2 \text{ eq.})$	24	58	nd
3	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	THF	CSA (10 eq.)	24	24	17
4	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	THF	TsOH (10 eq.)	24	32	24
5	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	THF	MsOH (10 eq.)	24	26	20
6	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	1,4-dioxane	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	55	24
7	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	CH ₃ CN	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	40	23
8	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	DCE	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	48	13
9	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	Toluene	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	27	32
10	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	МеОН	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	49	17
11	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	NMA	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	47	30
12	Pd(OAc)2	L1	DMF	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	79	nd
13	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	DMA	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	78	nd
14	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	DMSO	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	71	nd
15	Pd(OAc) ₂	L1	NMP	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	82	nd
16	Pd(TFA) ₂	L1	NMP	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	77	nd
17	$Pd(acac)_2$	L1	NMP	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	88	nd
18	$Pd(acac)_2$	L2	NMP	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	86	nd
19	$Pd(acac)_2$	L3	NMP	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	73	nd
20	$Pd(acac)_2$	L4	NMP	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	88	nd
21	$Pd(acac)_2$	L1	NMP	AcOH (10 eq.)	24	70	nd
22	$Pd(acac)_2$	L1	NMP	AcOH (10 eq.)/KF (2 eq.)	24	45	nd
23	$Pd(acac)_2$	L1	NMP	AcOH (10 eq.)/CsF (2 eq.)	24	34	nd
24	$Pd(acac)_2$	L1	NMP	AcOH (5 eq.)	24	87	nd
25	$Pd(acac)_2$	L1	NMP	AcOH (5 eq.)	30	91	nd
26	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	NMP	AcOH (5 eq.)	36	92	nd
27 ^c	Pd(OAc) ₂	L1	NMP	AcOH (5 eq.)	36	91	nd
28 ^c	Pd(OAc) ₂	L1	NMP	-	36	83	nd
29	-	L1	NMP	-	24	nd	nd

30	$Pd(OAc)_2$	-	NMP	-	24	nd	nd
31	-	-	NMP	AcOH (5 eq.)	24	nd	nd
32	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	NMP	AcOH (5 eq.)	36	79	nd
33 ^{c,d}	$Pd(OAc)_2$	L1	NMP	AcOH (5 eq.)	35	76	nd

^{*a*} Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), catalyst (10 mol %), ligand (12 mol %) and HOAc (10 equiv.) in solvent (1 mL) at 80 °C. ^{*b*} Isolated yield. ^{*c*} Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol %) and bpy (6 mol %) were used. ^{*d*} Run at 100 °C.

L1: 2,2'-Bipyridine; L2: 4,4'-Dimethyl-2,2'-Bipyridine; L3: 5,5'-Dimethyl-2,2'-Bipyridine; L4: 1,10-Phenanthroline

Table SI-2. Optimized reaction conditions of Ni (II) complex catalyzed reaction ^a

	NC O OEt +	PhB(OH) ₂	[Ni] / L Solvent, A	igand > (dditive, <i>T</i>		Ph D
	Ме 1а	2a			3	Me Ba
Entry	Cat.	Ligand	Solvent	Additive	<i>t</i> (h)	Yield (%)
1	Ni(acac) ₂	L1	Toluen e	Cs ₂ CO ₃	12	45
2 ^c	Ni(acac) ₂	L1	Toluen e	HOAc	12	< 1
3	Ni(acac) ₂	L1	THF	Cs_2CO_3	12	15
4	Ni(acac) ₂	L1	DMF	Cs_2CO_3	12	26
5	Ni(acac) ₂	L1	DMSO	Cs_2CO_3	12	28
6	Ni(acac) ₂	L1	DME	Cs_2CO_3	12	15
7	Ni(acac) ₂	L1	NMP	Cs_2CO_3	12	27
8	Ni(acac) ₂	L1	MTBE	Cs_2CO_3	12	56
9	Ni(dppe)Cl ₂	none	MTBE	Cs_2CO_3	12	38
10	Ni(PPh ₃) ₂ Cl ₂	none	MTBE	Cs_2CO_3	12	25
11	$Ni(OAc)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$	L1	MTBE	Cs_2CO_3	12	33
12	$NiCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$	L1	MTBE	Cs_2CO_3	12	17
13	NiCl ₂ (DME)	L1	MTBE	Cs ₂ CO ₃	12	15
14	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂	L1	MTBE	Cs ₂ CO ₃	12	51
15	Ni(acac) ₂	-	MTBE	Cs ₂ CO ₃	12	30
16	Ni(acac) ₂	L2	MTBE	Cs ₂ CO ₃	12	67 (66) ^d
17	Ni(acac) ₂	L3	MTBE	Cs ₂ CO ₃	12	50
18	Ni(acac) ₂	L4	MTBE	Cs ₂ CO ₃	12	60
19 e	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	L2	MTBE	Cs ₂ CO ₃	12	53
20	Ni(acac) ₂	L2	MTBE	Na ₂ CO ₃	12	28
21	Ni(acac) ₂	L2	MTBE	K ₂ CO ₃	12	59

