Supporting Information for

Rhodium(I)-Catalyzed Directed Trideuteromethylation of

(Hetero)arene C-H Bonds with CD₃CO₂D

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1. General information:

Unless otherwise noted, all experiments were carried out in air and all commercially available chemicals, including organic solvents, were used as received from Aldrich, Acros or Strem without further purification. ¹H NMR and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Model Advance DMX 400 Spectrometer (¹H 400 MHz and ¹³C{¹H} 101 MHz, respectively), Bruker Model Advance DMX 500 Spectrometer (¹H 500 MHz and ¹³C{¹H} 126 MHz, respectively) or Bruker Model Advance DMX 600 Spectrometer (¹H 600 MHz and ¹³C{¹H} 151 MHz, respectively). Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm and are referenced to residual solvent peaks. Melting points were measured on an X-4 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were performed on a VG Autospec-3000 spectrometer. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (200-300 mesh). 1-(2-pyridyl)-2-pyridones,¹ pyrimidinyl indoles,² phenylpyridines and other hereoarenes³ were prepared according to the previous reports.

2. Optimization of the reaction conditions

Table S1. Optimization of reaction conditions.^a



Entry	Catalyst	Activator	Additive	Solvent	Yield $(\%)^b$
1	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	none	1,4-dioxane	21
2	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	84
3	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	DCE	7
4	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	THF	0
5	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	acetone	0
6	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	toluene	52
7	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	PhCl	49
8	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	<i>p</i> -xylene	41
9	$[Rh(CO)_2Cl]_2$	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	MeCN	0
10	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	MeOH	0
11	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	iPrOH	0

12	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O PivOH		tAmOH	0
13	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	DMF	0
14	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	DMA	0
15	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	DME	0
16	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	DMSO	0
17	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	61
18	[RhCl(PPh ₃) ₃]	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
19	[Rh(CO)2acac]	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
20	[Rh(C ₂ H ₄) ₂ Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
21	[RhCl(1,5-HD)]2	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
22	[Rh(NBD)Cl] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
23	[Rh(NBD)2]BF4	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
24	[Rh(C ₂ H ₄) ₂ acac]	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
25	[Rh(COD) ₂]OTf	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	56
26	[Rh(COD)2]BF4	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
27	RhCl ₃ . xH ₂ O	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
28	[(<i>p</i> -cymene) ₂ RuCl ₂] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
29	[RuCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₃]	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
30	[Cp*IrCl ₂] ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
31	[IrCl(COD)]2	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
32	[Cp*RhCl2]2	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
33	[Cp*Rh(MeCN) ₃](SbF ₆) ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
34	Pd(OAc) ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
35	PdCl ₂	Boc ₂ O	PivOH	1,4-dioxane	0
36	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	(MeOCO) ₂ O	none	1,4-dioxane	13
37	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	TFAA	none	1,4-dioxane	0
38	$[Rh(CO)_2Cl]_2$	Tf_2O	none	1,4-dioxane	0
39	[Rh(CO)2Cl]2	Piv ₂ O	none	1,4-dioxane	93 (90)
40	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	PivCl	none	1,4-dioxane	10
41^d	$[Rh(CO)_2Cl]_2$	Piv ₂ O	none	1,4-dioxane	87
42^e	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Piv ₂ O	none	1,4-dioxane	89
43 ^{<i>f</i>}	$[Rh(CO)_2Cl]_2$	Piv ₂ O	none	1,4-dioxane	92
42^g	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	Piv ₂ O	none	1,4-dioxane	65
45	none	Piv ₂ O	none	1,4-dioxane	0
46	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	none	none	1,4-dioxane	0

^{*a*}Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol.), **2** (0.11 mmol), cat. [M] (2.0 mol %), activator (1.2 equiv), additive (1.2 equiv), solvent (1.0 mL, 0.1 M), 140 °C, 16 h, under N₂. ^{*b*}Yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of unpurified reaction mixtures with internal standard CH₂Br₂. ^{*c*}Isolated yield. ^{*d*}Reaction temperature 150 °C. ^{*e*}Reaction temperature 130 °C. ^{*f*}Piv₂O (1.5 equiv). ^{*s*}[Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂ (1.0 mol %) was used. COD: cyclooctadiene; NBD: norbornadiene; HD: hexadiene; Cp*: pentamethylcyclopentadiene.

Table S2. Exploring the effect of directing groups.^a

	$ \begin{array}{c} $	h(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂ (2.0 mol %) Piv ₂ O, 1,4-dioxane 140 °C, 16 h 3
Entry	R	Assay Yield (%) ^b
1	Me	0
2	Et	0
3	Ph	0
4	Bn	0
5	acetyl	0
6	2-pyridyl	93 (90) ^c (3aa)
7	2-pyrimidyl	22
8	Ac	0
9	Piv	0
10	Ts	0
11	Н	0

^{*a*}Reaction Conditions: **1** (0.1 mmol), **2** (0.11 mmol), $[Rh(CO)_2Cl]_2$ (2.0 mol %), Piv₂O (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 1,4dioxane (1.0 mL, 0.1 M), 140 °C, 16 h, under N₂. ^{*b*}Yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of unpurified reaction mixtures with internal standard CH₂Br₂. ^{*c*}Isolated yield.

Table S3. Minimally effective substrates under the reaction conditions.^a



^{*a*}Reaction Conditions: Starting materials (0.3 mmol.), **2** (0.33 mmol), [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂ (2.0 mol%), (*t*BuCO)₂O (1.2 equiv), 1,4-Dioxane (3 mL, 0.1 M), 140 °C, 16 h, under N₂. ^{*b*}**1u** (0.3 mmol.), **2** (0.66 mmol), [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂ (2.0 mol%), (*t*BuCO)₂O (2.4 equiv), 140 °C, 16 h, under N₂.

