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Directing group switch in copper-catalyzed electrophilic C–H amination/migratory annulation cascade: divergent access to benzimidazolone/benzimidazole

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General Information: Air-sensitive reagents were handled under a dry nitrogen atmosphere. Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents were used without additional purification. Solvents were dried using standard methods and distilled before use. TLC was performed on silica gel plates (Merck silica gel 60, f₂₅₄), and the spots were visualized with UV light (254 and 365 nm) or by charring the plate dipped in KMnO₄ or vanillin charring solution. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz (JEOL-JNM-ECZ400S/L1), ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz (JEOL-JNM-ECZ400S/L1) and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded at 376 MHz (JEOL-JNM-ECZ400S/L1) frequency in CDCl₃ solvent using TMS as the internal standard. Chemical shifts were measured in parts per million (ppm) referenced to 0.0 ppm for tetramethylsilane. The following abbreviations were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br. = broad, dt = doublet of triplet, td = triplet of doublet, dd = doublet of doublet. Coupling constants, *J* were reported in Hertz unit (Hz). HRMS (m/z) were measured using ESI technique (Q-Tof Micro mass spectrometer). Crystals were grown in dichloromethane and crystal data was recorded in (Bruker Kappa Apex-2, CCD Area Detector) instrument.

Preparation of starting materials:

Preparation of some 1-naphthylamines:



To a solution of 4-nitro-1-naphthol (106.0 mg, 0.4 mmol) in dry DMF (5.0 mL) were added K_2CO_3 (83.0 mg, 0.6 mmol) and MeI (58 µL, 0.6 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 12 hrs. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with chilled water, brine solution and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and finally the crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product.

To a solution of nitro compound (50 mg) in 5.0 mL MeOH was added 10% Pd/C (15 mg) and stirred for 12 hrs under H_2 atmosphere. Then the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL), filtered through celite, the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude compound which was purified by column chromatography to give the corresponding as purple colored viscous liquid which was used for amidation following **procedure1**.



Phenylboronic acid or 3-Furanylboronic acid (1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 4-bromo-1-naphthylamine (1.0 equiv.), K_2CO_3 (1.0 equiv.) and $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (5 mol %) were added to an oven-dried sealed tube (15 mL) and toluene (2 mL) and H_2O (2 mL) were added into the tube which was then purged with nitrogen three times. The resulted solution was stirred at 100 °C for 8 hrs. The reaction mixture was cooled to r.t. and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. This crude product was passed through short column.

These substituted 1-naphthylamine compounds were then used for amidation following **procedure1**.



In an oven dried RB substituted 1-bromonaphthalene (2.5 mmol), K_2CO_3 (865 mg, 6.25 mmol), and copper(II) sulfate pentahydrate (750 mg, 5.0 mmol) was taken and to it formamide (10 mL)was added. The RB was fitted with reflux condenser and heated at 160 °C for 4 hrs. (**caution:** don't use pressure tube for this reaction). After cooling to room temperature the reaction mixture was mixed with ice cold water (50 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The crude product was used for the next step without further purification.

Aqueous (2 mL) sodium hydroxide (5.0 equiv.) was added to the ethanol (10 mL) solution of *N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)formamide. Resulting solution was heated to reflux for 6 hrs. Ethanol was evaporated and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography to obtain naphthylamines. These substituted 1-naphthylamine compounds were then used for amidation following **procedure 1**.

General procedure for the preparation of picolinamides:

Procedure 1 for the preparation of picolinamides:



To an oven dried RB was charged with 2-picolinic acid or the corresponding acid (2.5 mmol) in dry DCM (5mL) was added 4-5 drops of DMF and the solution was stirred at 0 °C for 5 minutes. Then oxalyl chloride (0.26ml, 3 mmol) was added dropwise into the cooled solution of the acid which immediately formed rust-red color in case of 2-picolinic acid (other colors for other acids) with the gas bubbling and then stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred at

room temperature for 4 hours. After completion, the excess oxalyl chloride was removed under *vacuum* to obtain crude acid chloride. Then, the crude pyridine-2-acid chloride was dissolved in 5mL dry DCM, and cooled to 0 °C and DMAP (61 mg, 0.5 mmol), Et₃N (0.7 mL, 5 mmol) and the naphthylamine (2.5 mmol) were successively added. Then the reaction mixture was stirred under room temperature for overnight. After completion as indicated by TLC, the mixture was diluted with 60 mL DCM and washed with 2N HCl (20 mL), brine solution (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and finally the crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the 2-picolinamide (50-85% yield). This method was used for the synthesis of most of the substrates.

Procedure 2 for the preparation of picolinamides:

A RB containing pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (203 mg, 1.65 mmol), HATU (627 mg, 1.65 mmol) in dry DMF was cooled to 0 °C. Then DIPEA (0.43 ml, 2.5 mmol) and 5-amino isoquinoline (216 mg, 1.5 mmol) were successively added. The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t for overnight. Then the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with chilled water, brine solution and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and finally the crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford **1aa**.

Procedure 3 for the preparation of picolinamides:

An oven dried RB charged with 5-methyl pyrazine-2- carboxylic acid (319 mg, 2.31 mmol), 1naphthylamine (300 mg, 2.1 mmol), EDCI (443 mg, 2.31 mmol), HOBT (312 mg, 2.31 mmol)) in dry DCM was cooled to 0 °C and then DIPEA (1.1 ml, 6.3 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t for 12 hrs. Then the mixture was diluted with DCM and washed with water, brine solution and dried over Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and finally the crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford **1ad**. This method is also used for the synthesis of **1s**.

Procedure for the synthesis of 1u:



In an oven dried sealed tube charged with **1a** (496 mg, 2.0 mmol), pyrazole (544 mg, 4.0 equiv.), CuCl₂ (41 mg, 0.3 mmol), Na₂S₂O₈ (952 mg, 4.0 mmol) was added dry DCE (5ml) and heated at 70 °C for 8 hrs. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to r.t and diluted with DCM and washed with water, brine solution

and dried over Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and finally the crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford **1u**. This method is also used for the synthesis of amide version of **4r**.

Procedure for the synthesis of 1y:



1a (248 mg, 1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), K_2CO_3 (276.5 mg, 2.0 mmol), $Cu(OAc)_2 \cdot H_2O$ (40.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), TsCl (570 mg, 3.0 mmol) and DCE (5 mL) were successively added into a sealed tube. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under air for 20 h. After cooling to ambient temperature, the resulting mixture was filtered through celite pad and washed with DCM. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and purified column chromatography using solvent mixtures of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate to give the product **1y**.

Procedure for the synthesis of 1x:



Under a nitrogen atmosphere, in an oven-dried two-necked RB a solution of $Fe(acac)_3$ (71 mg, 0.2 mmol) and (Z)-1,2-bis (diphenylphosphino)ethene (dppen) (88 mg, 0.22 mmol) in THF (1.0 ml) was injected into an anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (THF, 7 mL) solution of **1a** (496 mg, 2.0 mmol). Trimethylaluminum (2 ml, 4.0 mmol, 2.0 M in toluene) was slowly added. After stirring for 10 min to finish generating methane at r.t, 2,3-dichlorobutane (2,3-DCB) (0.9 ml, 8.0 mmol) was added via a syringe, and the RB was joined to reflux condenser and heated at 70 °C for 24 h. After cooling to r.t., the mixture was diluted with diethyl ether, and methanol (2.0 ml) was slowly added via a syringe at 0 °C to quench the aluminium reagent. Then the mixture was further diluted with diethyl ether and washed with water, brine solution and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and finally the crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford **1x**.

General Procedure for the preparation of O-benzoylhydroxylamines:



As reported in the literature ¹⁻³ a solution of benzoyl peroxide (BPO, 1 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL/mmol BPO) was added to a mixture of the amine (1 equiv.) and aqueous Na₂CO₃/NaHCO₃ buffer (pH 10.5) solution (5 mL/mmol amine) at room temperature overnight. (Note: The desired product in most cases had R_f values close to that of BPO). The aqueous layer was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layers were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. The crude residue was subjected to column chromatography for purification of the products. Using this protocol, *O*-benzoylhydroxylamine of other aliphatic primary amines were prepared. Most of the compounds are known in literature though ¹HNMR and ¹³NMR spectral data of some compounds are given.

Preparation of P^H 10.5 bicarbonate buffer solution:

100 mL 0.1M NaHCO₃ solution = 840 mg NaHCO₃ in 100 mL water (solution A), 100 mL 0.1M Na₂CO₃ solution = 1.06 gm Na₂CO₃ in 100 mL water (solution B). For preparation 50 ml of P^{H} 10.5 = 5 mL solution A + 45 mL solution B.



2a₄, 2a₅, 2a₆, 2a₇ were synthesized using corresponding substituted benzoyl peroxides.

Synthesis of aryl acylperoxide

In a round-bottomed flask, the solution of acid chloride (5 mmol) in diethyl ether (2.5 mL) was cooled to 0 °C in an ice-bath. Then, hydrogen peroxide (0.294 g, 30 wt.% in H₂O, 2.86 mmol) was added dropwise over 10 minutes to the cold solution. This was followed by the dropwise addition of an aqueous solution of NaOH (0.252g, 6.32 mmol, 2 mL) over 20 minutes. The resulting white

precipitate was collected by filtration. After washing with water $(3\times5 \text{ mL})$ and diethyl ether $(3\times5 \text{ mL})$, the solid was air dried and used for the next step without any further purification. In some case if the compound was found to dissolve in ether, after evaporating ether the compound was extracted with DCM and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and after rotary evaporation of the solvent (<40 °C) the solid compound was obtained.

