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#### Supporting information for

# Construction of heterocyclo-fused tetrahydrocarbazoles through a formal [3+3]annulation of 2-indolylmethanols with *para*-quinone methides

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#### **Experimental Section**

*1. General Information:* All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere in an ovendried round bottom flask. All the solvents were distilled before use and stored under an argon atmosphere. Most of the reagents and starting materials were purchased from commercial sources and used as such. 2-indolylmethanols were prepared according to the literature procedure.<sup>1</sup> *p*-quinone methides were prepared by following a literature procedure.<sup>2</sup> Melting points were recorded on the SMP20 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>19</sup>F spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and DMSO (400, 100, and 376 MHz, respectively) on Bruker FT–NMR spectrometer. Chemical shift ( $\delta$ ) values are reported in parts per million relatives to TMS, and the coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hz. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on Waters Q-TOF Premier–HAB213 spectrometer. FT-IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer FTIR spectrometer. Thin-layer chromatography was performed on Merck silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> TLC pellets and visualized by UV irradiation and KMnO<sub>4</sub> stain. Column chromatography was carried out through silica gel (100–200 mesh) using EtOAc/hexane as eluent.

# 2. X-ray crystallographic analysis for compound 3u:

Identification code	XX-GS-40-RT
Empirical formula	C <sub>45</sub> H <sub>43</sub> FN <sub>2</sub> O
Formula weight	646.81
Temperature/K	298.01(1)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	10.7970(5)
b/Å	11.7144(5)
c/Å	17.2757(7)
α/°	109.155(4)
β/°	106.362(4)
γ/°	90.359(4)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1968.69(16)
Z	2
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.091
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.068
F(000)	688.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.1 \times 0.1 \times 0.1$
Radiation	Mo Kα ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	5.116 to 65.482
Index ranges	$-15 \le h \le 15, -17 \le k \le 16, -25 \le l \le 26$
Reflections collected	29730
Independent reflections	13262 [ $R_{int} = 0.0326, R_{sigma} = 0.0555$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	13262/0/449
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.042
Final R indexes [I>=2 $\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0804, wR_2 = 0.2270$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1393, wR_2 = 0.2817$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.65/-0.24

 Table S1: Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 3u (CCDC 2194163)





# 3. X-ray crystallographic analysis for compound 5i:

 Table S2: Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 5i (CCDC2194168)

Identification code	XX GS-78_RT
Empirical formula	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>43</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NOS
Formula weight	680.73
Temperature/K	298.0(1)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	9.2987(4)
b/Å	12.1896(5)
c/Å	17.6436(8)
α/°	109.223(4)
β/°	90.262(4)
γ/°	104.830(4)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1816.78(15)
Ζ	2
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.244
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.270
F(000)	720.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.1  imes 0.1  imes 0.1
Radiation	Mo Ka ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
2\Theta range for data collection/°	4.914 to 50.108
Index ranges	$-11 \le h \le 11, -14 \le k \le 14, -21 \le l \le 21$
Reflections collected	25964
Independent reflections	6428 [ $R_{int} = 0.0417$ , $R_{sigma} = 0.0327$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	6428/0/404
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.064
Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0575, wR_2 = 0.1586$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0754, wR_2 = 0.1808$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.45/-0.22



# 4. X-ray crystallographic analysis for compound 7h:

Identification code	XX-GS-61
Empirical formula	C <sub>41</sub> H <sub>40</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> S
Formula weight	610.80
Temperature/K	298.01(1)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P21/c
a/Å	10.9175(3)
b/Å	10.7799(3)
c/Å	29.2158(10)
α/°	90
β/°	91.629(3)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	3437.00(18)
Ζ	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.180
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.130
F(000)	1300.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.1  imes 0.1  imes 0.1
Radiation	Mo Kα ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)
2@ range for data collection/°	5.312 to 65.554
Index ranges	$-16 \le h \le 16, -16 \le k \le 16, -44 \le l \le 43$
Reflections collected	50310
Independent reflections	12028 [ $R_{int} = 0.0444, R_{sigma} = 0.0366$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	12028/0/413
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.026
Final R indexes [I>=2 $\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0656, wR_2 = 0.1800$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1093, wR_2 = 0.2239$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.61/-0.22

 Table S3: Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 7h (CCDC 2194169)





5. General procedure for the synthesis of tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b]carbazole derivatives (3ax): TsOH (1.0 equiv.) was added to a solution of p-QM [1a-j] (30 mg, 1.0 equiv.) and 2indolylmethanol [2a-l, 2n & 2o] (1.0 equiv.) in acetone (1.5 mL), and the resulting suspension was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. After the reaction was complete (based on TLC analysis), the residue was then concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was then purified through a silica gel column using EtOAc/Hexane mixture as an eluent to get the pure products [3a-x].

#### 6. Characterization of products 3a to 3y

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(5-methyl-6,6-diphenyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b]carbazol-12-

yl)phenol (3a): The reaction was performed at 0.086 mmol scale of 1a; white solid (48.9 mg,

90% yield); m. p. =269–271 °C;  $R_f = 0.3$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 – 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.21 (s, 2H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.0, 143.1, 142.4, 138.7, 138.4, 137.3, 137.1, 135.4, 135.3, 129.8, 129.3 (2C), 128.8, 128.5, 127.2, 126.6, 126.1, 125.3, 121.8, 121.5, 120.3, 120.1, 119.4, 119.0, 115.5, 114.7, 110.9, 108.8, 52.6, 39.62, 39.6, 34.3, 32.2, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3635, 3434, 2957, 1598, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 629.3532; found : 629.3540.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(3-chloro-5-methyl-6,6-diphenyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-

b]carbazol-12-yl)phenol (3b): The reaction was performed at 0.079 mmol scale of 1b; white



solid (50.0 mg, 96% yield); m. p. = 276–278 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.22

-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 7.11 -7.07 (m, 1H), 7.01 -6.97 (m, 2H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.1, 142.8, 142.1, 138.9, 138.4, 137.8, 137.3, 135.6, 135.0, 129.7, 129.2 (2C), 128.9, 128.6, 127.7, 127.3, 126.5, 125.3, 124.6, 121.9, 121.0, 120.1, 119.7, 119.4, 115.7, 114.3, 110.9, 109.0, 52.6, 39.52, 39.5, 34.4, 32.4, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3633, 3458, 2957, 1603, 733 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>44</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 663.3142; found : 663.3146.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(2-chloro-5-methyl-6,6-diphenyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-

b]carbazol-12-yl)phenol (3c): The reaction was performed at 0.079 mmol scale of 1c; white



solid (49.0 mg, 94% yield); m. p. = 265–267 °C;  $R_f = 0.3$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.23 (d, J =

8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.03 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.2, 142.8, 142.1, 138.5, 138.3, 137.3, 136.8, 135.6, 134.8, 129.8, 129.2 (2C), 128.9, 128.6, 127.3, 127.0, 126.5, 125.3, 124.7, 121.9, 121.7, 120.1, 119.8, 119.5, 115.3, 114.3, 110.9, 109.9, 52.6, 39.5, 39.4, 34.4, 32.4, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3636, 3457, 2957, 1468, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>44</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 663.3142; found : 663.3166.