3. The general procedures

a) Direct trideuteriomethylation of 2-pyridones



To an oven-dried pressure tube with a stir bar were sequentially added 2H-[1,2'bipyridin]-2-one **1** (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv), [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂ (2.3 mg, 2.0 mol%), CD₃CO₂D (19.0 μ L, 0.33 mmol), Piv₂O (73.0 μ L, 0.36 mmol) and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (3.0 mL, 0.1 M). The tube was sealed under N₂ atmosphere and degassed for three times. The reaction mixture was heated and stirred vigorously at 140 °C for 16 h in an oil bath. After that, the color of the reaction mixture changed from light yellow to brown. After the 16 h reaction period, the tube was removed from the oil bath and cooled to room temperature. In a separatory funnel, the mixture was washed with a saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (10 mL) and was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL ×3). The combined yellow organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the volatile materials evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes to give the purified product.

b) Direct C2-trideuteriomethylation of indoles and other (hetero)arene substrates



To an oven-dried pressure tube with a stir bar were sequentially added (hetero)arene **4** or **5** (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv), $[Rh(CO)_2Cl]_2$ (2.3 mg, 2.0 mol%), CD_3CO_2D (19.0 µL, 0.33 mmol), (*t*BuCO)_2O (73.0 µL, 0.36 mmol) and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (3.0 mL, 0.1 M) at rt. The tube was sealed under N₂ atmosphere and degassed three times. The reaction mixture was heated and stirred vigorously at 140 °C for 16-24 h in

the oil bath. After the reaction period, the color of the reaction mixture had changed from light yellow to brown. The tube was removed from the oil bath and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (10 mL) and was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL ×3). The combined yellow organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, evaporated under reduced pressure to remove the volatile materials, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes to give the pure product.

c) Gram-scale synthesis of 3a and 3p



To a 100 mL round-bottom flask with a stir bar were added 2-pyridones (**1a**, 1.0 g, 6.0 mmol or **1p**, 1.1 g, 6.0 mmol), [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂ (46.8 mg, 2.0 mol%), CD₃CO₂D (380 μ L, 6.6 mmol), Piv₂O (1.5 mL, 7.2 mmol) and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (20 mL) at rt. The flask was connected to the condenser under N₂ flow and degassed three times. The yellow reaction mixture was heated to 140 °C in an oil bath and stirred vigorously for 16 h. At the end of the reaction period, the color of the reaction mixture had changed from yellow to brown. The flask was opened to air, the mixture was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (50 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL × 3). The combined yellow organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure to remove the volatile materials. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl acetate/hexanes (2/1, v/v) to give the purified products (**3a**, yellow solid, 953.6 mg, 84% yield; **3p**, yellow solid, 975.6 mg, 80% yield).

d) Gram-scale synthesis of 6a and 6e



To an oven-dried round-bottom flask with a stir bar were sequentially added indoles (**4a**, 1.2 g, 6.0 mmol; or **4e**, 2.0 g, 6.0 mmol), $[Rh(CO)_2Cl]_2$ (46.8 mg, 2.0 mol%), CD₃CO₂D (380 µL, 6.6 mmol), Piv₂O (1.5 mL, 7.2 mmol) and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (20 mL) at rt. The tube was sealed under N₂ atmosphere and degassed three times. The reaction mixture was heated and stirred vigorously at 140 °C for 20 h in the oil bath. At the end of the reaction period, the color of the reaction mixture had changed from yellow to dark brown. The flask was then removed from the oil bath and cooled to room temperature. The flask was opened to air, reaction mixture was poured into a separatory funnel, washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (50 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL × 3). The combined yellow organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the volatile materials evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (1/4, v/v) to give the purified products (**6a**, yellow solid, 1.0 g, 81% yield; **6e**, yellow solid, 805.1 mg, 40% yield, respectively).

4. Direct trideuteromethylation and di-trideuteromethylation of

indoles





To an oven-dried pressure tube with stir bar were sequentially added C2-substuated indole **4q** (62.8 mg, 0.3 mmol), CD_3CO_2D (19.0 μ L, 0.33 mmol), $[Rh(CO)_2CI]_2$ (2.3 mg, 2.0 mol%), (*t*BuCO)_2O (73.0 μ L, 0.36 mmol) and anhydrous

1,4-dioxane (3.0 mL, 0.1 M) at RT. The tube was sealed under a N₂ atmosphere and degassed three times. The mixture was heated and stirred at 150 °C for 24 h in the oil bath. During that time, the color of the reaction mixture changed from light yellow to brown. The tube was removed from the oil bath and cooled to room temperature. The reaction vial was opened to air and the mixture was added to a separatory funnel, washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (10 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL \times 3). The combined yellow organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, evaporated under reduced pressure to remove the volatile materials, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl acetate/hexanes (1:4, v/v) to give the corresponding product **8a** (50.9 mg, 75% isolated yield).

2-Methyl-7-(methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (8a)



The title compound was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:3, v/v) and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 50.9 mg, 75%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.86 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* =

7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.46 – 6.37 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 158.3, 137.7, 136.6, 129.7, 124.8, 121.5, 121.2, 119.0, 117.7, 104.1, 19.2 (h, J = 20.2 Hz), 14.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₄H₁₁D₃N₃(M+H⁺)]: 277.1371, found: 277.1368.

b) Direct C2,C7-di-trideuteriomethylation of indoles



To an oven-dried pressure tube with a stir bar were sequentially added **4a** (58.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) or **4b** (62.8 mg, 0.3 mmol) or **4g** (62.8 mg, 0.3 mmol), CD₃CO₂D (38.0 μ L, 0.66 mmol), [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂ (2.3 mg, 2.0 mol%), (*t*BuCO)₂O (146.0 μ L, 0.72 mmol) and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (3.0 mL, 0.1 M) at RT. The tube was sealed under an N₂

atmosphere and degassed three times. The mixture was heated and stirred at 150 °C for 24 h in the oil bath. During the hearing period, the color of the reaction mixture changed from yellow to dark brown. The tube was removed from the oil bath, cooled to room temperature and opened to air. The mixture was was added to a separatory funnel , washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (10 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL \times 3). The combined yellow organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, evaporated under reduced pressure to remove the volatile materials, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl acetate/hexanes (1:3, v/v) to give the corresponding products **8b** (48.8 mg, 71%), **8c** (50.4 mg, 69%) and **8d** (52.5 mg, 72%).

2,7-Bis(methyl-*d*₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (8b)



The title compound was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:3, v/v) and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 48.8 mg, 71%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.86 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H),

6.94 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (s, 0.7H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 158.3, 137.7, 136.6, 129.8, 124.8, 121.5, 121.2, 119.0, 117.7, 104.1, 19.2 (h, J = 20.2 Hz), 13.5 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₄H₈D₆N₃(M+H⁺)]: 230.1559, found: 230.1555.