Synthesis of 2a2 and 2a3



(a) A 100 ml round bottomed flask, equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, was charged with cyclohexanone (2.58 g, 25 mmol), hydroxylamine hydrochloride (2.57 g, 37.5 mmol), sodium acetate (5.13 g, 62.5 mmol), ethanol (10 mL) and water (30 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 hrs and brought to room temperature. Thin layer chromatography in vanilline stain showed the complete conversion of cyclohexanone to cyclohexanone oxime. At this point, ethanol was evaporated using rotary evaporator. The residue was dissolved in 100 ml of EtOAc and washed sequentially with 20 mL of 1M HCl, 20 mL sat. NaHCO₃, 20 mL sat. NaCl, and organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄.

(b) To a stirring solution of cyclohexanone oxime (2.86 g, 25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (30 mL) containing an altered pH strip were added solid NaBH₃CN (2.32 g, 37.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and aqueous HCl (2.0 M, about 35 mL) over 15 min in such a way that the pH of the solution stayed within 2–3 during the duration of the addition. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for an additional 3.5 h, and then was quenched with the addition of aqueous 15% NaOH (until pH = 10). MeOH was removed in vacuo. The remaining aqueous solution was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 100 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (100 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue was used for the next step.

(c) An oven-dried round bottom flask was charged with the corresponding benzoic acid (1.1 equiv) and CH_2Cl_2 (0.3 M). The flask was placed in an ice-bath, and 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole (1.1 equiv) was added. The mixture was stirred at this temperature for 30 min, at which time N-alkyl hydroxylamine (1.0 equiv) solution in dry CH_2Cl_2 was added dropwise. The ice-bath was removed, and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 1-2 h. The resulting mixture was passed through a pad of Celite, and rinsed with CH_2Cl_2 . The filtrate was concentrated and purified by column chromatography to give the corresponding amine electrophile.

General procedure for the preparation of thioamides from corresponding picolinamides:



To a mixture of picolinamide (2.50 mmol) and Lawesson's reagent (0.52 g, 1.28 mmol) was added toluene (10 mL) and the solution refluxed for 12-48 hrs. The mixture was then filtered and solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford a yellow solid material which was purified by column chromatography using solvent mixtures of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate to give the desired product (yellow solid). Using this method, thioamide of other amides were also prepared.

General procedure for the preparation of picolinimidamide:



In an oven dried two-necked RB charged with 2-cyano pyridine (520 mg, 5.0 mmol) and 1naphthylamine (715 mg, 5.0 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere 10 ml dry DCE was added and cooled to 0 °C. Then AlCl₃ (665 mg, 5.0 mmol from glove box), was added portion wise to avoid overheating. The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 10 minutes then at rt for 5 minutes. Then this mixture was heated to 80 °C for several hours under N₂ atmosphere. After consumtion of the starting materials. The reaction mixture was diluted with 20 mL dichloromethane and washed with 15 mL of 6N NaOH. The resulting organic layer was separated and dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Then this crude product was washed with distilled hexane three times and dried under high vacuum to give the desired product which can be used without further purification.

Procedure for the preparation of 6 and 7:



Optimization table for imidazolone product^{*a,b*}:



Entry	Catalyst	Amine	additive	solvent	Yield (%)
1		source		DMCO	4.4
1	$Cu(OAc)_2.H_2O$	1.0	-	DMSO	44
2	$Cu(OAc)_2.H_2O$	1.5		DMSO	50
3	$Cu(OAc)_2.H_2O$	2.5	-	H ₂ O	0
4	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	2.5	-	Toluene	20
5	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	2.5	-	MeCN	39
6	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	2.5	-	1,4-Dioxane	62
7	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	2.5	-	THF	52
8	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	2.5	-	DMSO	90
10 ^c	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	2.5	-	DMSO	93
11^{d}	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	2.5	-	DMSO	87
12 ^e	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	2.5	-	DMSO	56
13 ^c	Cu	2.5	-	DMSO	83
14 ^f	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	2.5	PIDA	DMSO	5<
15 ^f	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	2.5	$K_2S_2O_8$	DMSO	12
16 ^f	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	2.5	Bz ₂ O ₂	DMSO	32
17 ^g	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	1.2	Bz ₂ O ₂	DMSO	58
18^{h}	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	2.5	-	DMSO	0
19	Pd(OAc) ₂	2.5	-	DMSO	5<
20	Co(OAc) ₂	2.5	-	DMSO	20<
21	Ni(OAc) ₂	2.5	-	DMSO	n.r.
22	Mn(OAc) ₂	2.5	-	DMSO	n.r.
23	FeBr ₂	2.5	-	DMSO	n.r.
24	FeCl ₂	2.5	-	DMSO	n.r.

^{*a*}All reactions were carried out in 0.2 mmol scale. ^{*b*}Yields refer to here are overall isolated yields. ^{*c*}5.0 mol% catalyst was used. ^{*d*}1.0 mol % catalyst was used. ^{*e*}Reaction was performed at room temperature. ^{*f*}Free amine was used as amine source and oxidant 2.5 equiv. ^{*g*}1.0 equiv Bz₂O₂ was used. ^{*h*}25% *ortho* aminated product was obtained without any copper catalyst.

Optimization table for imidazole product^{*a,b*}:



.0 equiv

Cu(OAc)₂.H₂O (mol%) Yield (%) Entry Amine source Additive (equiv.) 1^c 2.5 10 38 - 2^d 2.5 10 40 -3 2.5 10 46 -

4	2.5	20	-	48
5	3.0	10	-	50
6	3.0	20	-	53
7^e	3.0	20	-	34
8 ^f	3.0	20	-	40
9 ^g	3.0	20	-	40
10	3.0	20	1.2 equiv. K ₂ CO ₃	58
11^{h}	3.0	20	1.2 equiv. K ₂ CO ₃	64
12 ^{<i>i</i>}	3.0	20	1.2 equiv. K ₂ CO ₃	88
13 ⁱ	3.0	20	-	64
14^i	3.0	10	1.2 equiv. K ₂ CO ₃	70
15 ^{<i>i</i>,<i>j</i>}	3.0	10	1.2 equiv. K ₂ CO ₃	0

^{*a*}All reactions were carried out in 0.2 mmol scale. ^{*b*}Yields refer to here are overall isolated yields. ^{*c*}Reaction was continued for 3 hrs. ^{*d*}Reaction was carried out at 100 °C. ^{*e*}Reaction was carried out in dry toluene. ^{*f*}Reaction was carried out in dry 1,4-dioxane. ^{*g*}Reaction was carried out in dry THF. ^{*h*}Reaction was carried out in air. ^{*i*}Reaction was carried under O₂ atm. ^{*j*}Reaction was performed with substrate **1a** instead of **4a**.

Optimization table for imidazolone product in 2-substituted aniline system^{*a,b*}:



Entry	Catalyst	Additive (1.5	Ligand (20 mol %)	Solvent	Yield (%)
		equiv.)			
1^c	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	-	DMSO	20
2^c	$Pd(OAc)_2$	-	-	DMSO	nr
3 ^c	Co(OAc) ₂ .4H ₂ O	-	-	DMSO	5 <
4	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	-	DMSO	40
5^d	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	-	DMSO	27
6 ^e	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	-	DMSO	27
7	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	-	Toluene	20
8	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	-	1,4-dioxane	32
9	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	-	MeCN	28
10	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	-	DCE	28
11	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	K ₂ CO ₃	-	DMSO	15
12	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	NaHCO ₃	-	DMSO	37

13	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	Li ₂ CO ₃	-	DMSO	35
14	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	K ₂ CO ₃	-	DMSO	32
15	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	Cs ₂ CO ₃	-	DMSO	nr
16	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	KHCO ₃	-	DMSO	30
17	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	LiO ^t Bu	-	DMSO	nr
18	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	NaHCO ₃	dppb	DMSO	39
19	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	NaHCO ₃	dppm	DMSO	27
20	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	NaHCO ₃	dppe	DMSO	35
21	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	NaHCO ₃	dppp	DMSO	27
22	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	NaHCO ₃	dppf	DMSO	20
23	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	NaHCO ₃	dppen	DMSO	27
24	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	1,10-phen	DMSO	18
25	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	PPh ₃	DMSO	35
26	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	x-phos	DMSO	35
27	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	dtbbpy	DMSO	35
28	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	terpyridine	DMSO	35
29	Cu(OTf) ₂	-	-	DMSO	35
30	Cu ₂ O	-	-	DMSO	33
31	CuSO ₄ .5H ₂ O	-	-	DMSO	35
32	CuCl	-	-	DMSO	28
33	Cu(OAc) ₂	-	-	DMSO	35
34	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	Zn dust	-	DMSO	30
35	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	Mn(OAc) ₂	-	DMSO	28
36	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	Mn(OAc) ₃	-	DMSO	28

^{*a*}All reactions were carried out in 0.2 mmol scale. ^{*b*}Yields refer to here are overall isolated yields. ^{*c*}Temperature was 80 °C. ^{*d*}20 mol % catalyst was used. ^{*e*}50 mol % catalyst was used.

