## **Supporting Information**

Base-promoted [4+2] Annulation of Pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde Derivatives with  $\beta$ , $\gamma$ -Unsaturated  $\alpha$ -Ketoesters: Syntheses of 5,6-Dihydroindolizines

You-Ya Zhang<sup>a</sup>, Lin Li<sup>a</sup>, Ai-Jun Ma<sup>a</sup>, Wei-Feng Wang <sup>\*a,b</sup> and Jin-Bao Peng<sup>\*a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>School of Biotechnology and Health Sciences, Wuyi University,

Jiangmen, Guangdong 529020, P. R. China

<sup>b</sup>State Key Laboratory of Applied Organic Chemistry & College of

Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Lanzhou University, Lanzhou

730000, P. R. China

\*Email: wangwf2020@lzu.edu.cn; pengjb\_05@126.com

## **Table of Contents**

1. General Information	1
2 Preparation of the Compounds 1a-1n	2
3 Preparation of the Compounds 2a-2u	3
4 Optimization of Reaction Conditions	4
5 General Procedure and Substrate Scope	6
6 Experimental Characterization Data for the Products	7
7 X-ray Crystal Structure Determination of the Products	22
8 References	23
9 Copies of NMR Spectra for Compounds	24

## **1. General Information**

#### **Reagents, solvents and analytical methods:**

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere. All reagents were from commercial sources and used as received without further purification. All solvents were dried by standard techniques and distilled prior to use. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 meshes) using petroleum ether (bp. 60~90 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluent. <sup>1</sup>NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance operating at for <sup>1</sup>H NMR at 500 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C NMR at 126 MHz and <sup>19</sup>F NMR at 471 MHz and spectral data were reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (<sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  7.27, <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  77.0) as solvent. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) is produced by Thermo Fisher Scientific. Its main body is composed of two parts: Thermo Scientific's UltiMate 3000 Series liquid system and Thermo Scientific Q-Exactive combined quadrupole Orbitrap mass spectrometer. All coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hz. The following abbreviations were used to describe peak splitting patterns when appropriate: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = double doublet, ddd = double doublet of doublets, t = triplet, dt = double triplet, q = quatriplet, m = multiplet, br = broad.

# 2 Preparation of the Compounds 1a-1n





## 3 Preparation of the Compounds 2a-2u

### 3.1 Preparation of the Compounds 2a-2m,2o-2u





Compounds 2a-2k, 2m, 2o were prepared according to the previous literature.<sup>S5</sup> Compounds 2n, 2p, 2q, 2s were prepared according to the previous literature.<sup>S6</sup> Compounds 2l, 2r, 2t, 2u were prepared according to the previous literature.<sup>S7</sup>

# **4 Optimization of Reaction Conditions**

Л СНО	+ O O O O O O O O O O	Base (0.5 eq.) DCM, 60 °C, 24h	
1a	2a		3aa

## Table S1. Optimization of the Base.<sup>[a]</sup>

Entry	Base	Yield (%) <sup>[b]</sup>
1	DBU	20
2	Cinchonine	NR
3	Quinidine	NR
4	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	15
5	t-BuOK	trace
6	$Cs_2CO_3$	20
7	DIPEA	NR
8	2,4,6-Collidine	NR
9	TEA	33
10	DBN	60
11	TMG	47
12 <sup>[c]</sup>	$Cs_2CO_3$	30
13 <sup>[d]</sup>	$Cs_2CO_3$	ND

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Base (50 mol%), DCM (1.5 mL),  $N_2$  atmosphere, 60 °C for 24 h. [b] Isolated yield. [c] the reaction was performed in MeCN. [d] the reaction was performed in DMF.

## Table S2. Optimization of Solvent.<sup>[a]</sup>

		DBN (0.5 eq.) plvent, 60 °C, 24h
	1a 2a	3aa
Entry	Solvent	Yield (%) <sup>[b]</sup>
1	THF	57
2	DCE	54
3	DMF	85
4	DMSO	70
5	MeOH	38
6	1,4-Dioxane	41
7	MeCN	53

8	Toluene	31
9	DCM	60
10	EA	36
11	$H_2O$	NR
12	DMA	63

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), DBN (50 mol%), solvent (1.5 mL),  $N_2$  atmosphere, 60 °C for 24 h. [b] Isolated yield.