3-Methyl-2,7-bis(methyl-*d*₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (8c)



The title compound was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:3, v/v) and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 50.4 mg, 69%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.85 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H),

6.96 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.2, 158.3, 135.9, 133.3, 130.8, 124.9, 121.4, 120.8, 118.7, 116.0, 110.5, 19.2 (h, J = 20.2 Hz), 10.6 (h, J = 20.2 Hz), 8.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₀D₆N₃(M+H⁺)]: 244.1715, found: 244.1712.

5-Methyl-2,7-bis(methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (8d)



The title compound was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:3, v/v) and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 52.6 mg, 72%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.86 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 1.6

Hz, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 158.3, 137.8, 135.0, 130.5, 130.2, 126.3, 121.2, 118.7, 117.6, 104.0, 21.2, 19.2 (h, J = 20.2 Hz), 13.4 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₀D₆N₃(M+H⁺)]: 244.1715, found: 244.1712.

c) One-pot sequential C2,C7-di-trideuteriomethylation of indole



To an oven-dried pressure tube with a stir bar were sequentially added 4a (58.6 mg, 0.3 mmol), CD₃CO₂D (19.0 µL, 0.33 mmol), [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂ (2.3 mg, 2.0 mol%), (tBuCO)₂O (73.0 µL, 0.36 mmol) and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (3.0 mL, 0.1 M) at RT. The tube was sealed under an N2 atmosphere and degassed for three times. The mixture was heated and stirred at 140 °C for 16 h in an oil bath. During the reaction period, the color of the reaction mixture changed from light yellow to brown. The tube was removed from the oil bath and cooled to room temperature. Next, the tube was transferred into the glovebox, was opened under an N2 atmosphere and then CD3CO2D 2 (19.0 μ L, 0.33 mmol) and (*t*BuCO)₂O (73.0 μ L, 0.36 mmol) were sequentially added at RT. The tube was sealed under N₂, taken out of the glove box and degassed three times. The mixture was heated and stirred at 150 °C for 24 h in the oil bath, resulting in a brown solution. After the hearing period, the tube was removed from the oil bath and cooled to room temperature. The reaction vessel was opened to air, added to a separatory funnel, washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (10 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL \times 3). The combined yellow organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, the volatile materials removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl acetate/hexanes (1:3, v/v) to give the pure product **8b** (35.1 mg, 51%).

5. Synthetic applications

a) Hydrogenation of 3a and 3p



To a 10 mL round-bottomed flask charged with **3a** (56.8 mg, 0.3 mmol) or **3p** (61.0 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added to Pd/C (10 mol %, 42.6 mg (5 wt % Pd on charcoal)) and absolute methanol (2 mL) at RT. The flask was evacuated and refilled with hydrogen three times. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under H₂ (1 atm) for 12 h, opened to air, filtered through a pad of celite and the resulting solution concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexanes (1/2, v/v) to give the target products as a yellow oil (**9**, 52.2 mg, 90%; **10**, 57.2 mg, 92%, respectively).

6-(Methyl-d₃)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)piperidin-2-one (9)

52.2 mg, 90%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 – 8.42 (m, 1H), 7.69 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.09 (ddt, *J* = 13.4, 8.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (ddtd, *J* = 13.2, 9.6, 6.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.83

(dtd, J = 13.3, 6.6, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (dtd, J = 13.0, 7.5, 6.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 153.9, 148.5, 137.1, 123.5, 121.4, 52.5, 33.0, 30.2, 19.8 (h, J = 20.2 Hz), 17.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₁H₁₂D₃N₂O (M+H⁺)]: 194.1367, found: 194.1364.

6-(Methyl-d₃)-1-(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)piperidin-2-one (10)

57.2 mg, 92%; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 4.47 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (qt, J = 17.8, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.09 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.97 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.80 (ddh, J = 13.6, 6.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (dddd, J =

13.5, 8.4, 5.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 150.5, 147.7, 136.9, 130.1, 121.9, 51.6, 32.0, 29.2, 18.8 (h, J = 20.2 Hz), 17.0, 16.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₂H₁₄D₃N₂O (M+H⁺)]: 208.1524, found: 208.1520.

b) Removal of pyrimidinyl group



2-(Methyl- d_3)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**6a**; 106.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) was placed in a 25 mL two-necked reaction flask that was filled with nitrogen by using a standard Schlenk line. Freshly prepared EtONa (102.1 mg, 1.0 mmol) and dry DMSO (10.0 mL) were added at RT. After being degassed under nitrogen three times, the mixture was heated and stirred vigorously at 100 °C for 24 h. After the heating period, the reaction vessel was cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into 15 mL water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of ethyl acetate/hexanes to give the purified product **11** as a light yellow semi solid in 73% yield.

2-(methyl-*d*₃)-1H-indole (11)

49.0 mg, 73%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 7.6, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.42 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.1, 135.0, 129.1, 120.9, 120.8, 119.6, 110.2, 100.4, 13.0 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₉H₇D₃N (M+H⁺)]: 135.0996, found: 135.0993.



c) Synthesis of deuterated antitumor agent derivatives 12 and 13

Step 1: To an oven-dried pressure tube with stir bar were sequentially added *tert*butyl (2-(2-(methyl- d_3)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate (**6e**; 106.6 mg, 0.3 mmol), TFA (0.67 mL, 9 mmol) and DCM (3 mL, 0.1M) at ambient temperature for 0.5 h. After stirring for the reaction period, 2 M aqueous NaOH was added until a pH of 7-8 was reached. Next, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added to the resulting solution and it was extracted with DCM (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrate in vacuo to give a yellow semi solid.

Step 2: To a 25 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added 4dimethylaminobenzoic acid (56.5 mg, 0.36 mmol) or (*E*)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylic acid (64.1 mg, 0.36 mmol), *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA, 116.3 mg, 0.9 mmol), 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDCI, 172.5 mg, 0.9 mmol) and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBT, 121.6 mg, 0.9 mmol) in DCM (20 mL) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was stirred for 0.5 h. Next, the crude product of step 1 was added to the reaction vessel and the resulting solution stirred at room temperature for 3 h. After the reaction period, the contents of the flask was added to a separatory funnel and washed with water (10 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and filtered. The volatile materials was removed under reduced pressure The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexanes : ethyl acetate = 1:1) to yield the purified product **12** (101.4 mg, 84% yield), **13** (101.0 mg, 81% yield).. 4-(Dimethylamino)-N-(2-(2-(methyl-*d*₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indol-3-yl) ethyl) benzamide (12)



Yellow semi solid, 101.4 mg, 84%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.91 – 8.56 (m, 2H), 8.26 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.11 (dtd, J = 4.9, 2.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (q, J = 6.9, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR

(101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 158.3, 158.1, 152.3, 136.2, 134.3, 129.8, 128.4, 122.8, 121.8, 121.5, 117.9, 117.0, 114.3, 113.7, 111.1, 40.2, 40.1, 24.5, 12.9 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₃D₃N₅O (M+H⁺)]: 403.2320, found: 403.2316.