Optimization table for amination product in aniline system^{*a,b*}**:**



Entry	catalyst	additive	Yield (%)
1	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	35
2^c	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	-	25
3	Cu(OTf) ₂	-	10<
4	Pd(OAc) ₂	-	nr
5	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	1,10-phen	15
6	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	K ₂ CO ₃	58
7^d	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	K ₂ CO ₃	50

8 ^e	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	K ₂ CO ₃	54
9	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	Na ₂ CO ₃	45
10	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	Cs ₂ CO ₃	43
11	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	KOAc	30
12	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	LiO ^t Bu	72

^{*a*}All reactions were carried out in 0.2 mmol scale. ^{*b*}Yields refer to here are overall isolated yields. ^{*c*}Temperature 100 °C and time 12 hrs. ^{*d*}Air. ^{*e*}O₂ atm.

Representative Procedure 1 for imidazolone:



In an oven dried 15 mL sealed tube containing a stir bar was added corresponding picolinamide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *O*-benzoylhydroxylamine (0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (0.01 mmol). Dry DMSO (2mL) was then added and N₂ gas was purged for 2 minutes. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 6 hrs. After allotted time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL) and washed with saturated aq. NaHCO₃ solution (25mL), followed by brine solution (25 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated in *vacuo*. The crude mixture was loaded on a silica gel column chromatography and purified using (Hexane/EtOAc) to give the desired imidazolone product.

Representative Procedure for imidazole:



In an oven dried 15 mL sealed tube containing a stir bar was added corresponding thiopicolinamide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *O*-benzoylhydroxylamine (0.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), $Cu(OAc)_2$ ·H₂O (0.04 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (0.24 mmol). Dry DMSO (2mL) was then added and O₂ gas was purged for 2 minutes. [Note: amount of O₂ should be sufficient for better reaction and so large amount of empty space is required. For scale up reaction (2.0 mmol) 100 mL pressure tube was used]. The mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 6 hrs. After allotted time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL) and washed with saturated aq. NaHCO₃ solution (25mL), followed by brine solution (25 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated in *vacuo*. The crude mixture was loaded on a silica gel column chromatography and purified using (Hexane/EtOAc) to give the desired imidazole product.

Representative Procedure 2 for imidazolone in 2-substituted aniline system:



In an oven dried 15 mL sealed tube containing a stir bar was added corresponding picolinamide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *O*-benzoylhydroxylamine (0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (0.02 mmol). Dry DMSO (2mL) was then added and N₂ gas was purged for 2 minutes. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 6 hrs. After allotted time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL) and washed with saturated aq. NaHCO₃ solution (25mL), followed by brine solution (25 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated in *vacuo*. The crude mixture was loaded on a silica gel column chromatography and purified using (Hexane/EtOAc) to give the desired imidazolone product.

Representative Procedure for amination in aniline system:



In an oven dried 15 mL sealed tube containing a stir bar was added corresponding picolinamide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *O*-benzoylhydroxylamine (0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.), LiO^tBu (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (0.02 mmol). Dry DMSO (2mL) was then added and N₂ gas was purged for 2 minutes. The mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 6 hrs. After allotted time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL) and washed with saturated aq. NaHCO₃ solution (25mL), followed by brine solution (25 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated in *vacuo*. The crude mixture was loaded on a silica gel column chromatography and purified using (Hexane/EtOAc) to give the desired amination product.

Procedure for synthesis of compound 1a':



In an oven dried RB containing a stir bar was added picolinamide **1a** (2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *O*-benzoylhydroxylamine (2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (0.2 mmol). Dry DMSO (15 mL) was then added and N₂ gas was purged for 2 minutes. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hrs. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and washed with saturated aq. NaHCO₃ solution (50 mL), followed by brine solution (50 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated in *vacuo*. The crude mixture was loaded on a silica gel column chromatography and purified using (Hexane/EtOAc) to give the amination product.

Deprotection of pyridyl group of Benzimidazolone product:



This deprotection was done according a condition for the deprotection of N-pyridyl group.⁶ In an oven dried RB containing a stir bar was added the benzimidazolone and dry MeCN and it was cooled to 0 °C in an ice-bath under N₂ atmosphere. Ice-cooled MeOTf (3.6 equiv.) was added dropwise to this solution. After addition the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 10 minutes. Then to this mixture MeOH (4 mL) was added and further cooled to 0 °C in an ice-bath. NaBH₄ (7.0 equiv.) was added portion-wise and stirred at this temperature for 15 minutes. After that the solvent was evaporated and diluted with EtOAc, washed with water and dried over Na₂SO₄. This was concentrated under vacuum followed by column chromatography gave the desired product.

<u>Time dependent ¹H NMR experiment for mechanistic determination of intermediate:</u>



^{9.2 9.1 9.0 8.9 8.8 8.7 8.6 8.5 8.4 8.3 8.2 8.1 8.0 7.9 7.8 7.7 7.6 7.5 7.4 7.3 7.2 7.1 7.0 6.9 6.8 6.7 6.6 6.5 6.4 6.3} fl (ppm)



8.90 8.88 8.87 8.86 8.85 8.84 8.83 8.82 8.81 8.80 8.79 8.78 8.77 8.76 8.75 8.74 8.73 8.72 8.71 8.70 8.69 8.68 8.67 8.66 8.65 8.64 8.63 8.62 f1 (ppm)

Crystal structure:

The crystals were grown in dichloromethane solvent. The pure compound was dissolved in dichloromethane slow evaporation led to the crystal **4a**. The crystal data was collected in X-ray spectroscopy (Bruker Kappa Apex-2, CCD Area Detector), and the data was analyzed using OLEX2 software. The structure is given below. The corresponding cif file has been uploaded separately as supporting information.



Thermal ellipsoid plot of **4a**. Ellipsoids are represented with 50% probability.

X-ray determined molecular structure of 4a, CCDC: 2025280

Identification code	HM_643S_0m_a
Empirical formula	$C_{16}H_{12}N_2S$
Formula weight	264.34
Temperature/K	100.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P21/c
a/Å	6.1282(2)
b/Å	14.1422(4)
c/Å	14.4603(4)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90
β/°	95.2550(10)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å ³	1247.95(6)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.407
μ/mm^{-1}	2.167
F(000)	552.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 imes 0.2 imes 0.2
Radiation	$CuK\alpha$ ($\lambda = 1.54178$)
20 range for data collection/	° 8.764 to 133.626
Index ranges	$-7 \le h \le 7, -16 \le k \le 16, -17 \le l \le 17$
Reflections collected	19122
Independent reflections	2213 [$R_{int} = 0.0469, R_{sigma} = 0.0251$]
Data/restraints/parameters	2213/0/172
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.078

Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)] R₁ = 0.0361, wR₂ = 0.0921 Final R indexes [all data] R₁ = 0.0373, wR₂ = 0.0929 Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å⁻³ 0.26/-0.32

The crystals were grown in dichloromethane solvent. The pure compound was dissolved in dichloromethane slow evaporation led to the crystal **3aj**. The crystal data was collected in X-ray spectroscopy (Bruker Kappa Apex-2, CCD Area Detector), and the data was analyzed using OLEX2 software. The structure is given below. The corresponding cif file has been uploaded separately as supporting information.



Thermal ellipsoid plot of **3aj**. Ellipsoids are represented with 50% probability.

X-ray determined molecular structure of 3aj, CCDC: 2025266

Identification code	HM_430A_0m_a
Empirical formula	$C_{18}H_{15}N_2$
Formula weight	259.32
Temperature/K	100.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$
a/Å	10.9333(3)

b/Å	7.3400(2)
c/Å	16.2518(5)
α/°	90
β/°	98.6550(10)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å ³	1289.36(6)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.336
μ/mm^{-1}	0.612
F(000)	548.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 imes 0.2 imes 0.2
Radiation	$CuK\alpha \ (\lambda = 1.54178)$
2© range for data collection/°	13.262 to 132.918
Index ranges	$-12 \le h \le 12, -8 \le k \le 8, -19 \le l \le 17$
Reflections collected	18364
Independent reflections	2259 [$R_{int} = 0.0807$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0459$]
Data/restraints/parameters	2259/0/183
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.056
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0733, wR_2 = 0.2003$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0760, wR_2 = 0.2033$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.55/-0.66

The crystals were grown in dichloromethane solvent. The pure compound was dissolved in dichloromethane slow evaporation led to the crystal **5h**. The crystal data was collected in X-ray spectroscopy (Bruker Kappa Apex-2, CCD Area Detector), and the data was analyzed using OLEX2 software. The structure is given below. The corresponding cif file has been uploaded separately as supporting information.



Thermal ellipsoid plot of **5h**. Ellipsoids are represented with 50% probability.

X-ray determined molecular structure of **5h**, CCDC: 2025275

Identification code	K_101_0m_a
Empirical formula	$C_{23}H_{18}N_3$
Formula weight	336.40
Temperature/K	100.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$
a/Å	11.8246(5)
b/Å	8.7668(4)
c/Å	16.2183(7)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90
β/°	90.457(2)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	1681.20(13)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.329
μ/mm^{-1}	0.618
F(000)	708.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.35 \times 0.29 \times 0.28$
Radiation	CuKa ($\lambda = 1.54178$)

 2Θ range for data 10.91 to 133.22 collection/° Index ranges $-14 \le h \le 13, -10 \le k \le 10, -18 \le l \le 19$ Reflections collected 16494 Independent reflections 2930 [$R_{int} = 0.0772$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0536$] Data/restraints/parameters 2930/0/235 Goodness-of-fit on F² 1.105 Final R indexes [I>=2 σ $R_1 = 0.0624, wR_2 = 0.1540$ (I)] Final R indexes [all data] $R_1 = 0.0667$, $wR_2 = 0.1575$ Largest diff. peak/hole / e 0.25/-0.66 Å-3

The crystals were grown in dichloromethane solvent. The pure compound was dissolved in dichloromethane slow evaporation led to the crystal **3ad**. The crystal data was collected in X-ray spectroscopy (Bruker Kappa Apex-2, CCD Area Detector), and the data was analyzed using OLEX2 software. The structure is given below. The corresponding cif file has been uploaded separately as supporting information.