4-(2-bromo-5-methyl-6,6-diphenyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b]carbazol-12-yl)-2,6-

di-tert-butylphenol (3d): The reaction was performed at 0.070 mmol scale of 1d; white solid



(44.8 mg, 90% yield); m. p. = 267–269 °C;  $R_f = 0.3$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (s, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 11H), 7.17 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 7.00

(m, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 18H);  $^{13}$ C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.2, 142.7, 142.0, 138.6, 138.1, 137.3, 137.1, 135.6, 134.8, 129.8, 129.2 (2C), 128.9, 128.6, 127.7, 127.3, 126.5, 125.3, 124.2, 122.9, 121.9, 120.1, 119.5, 115.3, 114.2, 112.3,

110.9, 110.4, 52.6, 39.45, 39.4, 34.4, 32.3, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3634, 3432, 2957, 1466, 1229, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>44</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 707.2637; found : 707.2658.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(2-fluoro-5-methyl-6,6-diphenyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-

**b**]carbazol-12-yl)phenol (3e): The reaction was performed at 0.082 mmol scale of 1e; white



solid (44.1 mg, 83% yield); m. p. = 277–279 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0

Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 7.14 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.94 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 232.4$  Hz), 152.2, 142.9, 142.2, 138.7, 138.4, 137.3, 135.6, 135.0, 134.9, 129.7, 129.2 (2C), 128.9, 128.6, 127.3, 126.5, 126.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 9.9$  Hz), 125.3, 121.9, 120.1, 119.4, 115.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 4.7$  Hz), 114.4, 110.9, 109.6 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 26.2$  Hz), 109.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 9.8$  Hz), 105.1 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 23.5$  Hz), 52.7, 39.6, 39.5, 34.4, 32.5, 30.5; <sup>19</sup>F {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –125.1; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3636, 2956, 1484, 1149, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>44</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 647.3438; found : 647.3463.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(2-methoxy-5-methyl-6,6-diphenyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-

b]carbazol-12-yl)phenol (3f): The reaction was performed at 0.079 mmol scale of 1f; white



solid (39.3 mg, 75% yield); m. p. = 159–161 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.19 (s,

2H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.83 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.5, 152.0, 143.0, 142.5, 138.7, 137.5, 137.3, 135.5, 135.4, 133.6, 129.8, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 126.3, 125.4, 121.8, 120.1, 119.3, 115.1, 114.5, 111.8, 110.9, 109.6, 101.7, 55.8,

55.7, 52.7, 39.7, 34.3, 32.3, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3634, 2956, 1486, 1228, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>47</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 659.3638; found : 659.3655.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(5-methyl-2-nitro-6,6-diphenyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-

b]carbazol-12-yl)phenol (3g): The reaction was performed at 0.076 mmol scale of 1g; white



solid (37.0 mg, 72% yield); m. p. = 278–280 °C;  $R_f = 0.2$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.53 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.25 (m, 9H),

7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 18H);  ${}^{13}C$  { ${}^{1}H$ } NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.5, 142.1, 141.6, 141.3, 141.2, 140.1, 138.2, 137.4, 136.0, 134.4, 129.7, 129.12 (2C), 129.1, 128.8, 127.6, 126.3, 125.3, 125.2, 122.2, 120.1, 119.6, 118.2, 117.6, 117.3, 113.7, 111.0, 108.8, 52.7, 39.4, 34.4, 32.8, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3631, 3428, 2957, 1483, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 674.3383; found : 674.3416.

#### 4-(5-benzyl-6,6-diphenyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b]carbazol-12-yl)-2,6-di-tert-

**butylphenol** (3h): The reaction was performed at 0.071 mmol scale of 1h; white solid (31.9)



mg, 64% yield); gummy solid;  $R_f = 0.3$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.56 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.29 - 7.15 (m, 9H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.04 - 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.95 - 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.88 - 6.81 (m, 5H), 6.78 - 6.76 (m, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.19 (d, J =7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 5.14 – 5.03 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO $d_6$ )  $\delta$  151.7, 142.5, 141.7, 138.9, 138.7, 137.5, 137.4, 137.1, 136.4, 129.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 126.7, 126.5, 126.48, 126.13, 126.1, 125.7, 125.3, 125.1, 124.7, 121.5, 121.1, 119.7, 119.2, 119.0, 118.3, 114.3, 112.0, 111.2, 110.4, 52.2, 48.4, 48.36, 38.5, 34.6, 30.6; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3634, 3295, 2953, 1459, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>51</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 705.3845; found : 705.3869.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(5-isopropyl-6,6-diphenyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b]carbazol-

12-yl)phenol (3i): The reaction was performed at 0.080 mmol scale of 1i; white solid (27.8



mg, 53% yield); gummy solid;  $R_f = 0.3$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.56 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.08 (s, 2H), 6.99 – 6.94

(m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.78 – 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 5.61 – 5.60 (m, 1H), 4.20 (sept, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.21 - 1.17 (m, 24H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.7, 143.2, 141.4, 139.5, 138.9, 137.5, 137.0, 136.5, 135.0, 129.6, 129.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.0, 126.7, 126.5, 125.2, 124.6, 121.04, 121.0, 119.8, 119.1, 118.3, 118.2, 113.6, 112.4, 111.6, 111.2, 52.4, 47.8, 38.4, 34.5, 30.6; 19.9, 19.3; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3647, 3465, 2922, 1460, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 657.3845; found : 657.3859.