## Table S3. Optimization of Temperature.<sup>[a]</sup>

	$ \begin{array}{c}                                     $	DBN (0.5 eq.) DMF, T °C, 24h 3aa
Entry	Temp. (°C)	Yield (%) <sup>[b]</sup>
1	30	57
2	60	85
3	80	50
4	100	37

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), DBN (50 mol%), DMF (1.5 mL),  $N_2$  atmosphere, T °C for 24 h. [b] Isolated yield.

## Table S4. Optimization of ratio of starting materials.<sup>[a]</sup>

O DMF, 60 °C, 24h	
1a 2a 3aa	
Entry <b>1a:2a</b> Yield (%) <sup>[b]</sup>	
1 1.5:1 85	
2 1:1 62	
3 1:1.5 70	
4 1:1.2 64	
5 1.2:1 63	
6 2:1 75	

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a (x mmol), 2a (0.2 mmol), DBN (50 mol%), DMF (1.5 mL),  $N_2$  atmosphere, 60 °C for 24 h. [b] Isolated yield.

## Table S5. Optimization of the proportion of Base.<sup>[a]</sup>



Entry	Base	Yield (%) <sup>[b]</sup>
1	0.2 equiv	45
2	0.5 equiv	85
3	0.8 equiv	52
4	1 equiv	48

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), DBN (x equiv.), DMF (1.5 mL), N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, 60 °C for 24 h. [b] Isolated yield.

## **5** General Procedure and Substrate Scope

#### 5.1. General Procedure



1 (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 2 (0.2 mmol,1 equiv) were transferred into a 15 mL tube. Then the tube was sealed with a septum. The tube was connected to an nitrogen-vacuum line, evacuated and backfilled with N<sub>2</sub> (x3). DBN (50 mol%) and DMF (1.5 mL) were added to the reaction tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 hours. Then the mixture was extracted with EA (3 x 6 mL) and washed with a saturated solution of NaCl (5 mL x 2), and the combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc (v/v = 30:1 to 5:1) to afford the products **3**.

#### 5.2. Gram Scale Synthesis



1 (4.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 2 (3 mmol,1 equiv) were transferred into a 100 mL bottle. Then the bottle was sealed with a septum. The bottle was connected to an nitrogen-vacuum line, evacuated and backfilled with  $N_2$  (x3). DBN (0.185 mL) and DMF (30 mL) were added to the reaction bottle. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 36 hours. Then the mixture was extracted with EA and washed with a saturated solution of NaCl, and the combined extracts were dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$ . The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was

purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc (v/v = 30:1 to 5:1) to afford the products **3** (924 mg, 80%).

#### 5.3. Substrate scope limits



## **6 Experimental Characterization Data for the Products**



#### Methyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3aa)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (65.5 mg, 85%) was obtained as a yellow solid.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.4$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI3)**  $\delta$  7.96 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.80 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.39 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI3)**  $\delta$  193.7, 183.2, 163.7, 141.0, 134.8, 134.4, 133.1, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.0, 127.7, 127.4, 124.3, 117.6, 113.1, 65.9, 52.7, 41.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 386.1387; Found 386.1380.



#### Methyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-(p-tolyl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ab)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-(*p*-tolyl)but-3-enoate (40.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (75.5 mg, 95%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 8.01 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (q, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 3.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.44 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.7, 183.3, 163.7, 138.0, 137.6, 134.6, 134.3, 133.1, 129.9, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 127.6, 127.2, 124.5, 117.4, 113.0, 66.0, 52.6, 40.6, 21.2.
HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 400.1543; Found 400.1537.



Methyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ac)

From methyl (*E*)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxobut-3-enoate (44 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure , the title compound (68.9 mg, 83%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.4$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)**  $\delta$  7.96 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.50 – 6.39 (m, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.7, 183.3, 163.7, 159.2, 134.4, 134.3, 133.1, 133.1, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.6, 124.6, 117.4, 114.6, 113.0, 66.1, 55.3, 52.6, 40.3.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 416.1492; Found 416.1485.



Methyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ad)

From methyl (*E*)-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxobut-3-enoate (44 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (58.9 mg, 71%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.4$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)**  $\delta$  8.00 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.84 – 6.72 (m, 4H), 6.71 – 6.65 (m, 1H), 6.44 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.6, 183.2, 163.6, 160.0, 142.4, 134.7, 134.3, 133.0, 130.2, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 127.7, 124.2, 119.6, 117.6, 113.2, 113.0, 113.0, 65.7, 55.2, 52.6, 40.9.
HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> 438.1317; Found 438.1312.