Thermal ellipsoid plot of **3ad**. Ellipsoids are represented with 50% probability.

X-ray determined molecular structure of 3ad, CCDC: 2025269

Identification code	HM_583_0m_a
Empirical formula	$C_{2.44}H_{2.44}N_{0.44}O_{0.11}$
Formula weight	39.83
Temperature/K	100.0
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	7.9957(2)
b/Å	10.4307(2)
c/Å	12.5078(3)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	67.7270(10)
β/°	89.0730(10)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	71.4000(10)
Volume/Å ³	908.36(4)
Z	18
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.310
μ/mm^{-1}	0.658
F(000)	380.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.80\times0.28\times0.27$
Radiation	$CuK\alpha$ ($\lambda = 1.54178$)
2Θ range for data	7.692 to 133.402
collection/°	
Index ranges	$-9 \le h \le 8, -12 \le k \le 12, -14 \le l \le 14$
Reflections collected	28821
Independent reflections	3182 [$R_{int} = 0.0634$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0334$]
Data/restraints/parameters 3182/0/245	

 $\begin{array}{ll} Goodness-of-fit \ on \ F^2 & 1.088 \\ \\ Final \ R \ indexes \ [I>=2\sigma \\ (I)] & R_1 = 0.0424, \ wR_2 = 0.0985 \\ \\ Final \ R \ indexes \ [all \ data] & R_1 = 0.0438, \ wR_2 = 0.0994 \\ \\ \\ Largest \ diff. \ peak/hole \ / \ e \\ & A^{-3} & 0.21/-0.25 \end{array}$

The crystals were grown in dichloromethane solvent. The pure compound was dissolved in dichloromethane slow evaporation led to the crystal **5b**. The crystal data was collected in X-ray spectroscopy (Bruker Kappa Apex-2, CCD Area Detector), and the data was analyzed using OLEX2 software. The structure is given below. The corresponding cif file has been uploaded separately as supporting information.



Thermal ellipsoid plot of 5b. Ellipsoids are represented with 50% probability.

X-ray determined molecular structure of 5b, CCDC: 2025279

Identification code	HM_788_1_0m_a
Empirical formula	$C_{21}H_{19}N_3$
Formula weight	313.41
Temperature/K	100.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	15.2933(10)
b/Å	5.6759(9)
c/Å	18.003(3)
α/°	90
β/°	99.217(8)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å ³	1542.5(4)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.3495
μ/mm^{-1}	0.627
F(000)	665.9
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 imes 0.2 imes 0.2
Radiation	Cu Ka ($\lambda = 1.54178$)
2Θ range for data	5.86 to 143.7
collection/°	
Index ranges	$-18 \le h \le 18, -6 \le k \le 6, -21 \le 1 \le 22$
Reflections collected	22846
Independent reflections	2934 [$R_{int} = 0.0804$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0465$]
Data/restraints/parameter	rs 2934/0/218
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.048

Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)] Final R indexes [all data] R₁ = 0.0531, wR₂ = 0.1361 Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å⁻³ 0.22/-0.34

Spectral data:

N-(naphthalen-1-yl)pyridine-2-carbothioamide (4a)



Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 95:5 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a yellow solid, mp 124-126 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.36 (s, 1H), 8.84 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.63-8.61 (m, 1H), 8.33 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.03-7.99 (m, 1H), 7.95-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.49 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.2, 151.5, 146.8, 137.7, 134.4, 134.3, 128.9, 128.4, 127.7, 126.8, 126.5, 126.3, 125.5, 125.3, 122.9, 121.6; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₁₆H₁₃N₂S [M+H]⁺: 265.0799; found: 265.0802.

N-(naphthalen-1-yl)picolinimidamide (4a')



Washing with distilled hexane afforded the desired product as a violet solid, mp 118-120 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.61-8.59 (m, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.29-5.17 (br. S); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.9, 151.3, 148.1, 137.0, 134.8, 128.1, 127.4, 126.4, 126.2, 125.4, 123.9, 123.4, 122.0, 116.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₁₆H₁₄N₃ [M+H]⁺: 248.1188; found: 248.1185.

N-(2-(cyclohexylamino)naphthalen-1-yl)picolinamide (1a')



Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 85:15 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a brown gummy liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.76 (s, 1H), 8.68-8.67 (m, 1H), 8.34 (dt, J_1 = 7.6 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (td, J_1 = 7.6 Hz, J_2 = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 3.51-3.44 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.43-1.21 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.4, 149.8, 148.4, 141.5, 137.7, 131.5, 128.7, 128.3, 127.3, 127.0, 126.6, 122.8, 122.1, 120.5, 115.4, 113.0, 51.9, 33.8, 25.9, 25.1; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₂H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 346.1919; found: 346.1922.

N-(naphthalen-1-yl)benzamide (6)



Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white fluffy solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.98-7.95 (m, 3H), 7.90-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.4, 134.9, 134.3, 132.5, 132.0, 128.94, 128.90, 127.6, 127.3, 126.5, 126.2, 126.1, 125.9, 121.5, 120.9.

N-(2-(cyclohexylamino)naphthalen-1-yl)benzamide (7)



Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as white fluffy solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃ + CD₃OD): δ 8.01-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.01 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.30 (m, 1H), 1.98 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 1.69-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.54 (m, 1H), 1.35-1.12 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃+ CD₃OD): δ 171.8, 137.7, 136.1, 135.6, 133.0, 132.8, 132.1, 132.0, 131.6, 131.0, 126.5, 124.8, 119.8, 56.8, 37.3, 33.6, 29.6, 28.9; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₃H₂₅N₂O [M+H]⁺: 345.1967; found: 345.1964.

O-benzoyl-*N*-cyclohexylhydroxylamine (2a)



Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 98:2 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as colourless liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.02-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 3.07-2.99 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.59 (m, 1H), 1.31-1.17 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.0, 133.3, 129.4, 128.6, 59.9, 30.4, 25.9, 24.1.

O-benzoyl-N-butylhydroxylamine (2g)



Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 98:2 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as colourless liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.86 (br. S, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2H), 3.13 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.63-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.38 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.0, 133.4, 129.4, 128.6, 52.4, 29.3, 20.3, 13.9.

O-benzoyl-N-isobutylhydroxylamine (2h)



Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 98:2 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as colourless liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.02-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.96 (br. S, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 2.95 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.99-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.9, 133.4, 129.4, 128.6, 60.2, 26.5, 20.6.

O-benzoyl-N-(sec-butyl)hydroxylamine (2i)



Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 98:2 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as colourless liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2H), 3.11 (sextet, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.71-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.50-1.39 (m, 1H), 1.17 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.0, 133.3, 129.4, 128.6, 58.2, 26.8, 17.6, 10.3.

N-((3s,5s,7s)-adamantan-1-yl)-*O*-benzoylhydroxylamine (2m)



Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 98:2 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as crystalline solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.76 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 6H), 1.71-1.62 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.0, 133.3, 129.4, 128.6, 56.4, 40.1, 36.5, 29.2.

O-benzoyl-*N*-(1-phenylethyl)hydroxylamine (2n)



Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 98:2 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as colourless liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.97-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 4.34 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.55 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.9, 141.3, 133.4, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.2, 61.0, 19.8.

3-cyclohexyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3a)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (63.8 mg, 93% yield), mp 142-144 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.67-8.65 (m, 1H), 7.97 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.42-4.34 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.22 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.92 (m, 4H), 1.77 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H),1.53-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.29 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.7, 150.2, 149.6, 138.8, 129.9, 129.2, 126.0, 125.8, 123.7, 123.5, 123.2, 121.8, 121.3, 120.4, 110.4, 53.7, 30.4, 26.2, 25.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₂H₂₂N₃O [M+H]⁺: 344.1763; found: 344.1760.

3-cyclopentyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3b)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (51 mg, 78% yield), mp 138-140 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.67-8.65 (m, 1H), 7.97 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (quintet, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.29-2.20 (m, 2H), 2.14-1.97 (m, 4H), 1.80-1.73 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.9, 150.2, 149.6, 138.8, 130.0, 129.2, 125.8, 125.6, 123.8, 123.6, 123.5, 123.3, 121.9, 121.2, 120.5, 110.1, 54.0, 29.3, 25.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₁H₂₀N₃O [M+H]⁺: 330.1606; found: 330.1644.

3-cycloheptyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3c)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (46.4 mg, 65% yield), mp 154-156 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.67-8.65 (m, 1H), 7.98 (td, J_1 = 8.0 Hz, J_2 = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dt, J_1 = 8.0 Hz, J_2 = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.62-4.55 (m, 1H), 2.37-2.29 (m, 2H), 2.07-2.03 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.64 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.5, 150. 2, 149.5, 138.8, 130.0, 129.2, 125.8, 125.7, 123.7, 123.49, 123.47, 123.3, 121.8, 121.3, 120.5, 110.5, 55.6, 32.9, 27.7, 25.9; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₃H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 358.1919; found: 358.1921.

3-cyclooctyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3d)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (34 mg, 46% yield), mp 156-158 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.66-8.64 (m, 1H), 7.97 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.75-4.69 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.02-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.60 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.5, 150.2, 149.5, 138.7, 130.0, 129.2, 125.8, 125.5, 123.6, 123.5, 123.4, 123.3, 121.9, 121.3, 120.5, 110.6, 54.1, 32.6, 26.4, 26.2, 25.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₄H₂₆N₃O [M+H]⁺: 372.2076; found: 372.2076.