22	$Ni(acac)_2$	L2	MTBE	CsF	12	34
23 ^{<i>f</i>}	Ni(acac) ₂	L2	MTBE	Cs_2CO_3	12	45
24 ^g	Ni(acac) ₂	L2	MTBE	Cs_2CO_3	12	35

^{*a*} Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), Ni (II) catalyst (10 mol %), ligand (12 mol %) and Cs₂CO₃ (0.2 equiv.) in solvent (C = 0.25 *M*) at 110 °C for 12 h. ^{*b*} Isolated yield. ^{*c*} HOAc (10 equiv.) instead of Cs₂CO₃ (0.2 equiv.). ^{*d*} Yield in parenthesis for 24 h. ^{*e*} AgOTf (0.2 eq.) was added. ^{*f*} Run at 120 °C. ^{*g*} Run at 130 °C.

L1: 2,2'-Bipyridine; L2: 4,4'-Dimethyl-2,2'-Bipyridine; L3: 5,5'-Dimethyl-2,2'-Bipyridine; L4: 1,10-Phenanthroline

III. Preparation of Substrates



Compound 2a-2p were prepared according to the known procedure.¹⁻³

To a solution of isatin derivative S1 (1.0 mmol) in CH₃CN (2.0 mL) was added Et₃N(0.3 mmol) and ethyl cyanoformate (1.2 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was then concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (60-90°C) to afford the cyano-ethoxycarbonylation product 1. Compounds **4a-4d** were prepared according to the similar procedure.

3-cyano-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.15 (m, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.90, 151.75, 144.37, 132.98, 125.95, 124.31, 121.73, 113.08, 109.65, 71.24, 66.09, 27.37, 14.12.

3-cyano-2-oxo-1-phenylindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid, mp: 110.3-110.9 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.31-4.11 (m, 2H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.47, 151.75, 144.90, 133.32, 132.85, 130.12,

129.31, 126.70, 125.80, 124.67, 121.41, 113.12, 110.93, 71.51, 66.18, 14.15. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $C_{18}H_{15}N_2O_4^+([M+H]^+)$: 323.1026, found 323.1027.

1-benzyl-3-cyano-2-oxoindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.27-4.14 (m, 2H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.15, 151.69, 143.41, 134.23, 132.78, 129.15, 128.24, 127.38, 125.83, 124.32, 121.74, 113.15, 110.79, 71.42, 66.16, 45.05, 14.13.

3-cyano-1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-oxoindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 1H), 6.89-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.27-4.17 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.07, 159.55, 151.69, 143.44, 132.75, 128.86, 126.18, 125.80, 124.24, 121.76, 114.51, 113.17, 110.83, 71.44, 66.13, 55.39, 44.56, 14.13.

3-cyano-1-(4-nitrobenzyl)-2-oxoindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.28-4.17 (m, 2H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.16, 151.46, 147.83, 142.56, 141.46, 132.78, 128.12, 125.66, 124.71, 124.27, 121.56, 112.78, 110.21, 71.28, 66.26, 44.20, 14.02.

4-chloro-3-cyano-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid, mp: 97.3-97.9 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.10 (m, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.64, 151.25, 145.93, 133.89, 132.26, 124.82, 118.62, 111.58, 108.02, 71.09, 66.23, 27.67, 14.08. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₂ClN₂O₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 295.0480, found 295.0481.