# Methyl 2-(*trans*-5-benzoyl-6-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ae)

From methyl (*E*)-4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-oxobut-3-enoate (51 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (83.5 mg, 93%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.2$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)**  $\delta$  8.04 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.90 – 6.71 (m, 4H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 6H), 3.71 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.6, 183.3, 163.6, 149.2, 148.6, 134.3, 134.3, 133.5, 133.1, 129.3, 128.7, 128.7, 127.5, 124.6, 119.4, 117.3, 112.9, 111.5, 110.2, 65.8, 55.9, 55.7, 52.6, 40.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 446.1598 Found 446.1593.



Methyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-(4-fluorophenyl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3af)

From methyl (*E*)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxobut-3-enoate (42 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (50.0 mg, 62%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.4$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.49 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 193.5, 183.2, 163.6, 163.4, 161.4, 135.7 (d, *J* = 268.4 Hz),134.5, 133.0, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 128.7, 127.8, 124.3, 117.8, 116.1 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 113.2, 65.8, 52.7, 40.3.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl3) δ -114.27 (s).

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 404.1293; Found 404.1287.



Methyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ag)

From methyl (*E*)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxobut-3-enoate (45 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (54.5 mg, 65%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 8.01 – 7.90 (m, 3H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.4, 183.1, 163.5, 139.5, 134.8, 134.5, 133.8, 133.0, 129.4, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.7, 127.8, 123.9, 117.9, 113.3, 65.6, 52.7, 40.4.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 420.0997; Found 420.0992.



Methyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-(4-bromophenyl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ah)

From methyl (*E*)-4-(4-bromophenyl)-2-oxobut-3-enoate (54 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (56.6 mg, 61%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)**  $\delta$  7.97 – 7.91 (m, 3H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.48 – 6.42 (m, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.60 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.4, 183.1, 163.5, 140.0, 134.8, 134.5, 133.0, 132.4, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 127.8, 123.9, 121.9, 118.0, 113.3, 65.5, 52.7, 40.5.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 464.0492; Found 464.0485.



Methyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-(3-bromophenyl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ai)

From methyl (*E*)-4-(3-bromophenyl)-2-oxobut-3-enoate (54 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (60.3 mg, 65%) was obtained as a yellow solid.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI3)  $\delta$  7.87 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.41 – 6.37 (m, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.53 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI3)  $\delta$  193.4, 183.0, 163.5, 143.1, 135.0, 134.5, 133.0, 131.1, 130.8, 130.4, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0, 125.9, 123.6, 123.1, 118.1, 113.3, 65.4, 52.7, 40.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 464.0484; Found 464.0492.



#### Methyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-(2-bromophenyl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3aj)

From methyl (*E*)-4-(2-bromophenyl)-2-oxobut-3-enoate (54 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (67.8 mg, 73%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 7.94 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 9.5 Hz, 3H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.76 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.30 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 194.1, 182.9, 163.6, 139.3, 135.5, 134.2, 133.7, 133.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 1290, 128.7, 128.2, 127.7, 125.0, 123.9, 117.6, 113.0, 63.8, 52.7, 39.7.
HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 464.0492; Found 464.0487.



# Methyl 2-(*trans*-5-benzoyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ak)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-3-enoate (52 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (47.2 mg, 52%) was obtained as a yellow solid.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 7.98 – 7.93 (m, 3H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.47 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.2, 183.0, 163.4, 135.0 134.5, 132.9, 130.3 130.0, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0, 127.8, 126.3 (q, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 125.1, 123.6, 118.2, 113.4, 65.3, 52.8, 40.8.
<sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.61.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 454.1261; Found 454.1254.

Methyl 2-(*trans*-5-benzoyl-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3al) From methyl (*E*)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxobut-3-enoate (47 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-

phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (68.8 mg, 80%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.4$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 4:1).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.16 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.52 (dd, J = 3.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.9, 182.9, 163.3, 148.1, 147.6, 135.3, 134.7, 132.9, 129.6,

128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 124.6, 123.2, 118.7, 113.7, 65.0, 52.9, 40.8.



Methyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3am)

From methyl (*E*)-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxobut-3-enoate (48 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (47 mg, 54%) was obtained as a yellow solid.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)**  $\delta$  7.91 (dd, J = 7.8, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.75 – 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.62 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.16 (dd, J = 4.7, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.45 – 6.23 (m, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.7, 183.3, 163.7, 138.2, 134.8, 134.4, 133.6, 133.1, 133.0, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.1, 127.7, 127.7, 126.4, 126.4, 126.2, 125.1, 124.2, 117.7, 113.2, 65.8, 52.7, 41.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 436.1543; Found 436.1540.



methyl 2-((trans-5-benzoyl-6-(furan-2-yl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3an)

From methyl (*E*)-4-(furan-2-yl)-2-oxobut-3-enoate (36 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (69 mg, 92%) was obtained as a yellow solid.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.10 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 6.40 (dd, J = 3.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dd, J = 3.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (m, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.3, 183.1, 163.8, 151.9, 142.5, 135.9, 134.5, 132.8, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 128.1, 120.8, 118.1, 113.0, 110.8, 107.3, 63.5, 52.8, 35.4.



#### Methyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ao)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-(thiophen-2-yl)but-3-enoate (40 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (50.8 mg, 65%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)**  $\delta$  7.99 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.84 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.48 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.1, 182.7, 163.5, 142.7, 134.5, 134.3, 133.0, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 126.9, 125.6, 124.2, 124.1, 118.1, 113.4, 66.2, 52.7, 36.6.

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>SH<sup>+</sup> 392.0951; Found 392.0945.



#### Methyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-(pyridin-3-yl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ap)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-(pyridin-4-yl)but-3-enoate (38.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (60.2 mg, 78%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.4$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  8.57 (dd, J = 27.3, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (dd, J = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 7.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.55 – 6.45 (m, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  193.1, 182.9, 163.4, 149.1, 148.8, 136.9, 135.1, 134.7, 132.9, 129.6, 128.7, 128.1, 124.3, 123.3, 118.4, 113.6, 65.4, 52.8, 38.9.



#### Ehyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate(3aq)

From ethyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (44 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (55.8 mg, 70%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 6.84 – 6.77 (m, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 4.30 (qd, *J* = 7.1, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.7, 183.6, 163.4, 141.0, 134.5, 134.3, 133.1, 129.3, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 124.3, 117.4, 113.0, 65.9, 62.1, 41.0, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{21}NO_4H^+$  400.1543; Found 400.1538.



#### Ethyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-(p-tolyl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate(3ar)

From ethyl (E)-2-oxo-4-(p-tolyl)but-3-enoate (43.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (68.6 mg, 83%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.4$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.09 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 6.79 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.44 – 6.41 (m, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 4.28 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.7, 183.7, 163.4, 138.1, 137.6, 134.3, 134.3, 133.1, 129.9, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.1, 127.5, 127.2, 124.5, 117.3, 112.9, 66.0, 62.1, 40.6, 21.1, 14.1.



#### Isopropyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3as)

From isopropyl 4-(2,3-dimethyl-1H-indol-6-yl)-2-oxo-4-phenylbutanoate(43.6mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (56.2 mg, 68%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)**  $\delta$  8.02 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 5.21 – 5.11 (m, 1H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 1.34 – 1.30 (m, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.7, 183.9, 163.0, 141.1, 134.4, 134.3, 133.1, 129.3, 129.3, 128.8, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 124.4, 117.3, 112.9, 70.3, 65.9, 41.1, 21.8, 21.7.

HRMS (ESI) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{26}H_{23}NO_4H^+$  414.1700; Found 414.1693.



#### Isopropyl 2-(trans-5-benzoyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate(3at)

From isopropyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-(thiophen-2-yl)but-3-enoate (44.8mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (72.9 mg, 87%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.4$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.84 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.47 (dd, J = 3.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 1.32 (dd, J = 6.2, 4.7 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.1, 183.4, 162.8, 142.8, 134.5, 133.9, 133.0, 129.4, 128.8, 128.6, 127.8, 126.9, 125.6, 124.7, 124.1, 117.8, 113.2, 70.4, 66.2, 36.6, 21.8, 21.7.



# Isopropyl 2-(*trans*-5-benzoyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxo-acetate(3au)

From isopropyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-3-enoate (57.2mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (63.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (72.2 mg, 75%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.4$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.97 – 7.93 (m, 3H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 3.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 – 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.47 (dd, *J* = 3.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 5.17 (m, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 1.32 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 6.4 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 193.3, 183.7, 162.8, 145.0, 134.6 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 133.0, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 127.8, 127., 126.3 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.8, 118.0, 113.4, 70.6, 65.4, 40.9, 21.8 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.61 (s).