3-ethyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3e)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (29 mg, 50% yield), mp 96-98 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.68-8.66 (m, 1H), 7.98 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.9, 150.1, 149.6, 138.9, 130.4, 129.3, 126.2, 125.9, 123.8, 123.7, 123.5, 123.4, 121.8, 121.2, 120.5, 108.9, 36.3, 13.9; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₁₈H₁₆N₃O [M+H]⁺: 290.1293; found: 290.1296.

3-propyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3f)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (39.4 mg, 65% yield), mp 134-136 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.66 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (sextet, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.2, 150.1, 149.6, 138.8, 130.4, 129.3, 126.6, 125.9, 123.8, 123.7, 123.5, 123.4, 121.7, 121.3, 120.5, 109.1, 43.1, 22.1, 11.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₁₉H₁₈N₃O [M+H]⁺: 304.1450; found: 304.1451.

3-butyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3g)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (52 mg, 82% yield), mp 104-106 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.68-8.67 (m, 1H), 7.99 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.72 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 1H), 4.03 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.86-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.41 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.2, 150.1, 149.5, 138.9, 130.4, 129.3, 126.6, 125.9, 123.8, 123.7, 123.5, 123.4, 121.7, 121.3, 120.5, 109.1, 41.3, 30.8, 20.2, 13.8; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₀H₂₀N₃O [M+H]⁺: 318.1606; found: 318.1657.

3-isobutyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3h)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (40 mg, 63% yield). mp 112-114 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 7.98 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.34-2.24 (m, 1H), 1.02 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.5, 150.1, 149.4, 138.8, 130.4, 129.3, 126.9, 125.9, 123.7, 123.5, 123.4, 121.6, 121.3, 120.5, 109.4, 48.9, 28.3, 20.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₀H₂₀N₃O [M+H]⁺: 318.1606; found: 318.1608.

3-(sec-butyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3i)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as light brown solid (60 mg, 95% yield), mp 112-114 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.68-8.66 (m, 1H), 7.98 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H), 6.99 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.61-4.51 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.13 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.9, 150.1, 149.5, 138.8, 130.0, 129.2, 126.0, 125.8, 123.7, 123.6, 123.5, 123.4, 121.8, 121.3, 120.5, 110.2, 51.8, 27.6, 18.8, 11.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₀H₂₀N₃O [M+H]⁺: 318.1606; found: 318.1610.

3-(tert-butyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3j)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white powder (59.6 mg, 94% yield), mp 154–156 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.67 (dd, J_1 = 4.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (td, J_1 = 8.0 Hz, J_2 = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45- 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.1, 150.4, 149.7, 138.8, 129.7, 128.9, 126.6, 125.7, 124.0, 123.8, 123.7, 122.6, 122.4, 121.3, 120.0, 113.1, 58.8, 29.8; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₀H₂₀N₃O [M+H]⁺: 318.1606; found: 318.1606.





The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (49 mg, 66% yield), mp 120-122 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.68-8.66 (m, 1H), 7.95 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.62 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 2H), 1.98 (s, 6H), 0.92 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.4, 150.5, 149.8, 138.8, 129.6, 128.8, 127.1, 125.6, 124.0, 123.8, 123.7, 122.51, 122.49, 121.4, 120.0, 113.5, 62.4, 51.1, 31.9, 31.2, 31.0; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₄H₂₈N₃O [M+H]⁺: 374.2232; found: 374.2235.

3-((3s)-adamantan-1-ylmethyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3l)


The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 80:20 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (59 mg, 72% yield), mp 198–200 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.68 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (td, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.71-1.60 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.2, 150.1, 149.4, 138.9, 130.3, 129.3, 128.2, 125.9, 123.67, 123.66, 123.4, 121.6, 121.3, 120.3, 110.3, 53.9, 41.2, 36.8, 36.4, 28.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₇H₂₈N₃O [M+H]⁺: 410.2232; found: 410.2231.

3-((3s,5s,7s)-adamantan-1-yl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3m)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 80:20 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (77 mg, 98% yield), mp 164-166 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.67-8.65 (m, 1H), 7.98-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.85 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 6H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.80 (dd, $J_1 = 32.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.0, 150.5, 149.7, 138.7, 129.5, 128.8, 126.4, 125.6, 124.0, 123.72, 123.67, 122.6, 122.2, 121.3, 120.0, 113.6, 61.1, 40.9, 36.3, 30.1; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₆H₂₆N₃O [M+H]⁺: 396.2076; found: 396.2076

3-(1-phenylethyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3n)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a pale yellow solid (48.2 mg, 66% yield), mp 136-138 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.70-8.69 (m, 1H), 8.01 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.02-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.01 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.2, 150.1, 149.6, 139.8, 138.9, 130.1, 129.2, 128.8, 127.7, 126.9, 125.8, 125.4, 123.8, 123.7, 123.5, 123.4, 121.9, 121.2, 120.4, 110.8, 51.2, 17.7; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₄H₂₀N₃O [M+H]⁺: 366.1606; found: 366.1606.

3-(1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3o)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (73 mg, 88% yield), mp 222-224 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.69 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (td, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51- 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.9, 150.1, 149.7, 138.9, 134.9, 134.0, 131.8, 129.9, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 127.1, 126.1, 125.7, 125.6, 125.0, 124.8, 123.8, 123.59, 123.57, 123.51, 123.3, 122.0, 121.2, 120.3, 110.6, 48.9, 18.1; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₈H₂₂N₃O [M+H]⁺: 416.1763; found: 416.1766.

tert-butyl 4-(2-oxo-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-3(2H)-yl)piperidine-1-

carboxylate (3p)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 70:30 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (80 mg, 90% yield), mp 174-176 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.68-8.66 (m, 1H), 7.99 (td, J_1 = 8.0 Hz, J_2 = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dt, J_1 = 8.0 Hz, J_2 = 0.8Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.62-4,54 (m, 1H), 4.35-4.33 (br. S, 2H), 2.90 (t, J = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 2.50-2.40 (m, 2H), 1.92 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 1.50 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.8, 153.6, 150.0, 149.7, 138.9, 130.1, 129.2, 125.9, 125.4, 123.9, 123.8, 123.52, 123.50, 121.9, 121.2, 120.4, 110.2, 80.0, 51.8, 29.5, 28.6; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₆H₂₉N₄O₃ [M+H]⁺: 445.2240; found: 445.2237.

3-cyclohexyl-5-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3q)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (67.8 mg, 81% yield), mp 186-188 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.68-8.66 (m, 1H), 7.99 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.74 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 1H), 4.41-4.33 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.23 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.90 (m, 4H), 1.73 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.50-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.26 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.9, 150.3, 149.6, 141.1, 138.8, 136.0, 130.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.46, 127.44, 125.71, 125.67, 123.63,

123.61, 123.4, 121.51, 121.46, 120.6, 111.4, 53.8, 30.4, 26.1, 25.4; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For $C_{28}H_{26}N_{3}O [M+H]^+$: 420.2076; found: 420.2075.

5-bromo-3-cyclohexyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3r)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (68 mg, 81% yield), mp 168-170 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.65-8.63 (m, 1H), 8.25-8.22 (m, 1H), 7.98 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.69 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.99-6.96 (m, 1H), 4.36-4.28 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.19 (m, 2H), 1.95 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 4H), 1.77 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H),1.52-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.30 (m, 1H);¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.6, 150.0, 149.7, 138.9, 128.5, 127.8, 126.5, 126.2, 124.9, 123.9, 123.5, 121.9, 121.7, 121.2, 116.7, 114.4, 53.9, 30.4, 26.1, 25.4; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₂H₂₁BrN₃O [M+H]⁺: 422.0868; found: 422.0886.

3-cyclohexyl-5-methoxy-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3s)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 70:30 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a brown solid (44.7 mg, 60% yield), mp 166-168 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.64-8.62 (m, 1H), 8.27-8.25 (m, 1H), 7.95 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.35-4.27 (m, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 2.34-2.24 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.93 (m, 4H), 1.78 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.54-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.28 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.9, 152.6, 150.3, 149.4, 138.6, 126.5, 126.1, 123.3, 123.21, 123.18, 122.8,

121.8, 121.3, 121.0, 115.4, 90.8, 56.3, 53.8, 30.4, 26.2, 25.6; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For $C_{23}H_{24}N_3O_2$ [M+H]⁺: 374.1869; found: 374.1874.

3-cyclohexyl-5-(furan-3-yl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3t)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (65.4 mg, 80% yield), mp 190-192 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.67-8.66 (m, 1H), 8.07-8.05 (m, 1H), 7.99 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, $J_1 = 1.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.68 (dd, $J_1 = 2.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.40-4.32 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.22 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.91 (m, 4H), 1.76 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.53-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.28 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.8, 150.2, 149.5, 143.0, 140.6, 138.9, 128.5, 127.0, 126.3, 125.8, 125.7, 123.8, 123.7, 123.4, 121.7, 121.6, 120.7, 113.0, 111.4, 53.8, 30.4, 26.1, 25.4; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₆H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 410.1869; found: 410.1870.