#### 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-(6,6-diphenyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b]carbazol-12-yl)phenol

(3j): The reaction was performed at 0.09 mmol scale of 1a; pale yellow solid (34.9 mg, 63%)



yield); m. p. = 236–238°C;  $R_f = 0.3$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.71 (s, 2H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.18 (s, 2H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 1.32 (s, 18H);  ${}^{13}C$  { ${}^{1}H$ } NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.1, 144.8, 144.7, 137.3, 135.8, 135.5, 135.0, 129.0 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 127.4, 127.2, 126.7, 125.3, 121.9, 120.3, 119.4, 115.7, 110.9, 52.6, 39.6, 34.4, 30.6; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3637, 2954, 1470, 738 cm<sup>-</sup>

<sup>1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>43</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 615.3375; found : 615.336.

4-(6,6-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b]carbazol-12-yl)-2,6-

di-tert-butylphenol (3k): The reaction was performed at 0.086 mmol scale of 1a; white solid



(56.0 mg,93% yield); m. p. = 195–197 °C;  $R_f = 0.3$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.61 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 7H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 4H),

7.05 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.1, 141.5, 140.8, 138.4, 137.7, 137.4, 136.0, 135.5, 134.8, 133.4, 131.0, 130.5 (2C), 129.1, 128.8, 126.5, 126.0, 125.2, 122.2, 121.9, 120.4, 120.2, 119.7, 119.3, 116.1, 115.2, 111.0, 109.0, 51.8, 39.5, 34.3, 32.3, 30.4; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3636, 3456, 2956, 1488, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>43</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 697.2752; found : 697.2740.

#### 4-(6,6-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methoxy-5-methyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-

b]carbazol-12-yl)-2,6-di-tert-butylphenol (3l): The reaction was performed at 0.079 mmol



scale of **1f**; white solid (42.8 mg, 74% yield); gummy solid;  $R_f = 0.3$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 5H),

7.13 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.7, 152.1, 141.4, 140.9, 137.7, 137.4, 136.4, 135.6, 134.9, 133.6, 133.43, 133.4, 131.0, 130.5, 129.1, 128.8, 126.5, 126.2, 125.2, 122.2, 120.2, 119.7, 115.6, 115.1, 112.2, 111.0, 109.8, 101.7, 55.8, 51.9, 39.64, 39.6, 34.3, 32.4, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3636, 2953, 1486, 1229, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>43</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M–H]<sup>-</sup> : 725.2702; found : 725.2720.

4-(6,6-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-*b*]carbazol-12-yl)-2,6di-*tert*-butylphenol (3m): The reaction was performed at 0.086 mmol scale of 1a; white solid



(48.2 mg, 84% yield); m. p. = 172–174 °C;  $R_f = 0.3$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.14 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 7.08 – 7.06 (m,

2H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.82 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 246.2 Hz), 161.8 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 246.4 Hz), 152.1, 138.9 (d,

 $J_{C-F} = 3.3 \text{ Hz}$ ), 138.4, 138.3, 138.2 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.0 \text{ Hz}$ ), 137.4, 136.6, 135.5, 135.0, 131.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 7.9 \text{ Hz}$ ), 130.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 7.8 \text{ Hz}$ ), 126.6, 126.0, 125.2, 122.1, 121.8, 120.3, 120.2, 119.6, 119.3, 115.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 21.2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 115.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 19.3 \text{ Hz}$ ), 115.4, 114.9, 110.9, 108.9, 51.6, 39.5, 34.3, 32.2, 30.5; <sup>19</sup>F {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –114.8, –115.2; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3636, 3457, 2958, 1504, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>43</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 665.3343; found : 665.3365.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(5-methyl-6,6-di-p-tolyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b]carbazol-12-

yl)phenol (3n): The reaction was performed at 0.086 mmol scale of 1a; white solid (52.2 mg,



92% yield); m. p. = 267–269 °C;  $R_f = 0.3$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.51 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.10 (m,

3H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 6H), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.74 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.7, 140.4, 139.4, 139.1, 138.8, 137.9, 137.5, 137.3, 136.5, 136.0, 135.9, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 125.3, 124.6, 121.24, 121.2, 120.9, 119.3, 119.0, 118.99, 118.7, 118.3, 114.3, 112.0, 111.2, 109.3, 51.5, 38.6, 34.5, 31.8, 30.6, 20.6; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3635, 3459, 2957, 1509, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 657.3845; found : 657.3873.

2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-(5-methyl-6,6-di-*m*-tolyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-*b*]carbazol-12yl)phenol (30): The reaction was performed at 0.086mmol scale of 1a; white solid (48.2 mg,



85% yield); m. p. = 247–249 °C;  $R_f = 0.3$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.60 (s, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.19 –7.13 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m,

4H), 6.93 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.80 – 6.76 (m, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 151.7, 143.4, 141.9,

139.0, 138.9, 137.9, 137.4, 137.36, 137.3, 137.1, 136.4, 129.9, 129.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 126.8, 126.4, 125.3, 125.2, 124.6, 121.2, 120.9, 119.4, 119.0, 118.7, 118.2, 114.2, 112.1, 111.3, 109.4, 52.0, 38.6, 34.5, 31.8, 30.6, 21.52, 21.5, 21.35, 21.3; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3643, 3432, 2953, 1460, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 657.3845; found : 657.3862.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(2-methoxy-5-methyl-6,6-di-m-tolyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-

*b*]carbazol-12-yl)phenol (3p): The reaction was performed at 0.079 mmol scale of 1f; white



solid (39.8 mg, 73% yield); gummy solid;  $R_f = 0.3$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (s, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.11 – 7.04

(m, 4H), 6.99 - 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.83 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 18H);  $^{13}$ C { $^{1}$ H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.5, 152.0, 143.2, 142.6, 138.9, 138.21, 138.2, 137.8, 137.3, 135.5, 135.4, 133.6, 130.5, 129.8, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 125.4, 121.6, 120.0, 119.2, 115.1, 114.5, 111.6, 110.9, 109.6, 101.6, 55.8, 55.76, 52.6, 39.81, 39.8, 34.3, 32.4, 30.5, 22.0, 21.8; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3633, 3452, 2922, 1485, 1229, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>51</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 687.3951; found : 687.3978.

#### $\label{eq:constraint} 4-(6,6-bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-methyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b] carbazol-12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b] carba$

yl)-2,6-di-tert-butylphenol (3q): The reaction was performed at 0.086 mmol scale of 1a; white



solid (53.2 mg, 90% yield); m. p. = 276–278 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.14 (s, 2H),

7.11 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.99 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.90 – 6.87 (m, 3H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 2.22 (s, 6H), 1.29 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.9, 143.6, 142.6, 139.2, 138.3, 138.0, 137.8, 137.7, 137.2, 135.4, 135.3, 128.9, 128.8, 127.6, 127.0, 126.8, 126.3, 125.3, 121.4, 121.1, 120.1, 120.0, 119.1, 118.8, 115.4, 114.4, 110.9, 108.9, 52.4, 39.7, 39.67, 34.2, 32.4, 30.5, 21.9, 21.89, 21.67, 21.66; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3643, 3461, 2956, 1467, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>51</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M–H]<sup>-</sup> : 683.4001; found : 683.4017.