5-chloro-3-cyano-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid, mp: 98.3-99.1 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.18 (m, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.48, 151.71, 142.88, 132.92, 129.76, 126.39, 123.04, 112.55, 110.72, 70.74, 66.38, 27.53, 14.12. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $C_{13}H_{12}ClN_2O_4^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 295.0480, found 295.0476.

6-chloro-3-cyano-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid, mp: 97.1-97.6 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.15 (m, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.81, 151.73, 145.56, 139.20, 126.99, 124.25, 119.96, 112.64, 110.54, 70.61, 66.27, 27.50, 14.10. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₁ClN₂NaO₄⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 317.0300, found 317.0305.

7-chloro-3-cyano-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid, mp: 96.0-96.7 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.15 (m, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.16, 151.41, 140.21, 135.08, 124.91, 124.10, 124.02, 116.99, 112.48, 70.57, 66.17, 30.83, 13.98. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₂ClN₂O₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 295.0480, found 295.0478.

3-cyano-1-methyl-5-nitro-2-oxoindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid, mp: 117.3-118.0 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.27-4.17 (m, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz,

3H).¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.97, 151.61, 149.51, 144.37, 129.50, 122.35, 121.77, 111.92, 109.67, 70.07, 66.75, 27.91, 14.06. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₂N₃O₆⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 306.0721, found 306.0718.

5-bromo-3-cyano-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.15 (m, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.37, 151.68, 143.36, 135.82, 129.06, 123.32, 116.72, 112.55, 111.15, 70.63, 66.38, 27.50, 14.10.

3-cyano-5-iodo-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid, mp: 115.9-116.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.26-4.17 (m, 2H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.25, 151.67, 144.03, 141.74, 134.46, 123.59, 112.61, 111.62, 86.24, 70.49, 66.38, 27.46, 14.12. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₂IN₂O₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 386.9836, found 386.9832.

3-cyano-1,5-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid, mp: 104.5-105.2 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.15 (m, 2H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, SI-10

3H).¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.85, 151.76, 141.92, 134.26, 133.27, 126.53, 121.65, 113.24, 109.46, 71.41, 66.03, 27.37, 21.13, 14.13. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₄H₁₅N₂O₃⁺([M+H]⁺): 275.1026, found 275.1025.

3-cyano-5-methoxy-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid, mp: 109.2-109.8 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.17 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.60, 156.98, 151.71, 137.50, 122.55, 117.68, 113.09, 112.57, 110.32, 71.47, 66.09, 56.06, 27.41, 14.10. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₄H₁₅N₂O₅⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 291.0975, found 291.0977.

3-cyano-1,5,7-trimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate



Yellow solid, mp: 109.9-110.5 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 4.24-4.13 (m, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.72, 151.61, 139.53, 137.08, 134.07, 123.98, 122.32, 121.17, 113.34, 71.34, 65.95, 30.79, 20.80, 18.89, 14.13. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₃N₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 289.1183, found 289.1187.

1-cyanocyclopentyl ethyl carbonate



Colourless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.39-2.29(m, 4H), 1.88-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.02, 119.19, 78.82, 64.98, 39.05, 23.35, 14.22.

1-cyanocyclohexyl ethyl carbonate



Colourless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.37-2.29 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.76 (m, 4H), 1.72-1.59 (m, 4H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.56, 118.41, 75.03, 64.87, 35.21, 24.52, 22.22, 14.27.

4-cyanotetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl ethyl carbonate



Colourless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.28 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.99-3.92 (m, 2H), 3.78-3.70 (m, 2H), 2.43-2.3 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.37, 117.57, 72.08, 65.22, 63.69, 35.33, 14.22. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₉H₁₄NO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 200.0917, found 200.0918.

2-cyano-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl ethyl carbonate



White solid, mp: 81.9-82.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27-7.21 (m, 4H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.08, 137.06, 128.03, 124.78, 118.77, 77.69, 65.29, 45.24, 14.21. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄NO₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 232.0968, found 232.0969.