3-cyclohexyl-5-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3u)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 70:30 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (79.3 mg, 97% yield), mp 192-194 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.68-8.66 (m, 1H), 8.01 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.84 (m, 1H), 7.76 (dd, $J_1 = 2.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.56 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37-4.29 (m, 1H), 2.31-2.21 (m, 2H), 1.97-1.89 (m, 4H), 1.73 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.49-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.25 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.8, 149.9, 149.7, 140.9, 139.0, 133.0, 132.6, 126.4, 126.1, 125.2, 124.9, 124.0, 123.96, 123.5, 122.5, 121.6, 120.5, 108.95, 106.7, 54.1, 30.3, 26.1, 25.3; HRMS (EI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₅H₂₄N₅O [M+H]⁺: 410.1981; found: 410.1985.

3-cyclohexyl-5-fluoro-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3v)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown crystalline solid (47 mg, 65% yield), mp 142-144 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.65-8.64 (m, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 1H), 4.38-4.29 (m, 1H), 2.27-2.17 (m, 2H), 1.97-1.93 (m, 4H), 1.78 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.53-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.29 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.5 (d, J = 244.7 Hz), 153.9, 150.0, 149.5, 138.9, 126.8, 125.2 (d, J = 12.5 Hz), 123.7, 123.69, 123.3, 121.7 (d, J = 6.3 Hz), 121.2 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 120.8 (d, J = 4.8 Hz), 119.5 (d, J = 16.8 Hz), 117.9, 96.1 (d, J = 27.7 Hz), 53.9, 30.3, 26.1, 25.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -127.04 (s, 1F); HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₂H₂₁FN₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 362.1669; found: 362.1667.

3-cyclohexyl-5-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3w)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (53.5 mg, 75% yield), mp 134-136 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.66-8.64 (m, 1H), 7.99-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.69 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.40-4.32 (m, 1H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 2.34-2.24 (m, 2H), 1.98-1.92 (m, 4H), 1.78 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.53-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.31 (m, 1H), 1.25 (grease); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.8, 150.4, 149.5, 138.8, 129.6, 128.8, 125.7, 125.5, 125.3, 123.5, 123.39, 123.36, 121.8, 120.7, 120.5, 111.3, 53.7, 30.4, 26.2, 25.5, 20.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₃H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 358.1919; found: 358.1920.

3-cyclohexyl-9-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3x)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (67.8 mg, 95 % yield), mp 164-166 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.33-8.31 (m, 1H), 7.87 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.38-4.30 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.23 (m, 2H), 1.94 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 4H), 1.77-1.74 (m, 4H), 1.51-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.28 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.1, 153.3, 148.3, 138.2, 131.1, 131.0, 129.0, 128.5, 127.1, 125.3, 123.5, 123.2, 122.2, 122.1, 121.6, 109.7, 53.9, 30.2, 26.2, 25.5, 21.7; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₃H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 358.1919; found: 358.1925.

3-cyclohexyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-5-tosyl-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3y)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 70:30 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown powder (63.6 mg, 64% yield), mp 172-174 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.63-8.62 (m, 1H), 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.58 (dt, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.69 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.35- 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.97 (m, 1H), 4.45-4.37 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.28 (m, 5H), 2.00-1.96 (m, 4H), 1.79 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.57-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.34 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.6, 149.8, 149.4, 144.0, 139.2, 130.1, 129.8, 127.3, 127.1, 126.3, 125.8, 125.7, 125.4, 124.4, 123.7, 122.2, 120.6, 114.2, 54.4, 30.4, 25.2, 21.6; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₉H₂₈N₃O₃S [M+H]⁺: 498.1851; found: 498.1853.

3-cyclohexyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-f]quinolin-2(3H)-one (3z)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 65:35 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white powder (62 mg, 90% yield), mp 144-146 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.73 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 8.64-8.62 (m, 1H), 8.01-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 1H), 4.42-4.34 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.21 (m, 2H), 1.97-1.92 (m, 4H), 1.77 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.52-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.28 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.7, 149.7, 149.5, 148.8, 144.6, 139.0, 129.7, 126.2, 124.6, 123.9, 123.2, 121.1, 120.2, 115.9, 113.5, 53.9, 36.4, 26.1, 25.4; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₁H₂₀N₄ONa [M+Na]⁺: 367.1535; found: 367.1551.

3-cyclohexyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-f]isoquinolin-2(3H)-one (3aa)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 65:35 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white powder (56.4 mg, 82% yield), mp 160-162 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.20 (s, 1H), 8.68-8.66 (m, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.44-4.36 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.23 (m, 2H), 1.96 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 4H), 1.79 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.53-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.29 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.5, 152.8, 149.5, 149.3, 141.6, 139.0, 129.8, 124.0, 123.8, 123.2, 122.8, 120.5, 114.8, 111.8, 54.1, 30.4, 26.1, 25.4; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₁H₂₁N₄O [M+H]⁺: 345.1715; found: 345.1721.

3-cyclopentyl-5-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3ab)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white powder (45.4 mg, 56% yield), mp 142-144 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.68-8.67 (m, 1H), 8.01 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.75 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 1H), 4.94 (quintet, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.31-2.22 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.06 (m, 2H), 2.01-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.70 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.0, 150.2, 149.6, 141.1, 138.9, 136.1, 130.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 127.4, 125.7, 125.5, 123.7, 123.6, 123.4, 121.5, 120.7, 111.1, 54.1, 29.3, 25.1; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₇H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 406.1919; found: 406.1917.

3-cyclohexyl-1-(3-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3ac)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown crystalline solid (54.3 mg, 76% yield), mp 192-194 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45-4.37 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.23 (m, 5H), 1.99-1.92 (m, 4H), 1.77 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.53-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.29 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.0, 149.3, 147.6, 140.4, 133.4, 129.7, 129.1, 126.1, 125.8, 124.8, 123.5, 122.6, 122.1, 120.3, 119.9, 110.6, 53.6, 30.6, 30.5, 26.1, 25.5, 17.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₃H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 358.1919; found: 358.1921.

3-cyclohexyl-1-(5-methylpyrazin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3ad)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 70:30 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (40.8 mg, 57% yield), mp 134-136 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.89 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.98 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.34 (m, 1H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.32-2.21(m, 2H), 1.98-1.93 (m, 4H), 1.78 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.54-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.29 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.6, 153.5, 144.4, 143.4, 143.3, 129.9, 129.4, 126.4, 126.1, 123.72, 123.69, 121.5, 121.1, 120.3, 110.5, 53.9, 30.4, 26.1, 25.5, 21.4; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₂H₂₃N₃O [M+H] +: 359.1872; found: 359.1887.

3-cyclohexyl-1-(quinolin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3ae)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white powder (57.4 mg, 73% yield), mp 188-190 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.05-8.02 (m, 1H), 7.97 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.07 (m, 2H), 4.46-4.38 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.01-1.93 (m, 4H), 1.78 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.54-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.30 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.8, 149.6, 147.3, 138.9, 130.3, 130.0, 129.3, 129.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 126.3, 125.7, 123.5, 121.73, 121.68, 121.2, 120.7, 110.4, 53.7, 30.4, 26.2, 25.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₆H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 394.1919; found: 394.1920.

3-butyl-1-(pyrazin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3af)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 70:30 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown crystalline solid (41.3 mg, 65% yield), mp 140-142 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.07 (s, 1H), 8.69-8.63 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.86-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.41 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H);¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.9, 146.9, 144.4, 143.7, 143.4, 130.4, 129.6, 127.2, 126.2, 124.6, 123.8, 121.3, 121.0, 120.4, 109.2, 41.5, 30.7, 20.2, 13.8; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₁₉H₁₈N₄O [M+H]⁺: 319.1559; found: 319.1558.

3-(tert-butyl)-1-(pyrazin-2-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3ag)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 70:30 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white powder (62.3 mg, 98% yield), mp 148-150 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.00 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (dd, $J_1 = 2.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.8, 147.2, 145.1, 143.8, 143.6, 129.7, 129.1, 127.2, 126.0, 123.9, 123.2, 121.9, 121.3, 119.9, 113.1, 59.1, 29.8; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₁₉H₁₉N₄O [M+H]⁺: 319.1559; found: 319.1563.

3-cyclohexyl-1-(isoquinolin-1-yl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3ah)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 70:30 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a white powder (23.6 mg, 30% yield), mp 184-186 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.60 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.99-4.41 (m, 1H), 2.37-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.07-1.95 (m, 4H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 1.56-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.31 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.8, 141.7, 138.5, 131.5, 129.8, 129.1, 128.9, 127.1, 126.7, 126.1, 125.6, 123.5, 123.1, 122.8, 120.4, 120.1, 110.6, 53.7, 30.7, 26.2, 25.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₆H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 394.1919; found: 394.1920.





The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 85:15 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a yellow fluffy solid (32.4 mg, 41% yield), mp 134-136 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.96 (S, 1H), 9.67-9.64 (m, 1H), 8.62 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78- 7.69 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 2H), 3.52-3.46 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.09 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.42-1.19 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.2, 160.5, 154.8, 147.9, 140.5, 131.6, 130.8, 129.1, 128.3, 128.0, 127.4, 127.1, 127.0, 125.0, 122.3, 120.8, 110.9, 33.6, 25.9, 25.0; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₆H₂₆N₃O [M+H]⁺: 396.2076; found: 396.2078.

N-(5-(cyclohexylamino)quinolin-6-yl)picolinamide (3ai)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 80:20 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a pale yellow solid (42.2 mg, 61% yield), mp 146-148 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.98 (s, 1H), 8.87 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.81 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.67-8.65 (m, 1H), 8.33 (dt, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.29-8.27 (m, 1H), 7.94-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 1H), 3.02-2.95 (m, 1H), 2.06-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.39-1.30 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.08 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.3, 150.4, 148.9, 148.2, 146.2, 137.7, 131.6, 131.0, 130.6, 126.5, 125.9, 125.5, 123.6, 122.6, 120.8, 58.6, 34.8, 25.9, 25.4; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₁H₂₃N₄O₃ [M+H]⁺: 347.1872; found: 347.1889.