#### 4-(6,6-bis(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-5-methyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b]carbazol-12-

yl)-2,6-di-tert-butylphenol (3r): The reaction was performed at 0.086 mmol scale of 1a; white



solid (39.0 mg, 61% yield); m. p. = 227–229 °C;  $R_f = 0.4$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.66 (s, 1H), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.19

(m, 3H), 7.09 –7.03 (m, 3H), 6.94 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.82 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 9H), 1.22 (s, 9H), 1.20 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.6, 148.9, 148.86, 140.3, 139.3, 138.9, 138.86, 138.8, 137.8, 137.4, 137.2, 136.5, 129.2, 128.8, 125.2, 124.9, 124.5, 121.2, 120.9, 119.3, 119.0, 118.7, 118.2, 114.2, 111.8, 111.2, 111.18, 109.2, 51.4, 38.5, 34.5, 34.2, 34.1, 31.7, 31.12, 31.1, 30.6; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3644, 3409, 2958, 1462, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>59</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M–H]<sup>–</sup>: 739.4627; found : 739.4635.

#### 4-(6,6-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b]carbazol-12-yl)-

2,6-di-tert-butylphenol (3s): The reaction was performed at 0.086 mmol scale of 1a; white



solid (45.8 mg, 77% yield); m. p. = 253–255 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.16 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.12 (s, 2H),

7.10 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.98 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.77 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.8, 159.7, 152.2, 145.0 144.1, 138.45, 138.4, 137.2, 137.1, 135.4, 135.3, 129.7, 129.5, 126.7, 126.2, 125.3, 122.4, 121.8, 121.7, 121.5, 120.2, 120.1 119.3, 119.0, 116.6, 116.5, 115.7, 114.8, 111.5, 111.0, 110.9, 108.9, 55.4, 55.3, 52.5, 39.6, 34.3, 32.3, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3624, 3434, 2955, 1483, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 689.3743; found : 689.3773.

#### 4-(6,6-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b]carbazol-12-yl)-

2,6-di-tert-butylphenol (3t): The reaction was performed at 0.086 mmol scale of 1a; white



solid (48.2 mg, 81% yield); m. p. = 263–265 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 7.15

(s, 2H), 7.11 - 7.05 (m, 2H), 7.01 - 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 18H);  $^{13}$ C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.5, 158.46, 152.0, 139.4 138.3, 137.6, 137.3, 135.44, 135.4, 135.36, 134.8, 131.0, 130.3, 126.7, 126.2, 125.3, 121.6, 121.4, 120.2, 120.0, 119.3, 119.0, 115.4, 114.3, 114.1, 113.7, 110.8, 108.8, 55.44, 55.4, 51.2, 39.6, 34.3, 32.1, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3624, 3391, 2956, 1507, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 689.3743; found : 689.3766.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(3-fluoro-7-methyl-6,6-diphenyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-

b]carbazol-12-yl)phenol (3u): The reaction was performed at 0.086 mmol scale of 1a; white



solid (36.3 mg, 65% yield); m. p. = 175–177 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.76 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.09 (s,

2H), 7.06 - 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.94 - 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.71 - 6.66 (m, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 18H);  ${}^{13}$ C { ${}^{1}$ H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  158.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 232.2$  Hz), 151.8, 142.9, 141.7, 139.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.4$  Hz), 138.9, 137.9, 137.3, 137.2, 137.0, 136.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 128.2, 127.0, 126.8, 125.2, 124.5, 119.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 10.3$  Hz), 119.4, 118.8, 114.2,

112.3, 109.3, 106.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 25.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 97.4, 97.2, 52.1, 38.41, 38.4, 34.5, 31.7, 30.6; <sup>19</sup>F {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –121.6; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3541, 3241, 2922, 1459, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>44</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 647.3438; found : 647.3453.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(2-methoxy-7-methyl-6,6-diphenyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-

b]carbazol-12-yl)phenol (3v): The reaction was performed at 0.086 mmol scale of 1a; white



solid (31.9 mg, 56% yield); m. p. = 248–250 °C;  $R_f = 0.3$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.46 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.15 (s,

2H), 7.08 - 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.92 - 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 6.58 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 18H);  $^{13}$ C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  152.7, 151.7, 143.2, 142.0, 139.4, 139.0, 137.9, 137.3, 136.4, 132.4, 129.4, 129.1, 128.4, 128.2, 126.9, 126.7, 125.5, 125.3, 124.6, 121.3, 119.3, 118.8 114.2, 112.1, 111.9, 110.9, 109.3, 101.0, 55.1, 55.07, 52.2, 38.7, 34.5, 31.7, 30.6; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3642, 3433, 2954, 1482, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>47</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 659.3638; found : 659.3659.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(2,10-dimethoxy-5-methyl-6,6-diphenyl-5,6,7,12-

tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b]carbazol-12-yl)phenol (3w): The reaction was performed at 0.086



mmol scale of **1a**; white solid (45.9 mg, 84% yield); m. p. = 271-273 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.11

- 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.71 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.6, 153.5, 152.0, 142.9, 142.6, 139.3, 137.5, 135.7, 135.4, 133.6, 132.3, 129.7, 129.3 (2C), 128.8, 128.5, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.3, 125.5, 114.9, 114.4, 111.8, 111.6, 109.6, 101.7, 101.6, 55.7, 55.6, 52.7, 39.9, 39.8, 34.3, 32.3, 30.6; FT-IR (thin film, neat):

3632, 3367, 2924, 1485, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 689.3743; found : 689.3766.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(5,7-dimethyl-6,6-diphenyl-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-b]carbazol-

12-yl)phenol (3x): The reaction was performed at 0.086 mmol scale of 1a; white solid (47.2



mg, 85% yield); m. p. = 195–197 °C;  $R_f = 0.3$  (15% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.23 (m, 8H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.94 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H),