#### Methyl 2-(trans-5-(4-methylbenzoyl)-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ba)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (68.1 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (74.2 mg, 93%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate

= 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)**  $\delta$  7.91 – 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 3H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.44 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.3, 183.2, 163.7, 145.5, 141.1, 134.7, 130.5, 130.1, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 124.4, 117.5, 113.0, 65.8, 52.7, 41.2, 21.9.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 400.1543; Found 400.1537.



Methyl 2-(trans-5-(2-methylbenzoyl)-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ca)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-oxo-2-(*o*-tolyl)ethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (68.1 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (63.8mg, 80%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI3)** δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.7 Hz, 3H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.84 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 6.43 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 198.3, 183.4, 163.8, 140.5, 139.4, 135.0, 134.5, 132.7, 132.2, 129.2, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 127.2, 127.2, 126.0, 124.2, 117.7, 113.0, 68.5, 52.7, 40.2, 20.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 400.1543; Found 400.1539.



Methyl 2-(*trans*-5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbonyl)-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2oxoacetate (3da)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (87 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (64.5 mg, 70%) was obtained as a yellow solid.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.85 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.3, 183.3, 163.7, 147.1, 141.1, 139.6, 134.7, 131.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 124.4, 117.6, 113.1, 65.9, 52.7, 41.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 462.1700; Found 462.1692.



Methyl 2-(trans-5-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ea)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (72.9mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (55.6 mg, 67%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.3$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H),
7.09 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (dd, J = 3.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H),
6.36 (dd, J = 3.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 192.1, 183.3, 164.4, 163.7, 141.2, 134.7, 131.1, 129.2, 129.1,

127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 125.7, 124.4, 117.5, 114.6, 113.0, 65.5, 55.7, 52.6, 41.4

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 416.1492; Found 416.1486.



Methyl 2-(*trans*-5-(3-methoxybenzoyl)-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3fa) From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (72.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (70.6 mg, 85%) was obtained as a yellow solid.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.4$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 193.6, 183.2, 163.7, 160.4, 141.0, 134.7, 134.4, 130.3, 129.3, 129.0, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 124.3, 121.0, 120.9, 117.6, 113.2, 113.1, 66.0, 55.6, 52.7, 41.1 HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 416.1492; Found 416.1486.



Methyl 2-(*trans*-5-(2-methoxybenzoyl)-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ga) From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (72.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (55.6 mg, 67%) was obtained as a yellow solid.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.4$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)**  $\delta$  7.83 (s, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.10 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (dd, J = 7.9, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (dd, J = 3.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 195.6, 183.4, 163.9, 158.3, 141.5, 135.1, 134.9, 131.7, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.5, 127.5, 124.8, 124.1, 121.7, 117.3, 112.6, 111.5, 69.6, 55.7, 52.6, 40.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 416.1492; Found 416.1494.



Methyl 2-(*trans*-5-(4-(benzyloxy)benzoyl)-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ha)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (95.7 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (68.8 mg, 70%) was obtained as a green solid.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.4$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI3)**  $\delta$  7.98 – 7.89 (m, 3H), 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 7.17 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (dd, J = 3.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.43 (dd, J = 3.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 192.0, 183.3, 163.7, 163.6, 141.1, 136.0, 134.7, 131.1, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 127.6, 127.3, 125.9, 124.4, 117.5, 115.4, 113.0, 70.4, 65.5, 52.6, 41.3.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 492.1805; Found 492.1797.



Methyl 2-(trans-5-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ia)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (69.3 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (65.3 mg, 81%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 8.03 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 3.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 192.2, 183.2, 166.4 (d, *J* = 257 Hz), 163.6, 140.9, 134.6, 131.5 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 129.5 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 129.3, 129.0, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 124.3, 117.7, 116.7 (d, *J* = 21 Hz), 113.2, 65.7, 52.7, 41.1.

# <sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -102.53 (s). HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 404.1293; Found 404.1287.



Methyl 2-(*trans*-5-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ja)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (74.1 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (72.1 mg, 86%) was obtained as a yellow solid.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 3H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.7 Hz, 3H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 4.60 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 192.7, 183.2, 163.6, 141.0, 140.8, 134.6, 131.4, 130.1, 129.7, 129.3, 128.9, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3, 124.2, 117.7, 113.2, 65.8, 52.7, 41.0.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 420.0997; Found 420.0990.