3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (3aj)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a colorless crystalline solid (26 mg, 50% yield), mp 108-110 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.70-8.68 (m, 1H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (td, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 4.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.9, 148.7, 148.3, 138.2, 136.9, 133.6, 130.6, 128.6, 127.2, 126.7, 124.8, 124.73, 124.67, 123.4, 122.1, 110.5, 33.1; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₁₇H₁₄N₃ [M+H]⁺: 260.1188; found: 260.1196.

1-cyclohexyl-4-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3ak)



The general procedure 2 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 80:20 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a white solid (29.5 mg, 40% yield), mp 196-198 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.54 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.06-6.89 (m, 7H), 4.38-4.29 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.22 (m, 2H), 1.94 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 4H), 1.76 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.51-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.25 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.5, 148.5, 148.1, 138.7, 137.3, 130.2, 128.3, 127.6, 126.4, 126.1, 125.7, 123.8, 122.2, 122.0, 121.9, 108.3, 53.6, 29.9, 26.1, 25.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₄H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 370.1919; found: 370.1913.

1-(tert-butyl)-4-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3al)



The general procedure 2 for imidazolone was followed was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 80:20 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a white solid (20.5 mg, 30% yield), mp 228-230 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03-6.89 (m, 7H), 1.86 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.8, 148.6, 148.1, 138.8, 137.2, 130.9, 128.4, 127.6, 126.3, 126.2, 125.6, 123.8, 122.8, 121.9, 121.5, 111.2, 58.7, 29.6; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₂H₂₂N₃O [M+H]⁺: 344.1763; found: 344.1752.

1-cyclohexyl-4-isopropyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3am)



The general procedure 2 for imidazolone was followed was followed. Column chromatography $(SiO_2, eluting with 80:20 hexane/ethyl acetate)$ afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (43.5 mg, 65% yield), mp 164-166 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.58 (dd, J_1 = 4.8 Hz, J_2 = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (td, J_1 = 7.6 Hz, J_2 = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.04 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 1H), 4.29-4.21 (m, 1H), 2.46-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.27-2.16 (m, 2H), 1.89 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 4H), 1.73 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.48-1.38 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.24 (m, 1H), 1.02 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.9, 150.6, 149.0, 138.4, 132.4, 129.8, 126.1, 123.5, 123.4, 122.3, 119.0, 106.9, 53.5, 29.9, 27.7, 26.1, 25.5, 23.2; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₁H₂₆N₃O [M+H]⁺: 336.2076; found: 336.2067.

4-(tert-butyl)-1-cyclohexyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3an)



The general procedure 2 for imidazolone was followed was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 80:20 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (40 mg, 57% yield), mp 160-162 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.49 (dd, J_1 = 4.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (td, J_1 = 7.6 Hz, J_2 = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J_1 = 8.0 Hz, J_2 = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.04 (m, 2H), 4.22-4.14 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.18 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.72 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.46-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.22 (m, 1H), 1.07 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.6, 153.8, 148.7, 138.1, 136.5, 132.2, 127.3, 124.5, 123.2, 122.6, 121.7, 107.1, 53.8, 34.9, 31.4, 29.7, 26.2, 25.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₂H₂₈N₃O [M+H]⁺: 350.2232; found: 350.2225.

1-cyclohexyl-4-ethyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (3ao)



The general procedure 2 for imidazolone was followed was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (16 mg, 25% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.60-8.58 (m, 1H), 7.89 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.88 (m, 1H), 4.30-4.22 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.19 (m, 4H), 1.89 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 4H), 1.73 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.48-1.38 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.24 (m, 1H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.8, 150.0, 148.9, 138.3, 129.7, 127.4, 126.6, 123.6, 123.4, 122.4, 122.1, 107.2, 53.5, 29.9, 26.1, 25.5, 25.1, 14.2; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₀H₂₄N₃O [M+H]⁺: 322.1919; found: 322.1913.

N-(2-(cyclohexylamino)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)picolinamide (3ap)



The general procedure for amination in aniline system was followed was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a gummy liquid (51 mg, 72% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.04 (s, 1H), 8.62-8.60 (m, 1H), 8.25 (dt, J_1 = 8.0 Hz, J_2 = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (td, J_1 = 8.0 Hz, J_2 = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.74-2.68 (m, 1H), 1.93 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 1.69-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.50 (s, 1H), 1.27-1.19 (m, 3H), 1.15-1.09 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.0, 156.8, 154.9, 150.6, 148.3, 137.5, 134.8, 126.2, 122.3, 119.5, 95.9, 94.9, 57.8, 55.7, 55.6, 34.2, 26.1, 25.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₀H₂₆N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 356.1974; found: 356.1973.

N-(2-(cyclohexylamino)-3,5-dimethylphenyl)picolinamide (3aq)



The general procedure for amination in aniline system was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 95:5 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a gummy liquid (33.5 mg, 52% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.87 (s, 1H), 8.63-8.61 (m, 1H), 8.29 (dt, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.88 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 6.75 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.06-2.03 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.54 (m, 1H), 1.32-1.25 (m, 2H), 1.13-1.08 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.9, 150.8, 148.1, 137.5, 133.5, 133.2, 131.5, 126.6, 126.1, 122.4, 118.6, 58.0, 34.7, 25.9, 25.5, 21.3, 18.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₀H₂₆N₃O [M+H]⁺: 324.2076; found: 324.2066.

N-(2-(cyclopentylamino)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)picolinamide (3ar)



The general procedure for amination in aniline system was followed was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a gummy liquid (34 mg, 50% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.13 (s, 1H), 8.64-8.62 (m, 1H), 8.26 (dt, J_1 = 8.0 Hz, J_2 = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (td, J_1 = 7.6 Hz, J_2 = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 6.26 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.47 (quintet, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.80-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.56-1.46 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.1, 157.1, 155.2, 150.6, 148.3, 137.5, 135.3, 126.2, 122.3, 119.9, 95.8, 95.0, 60.8, 55.6, 33.2, 23.6; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₁₉H₂₄N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 342.1818; found: 342.1819.





The general procedure for amination in aniline system was followed was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a gummy liquid (31 mg, 47% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.03 (s, 1H), 8.65-8.63 (m, 1H), 8.28-8.25 (m, 1H), 7.90-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.85 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (quintet, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.49-1.39 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.3, 157.1, 154.6, 150.5, 148.3, 137.5, 134.5, 126.3, 122.3, 96.2, 95.2, 55.8, 55.7, 49.8, 32.8, 20.3, 14.1; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₁₈H₂₄N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 330.1818; found: 330.1822.

N-(2-(sec-butylamino)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)picolinamide (3at)



The general procedure for amination in aniline system was followed was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a gummy liquid (27.6 mg, 42% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.03 (s, 1H), 8.63-8.62 (m, 1H), 8.26 (dt, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 6.27 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.98-2.90 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.57 (m, 1H), 1.47-1.39 (m, 1H), 1.04 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, J = 12.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.1, 156.9, 154.9, 150.6, 148.3, 137.5, 134.9, 126.2, 122.3, 96.1, 95.1, 55.7, 30.2, 19.9, 10.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₁₈H₂₄N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 330.1818; found: 330.1826.

3-cyclohexyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5a)



The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a white solid (58 mg, 88% yield), mp $88-90^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.72-8.70 (m, 1H), 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 5.59-5.52 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.29 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.52-1.34 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.9, 137.0, 131.3, 130.1, 128.6, 128.2, 126.6, 125.83, 125.8, 124.9, 123.81, 123.79, 123.55, 123.53, 122.2, 113.7, 57.2, 31.8, 26.3, 25.6; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₂H₂₂N₃ [M+H]⁺: 328.1814; found: 328.1822.

3-cyclopentyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5b)



The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (50 mg, 80% yield), mp 146–148 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.73-8.72 (m, 1H), 8.51-8.48 (m, 1H), 8.25 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.02-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 6.09 (quintet, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.25-2.14 (m, 4H), 2.05-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.75-1.68 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.1, 149.4, 149.3, 138.9, 137.9, 130.9, 130.2, 128.9, 127.4, 126.9, 125.7, 125.3, 124.5, 124.1, 121.8, 113.7, 57.7, 31.0, 25.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₁H₂₀N₃ [M+H]⁺: 314.1657; found: 314.1653.

3-propyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5c)



The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (40 mg, 70% yield), mp 58-60 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.68-8.66 (m, 1H), 8.52 (dt, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (td, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 4.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.98-1.89 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.0, 148.7, 148.0, 138.2, 136.8, 133.1, 130.6, 128.5, 127.3, 126.6, 124.74, 124.66, 124.5, 123.3, 122.0, 110.9, 47.2, 24.0, 11.4; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₁₉H₁₈N₃ [M+H]⁺: 288.1501; found: 288.1497.

3-butyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5d)



The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (50 mg, 83% yield), mp 158-160 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 9.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.78 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.54 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.04 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.98-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.44 (sextet, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.6, 143.7, 143.2, 138.4, 131.7, 130.1, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 126.5, 125.3, 109.6, 46.9, 32.0, 20.0, 13.6; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₀H₂₀N [M+H]⁺: 302.1657; found: 302.1663.