3.14 (s, 6H), 1.16 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  151.7, 142.9, 141.9, 138.92, 138.9, 138.3, 136.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 127.2, 127.17, 125.0, 124.7, 121.4, 119.2, 118.9, 113.9, 109.5, 52.9, 38.8, 34.4, 32.4, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3635, 2956, 1469, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>47</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 643.3688; found : 643.3699.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(5-methyl-6-phenyl-6-(p-tolyl)-5,6,7,12-tetrahydroindolo[2,3-

b]carbazol-12-yl)phenol (3y): The reaction was performed at 0.086 mmol scale of 1a and the



product was obtained as an inseparable mixture of diastereomers in the ratio of 1:1; pale yellow gummy liquid (35.5 mg, 64% yield);  $R_f = 0.2$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.44

(m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.27 - 7.15 (m, 8H), 7.11 - 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.07 - 6.97 (m, 2H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 3.28 - 3.26 (m, 3H), 2.38 - 2.34 (m, 3H), 1.31 - 1.30 (m, 18H);  $^{13}$ C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.0, 143.3, 142.6, 140.1, 139.4, 139.0, 138.8, 138.4, 138.3, 137.32, 137.31, 137.3, 137.2, 136.9, 136.85, 135.4, 135.3, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.17, 128.8, 128.5, 127.13, 127.12, 126.65, 126.63, 126.2, 125.3, 121.7, 121.4, 120.2, 120.1, 120.0, 119.3, 119.0, 115.5, 115.4, 114.53, 114.51, 114.4, 110.8, 108.8, 52.29, 52.27, 39.6, 34.34, 34.32, 32.22, 32.2, 30.54, 30.5, 21.1, 21.07; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3634, 3432, 2954, 1594, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>47</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 643.3688; found : 643.3716.

7. General procedure for the synthesis of tetrahydrothieno[2,3-b]carbazole derivatives (5ak): To a solution of *para*-quinone methide [4a] (30 mg, 1.0 equiv.) and 2-indolylmethanols [2a-f & 2j-n] (1.0 equiv.) in toluene (1.5 mL), TsOH (1.0 equiv.) was added. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 7 hours. After the reaction was complete (based on TLC analysis), the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and then the residue was purified through a silica gel column using EtOAc/Hexane mixture as an eluent to get the pure product [5a-k].

#### 8. Characterization of products 5a to 5k

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(10,10-diphenyl-9,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[2,3-b]carbazol-4-yl)phenol

(5a): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 4a; white solid (53.0 mg, 91% yield);

m. p. = 178–180 °C;  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.66 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.96 (s, 2H), 6.94 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.78 – 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 1.21 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  152.1, 147.2, 146.7, 142.0, 139.8, 139.0, 137.4, 136.6, 135.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 126.1, 125.3, 124.5, 121.2, 119.1, 118.3, 112.0, 111.4, 53.6, 41.32, 41.31, 34.5, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3631, 3226, 2940, 1490, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>40</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 582.2831; found : 582.2828.

4-(10,10-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-9,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[2,3-b]carbazol-4-yl)-2,6-di-tert-

butylphenol (5b): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 4a; white solid (55.3 mg,



85% yield); m. p. = 246–248 °C;  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.76 (s, 1H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.98 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.88 (m,

2H), 6.82 - 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.684 - 6.68 (m, 1H), 5.40 - 5.39 (m, 1H), 1.19 - 1.18 (s, 18H);  ${}^{13}C$  { $^{1}H$ } NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  152.1, 145.6, 145.0, 141.0, 140.4,

139.0, 137.4, 135.9, 135.3, 131.73, 131.7, 130.44, 130.42, 128.2, 128.1, 127.1, 126.5, 125.2, 124.3, 121.5, 119.2, 118.5, 112.5, 111.4, 52.7, 41.2, 34.5, 30.4; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3633, 3443, 2923, 1487, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>38</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 650.2051; found : 650.2074.

#### 4-(10,10-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-9,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[2,3-b]carbazol-4-yl)-2,6-di-tert-

butylphenol (5c): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 4a; white solid (53.1 mg,



86% yield); gummy solid;  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.74 (s, 1H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 7H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.81 – 6.78

(m, 1H), 6.76 - 6.72 (m, 1H), 6.68 - 6.65 (m, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 1.19 (s, 18H);  ${}^{13}C$  { $^{1}H$ } NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  161.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 242.8$  Hz), 160.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 242.4$  Hz), 152.1, 143.2 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.2$  Hz), 142.6 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.9$  Hz), 141.8, 140.1, 139.0, 137.4, 136.5, 135.4, 130.6, 130.5, 127.0, 126.4, 125.2, 124.3, 121.4, 119.2, 118.5, 114.92 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 21.2$  Hz), 114.87 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 21.1$  Hz), 112.2, 111.4, 52.5, 41.2, 34.5, 30.4;  ${}^{19}F{}^{1}H$ } NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  – 116.03, -116.16; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3643, 3463, 2922, 1504, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>36</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NOS [M–H]<sup>-</sup> : 616.2486; found : 616.2504.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(10,10-di-p-tolyl-9,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[2,3-b]carbazol-4-yl)phenol

(5d): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 4a; white solid (48.8 mg, 80% yield);



m. p. = 195–197 °C;  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.58 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 5H), 6.99 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 3H), 6.78 – 6.75 (m, 1H),

6.69 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  152.0, 144.4, 143.9, 142.5, 139.6, 138.9, 137.3, 137.1, 135.73, 135.7, 135.66, 128.7, 128.6, 128.56, 128.5, 126.8, 125.8, 125.3, 124.4, 121.1, 119.0, 118.2, 111.7, 111.3, 52.9, 41.31, 41.3, 34.5, 30.5, 20.6, 20.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3644, 3462, 2923, 1457, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>44</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 610.3144; found : 610.3147.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(10,10-di-m-tolyl-9,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[2,3-b]carbazol-4-yl)phenol

(5e): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 4a; white solid (47.0 mg, 77% yield);



m. p. = 205–207 °C;  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.62 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 - 7.10 (m, 4H), 7.09 - 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.93 - 6.89 (m, 3H),

6.75 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.67 - 6.66 (m, 2H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 18H);  ${}^{13}C$  { ${}^{1}H$ } NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  152.0, 147.4, 146.8, 142.1, 139.7, 139.0 (2C), 137.4, 137.0, 136.9, 136.7, 135.8, 129.33, 129.3, 129.2, 127.9, 127.3, 126.8, 126.1, 125.9, 125.3, 124.5, 121.1, 119.15, 119.1, 118.3, 111.8, 111.4, 53.5, 41.34, 41.33, 34.5, 30.5, 21.45, 21.43, 21.36, 21.34; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3643, 3459, 2923, 1484, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>44</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 610.3144; found : 610.3138.