(*E*)-3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-N-(2-(2-(methyl-d3)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)acrylamide (13)



Yellow semi solid, 101.0 mg, 81%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.74 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 2H),

7.10 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.17 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.61 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 160.8, 158.3, 158.2, 140.4, 136.2, 134.3, 129.7, 129.4, 127.7, 122.8, 121.8, 118.6, 117.9, 117.1, 114.2, 114.1, 113.7, 55.4, 39.9, 24.4, 12.8 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₂₅H₂₂D₃N₄O₂ (M+H⁺)]: 416.2160, found: 416.2158.

5. The mechanistic study

a) The H/D exchange experiments



To an oven-dried pressure tube were sequentially added 4-methyl-2H-[1,2'bipyridin]-2-one **1h** (55.8 mg, 0.3 mmol), $[Rh(CO)_2Cl]_2$ (2.3 mg, 2.0 mol%), CD₃OD (63.9 µL, 1.5 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (3.0 mL). The tube was sealed under air atmosphere and the reaction mixture was heated and stirred vigorously at 140 °C for 1 h in an oil bath. The tube was then removed from the oil bath, cooled to room temperature and opened to air. The mixture was washed with water (5 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. After removal of the volatile materials under reduced pressure to give an inseparable mixture of **1h** (76%) and [D]-**1h** (24%). The ratio of H/D was determined on the basis of ¹H NMR analysis.





To an oven-dried Schlenk tube with a stirring bar were sequentially added **1h** (55.8 mg, 0.3 mmol), [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂ (2.3 mg, 2.0 mol%), CD₃CO₂D (19.0 μ L, 0.33 mmol), Piv₂O (73.0 μ L, 0.36 mmol), CD₃OD (63.9 μ L, 1.5 mmol) and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (3.0 mL, 0.1 M). The tube was sealed under air atmosphere and the reaction mixture was heated and stirred vigorously at 140 °C for 1 h in an oil bath. The tube was then removed from the oil bath, cooled to room temperature, opened to air and poured into a separatory funnel. Then the mixture was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (5 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The volatile materials were removed by vacuum evaporation and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to recover the starting materials as an inseparable mixture of **1h** and [D]-**1h** (37.4 mg, 67%) and isolate the deuterium product **3h** (13.4 mg, 22%) by using ethyl acetate/hexanes = 1:1 and 2:1, respectively. The ratio of H/D was determined by ¹H NMR analysis to be 31/69.



b) Characterization for 4-methyl-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one-6-d (1h-D)
4-Methyl-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one-6-d (1h-D)



The title compound was prepared according to the previous report,⁴ purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 95.5 mg, 85%, 0.6 mmol; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.5 Hz,

1H), 7.78 - 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.27 - 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.38 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.1, 152.0, 151.8, 148.8, 137.6, 134.8, 134.6 (t, J = 27.2 Hz), 122.9, 121.4, 120.1, 108.8, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₁H₁₀DN₂O (M+H⁺)]: 188.0929, found: 188.0923.



c) Kinetic isotope effect experiments



To an oven-dried pressure tube with a stirring bar were sequentially added **1h** (18.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂ (0.8 mg, 2.0 mol%), CD₃CO₂D (6.5 μ L, 0.11 mmol), Piv₂O (24.5 μ L, 0.12 mmol) and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) at RT under an N₂ atmosphere. In another pressure tube, deuterium-labeled compound [D₁]-**1h** (18.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) was used instead of **1h** under otherwise identical conditions. The two tubes were sealed, and the reaction mixtures were heated and stirred vigorously at 140 °C under N₂. An aliquot of each reaction mixture was taken at times of 10 min, 20 min, 30 min, 40 min and 50 min. The conversions were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixtures. A value of $k_H/k_D = 1.9 \pm 0.1$ was obtained.

Time (min)		10	20	30	40	50
NMR	3h	3	9	11	21	30
Yield (%)	3h- <i>d</i>	2	5	7	11	16



6. Characterization data for products

6-(Methyl-*d*₃)-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (3a)

The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a vellow solid, $m.p. = 102.3 \sim 105.6$ °C, 51.1 mg, 90%; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (ddd, J = 4.9, 2.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (td, J = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd, J = 7.6, 4.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.52(dd, J = 9.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) & 163.9, 152.1, 150.0, 145.8, 140.3, 138.8, 124.1, 123.6, 118.7, 106.3, 19.9 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $[C_{11}H_8D_3N_2O (M+H^+)]$: 190.1054, found: 190.1050.

3-Methyl-6-(methyl-*d***3)-2H-**[**1**,**2'-bipyridin**]-**2-one** (**3b**)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow solid, m.p. = $107.1 \sim 110.4$ °C, 54.9 mg, 90%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.70 – 8.59 (m, 1H), 7.87 (td, J = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, J = 6.9 Hz,

1H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1, 152.5, 149.8, 142.5, 138.5, 137.3, 127.3, 123.8, 123.6, 105.7, 19.6 (h, J = 20.2 Hz), 16.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $[C_{12}H_{10}D_3N_2O(M+H^+)]$: 204.1211, found: 204.1208.

3-(Benzyloxy)-6-(methyl-*d*₃**)-2H-**[**1**,**2**'-bipyridin]-2-one (3c)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 62.0 mg, 70%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 (ddd, J = 4.9, 2.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (td, J = 7.7,

1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.5, 152.0, 149.8, 146.9, 138.6, 136.9, 136.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 124.0, 123.7, 118.1, 104.5, 71.0, 19.2 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₈H₁₄D₃N₂O₂ (M+H⁺)]: 296.1473, found: 296.1469.