IV. General Procedure and Experimental Details of Pd-Catalyzed Addition/Cyclization Sequences

1) General Procedure and Experimental Details



Arylboronic acid 1 (3.0 equiv), substrate 2 (0.3 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol %), 2,2'-bipyridine (6 mol %), CH₃COOH (5.0 equiv) and NMP (0.2 *M*) were placed in a sealed tube under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was stirred vigorously at 80 °C for 36 hours. Upon completion, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, and then NaHCO₃ was added until no bubbles were generated. After the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate three times, the combined organic layers were washed with saturated NaHCO₃ and then brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and finally concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (60-90°C) to afford the desired products **3**. Products **5a-5d** were prepared according to the similar procedure.

1-methyl-4'-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (79.8 mg, 91%), mp: 210.0-210.7 °C. 1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.05 (m, 3H), 3.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.16, 168.14, 165.65, 144.36, 135.52, 132.80, 129.75, 129.56, 127.53, 125.29, 124.59, 122.80, 110.13, 88.24, 27.42. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₃N₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 293.0921, found 293.0918.

1,4'-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (95.6 mg, 90%), mp: 225.4-226.2 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.63-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.04, 167.36, 165.62, 144.49, 135.63, 133.21, 132.66, 130.22, 129.87, 129.64, 129.27, 127.67, 126.21, 125.60, 125.05, 122.58, 111.39, 88.35. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₂H₁₅N₂O₃⁺([M+H]⁺): 355.1077, found 355.1076.

1-benzyl-4'-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (101.6 mg, 92%), mp: 188.8-189.6 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.05 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.15, 168.19, 165.69, 143.46, 135.50, 134.55,

132.62, 129.96, 129.46, 129.21, 128.54, 128.10, 127.41, 125.38, 124.56, 122.87, 111.02, 88.27, 44.98. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₃H₁₇N₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 369.1234, found 369.1239.

1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4'-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (106.3 mg, 89%), mp: 182.7-183.6 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.42 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.02 (m, 3H), 6.89-6.84 (m, 2H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.17, 168.12, 165.73, 159.74, 143.50, 135.48, 132.57, 129.97, 129.55, 129.44, 127.42, 126.57, 125.37, 124.49, 122.93, 114.53, 111.04, 88.31, 55.47, 44.45. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₄H₁₉N₂O₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 399.1339, found 399.1335.

1-(4-nitrobenzyl)-4'-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (111.5 mg, 90%), mp: 211.1-211.8 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.92 (m, 1H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.83, 168.40, 165.42, 148.09, 142.88, 141.78, 135.77, 132.85, 129.85, 129.56, 128.72, 127.48, 125.82, 125.14, 124.46, 122.78, 110.55, 88.00, 44.26. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₃H₁₆N₃O₅⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 414.1084, found 414.1080.

4-chloro-1-methyl-4'-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (86.1 mg, 88%), mp: 207.9-208.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.28, 167.59, 165.39, 145.96, 135.62, 133.82, 133.11, 129.66, 129.32, 127.73, 125.09, 120.19, 108.35, 87.43, 27.69. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂ClN₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 327.0531, found 327.0527.

5-chloro-1-methyl-4'-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (91.0 mg, 93%), mp: 209.7-210.4 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.50, 167.81, 165.20, 142.91, 135.80, 132.73, 130.06, 129.77, 129.73, 127.33, 125.75, 124.35, 111.11, 87.57, 27.61. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂ClN₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 327.0531, found 327.0532.

6-chloro-1-methyl-4'-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (88.0 mg, 90%), mp: 207.1-207.8 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.05 (m, 3H), 3.35 (s, 3H).¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.66, 168.13, 165.30, 145.59, 138.90, 135.73, 129.71, 127.38, 126.31, 124.54,

121.12, 111.00, 87.49, 27.59. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $C_{17}H_{12}ClN_2O_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 327.0531, found 327.0531.

7-chloro-1-methyl-4'-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (87.8 mg, 90%), mp: 204.1-204.9 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.52, 168.46, 165.25, 140.31, 135.74, 134.98, 129.76, 129.71, 127.32, 125.34, 123.88, 117.34, 87.31, 30.93. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂ClN₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 327.0531, found 327.0532.

1-methyl-5-nitro-4'-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (87.6 mg, 87%), mp: 210.3-211.1 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.76 (s, 1H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.50 (m, 6H), 3.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO) δ 186.39, 168.55, 164.74, 150.00, 143.95, 136.01, 130.08, 129.25, 126.50, 122.51, 122.37, 111.74, 86.55, 27.90. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂N₃O₅⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 338.0771, found 338.0771.