#### 4-(10,10-bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-9,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[2,3-b]carbazol-4-yl)-2,6-di-

*tert*-butylphenol (5f): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 4a; white solid (45.9



mg, 72% yield); gummy solid;  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.57 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 2H), 6.94 – 6.91 (m, 3H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.77 - 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.69 - 6.68 (m, 3H), 6.66 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 2.15 (s, 6H), 2.12 (s, 6H), 1.21 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 152.0, 147.6, 147.0, 142.1, 139.6, 139.0, 137.3, 136.8, 136.71, 136.69, 135.8, 128.1, 128.0, 126.7, 126.51, 126.46, 125.8, 125.3, 124.5, 121.1, 119.1, 118.2, 111.6, 111.4, 53.3, 41.3, 34.5, 30.5, 21.34, 21.32, 21.25, 21.23; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3646, 3433, 2922, 1458, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>48</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 638.3457; found : 638.3468.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(7-fluoro-10,10-diphenyl-9,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[2,3-b]carbazol-4-

yl)phenol (5g): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 4a; white solid (49.2 mg,



82% yield); m. p. = 115–117 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.6 (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR
(400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.81 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m,
6H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.93

(m, 3H), 6.74 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.72 – 6.66 (m, 2H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 1.23 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  158.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 233.1$  Hz), 152.1, 147.0, 146.5, 141.8, 139.7, 139.1, 137.4, 137.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.7$  Hz), 135.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.13, 128.1, 126.8, 126.7, 126.2, 124.4, 122.1, 120.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 10.1$  Hz), 112.1, 106.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 24.3$  Hz), 97.5, 97.3, 53.5, 41.1, 41.0, 34.5, 30.5; <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –121.4; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3643, 3463, 2922, 1460, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>37</sub>FNOS [M–H]<sup>–</sup> : 598.2580; found : 598.2604.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(6-methoxy-10,10-diphenyl-9,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[2,3-b]carbazol-4-

yl)phenol (5h): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 4a; white solid (45.2 mg,



74% yield); gummy solid;  $R_f = 0.5 (10\% \text{ EtOAc in hexane})$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.50 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.02 (s, 2H), 6.71 (s,

1H), 6.66 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.62 – 6.60 (m, 2H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  152.7, 152.0, 147.3, 146.8, 142.2, 139.9, 139.0, 136.9, 135.7, 132.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.03, 128.0, 126.9, 126.6, 126.1, 125.6, 124.6, 112.1, 112.01, 112.0, 111.0, 101.2, 55.1, 55.0, 53.6, 41.5, 34.5, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3674, 3445, 2924, 1485, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>42</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 612.2936; found : 612.2931.

# **2,6-di***-tert*-**butyl-4**-(**9-methyl-10,10-diphenyl-9,10-dihydro-4H-thieno**[**2,3**-*b*]**carbazol-4**-**yl)phenol (5i):** The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of **4a**; white solid (41.1 mg,



69% yield); m. p. = 253–255 °C;  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.59 - 7.57 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 7.41 - 7.38 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 7.36 - 7.32 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 7.41 - 7.38 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 7.36 - 7.32 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 7.41 - 7.38 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 7.36 - 7.32 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 7.41 - 7.38 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 7.36 - 7.32 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 7.41 - 7.38 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 7.36 - 7.32 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 7.41 - 7.38 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 7.36 - 7.32 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 7.41 - 7.38 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 7.36 - 7.32 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 7.41 - 7.38 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 7.36 - 7.32 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 7.41 - 7.38 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 7.36 - 7.32 \text{ (m$ 2H), 7.30 - 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.24 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 - 7.047.00 (m, 3H), 6.72 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.2, 145.7, 145.3, 143.7, 138.8, 138.4, 137.9, 135.6, 135.2, 129.9, 129.8, 128.3, 128.1, 126.93, 126.9, 126.5, 125.8, 125.2, 125.0, 121.6, 120.2, 119.0, 113.9, 108.9, 54.2, 42.32, 42.3, 34.4, 32.1, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3635, 2923, 1469, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>42</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 596.2987; found : 596.2976.

#### 4-(9-benzyl-10,10-diphenyl-9,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[2,3-b]carbazol-4-yl)-2,6-di-tert-

butylphenol (5j): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 4a; white solid (22.2 mg,



33% yield); m. p. = 215–217 °C;  $R_f = 0.5$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.54 \text{ (d, } J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 7.39 - 7.35 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 7.20 - 7.13$ (m, 3H), 7.11 – 7.08 (m, 5H), 7.05 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 6.91 – 6.88 (m, 3H), 6.77

(d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 5.16 - 5.04 (m, 2H), 5.03 (s, 1H),1.36 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.3, 145.8, 144.5, 143.7, 138.4, 138.2, 138.1, 137.1, 135.7, 135.3, 129.9, 129.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 126.8, 126.7, 126.3, 126.2, 126.1, 125.4, 125.3, 125.2, 122.0, 120.3, 119.4, 113.7, 110.4, 54.3, 49.1, 42.15, 42.13, 34.4, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3634, 2957, 1465, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>46</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 672.3300; found : 672.3315.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(10-phenyl-10-(p-tolyl)-9,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[2,3-b]carbazol-4-

yl)phenol (5k): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 4a and the product was



obtained as an inseparable mixture of diastereomers in the ratio of 1:1; pale yellow gummy liquid (50.0 mg, 84% yield);  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.62 (s, 1H), 7.33 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.27 –

7.17 (m, 5H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 6.98 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 6.78 – 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.70 – 6.68 (m,

1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.36 – 5.35 (m, 1H), 2.22– 2.21 (m, 3H), 1.20 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  152.0, 147.3, 146.8, 144.4, 143.7, 142.28, 142.26, 139.77, 139.73, 139.0, 138.97, 137.4, 136.91, 136.9, 135.83, 135.8, 135.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.63, 128.61, 128.6, 128.05, 128.0, 126.83, 126.81, 126.7, 126.6, 126.0, 125.3, 124.4, 121.1, 119.1, 118.3, 111.9, 111.3, 53.2, 41.3, 41.27, 34.5, 30.5, 20.6; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3633, 3224, 2942, 1493, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>42</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 596.2987; found : 596.2985.