3-Fluoro-6-(methyl-*d***3)-2H-**[**1**,**2'-bipyridin**]-**2-one (3d)**

The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, CD_3 purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 47.2 mg, 76%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.70 – 8.55 (m, 1H), 7.89 (tt, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.29

(m, 2H), 7.06 (ddd, J = 8.8, 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (ddd, J = 7.7, 4.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.5 (d, $J^2_{C-F} = 25.3$ Hz), 152.2 (d, $J^1_{C-F} = 211.1$ Hz), 151.1, 140.9, 139.1, 124.5, 123.5, 120.9 (d, $J^3_{C-F} = 17.2$ Hz), 103.7, 19.5 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₁H₇D₃FN₂O (M+H⁺)]: 208.0960, found: 208.0956.

3-Chloro-6-(methyl-*d*₃)-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (3e)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (3:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow solid, m.p. = $117.3 \sim 119.4$ °C, 54.4 mg, 81%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.61 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 7.8

Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8, 150.6, 148.9, 143.6, 137.9, 137.1, 123.4, 122.7, 122.3, 104.6, 18.7 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₁H₇D₃ClN₂O (M+H⁺)]: 224.0664, found: 224.0661.

3-Bromo-6-(methyl-*d***3)-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (3f)**



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 65.9 mg, 82%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.69 – 8.58 (m, 1H), 7.89 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 6.02 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.9, 151.7, 149.9, 145.6, 142.0, 138.9, 124.4, 123.4, 113.7, 106.4, 19.8 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₁H₇D₃BrN₂O (M+H⁺)]: 268.0159, found: 268.0156.

6-(Methyl-d₃)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (3g)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 53.2 mg, 69%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz,

1H), 7.72 (dt, J = 7.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 6.25 – 6.11 (m, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.5, 150.9, 150.8, 150.1, 139.4 (q, $J^{3}_{C-F} = 5.0$ Hz), 138.9, 126.8 (q, $J^{1}_{C-F} = 271.7$ Hz), 124.5, 123.5, 118.9 (q, $J^{2}_{C-F} = 31.3$ Hz), 104.6, 20.5 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₂H₇D₃F₃N₂O (M+H⁺)]: 258.0928, found: 258.0925.

4-Methyl-6-(methyl-d₃)-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (3h)

The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow solid, m.p. = 109.3~111.9 °C, 50.6 mg, 83%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (ddd, *J* = 5.0, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (dt, *J* = 1.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 152.0, 151.8, 149.8, 144.2, 138.6, 123.9, 123.8, 116.9, 108.9, 21.4, 19.7 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₂H₁₀D₃N₂O (M+H⁺)]: 204.1211, found: 204.1207.

4-Chloro-6-(methyl-*d*₃)-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (3i)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow solid, m.p. = 114.3~117.1 °C, 53.7 mg, 80%, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (tt, *J* = 7.7,

1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.7, 151.2, 150.0, 147.4, 146.2, 138.8, 124.3, 123.6, 117.1, 108.0, 19.8 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₁H₇D₃ClN₂O (M+H⁺)]: 224.0664, found: 224.0661.

6-(Methyl-d₃)-4-phenyl-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (3j)

The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 62.1 mg, 78%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.66 (ddd, *J* = 4.8, 1.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 152.3, 151.9, 150.0, 145.4, 138.7, 137.8, 129.5, 129.0, 126.8, 124.1, 123.7, 115.0, 106.1, 20.3 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₂D₃N₂O (M+H⁺)]: 266.1367, found: 266.1364.

4-Bromo-6-(methyl-*d*₃)-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (3k)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 62.7 mg, 78%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (ddd, J = 4.9, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (td, J = 7.7, 1.9 Hz,

1H), 7.46 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.4, 151.2, 150.1, 145.9, 138.9, 136.6, 124.3, 123.5, 120.7, 110.6, 19.6 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₁H₇D₃BrN₂O (M+H⁺)]: 268.0159, found: 268.0156.

6-(Methyl-d₃)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (3l)

The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow solid, m.p. = $147.3 \sim 151.0$ °C, 54.8 mg, 71%, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (td, J = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, J = 7.6, 4.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.7, 151.1, 150.2, 148.1, 141.9 (q, $J^2_{C-F} = 33.2$ Hz), 139.0, 124.9 (q, $J^1_{C-F} = 273.3$ Hz), 124.5, 123.3, 116.3 (q, $J^3_{C-F} = 4.5$ Hz), 101.3, 20.2 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -67.07. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₂H₇D₃F₃N₂O (M+H⁺)]: 258.0928, found: 258.0924.

5-Methyl-6-(methyl-*d*₃)-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (3m)

The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow solid, m.p. = $103.0 \sim 105.9$ °C, 49.4 mg, 81%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.66 – 8.57 (m, 1H), 7.86 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.3, 152.6, 149.9, 144.0, 141.8, 138.8, 124.0, 123.7, 118.0, 112.8, 17.4, 16.5 (h, *J* = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₂H₁₀D₃N₂O (M+H⁺)]: 204.1211, found: 204.1208.

5-Chloro-6-(methyl-*d*₃)-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (3n)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow solid, m.p. = 111.1~113.2 °C, 51.7 mg, 77%, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (tt, *J* = 7.7,

1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.3, 151.9, 150.1,

142.4, 141.6, 138.9, 124.3, 123.6, 119.6, 112.1, 17.3 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $[C_{11}H_7D_3CIN_2O(M+H^+)]$: 224.0664, found: 224.0661.

5-Bromo-6-(methyl-*d*₃)-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (30)

The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 60.3 mg, 75%, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.71 – 8.60 (m, 1H), 7.91 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 4.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.6, 152.1, 150.2, 144.0, 143.8, 139.0, 124.4, 123.5, 119.9, 100.0, 20.1 (h, *J* = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₁H₇D₃BrN₂O (M+H⁺)]: 268.0159, found: 268.0156.

5'-Methyl-6-(methyl-*d*₃)-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (3p)

The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow solid, m.p. = 101.9~103.5 °C, 54.3 mg, 89%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (dt, *J* = 2.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 2.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 150.2, 149.5, 145.9, 140.1, 139.3, 134.0, 122.7, 118.5, 106.2, 19.9 (h, J = 20.2 Hz), 18.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₂H₁₀D₃N₂O (M+H⁺)]: 204.1211, found: 204.1207.