5-bromo-1-methyl-4'-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (95.4 mg, 86%), mp: 220.5-221.3 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.39, 167.60, 165.08, 143.28, 135.70, 135.53, 129.65, 129.62, 128.31, 127.19, 124.50, 116.94, 111.46, 87.38, 27.47. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂BrN₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 371.0026, found 371.0027.

5-iodo-1-methyl-4'-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (100.3 mg, 80%), mp: 211.5-212.2 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.34 (m, 3H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.49, 167.58, 165.21, 144.05, 141.54, 135.79, 133.90, 131.07, 129.79, 129.74, 127.34, 124.89, 111.97, 86.64, 27.52. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂IN₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 418.9887, found 418.9884.

1,5-dimethyl-4'-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (82.6 mg, 90%), mp: 149.5-150.4 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02-6.91 (m, 2H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.25, 168.11, 165.70, 141.89, 135.46, 134.54, 133.03, 129.79, 129.54, 127.59, 125.88, 122.76, 109.89, 88.45, 27.42, 21.05. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 307.1077, found 307.1078.

5-methoxy-1-methyl-4'-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (88.9 mg, 92%), mp: 205.3-206.1 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.06-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.18, 167.90, 165.65, 157.19, 137.42, 135.54, 129.80, 129.57, 127.54, 123.79, 117.54, 111.78, 110.81, 88.52, 56.00, 27.48. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 323.1026, found 323.1024.

1,5,7-trimethyl-4'-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (91.4 mg, 95%), mp: 216.9-217.7 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.29, 168.88, 165.75, 139.49, 136.88, 135.37, 134.33, 129.86, 129.52, 127.69, 123.70, 123.37, 121.56, 88.19, 30.73, 20.71, 18.94. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇N₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 321.1234, found 321.1234.

1-methyl-4'-(p-tolyl)-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (86.4 mg, 94%), mp: 178.6-179.2 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.90, 168.30, 165.89, 147.18, 144.33, 132.68,

130.34, 129.84, 125.25, 124.86, 124.53, 123.09, 110.03, 88.07, 27.37, 22.02. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 307.1077, found 307.1078.

4'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (87.0 mg, 90%), mp: 220.3-221.2 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.93, 168.52, 166.10, 165.65, 144.27, 132.62, 132.31, 125.29, 124.53, 123.42, 120.02, 115.12, 110.01, 87.76, 55.82, 27.36. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 323.1026, found 323.1027.

4'-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-1-methyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



Yellow solid (91.9 mg, 88%), mp: 191.8-192.6°C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.75, 168.37, 165.95, 160.01, 144.39, 132.66, 129.82, 126.68, 125.36, 124.80, 124.55, 123.18, 110.01, 88.08, 35.58, 30.93, 27.40. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₁H₂₁N₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 349.1547, found 349.1551.

4'-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione



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Yellow solid (76.3 mg, 82%), mp: 194.4-195.1 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.03 (m, 5H), 3.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.76, 168.40, 168.07, 165.81, 165.42, 144.33, 132.94, 132.62, 132.53, 125.39, 124.73, 123.98, 123.95, 122.65, 117.26, 117.04, 110.18, 88.06, 27.48. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂FN₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 311.0826, found 311.0826.

4'-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione

Yellow solid (73.4 mg, 75%), mp: 180.6-181.4 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.03, 167.93, 165.33, 144.33, 142.34, 132.98, 130.95, 130.06, 125.93, 125.36, 124.73, 122.47, 110.21, 88.13, 27.48. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂ClN₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 327.0531, found 327.0532.

4'-(4-bromophenyl)-1-methyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione

Yellow solid (69.9 mg, 63%), mp: 190.5-191.3 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56-7.51 (m, 5H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.21, 167.91, 165.31, 144.35, 133.06, 132.97, 131.22, 130.94, 126.37, 125.39, 124.74, 122.48, 110.17, 88.13, 27.49. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂BrN₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 371.0026, found 371.0027.

1-methyl-4'-(o-tolyl)-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione

Yellow solid (71.7 mg, 78%), mp: 199.4-200.2 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.05-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.90, 168.34, 165.93, 144.43, 142.62, 133.62, 133.00, 132.60, 129.27, 126.83, 126.24, 124.93, 124.47, 122.59, 110.00, 89.66, 27.31, 23.32. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 307.1077, found 307.1077.