9. General procedure for the synthesis of tetrahydrothieno[3,2-b]carbazole derivatives (7ak):Para-quinone methide [6a-c] (30 mg, 1.0 equiv.) and 2-indolylmethanols [2a-e, 2i-k & 2n] (1.0 equiv.) were dissolved in acetonitrile (1.5 mL) and, then TsOH (1.0 equiv.) was added to it. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for an hour. The residue was then concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was then purified through a silica gel column using EtOAc/Hexane mixture as an eluent to get the pure products [7a-k].

#### 10. Characterization of products 7a to 7k

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(4,4-diphenyl-5,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[3,2-b]carbazol-10-yl)phenol

(7a): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 6a; white solid (51.2 mg, 88% yield);



gummy solid;  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSOd<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.64 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 7.02 (s, 2H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H),

6.68 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 1.24 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ 152.3, 146.3, 146.0, 141.3, 139.3, 139.0 (2C), 137.4, 137.3, 136.4, 128.8 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 127.3, 126.4, 125.0, 124.9, 124.2, 121.1, 119.1, 118.3, 111.4, 111.3, 53.4, 40.9, 40.88, 34.5, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3637, 3457, 2923, 1488, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>40</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 582.2831; found : 582.2820.

#### 4-(4,4-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[3,2-b]carbazol-10-yl)-2,6-di-tert-

butylphenol (7b): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 6a; white solid (47.5 mg,



73% yield); m. p. = 236–238 °C;  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.72 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01

- 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.94 (s, 2H), 6.84 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 1.22 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  152.3, 144.9, 144.4, 141.9, 139.0, 138.6, 137.4, 136.6, 136.1, 131.5, 131.4, 130.6, 130.5, 128.2, 128.1, 126.9, 125.3, 125.0, 124.1, 121.4, 119.1, 118.5, 111.8, 111.4, 52.6, 40.75, 40.73, 34.5, 30.4; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3638, 3457, 2923, 1489, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>36</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NOS [M–H]<sup>-</sup> : 648.1895; found : 648.1915.

#### 4-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-5,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[3,2-b]carbazol-10-yl)-2,6-di-tert-

butylphenol (7c): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 6a; white solid (47.0 mg,

73% yield); gummy solid;  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.70 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 2H), 6.83 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 1.22 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  160.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 242.2$  Hz), 152.3, 142.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.0$  Hz), 142.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.0$  Hz), 141.6, 139.2, 139.0, 137.4, 137.2, 136.2, 130.73, 130.7, 130.6, 127.0, 125.2, 125.0, 124.1, 121.3, 119.1, 118.5, 114.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 21.0$  Hz), 114.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 21.2$  Hz), 111.5, 114.4, 52.3, 40.8, 40.78, 34.5, 30.4; <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –116.44, –116.48; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3649, 3458, 2921, 1459, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>38</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 618.2642; found : 618.2635.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(4,4-di-p-tolyl-5,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[3,2-b]carbazol-10-yl)phenol

(7d): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 6a; white solid (43.9 mg, 72% yield);



m. p. = 197–199 °C;  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.56 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.00 – 6.93 (m, 5H), 6.80 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.23(s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 18H);  ${}^{13}C$  { ${}^{1}H$ } NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  152.2, 143.5, 143.2, 141.1, 139.8, 139.0, 137.9, 137.3, 136.4, 135.5, 135.4, 128.75, 128.7, 128.6, 127.3, 125.1, 124.6, 124.2, 121.0, 119.0, 118.2, 111.3 (2C), 111.1, 52.7, 40.9, 40.88, 34.5, 30.4, 20.52, 20.51; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3640, 3457, 2922, 1457, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>44</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 610.3144; found : 610.3157.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(4,4-di-m-tolyl-5,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[3,2-b]carbazol-10-yl)phenol

(7e): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 6a; white solid (53.0 mg, 87% yield);



m. p. = 205–207 °C;  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.61 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 - 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.12 - 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.05 - 7.03 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.6

Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.80 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR  $(100 \text{ MHz}, \text{DMSO-d}_6) \delta$  152.3, 146.5, 146.1, 141.3, 139.3, 139.0, 137.5, 137.3, 136.9 (2C), 136.4, 129.4, 129.3, 127.9, 127.4, 127.12, 127.1, 126.13, 126.1, 125.0, 124.7, 124.6, 124.2, 121.1, 119.1, 118.2, 111.4, 111.1, 53.3, 40.95, 40.93, 34.5, 30.5, 21.41, 21.4, 21.33, 21.31; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3638, 3458, 2922, 1457, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>44</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 610.3144; found : 610.3148.

#### 4-(4,4-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)-5,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[3,2-b]carbazol-10-yl)-2,6-di-tert-



butylphenol (7f): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 6a; white solid (44.3 mg, 69% yield); gummy solid;  $R_f = 0.4$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.58 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 -7.20 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 -6.99 (m, 4H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.85 -6.82 (m, 4H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 3.694 (s, 3H), 3.691 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 157.7, 157.6, 152.2, 140.8, 140.2, 139.0, 138.6, 138.3, 138.2, 137.3, 136.4, 129.9, 129.8, 127.3, 125.1, 124.65, 124.6, 124.2, 121.0, 119.0, 118.2, 113.4, 111.3, 110.9, 55.1, 55.07, 52.0, 40.89, 40.87, 34.5, 30.4; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3626, 3455, 2922, 1458, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>44</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 642.3042; found : 642.3058.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(7-fluoro-4,4-diphenyl-5,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[3,2-b]carbazol-10-

yl)phenol (7g): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 6a; white solid (39.0 mg,



65% yield); gummy solid;  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.76 (s, 1H), 7.30 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.09 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.00 (s, 2H), 6.98 – 6.95

(m, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.72 – 6.66 (m, 2H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 1.24 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  158.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 232.8$  Hz), 152.3, 146.1, 145.8, 141.2, 139.12, 139.1, 138.1 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.4$  Hz), 137.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 12.7$  Hz), 136.1, 128.8, 128.77, 128.1, 127.2, 126.5, 124.9, 124.2, 121.9, 119.9, 111.4, 106.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 24.4$  Hz), 106.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 24.5$  Hz), 97.6 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 1.6$  Hz), 97.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 1.5$  Hz), 53.4, 40.7, 40.68, 34.5, 30.5; <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –121.47; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3615, 3458, 2923, 1488, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>39</sub>FNOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 600.2736; found : 600.2725.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(8-methoxy-4,4-diphenyl-5,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[3,2-b]carbazol-10-

yl)phenol (7h): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 6a; white solid (42.8 mg,