6-(Methyl-*d*₃)-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (3q)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 65.6 mg, 85%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.92 (dt, *J* = 2.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 9.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, J = 9.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 154.9, 147.1 (q, $J^{3}_{C-F} = 4.0$ Hz), 145.1, 140.6, 136.1 (q, $J^{3}_{C-F} = 4.0$ Hz), 127.5 (q, $J^{2}_{C-F} = 33.3$ Hz), 127.1 (q, $J^{1}_{C-F} = 273.7$ Hz), 124.0, 118.7, 106.7, 19.9 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₂H₇D₃F₃N₂O (M+H⁺)]: 258.0928, found: 258.0925.

5'-Fluoro-6-(methyl-*d*₃)-2H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-2-one (3r)

The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 49.7 mg, 80%, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 7.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9, 160.0 (d, *J*¹_{C-F} = 258.2 Hz), 147.7, 145.7, 140.4, 138.1 (d, *J*²_{C-F} = 25.6 Hz), 125.8 (d, *J*²_{C-F} = 21.1 Hz), 124.8 (d, *J*³_{C-F} = 6.0 Hz), 118.7, 106.4, 19.9 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -126.18. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₁H₇D₃FN₂O (M+H⁺)]: 208.0960, found: 208.0957.

6-(Methyl-d₃)-2-oxo-4-phenyl-2H-[1,2'-bipyridine]-3-carbonitrile (3s)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 72.3 mg, 83%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.66 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz,

1H), 7.69 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 6.31 (s, 1H). $^{13}C{^{1}H}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5, 160.0, 150.9, 150.4, 150.1, 139.1, 135.8, 130.7, 129.0, 128.0, 124.8, 123.4, 115.6, 108.3, 100.3, 20.7 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₈H₁₁D₃N₃O (M+H⁺)]: 291.1320, found: 291.1316.

3-(Methyl-d₃)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)isoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3t)

The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow solid, m.p. = $121.0 \sim 123.4$ °C, 46.7 mg, 65%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.68 (ddd, J = 4.9, 2.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (ddd, J = 8.1, 1.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (td, J = 7.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.1,1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 6.45 – 6.38 (m, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.5, 152.4, 149.8, 138.6, 138.5, 137.3, 132.8, 128.0, 126.2, 125.3, 124.9, 124.1, 123.8, 105.8, 19.9 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₀D₃N₂O (M+H⁺)]: 240.1211, found: 240.1207.

2-(Methyl-*d*₃)-4H-[1,2'-bipyridin]-4-one (3u)

The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (2:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 38.6 mg, 68%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.64 (ddd, *J* = 5.0, 2.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.50 (dt, *J* = 9.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dt, *J* = 6.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 152.0, 149.9, 149.9, 145.7, 140.2, 138.7, 124.0, 123.6, 118.6, 106.2, 19.9 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₁H₈D₃N₂O (M+H⁺)]: 190.1054, found: 190.1050.

2-(Methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (6a)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow solid, m.p. = 112.0~113.9 °C, 57.3 mg, 90%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.34 (dd, *J* =

8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.10 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.4, 158.0, 137.7, 136.9, 129.5, 122.4, 121.8, 119.5, 116.9, 114.1, 106.7, 15.9 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₃H₉D₃N₃ (M+H⁺)]: 213.1214, found: 213.1210.

3-Methyl-2-(methyl-*d***3)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (6b)**



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 58.4 mg, 86%, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.76 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51

(dd, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (pd, J = 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.5, 158.0, 136.1, 132.9, 130.7, 122.5, 121.4, 117.8, 116.5, 113.6, 112.8, 12.9 (h, J = 20.2 Hz), 8.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₄H₁₁D₃N₃ (M+H⁺)]: 227.1371, found: 227.1368.

1-(2-(Methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (6c)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 61.8 mg, 81%, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.89 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.5, 158.7, 157.1, 144.3, 136.1, 126.9, 123.3, 123.1, 120.7, 119.1, 117.9, 112.5, 32.0, 14.3 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₁D₃N₃O (M+H⁺)]: 255.1320, found: 255.1317.

2-(Methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile (6d)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 57.7 mg, 81%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.86 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 8.28 – 8.14 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.32 (q, *J* = 5.4, 5.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 157.4, 156.2, 145.8, 134.6, 126.2, 123.4, 122.5, 117.7, 114.7, 113.4, 90.2, 13.9 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₄H₈D₃N₄ (M+H⁺)]: 238.1167, found:

tert-Butyl (2-(2-(methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate (6e)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow solid, m.p. = $102.0 \sim 104.1$ °C, 51.2 mg, 48%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.78 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.31 - 8.18 (m, 1H), 7.59 - 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.26 - 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 3.40 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.45(s, 9H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 158.1, 156.1, 136.2, 134.2, 129.7, 122.7, 121.7, 117.8, 117.0, 114.1, 113.6, 79.1, 40.7, 28.5, 24.7, 12.8 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $[C_{20}H_{22}D_3N_4O_2(M+H^+)]$: 356.2160, found: 356.2157.

4-Methyl-2-(methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (6f)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 59.1 mg, 87%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.88 – 8.68 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.9H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H}

NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) & 158.5, 158.1, 137.1, 136.6, 129.0, 128.8, 122.4, 122.2, 116.9, 111.6, 105.1, 18.6, 16.0 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $[C_{14}H_{11}D_3N_3(M+H^+)]$: 227.1371, found: 227.1366.

4-Chloro-2-(methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (6g)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 62.9 mg, 85%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.74 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 8.27 – 8.14 (m, 1H), 7.20 (dq, J = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 - 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 158.1, 138.7, 137.5, 128.1, 124.6, 122.9, 121.5, 117.4, 112.7, 104.7, 16.0 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₃H₈D₃ClN₃ (M+H⁺)]: 247.0824, found: 247.0820.

5-Methyl-2-(methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (6h)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 57.7 mg, 85%, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H),

7.32 (s, 1H), 7.13 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.5, 157.9, 137.8, 135.2, 131.1, 129.8, 123.7, 119.4, 116.6, 113.9, 106.6, 21.3, 16.1 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₄H₁₁D₃N₃ (M+H⁺)]: 227.1371, found: 227.1367.