1-methyl-4'-(m-tolyl)-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione

Yellow solid (82.7 mg, 90%), mp: 183.7-184.5 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.31, 168.20, 165.70, 144.36, 139.54, 136.40, 132.74, 130.46, 129.34, 127.46, 126.70, 125.27, 124.57, 122.93, 109.99, 88.24, 27.38, 21.35. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 307.1077, found 307.1078.

4'-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione

Yellow solid (88.3 mg, 92%), mp: 217.9-218.6 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.27 (s, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.43, 168.28, 165.78, 144.38, 139.22, 137.34, 132.69, 127.53, 125.30, 124.57, 123.09, 109.79, 88.23, 27.34, 21.26. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $C_{19}H_{17}N_2O_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 321.1234, found 321.1238.

1-methyl-4'-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione

Yellow solid (92.4 mg, 90%), mp: 218.8-219.5 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.34 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.21, 168.52, 165.84, 144.39, 136.09, 134.18, 132.63, 131.52, 130.54, 129.65, 129.01, 127.40, 126.70, 125.02, 124.55, 124.38, 123.15, 110.05, 89.80, 27.38. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₁H₁₅N₂O₃⁺([M+H]⁺): 343.1077, found 343.1073.

1-methyl-4'-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione

Yellow solid (83.1 mg, 81%), mp: 219.4-220.1 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.84-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.68-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 2H), 3.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.86, 168.18, 144.36, 136.39, 132.69, 132.31, 129.94, 129.80, 129.43, 127.92, 127.38, 125.37, 124.86, 124.56, 124.33, 109.81, 88.17, 27.33. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₁H₁₅N₂O₃⁺([M+H]⁺): 343.1077, found 343.1074.

1-methyl-4'-(phenanthren-9-yl)-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazole]-2,2'-dione

Yellow solid (97.6 mg, 83%), mp: 249.9-250.8 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.09-9.04 (m, 1H), 8.94-8.89 (m, 1H), 8.85 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.75-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.59-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 188.10, 168.02, 165.24, 144.23, 132.78, 132.16, 131.86, 130.99, 130.45, 130.23, 128.52, 128.33, 128.24, 128.00, 127.67, 126.61, 125.81, 124.27, 123.57, 123.20, 123.12, 121.59, 110.89, 89.89, 27.33. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₅H₁₇N₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 393.1234, found 393.1231.

3-carbamoyl-1-methylindolin-3-yl ethyl carbonate

White solid , mp: 180.1-180.9 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.90 (br, 1H), 7.81 (br, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.04 (m, 2H), 4.11 -4.02 (m, 2H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.63, 166.15, 151.29, 145.29, 130.66, 125.46, 122.63, 122.60, 109.08, 81.72, 64.87, 26.42, 13.86. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄N₂NaO₅⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 301.0795, found 301.0790.

4-phenyl-1-oxa-3-azaspiro[4.4]non-3-en-2-one

White solid (54.3 mg, 84%), mp: 102.1-102.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 2H), 2.48-2.37 (m, 2H), 2.22-2.04 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.60, 165.57, 134.81, 130.05, 129.38, 127.97, 98.84, 39.24, 26.30. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄NO₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 216.1019, found 216.1015.

4-phenyl-1-oxa-3-azaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one

White solid (58.4 mg, 85%), mp: 98.5-99.2 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.23-2.13 (m, 2H), 1.96-1.80 (m, 7H), 1.49-1.38 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.80, 165.40, 134.70, 130.42, 129.31, 128.37, 91.79, 34.49, 24.67, 22.22. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₄H₁₆NO₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 230.1176, found 230.1178.

4-phenyl-1,8-dioxa-3-azaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one

White solid (56.3 mg, 81%), mp: 140.2-141.0 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27-8.22 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.14-4.05 (m, 2H), 3.95-3.87 (m, 2H), 2.65-2.55 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.68 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.82, 164.79, 135.15, 130.52, 129.50, 127.84, 88.57, 64.21, 34.36. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄NO₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 232.0968, found 232.0970.