3-isobutyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5e)



The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a brown solid (52 mg, 86% yield), mp 74-76 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.76-8.73 (m, 1H), 8.67-8.66 (m, 1H), 8.52 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 4.79 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.31-2.20 (m, 1H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.2, 148.5, 148.2, 138.2, 136.8, 133.5, 130.5, 128.5, 127.3, 126.6, 124.8, 124.7, 124.4, 123.3, 122.0, 111.3, 52.6, 30.1, 20.2; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₀H₂₀N₃ [M+H]⁺: 302.1579; found: 302.1658.

3-(sec-butyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5f)



The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light brown solid (48 mg, 80% yield), mp 88-90 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.70-8.68 (m, 1H), 8.37 (dt, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (td, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 5.89-5.81 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.21 (m, 1H), 2.03-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.74 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.3, 149.2, 148.7, 139.1, 136.9, 131.1, 130.1, 128.3, 127.4, 126.5, 125.7, 124.8, 123.8, 123.4, 122.1, 113.3, 54.9, 28.8, 20.2, 11.2; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₀H₂₀N₃ [M+H]⁺: 302.1579; found: 302.1660.

3-(tert-butyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5g)



The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 80:20 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as light brown solid (43 mg, 72 % yield), mp 146-148 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.71-8.69 (m, 1H), 7.92-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.84 (td, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 1H), 1.70 (m, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.9, 136.6, 130.0, 128.0, 126.6, 125.9, 125.1, 124.0, 123.6, 122.5, 122.4, 114.9, 31.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₀H₂₀N₃ [M+H]⁺:302.1579; found:302.1660.

3-benzyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5h)



The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a pale yellow solid (26.8 mg, 40% yield), mp 144-142 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.78 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.62-8.60 (m, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (td, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.13 (m, 5H), 6.30 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.6, 148.7, 147.9, 137.6, 136.9, 133.2, 130.7, 128.7, 128.5, 127.5, 127.1, 126.8, 124.9, 124.7, 123.6, 122.1, 111.1, 49.2; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₄H₁₈N₃ [M+H]⁺: 336.1501; found: 336.1502.





The general procedure 1 for imidazolone was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a yellow solid (24.7 mg, 38% yield), mp 122-124 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.71-8.69 (m, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (td, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J*₁ = 1.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (s, 2H), 6.22-6.19 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.8, 148.5, 147.4, 142.3, 137.0, 133.1, 130.7, 128.5, 127.0, 126.7, 124.9, 124,8, 123.6, 122.1, 111.1, 110.5, 108.3, 42.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₁H₁₆N₃O [M+H]⁺: 326.1293; found: 326.1294.

3-((3r,5r,7r)-adamantan-1-ylmethyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5j)



The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (61 mg, 78% yield), mp 176–178 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.67-8.65 (m, 1H), 8.41 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.57-1.36 (m, 14H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.0, 149.1, 148.4, 137.1, 134.2, 130.4, 128.7, 128.4, 127.1, 126.7, 125.2, 124.8, 124.1, 123.5, 122.0, 112.4, 55.8, 41.0, 36.8, 36.6, 28.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₇H₂₈N₃ [M+H]⁺: 394.2283; found: 394.2304.





The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 85:15 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (59 mg, 69 % yield), mp 112-114 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.69-8.67 (m, 1H), 8.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 1H), 5.94-5.85 (m, 1H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 2.88 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 2.59-2.49 (m, 2H), 2.10 (dd, $J_1 = 12.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.53 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.9, 148.8, 148.3, 137.2, 131.1, 130.1, 128.3, 126.8, 125.8, 125.1, 124.3, 123.7, 122.1, 113.2, 80.0, 55.4, 30.8, 28.6; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₆H₂₉N₄O₂ [M+H] ⁺: 429.2291; found: 429.2285.

3-cyclohexyl-2-(5-methylpyrazin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5l)



The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 85:15 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a pale yellow powder (40.3 mg, 59% yield), mp 188-190 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 5.45-5.37 (m, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.38-2.29 (m, 2H), 2.11 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 1.50-1.34 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.1, 146.17, 146.16, 145.7, 142.7, 131.5, 130.1, 128.3, 127.3, 126.7, 125.0, 124.1, 122.1, 113.5, 57.3, 31.9, 26.2, 25.6, 21.7; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₂H₂₃N₄ [M+H]⁺: 343.1923; found: 343.1926.

3-cyclohexyl-2-(quinolin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5m)



The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (38 mg, 50% yield), mp 180-182 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.78-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 1H), 6.14-6.06 (m, 1H), 2.47-2.37 (m, 2H), 2.27-2.24 (m, 2H), 2.02 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.61-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.39 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.0, 148.3, 147.4, 136.6, 132.0, 130.1, 129.83, 129.79, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 126.6, 124.9, 124.1, 122.9, 122.2, 113.8, 57.5, 32.0, 26.5, 25.8; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₆H₂₄N₃ [M+H]⁺: 378.1970; found: 378.1974.

5-bromo-3-cyclohexyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5n)



The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white powder (67 mg, 83% yield), mp 154-156 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.72-8.70 (m, 1H), 8.35 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.31-8.29 (m, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.88 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 5.59-5.52 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.12 (m, 2H), 2.00-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.37 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.9, 137.0, 131.2, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 127.3, 126.8, 126.1, 125.8, 123.7, 122.5, 117.6, 57.4, 31.9, 26.2, 25.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₂H₂₁BrN₃ [M+H]⁺: 406.0919; found: 406.0926.





The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a white solid (63.5 mg, 92% yield), mp 128-130 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.71-8.69 (m, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 5.61-5.23 (m, 1H), 2.31-2.21 (m, 2H), 2.15-2.11 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.33 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.7 (d, J = 245.4 Hz), 151.0, 148.9, 136.9, 129.9 (d, J = 13.4 Hz), 128.6, 127.6, 127.4 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 125.5, 125.0, 123.5, 122.1, 121.3 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 120.8 (d, J = 18.2 Hz), 98.2 (d, J = 27.3 Hz), 57.2, 31.7, 26.2, 25.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -126.54 (s, 1F); HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₂H₂₁FN₃ [M+H]⁺: 346.1720; found: 346.1719.

3-cyclohexyl-5-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5p)



The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as creamy white solid (58 mg, 85% yield), mp 132-134 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.95 (s, 1H), 8.73-8.71 (m, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.89 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 1H), 5.59-5.50 (m, 1H), 2.81 (s, 3H), 2.40-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.83-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.37 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.2, 148.8, 148.0, 137.9, 136.9, 131.1, 130.1, 129.4, 127.3, 126.3, 125.6, 124.7, 123.3, 122.6, 113.9, 57.1, 31.9, 26.3, 25.6, 20.7; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₃H₂₄N₃ [M+H]⁺: 342.1970; found: 342.1971.





The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 90:10 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (54.5 mg, 80% yield), mp 140-142 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.70-8.68 (m, 1H), 8.42 (dt, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.79-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 1H), 5.86-5.78 (m, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.43-2.33 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.11 (m, 2H), 1.99- 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.81 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 1.55-1.35 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.6, 147.3, 136.8, 135.0, 132.53, 132.48, 131.0, 128.5, 126.5, 126.4, 125.7, 124.6, 124.2, 123.2, 113.5, 56.9, 31.7, 26.3, 25.7, 23.8; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₃H₂₄N₃ [M+H]⁺: 342.1970; found: 342.1973.

3-cyclohexyl-5-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5r)



The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 80:20 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (43 mg, 55% yield), mp 174-176 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.73-8.71 (m, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.92-7.84 (m, 3H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 6.58 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.62-5.54 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.17-2.13 (m, 2H), 1.96-1.91 (m, 2H), 1.76 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.50-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.29 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.9, 149.0, 140.8, 137.1, 133.5, 132.5, 129.9, 127.3, 127.2, 126.6, 126.0, 125.9, 123.8, 123.6, 122.5, 112.1, 106.5, 57.5, 32.0, 26.2, 25.4; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₅H₂₄N₅ [M+H]⁺: 394.2032; found: 394.2036.

5-(1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)-3-cyclohexyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazole (5s)



The general procedure for imidazole was followed. Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 80:20 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a creamy white solid (43.5 mg, 49% yield), mp 214-216 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.74-8.73 (m, 1H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.26-8.21 (m, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.91 (td, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 2H), 5.67-5.59 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.16 (m, 4H),

1.91 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.49-1.38 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.20 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.6, 150.5, 149.0, 145.8, 140.3, 137.1, 135.4, 130.0, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 126.2, 125.96, 125.92, 124.4, 123.9, 123.2, 122.8, 120.3, 113.6, 110.7, 57.6, 32.1, 26.1, 25.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₂₈H₂₅N₆ [M+H]⁺: 445.2141; found: 445.2140.

3-cyclohexyl-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (8a)



Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a light pink solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.40 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H) 7.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 1H), 4.51-4.24 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.18 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.94 (m, 4H), 1.81 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.59-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.32 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.4, 129.1, 128.6, 126.5, 124.9, 124.2, 122.5, 121.4, 120.6, 119.9, 110.9, 53.1, 30.8, 26.1, 25.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₁₇H₁₉N₂O [M+H]⁺: 267.1497; found: 267.1506.

3-(*tert*-butyl)-1H-naphtho[1,2-d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (8b)



Column chromatography (SiO₂, eluting with 75:25 hexane/ethyl acetate) afforded the desired product as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.71 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H) 7.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7-49 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 1H), 1.91 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.3, 128.8, 128.3, 126.2, 125.7, 124.3, 123.2, 120.7, 120.6, 119.7, 113.3, 58.6, 29.8; HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd. For C₁₅H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺: 241.1341; found: 241.1344.

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