5-Methoxy-2-(methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (6i)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 59.6 mg, 82%, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.71 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.88 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (s,

1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.4, 157.9, 155.4, 138.5, 131.8, 130.3, 116.6, 115.3, 111.1, 106.8, 102.2, 55.7, 16.3 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₄H₁₁D₃N₃O (M+H⁺)]: 243.1320, found: 243.1317.

Methyl 2-(methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylate (6j)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 64.1 mg, 79%, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.73 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 8.33 – 8.17 (m, 2H), 7.91 (dt, *J* = 8.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H),

7.10 (td, J = 4.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 158.1, 158.0, 139.5, 139.3, 129.1, 123.7, 123.6, 121.9, 117.5, 113.6, 107.0, 51.8, 15.8 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₁D₃N₃O₂ (M+H⁺)]: 271.1269, found: 271.1266.

5-Chloro-2-(methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (6k)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 59.9 mg, 81%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz,

1H), 7.47 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.36 (s, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.1, 158.1, 139.3, 135.2, 130.6, 127.2, 122.3, 118.9, 117.2, 115.3, 106.1, 16.1 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₃H₈D₃ClN₃ (M+H⁺)]: 247.0824, found: 247.0820.

5-Fluoro-2-(methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (6l)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 58.0 mg, 84%, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.74 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.96 (td, *J* = 9.1, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (s, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8 (d, $J^{1}_{C-F} = 212.9$ Hz), 156.9, 138.5, 132.1, 129.2, 129.1, 115.9, 114.1 (d, $J^{3}_{C-F} = 8.3$ Hz), 108.9 (d, $J^{2}_{C-F} = 23.9$ Hz), 105.5, 103.7 (d, $J^{2}_{C-F} = 23.9$ Hz), 15.1 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₃H₈D₃FN₃

(M+H⁺)]: 231.1120, found: 231.1117.

5-Bromo-2-(methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (6m)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 71.6 mg, 82%, ¹H NMR $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 8.75 \text{ (d, } J = 4.8 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 8.20 \text{ (d, } J = 8.8 \text{ Hz},$ 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 0.8H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0, 157.0, 138.1, 134.4, 130.1, 123.9, 120.9, 116.1, 114.6, 113.9, 104.9, 15.0 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS

(ESI) calcd. for [C₁₃H₈D₃BrN₃ (M+H⁺)]: 291.0319, found: 291.0316.

6-Methyl-2-(methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (6n)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 56.3 mg, 83%, ¹H NMR $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 8.78 \text{ (d, } J = 4.8 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 8.11 \text{ (d, } J = 1.5 \text{ Hz},$

1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.4, 158.0, 137.2, 137.0, 132.1, 127.2, 123.3, 119.1, 116.8, 114.0, 106.5, 22.0, 15.8 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₄H₁₁D₃N₃ (M+H⁺)]: 227.1371, found: 227.1367.

6-Chloro-2-(methyl-d₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (60)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 56.2 mg, 76%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.41 – 8.33 (m, 0.9H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.40 (s, 0.9H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 158.2, 138.7, 137.2, 128.3, 128.1, 122.4,

120.2, 117.3, 114.5, 106.6, 16.2 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₃H₈D₃ClN₃ (M+H⁺)]: 247.0824, found: 247.0820.

7-Methyl-2-(methyl-*d*₃)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (6p)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 52.3 mg, 77%, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.83 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.45

(s, 0.8H), 2.01 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8, 158.4, 137.7, 136.6, 129.8, 124.8, 121.7, 121.3, 119.2, 117.8, 104.1, 20.1, 13.3 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₄H₁₁D₃N₃ (M+H⁺)]: 227.1371, found: 227.1367.

2-(2,5-Bis(methyl-d₃)-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pyrimidine (7a)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:3, v/v), and isolated as a yellow oil, 26.3 mg, 49%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.76 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (s, 1.4H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.1, 129.7, 117.9, 108.7,

108.6, 13.9 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $[C_{10}H_6D_6N_3 (M+H^+)]$: 180.1402, found: 180.1396.

1-(Methyl-d₃)-9-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-9H-carbazole (7b)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:5, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 56.7 mg, 72%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.83 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.10 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.92 (dd, *J* =

6.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.7, 158.4,

141.3, 139.1, 129.4, 126.4, 126.4, 125.6, 123.9, 122.3, 122.0, 119.9, 117.8, 117.7, 112.3, 20.5 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $[C_{17}H_{11}D_3N_3(M+H^+)]$: 263.1371, found: 263.1368.

1,8-Bis(methyl-d₃)-9-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-9H-carbazole (7c)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:2, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 55.3 mg, 66%, ¹H NMR $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 8.93 \text{ (d}, J = 4.9 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 7.97 \text{ (dd}, J = 7.7, 1.4$

Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.0, 158.4, 140.7, 128.8, 124.7, 121.2, 120.8, 120.7, 118.1, 18.0 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $[C_{18}H_{10}D_6N_3(M+H^+)]$: 280.1715, found: 280.1712.

2-(4-Methyl-2-(methyl-d₃)phenyl)pyridine (7d)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:2, v/v), and isolated as a light yellow oil, 26.8 mg, 48%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.69 (ddd, J = 4.9, 1.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (td, J = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 0.7H), 7.22 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 4.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 149.2, 138.0, 137.7, 136.0, 135.4, 131.5, 129.6, 126.6, 124.1, 121.4, 21.2, 19.4 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $[C_{13}H_{11}D_3N (M+H^+)]$: 187.1309, found: 187.1306.

2-(5-Methyl-2-(methyl-*d*₃)phenyl)pyridine (7e)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:2, v/v), and isolated as a light yellow oil, 28.5 mg, 51%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.70 (ddd, J = 4.9, 1.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dt, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1.7H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 149.3, 140.3, 136.0, 135.3, 132.4, 130.7, 130.3, 129.0, 124.1, 121.5, 20.9, 19.0 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₃H₁₁D₃N (M+H⁺)]: 187.1309, found: 187.1306.

2-(5-Methyl-2-(methyl-d₃)phenyl)pyridine (7f)



The title compound was prepared following the general procedure, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:1, v/v), and isolated as a yellow semi solid, 51.3 mg, 67%, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.00 (s, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.70 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (d, *J* =

6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8, 151.8, 151.4, 142.3, 136.9, 135.1, 132.5, 131.1, 130.6, 129.5, 125.7, 47.4, 22.5, 19.7 (h, J = 20.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₄D₃N₄ (M+H⁺)]: 256.1636, found: 256.1632.