4'-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-2'H-spiro[indene-2,5'-oxazol]-2'-one

White solid (67.9 mg, 86%), mp: 144.1-144.8 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 4H), 3.85-3.79 (m, 2H), 3.59-3.5 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.27, 165.64, 138.46, 135.20, 130.09, 129.53, 128.10, 127.40, 125.09, 95.74, 45.09. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄NO₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 264.1019, found 264.1020.

V. Synthetic Transformation

To solution of **3aa** (0.25 mmol) in THF (0.1 M) was added BH₃ • Me₂S (1.5 equiv) dropwise at 0 $^{\circ}$ C.⁴ After stirring at 30 $^{\circ}$ C for 24 hours, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 $^{\circ}$ C and quenched by dropwise addition of a 1:1 mixture of THF:H₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane three times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (60-90°C) to afford the desired product **7**.

1-methyl-4'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione

White solid (64.7 mg, 88%) , mp: 229.6-230.4 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (br, 1H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.89, 158.24, 144.46, 132.65, 131.70, 129.06, 128.51, 126.23, 124.88, 124.51, 123.57, 108.62, 84.42, 65.21, 25.86. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅N₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 295.1077, found 295.1078.

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VII. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement

1) Compound **3aa**

CCDC 1943540

Identification code	3aa	
Empirical formula	C17 H12 N2 O3	
Formula weight	292.29	
Temperature	293(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2 ₁ /c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.3850(5) Å	α= 90°.
	b = 9.0474(4) Å	β= 97.418(2)°.
	c = 16.9250(9) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$.
Volume	1425.07(12) Å ³	
Ζ	4	
Density (calculated)	1.362 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.095 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	608	
Crystal size	0.21 x 0.20 x 0.18 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	3.05 to 27.48°.	
Index ranges	-12<=h<=12, -11<=k<=11, -21	<=l<=21
Reflections collected	28489	
Independent reflections	3257 [R(int) = 0.0453]	
Completeness to theta = 27.48°	99.8 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalen	ts

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 3aa.

Max. and min. transmission	0.9830 and 0.9803
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	3257 / 0 / 200
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.018
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0456, wR2 = 0.1157
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0758, wR2 = 0.1407
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.156 and -0.178 e.Å ⁻³

Table 2. Atomic coordinates $(x \ 10^4)$ and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10^3) for Y. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

	Х	У	Z	U(eq)
C(1)	7314(2)	1043(2)	2539(1)	49(1)
C(2)	6974(2)	1293(2)	3292(1)	54(1)
C(3)	5872(2)	517(2)	3574(1)	62(1)
C(4)	5115(2)	-526(2)	3093(1)	70(1)
C(5)	5444(2)	-776(2)	2341(1)	62(1)
C(6)	6543(2)	3(2)	2048(1)	47(1)
C(7)	6867(2)	-349(2)	1245(1)	50(1)
C(8)	6731(2)	-1353(2)	71(1)	72(1)
C(9)	8167(2)	182(2)	884(1)	51(1)
C(10)	9594(2)	-376(2)	1361(1)	57(1)
C(11)	9770(2)	2120(2)	1225(1)	51(1)
C(12)	10287(2)	3541(2)	1287(1)	66(1)
C(13)	9402(3)	4651(2)	946(1)	72(1)
C(14)	8048(2)	4359(2)	557(1)	70(1)
C(15)	7529(2)	2916(2)	498(1)	59(1)
C(16)	8409(2)	1813(2)	831(1)	48(1)
C(17)	11845(2)	753(3)	2014(2)	83(1)
N(1)	6070(2)	-1207(2)	766(1)	67(1)
N(2)	10440(2)	820(2)	1542(1)	58(1)
O(1)	6311(2)	-2085(2)	-498(1)	102(1)
O(2)	7958(2)	-527(2)	117(1)	69(1)
O(3)	9873(2)	-1656(2)	1536(1)	82(1)

1.371(2)
1.395(2)
1.385(3)
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1.366(3)
1.393(2)
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118.21(15)
123.09(15)
122.70(16)
111.76(16)

Table 3. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for Y.