#### Methyl 2-(trans-5-(3-chlorobenzoyl)-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ka)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (74.1 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (69.5 mg, 83%) was obtained as a yellow solid.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)**  $\delta$  7.92 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 3H), 7.15 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.44 (dd, J = 3.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 192.6, 183.2, 163.6, 140.7, 135.8, 134.7, 134.6, 134.3, 130.7, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 126.7, 124.2, 117.7, 113.2, 65.9, 52.7, 40.9.
HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 420.0997; Found 420.0988.



Methyl 2-(trans-5-(4-bromobenzoyl)-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3la)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (87.6 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (76.8 mg, 83%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.5$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)** δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 192.9, 183.2, 163.6, 140.8, 134.6, 132.7, 131.8, 130.2, 129.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3, 124.2, 117.7, 113.2, 65.8, 52.7, 41.0.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> 464.0492; Found 464.0486.



Methyl 2-(trans-5-(2-chlorobenzoyl)-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3ma)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (74.1mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (65.4 mg, 78%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.4$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.05 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 198.4, 183.1, 163.7, 139.9, 136.6, 134.9, 132.5, 130.4, 130.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 124.4, 117.8, 112.9, 69.6, 52.8, 39.9.



Methyl 2-(trans-5-(2-naphthoyl)-6-phenyl-5,6-dihydroindolizin-7-yl)-2-oxoacetate (3na)

From methyl (*E*)-2-oxo-4-phenylbut-3-enoate (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 1-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (78.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), following the general procedure, the title compound (63.5 mg, 73%) was obtained as a yellow oil.  $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.4$  (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  8.52 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 3H), 7.95 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.49 – 6.45 (m, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 193.7, 183.2, 163.7, 141.1, 136.1, 134.7, 132.6, 130.6, 130.3, 129.8, 129.4, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.4, 127.4, 124.5, 124.1, 117.6, 113.1, 65.9, 52.7, 41.4.



The **3aa** (39 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was dissolved in super-dry MeOH (1 mL) under the protection of  $N_2$  atmosphere. NaBH<sub>4</sub> (7.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 eq.) was added portions at 0 °C. After a time period of 8.0 h, the mixture was extracted with EA (3 x 2 mL), and the combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solution was filtered and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum, the residue was purified by a flash column chromatograph on silica gel using petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (8:1 - 4:1) as the eluent to yield the products **4** (56.5 mg, 75%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.78 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 7.27 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 6.5, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.39 – 6.34 (m, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 183.5, 164.1, 141.1, 139.8, 134.5, 129.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 127.3, 127.2, 126.9, 126.8, 125.5, 117.1, 111.5, 76.2, 68.5, 52.7, 38.5.



The **3aa** (39 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was dissolved in super-dry THF (2 mL) under the protection of N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. DIBAL-H (0.1 mL, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 eq.,1.5 M) was added portions at -78 °C. After a time period of 3.0 h, the saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added carefully at -78 °C, then the mixture was extracted with EA (3 x 2 mL), and the combined extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solution was filtered and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum, the residue was purified by a flash column chromatograph on silica gel using petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (4:1 - 1:1) as the eluent to yield the products **5** (32.1 mg, 83%, *d.r.* = 1:1).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.95 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 194.6, 173.4, 141.5, 134.0, 133.9, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.2, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 122.6, 120.0, 110.2,109.0, 73.8, 66.5, 52.7, 44.5.

## 7 X-ray Crystal Structure Determination of the Products

To grow the crystals used to collect the X-ray data for **3am**, the following method was used: the sample was dissolved with 3 mL petroleum ether and 1 mL THF in a small vial, which was kept aside at room temperature to obtain crystals.

A suitable crystal was selected on a ROD, Synergy Custom system, HyPix diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 150.00(10) K during data collection. Using Olex2, the structure was solved with

the ShelXT structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL refinement package using Least Squares minimisation. The data have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center (CCDC 2159416).



Figure S3. The X-ray Diffraction Configuration of 3am.