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8. Copies of ¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR Spectra

In order to obtain the clear CD₃ splitting picks, most samples were tested for 1024 scans, which leads to untidy baseline of the ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum.

 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound 3a in CDCl_3



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 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound 3b in CDCl_3



¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of compound **3c** in CDCl₃

 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound 3d in CDCl_3





 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of compound 3e in CDCl_3







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 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of compound 3g in CDCl_3

100 90 r1 (pps)

1.00

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120



 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound $\boldsymbol{3h}$ in CDCl_3

 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound 3i in CDCl_3





 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of compound 3j in CDCl_3







 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound **31** in CDCl_3

 $^{19}\mathrm{F}\,\mathrm{NMR}$ spectra of compound **3l** in CDCl_3







 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound $\boldsymbol{3n}$ in CDCl_3

1.00H 1.03H 1.01 1.01 Ŀ 4,5 f1 (pps) ∼ 124.32 ~ 123.57 ~ 119.62 ~ 112.06 √ 151.88 √ 150.13 √ 150.13 √ 142.42 √ 141.57 √ 138.95 $\underbrace{ \underbrace{}_{76.87}^{77.29} }_{76.87}$ 17.58 17.45 17.32 17.18 17.05 \[\begin{bmatrix} 17.58 \\ 17.45 \\ 17.45 \\ 17.18 \\ 17.16 \\ 17.16 \\ 17.05 \\ www. 1.80 100 150 140 110 120 110 100 90 r1 (ppm)

 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of compound **30** in CDCl_3









 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound $\boldsymbol{3q}$ in CDCl_3



¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of compound 3r in CDCl₃





 ^{19}F NMR spectra of compound 3r in CDCl_3





¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of compound **3s** in CDCl₃

 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of compound 3t in CDCl_3



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¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of compound 3u in CDCl₃

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100 90 f1 (ppm)













 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound 6d in CDCl_3





¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of compound **6e** in CDCl₃

50 f1 (pps)

120 110

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 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound $\boldsymbol{6f}$ in CDCl_3

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100 90 r1 (pps)

 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound $\mathbf{6g}$ in CDCl_3



 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound $\boldsymbol{6h}$ in $CDCl_3$





 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of compound **6i** in CDCl_3



 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of compound 6j in CDCl_3

 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound $\boldsymbol{6k}$ in CDCl_3



 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of compound **61** in CDCl_3





 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound 6m in CDCl_3





 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of compound **6n** in CDCl₃
1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound **60** in CDCl₃



f1 (ppm) 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound $\pmb{6p}$ in $CDCl_3$



 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound 7a in CDCl_3



 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound **7b** in CDCl₃



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 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound 7c in CDCl_3





 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound 7d in CDCl_3

f1 (ppm)



 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound 7e in CDCl_3

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 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound $\boldsymbol{8a}$ in $CDCl_3$



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100 90 r1 (ppm) 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound 8b in CDCl_3



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 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound $\boldsymbol{8c}$ in $CDCl_3$



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 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound $\boldsymbol{8d}$ in $CDCl_3$



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100 90 f1 (pps)





f1 (ppm)



 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of compound 10 in CDCl_3

 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of compound 11 in CDCl_3

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 ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of compound 12 in CDCl_3



 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of compound $\boldsymbol{13}$ in CDCl_3

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100 50 f1 (pps)

9. X-ray Crystal Structure Determination

Single crystals of **3q** (light yellow block-like specimen of $C_{12}H_6D_3F_3N_2O$) and **7f** (light yellow block-like specimen of $C_{15}H_{13}D_3N_4$) was obtained by slow diffusion of hexane into a dichloromethane solution at 0 °C.

Single crystal diffraction data for **3q** was collected at 200.01 K and **7f** was collected at 293(2) K. All single crystal diffraction data were collected using an I μ S micro-focus sealed X-ray tube with Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) on a Bruker D8 venture Kappa Duo diffractometer equipped with a PHOTON 100 detector. Low-temperature holding was achieved by a Cryostream Cooler (Oxford Cryosystems). All the data were collected 0.5 degree per step and using the ω scan mode. Frames were integrated using the Bruker SAINT software. Semi-empirical absorption correction was applied with the SADABS program.

(1) X-ray crystal structure of 3q



Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3q.		
Identification code	mo_ZHQ2018100201_0m	
Empirical formula	$C_{12}H_9F_3N_2O$	
Formula weight	254.21	
Temperature/K	200.01	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	C2/c	
a/Å	21.891(5)	
b/Å	11.795(2)	
c/Å	8.809(2)	
α/°	90	
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β/°	93.038(8)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	2271.3(8)
Z	8
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.487
μ/mm^{-1}	0.130
F(000)	1040.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.31 \times 0.29 \times 0.26$
Radiation	MoKa ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	5.994 to 55.164
Index ranges	$-26 \le h \le 28, -13 \le k \le 15, -11 \le l \le 11$
Reflections collected	10800
Independent reflections	2598 [$R_{int} = 0.0772$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0727$]
Data/restraints/parameters	2598/6/192
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.881
Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0633, wR_2 = 0.1892$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1206, wR_2 = 0.2599$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.26/-0.32

(2) X-ray crystal structure of $\mathbf{7f}$



Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 7f.		
Identification code	exp_5929	
Empirical formula	$C_{15}H_{17}N_4$	
Formula weight	253.32	
Temperature/K	293(2)	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P21/c	
a/Å	12.5969(7)	
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b/Å	7.4254(3)
c/Å	15.4359(8)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90
β/°	113.168(7)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å ³	1327.40(13)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.268
μ/mm^{-1}	0.618
F(000)	540.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.45 imes 0.35 imes 0.20
Radiation	$CuK\alpha$ ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	7.634 to 148.096
Index ranges	$-14 \le h \le 15, -8 \le k \le 8, -19 \le l \le 19$
Reflections collected	7148
Independent reflections	2547 [$R_{int} = 0.0259, R_{sigma} = 0.0301$]
Data/restraints/parameters	2547/0/176
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.094
Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1=0.0435,wR_2=0.1257$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0512, wR_2 = 0.1321$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.18/-0.56