70% yield); m. p. = 246–248 °C;  $R_f = 0.5$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.46 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 5.3 Hz,

1H), 6.65 - 6.64 (m, 1H), 6.63 - 6.60 (m, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 18H);  $^{13}C$ 

 ${}^{1}$ H NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.7, 152.3, 146.4, 146.1, 141.3, 139.6, 139.0, 137.7, 136.4, 132.4, 128.82, 128.8, 128.06, 128.04, 127.2, 126.43, 126.4, 125.3, 124.9, 124.4, 112.0, 111.5, 110.9, 101.1, 55.12, 55.1, 53.5, 41.08, 41.04, 34.5, 30.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3627, 3456, 2922, 1483, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>42</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 612.2936; found : 612.2917.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(2-methyl-4,4-diphenyl-5,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[3,2-b]carbazol-10-

yl)phenol (7i): The reaction was performed at 0.095 mmol scale of 6b; white solid (47.1 mg,



83% yield); m. p. = 273–275 °C;  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 (s, 1H), 7.40 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 8H), 7.24 - 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 2H), 6.98 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.5, 146.2, 146.1, 140.2, 138.6, 138.4, 137.5, 137.0, 135.6, 135.5, 129.12, 129.1, 128.43, 128.4, 126.8, 126.7, 126.3, 124.9, 124.8, 121.8, 120.1, 119.3, 113.2, 110.9, 53.8, 41.87, 41.85, 34.4, 30.5, 15.91, 15.9; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3620, 3450, 2956, 1434, 732 cm<sup>-</sup> <sup>1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>42</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 596.2987; found : 596.2992.

# 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(12,12-diphenyl-11,12-dihydro-6H-benzo[4,5]thieno[3,2-b]carbazol-6-

yl)phenol (7j): The reaction was performed at 0.086 mmol scale of 6c; white solid (33.0 mg,



61% yield); gummy solid;  $R_f = 0.5$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.71 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 7.02 – 6.97

(m, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 1.30 (s, 18H);  ${}^{13}C$  { ${}^{1}H$ } NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.8, 145.9, 143.8, 143.5, 140.3, 139.6, 138.0, 137.0, 135.9, 134.4, 132.6, 129.5, 129.4 (2C), 128.6, 128.5, 127.1, 126.2, 125.2, 124.9, 123.4, 123.3, 122.5, 121.9, 120.0, 119.6, 112.4, 111.1, 54.1, 43.2, 43.1, 34.4, 30.4; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3632, 3456, 2922, 1457, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>42</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 632.2987; found : 632.2999.

#### 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(4-phenyl-4-(p-tolyl)-5,10-dihydro-4H-thieno[3,2-b]carbazol-10-

yl)phenol (7k): The reaction was performed at 0.10 mmol scale of 6a and the product was



obtained as an inseparable mixture of diastereomers in the ratio of 1:1; pale yellow gummy solid (44.6 mg, 75% yield);  $R_f = 0.6$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.57 (s, 1H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.20 –

7.15 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.04 (m, 4H), 6.97 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 6.79 – 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.64 – 6.61 (m, 1H), 5.56 – 5.55 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 2.20 (m, 3H), 1.20 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  152.3, 146.4, 146.1, 143.4, 143.1, 141.2, 141.19, 139.6, 139.03, 139.02, 137.7, 137.6, 137.3, 136.4, 135.6, 135.5, 128.8, 128.77, 128.65, 128.1, 127.3, 126.4, 125.1, 124.8, 124.3, 121.12, 121.10, 119.1, 118.3, 111.4, 111.21, 111.2, 53.1, 40.90, 40.89, 34.5, 30.5, 20.6, 20.5; FT-IR (thin film, neat): 3635, 3454, 2920, 1484, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>42</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> : 596.2987; found : 596.2994.

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# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of **3a**



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of **3b**



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of **3c**



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of **3d**



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of **3e**



 $^{19}F$  {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of 3e





<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of **3g** 




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 $^{13}C$  {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of **3h** 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of **3i** 



# $^{13}C$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of **3i**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of **3j** 



# $^{13}C$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of **3j**







<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of 3m











#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of **30**







# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of **3**q



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of 3r



 $^{13}C$  {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of **3r** 





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#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of **3t**



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of 3u7,5632 7,5940 7,5940 7,5940 7,5840 7,5823 7,5823 7,5823 7,582 7,7233 7,23163 7,2323 7 $\underbrace{ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 2.4606 \\ 2.4569 \\ 2.4532 \end{array} \right. }$ НC





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 $^{19}\text{F}$  {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of 3u







<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of 3w









# $^{13}C$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of 3x



# $^{13}C$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of 3y



# $^{13}C$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of **5a**



# $^{13}C$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of $\mathbf{5b}$



# $^{13}C$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of 5c



 $^{19}\text{F}$  {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of 5c



-10 -100 f1 (ppm) -110 -190 0 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -200

#### $^1\text{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of 5d







#### $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of **5**e









#### $^1\text{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of $\mathbf{5g}$



# $^{19}\text{F}$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of $\mathbf{5g}$



# $^{13}C$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of $\mathbf{5h}$





# $^{13}C$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of **5**j 77.4780 77.1604 76.8430 $\begin{array}{c} -54.2524 \\ -64.1479 \\ -42.1467 \\ -242.1255 \\ -34.4470 \\ -30.5103 \end{array}$ но 110 100 f1 (ppm) 130 120 :00 190 180 170 160 150 140 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 C <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of **5**k - 10.6167 $\underbrace{ \begin{array}{c} 2.4468 \\ 2.4424 \\ 2.4380 \\ \end{array} }_{2.2219} \\ \\ \begin{array}{c} 2.2219 \\ 2.2114 \end{array} }$ но





# $^{13}$ C { $^{1}$ H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of **5**k

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7.11 3.05 3.13 2.01 1.04 1.01 1.00 0.99

7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 f1 (ppm)

# $^{13}C$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of **7a**



# $^{13}C$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of **7b**





# $^{13}C$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of 7c



 $^{19}\text{F}$  {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of 7c



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of 7d






## <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of **7e**







## $^1\text{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of 7f







## <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of 7g



 $^{13}\text{C}$  {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of 7g



# $^{19}\text{F}$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of 7g



# $^{13}C$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of **7h**





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# $^{13}C$ {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) Spectrum of 7k



Crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Spectrum of **12** 