Identification code	3am
Empirical formula	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>21</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	435.46
Temperature/K	160.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
a/Å	12.1241(6)
b/Å	12.2852(5)
c/Å	14.9183(7)
α/°	90
β/°	98.870(2)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2195.46(17)
Z	4
ρcalcg/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.317
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.088
F(000)	912.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.15  imes 0.08  imes 0.05
Radiation	MoKα ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	4.316 to 52.804
Index ranges	$-15 \le h \le 15, -15 \le k \le 13, -18 \le l \le 17$
Reflections collected	17130
Independent reflections	4472 [Rint = 0.0795, Rsigma = 0.0807]
Data/restraints/parameters	4472/0/299
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.069
Final R indexes [I>=2 $\sigma$ (I)]	R1 = 0.0572, wR2 = 0.1096
Final R indexes [all data]	R1 = 0.1225, WR2 = 0.1397

Table S8. Crystallographic data for compounds 3am

## **8** References

- S1. Myungock Kim, Youngeun Jung, and Ikyon Kim. Domino Knoevenagel Condensation/Intramolecular Aldol Cyclization Route to Diverse Indolizines with Densely Functionalized Pyridine Units. J. Org. Chem. 2013, 78, 20, 10395-10404.
- S2. Jinbiao Li, Shuaizhong Zhanga and Hongbin Zou. One-pot chemoselective domino condensation to form a fused pyrrolo - pyrazino - indolizine framework: discovery of novel AIE molecules. Org. Chem. Front., 2020,7, 1218-1223.
- S3. Liping Fu, Jing Wang, Xiaojuan Chen, Tao Shi, Zhanying Shao, Jinbai Chen, Chongmei Tian, Zhongdong Zhou, Huajian Zhu and Jiankang Zhang. [4+2]-Annulation of prop-2-ynylsulfonium salts and N-substituted pyrrole-2-carboxaldehydes: access to indolizines containing a thioether group.*New J. Chem.*, 2022,46, 941-944.
- S4. ShuBo Hu,ZhangPei Chen and YongGui Zhou. Enantioselective Hydrogenation of Pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazines, Heteroaromatics Containing Two Nitrogen Atoms. *Adv. Synth.Catal.* 2017, 359, 2762-2767.
- S5. Xiangzheng Tang, Lang Tong, and Huaju Liang. Facile synthesis of substituted diaryl sulfones via a [3 + 3] benzannulation strategy. *Org. Biomol. Chem.*, **2018**, *16*, 3560-3563.
- S6. Dorine Belmessieri, Louis C. Morrill and Andrew D. Smith. Organocatalytic functionalization of carboxylic acids: isothiourea-catalyzed asymmetric intra-and intermolecular michael addition-lactonizations. J. Am. Chem. Soc.2011, 133.8, 2714-2720.
- S7. Xabier del Corte, Adrián López-Francés and Javier Vicario. Stereo-and Regioselective [3+3]

Annulation Reaction Catalyzed by Ytterbium: Synthesis of Bicyclic 1, 4-Dihydropyridines. *Adv. Synth.Catal*, **2021**, 363,20, 4761-4769.

# 9 Copies of NMR Spectra for Compounds



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3aa



Figure S5. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3aa





Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ab



Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ac



Figure S9. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ac



Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ad



Figure S11. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ad



Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ae



Figure S13. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ae



Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3af



Figure S15. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3af



Figure S16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ag



Figure S17. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ag



Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ah



Figure S19. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ah



Figure S20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ai



Figure S21. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ai



Figure S22. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3aj



Figure S23. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3aj



Figure S24. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ak



Figure S25. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ak



Figure S26. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3al



Figure S27. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3al



Figure S28. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3am



Figure S29. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3am



Figure S30. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3an



Figure S31. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3an



Figure S33. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ao



Figure S34. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ap



Figure S35. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ap



Figure S37. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3aq





Figure S39. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ar



Figure S41. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3as



Figure S43. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3at



Figure S44. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3au



Figure S45. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3au



Figure S46. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ba



Figure S47. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ba



Figure S48 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ca



Figure S49. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ca



Figure S50. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3da



Figure S51. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3da



Figure S52. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ea



Figure S53. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ea



Figure S54. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3fa



Figure S55. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3fa



Figure S57. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ga



Figure S58. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ha



Figure S59. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ha



Figure S60. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ia



Figure S61. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ia



Figure S62. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ja



Figure S63. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ja



Figure S64. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ka



Figure S65. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ka



Figure S66. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3la



Figure S67. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3la



Figure S69. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3ma



Figure S71. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3na



Figure S72. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4



Figure S73. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4



Figure S74. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 5



Figure S75. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 5