C(6)-C(7)-C(9)	125.50(14)
O(1)-C(8)-O(2)	122.5(2)
O(1)-C(8)-N(1)	126.4(2)
O(2)-C(8)-N(1)	111.10(15)
O(2)-C(9)-C(16)	112.90(14)
O(2)-C(9)-C(7)	101.54(13)
C(16)-C(9)-C(7)	118.28(14)
O(2)-C(9)-C(10)	109.33(14)
C(16)-C(9)-C(10)	102.94(13)
C(7)-C(9)-C(10)	111.92(15)
O(3)-C(10)-N(2)	127.19(18)
O(3)-C(10)-C(9)	125.42(17)
N(2)-C(10)-C(9)	107.39(15)
C(12)-C(11)-C(16)	121.17(17)
C(12)-C(11)-N(2)	128.10(17)
C(16)-C(11)-N(2)	110.71(14)
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	117.47(18)
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	121.80(18)
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	120.41(19)
C(16)-C(15)-C(14)	117.84(18)
C(15)-C(16)-C(11)	121.30(15)
C(15)-C(16)-C(9)	130.91(16)
C(11)-C(16)-C(9)	107.76(15)
C(7)-N(1)-C(8)	107.44(16)
C(10)-N(2)-C(11)	111.18(15)
C(10)-N(2)-C(17)	123.79(17)
C(11)-N(2)-C(17)	125.02(16)
C(8)-O(2)-C(9)	108.13(14)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

Table 4.Anisotropic displacement parameters $(Å^2x \ 10^3)$ for Y.The anisotropicdisplacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2$ [$h^2 \ a^{*2}U^{11} + ... + 2 \ h \ k \ a^* \ b^* \ U^{12}$]

	U ¹¹	U ²²	U ³³	U ²³	U ¹³	U ¹²
C(1)	48(1)	40(1)	58(1)	1(1)	4(1)	-2(1)

C(2)	54(1)	49(1)	58(1)	-1(1)	-2(1)	4(1)
C(3)	64(1)	69(1)	52(1)	8(1)	6(1)	9(1)
C(4)	63(1)	80(1)	67(1)	10(1)	10(1)	-15(1)
C(5)	58(1)	62(1)	65(1)	-2(1)	4(1)	-18(1)
C(6)	45(1)	38(1)	56(1)	3(1)	0(1)	-1(1)
C(7)	50(1)	37(1)	62(1)	-1(1)	3(1)	-6(1)
C(8)	81(1)	62(1)	72(1)	-20(1)	6(1)	-20(1)
C(9)	56(1)	42(1)	56(1)	-10(1)	7(1)	-6(1)
C(10)	54(1)	46(1)	72(1)	-8(1)	14(1)	1(1)
C(11)	53(1)	50(1)	52(1)	-5(1)	10(1)	-10(1)
C(12)	69(1)	56(1)	73(1)	-4(1)	6(1)	-22(1)
C(13)	97(2)	47(1)	74(1)	-2(1)	15(1)	-23(1)
C(14)	91(2)	50(1)	70(1)	11(1)	11(1)	-1(1)
C(15)	64(1)	56(1)	55(1)	4(1)	3(1)	-6(1)
C(16)	54(1)	43(1)	46(1)	-3(1)	8(1)	-8(1)
C(17)	55(1)	91(2)	99(2)	4(1)	-8(1)	-4(1)
N(1)	73(1)	60(1)	66(1)	-14(1)	6(1)	-22(1)
N(2)	46(1)	55(1)	72(1)	-4(1)	2(1)	-3(1)
O(1)	119(1)	102(1)	83(1)	-48(1)	10(1)	-38(1)
O(2)	76(1)	66(1)	65(1)	-24(1)	15(1)	-16(1)
O(3)	78(1)	47(1)	120(1)	-2(1)	9(1)	10(1)

Table 5. Hydrogen coordinates ($x \ 10^4$) and isotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10³) for Y.

	Х	У	Z	U(eq)
H(1)	8058	1568	2356	59
H(2)	7490	1990	3616	65
H(3)	5643	697	4083	74
H(4)	4380	-1058	3281	84
H(5)	4927	-1477	2021	75
H(12)	11197	3748	1550	79
H(13)	9729	5623	979	87
H(14)	7477	5130	333	84
H(15)	6615	2708	240	70

H(17A)	12049	-247	2182	125
H(17B)	11852	1376	2474	125
H(17C)	12563	1087	1700	125

VIII. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectral Copies




















































































































































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