

Supporting Information for

A General Copper-Catalyzed Radical Cross-Coupling of Unactivated Alkyl Halides

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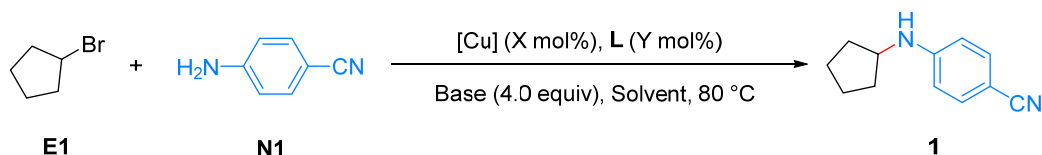
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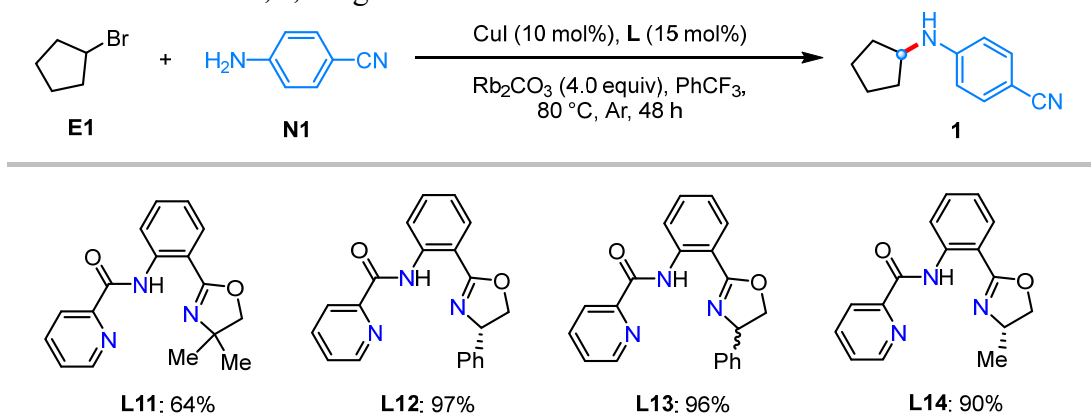
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Table S1. Reaction condition optimization with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1**^a



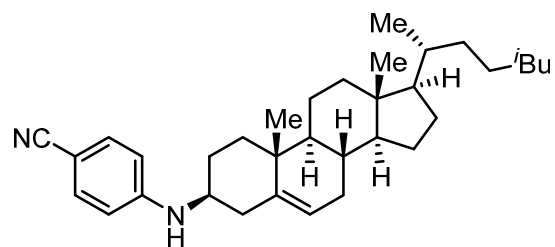
^aReaction conditions: cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (0.060 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (0.050 mmol), CuI (10 mol%), L (15 mol%), and Rb₂CO₃ (4.0 equiv) in dry PhCF₃ (0.50 mL) at 80 °C for 48 h under argon; yield of **1** was based on ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. ^bat 60 °C. ^cfor 72 h.

Table S2. Evaluation of *N,N,N*-ligands in the model reaction ^a



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2. Supplementary figures for experiments



87-major

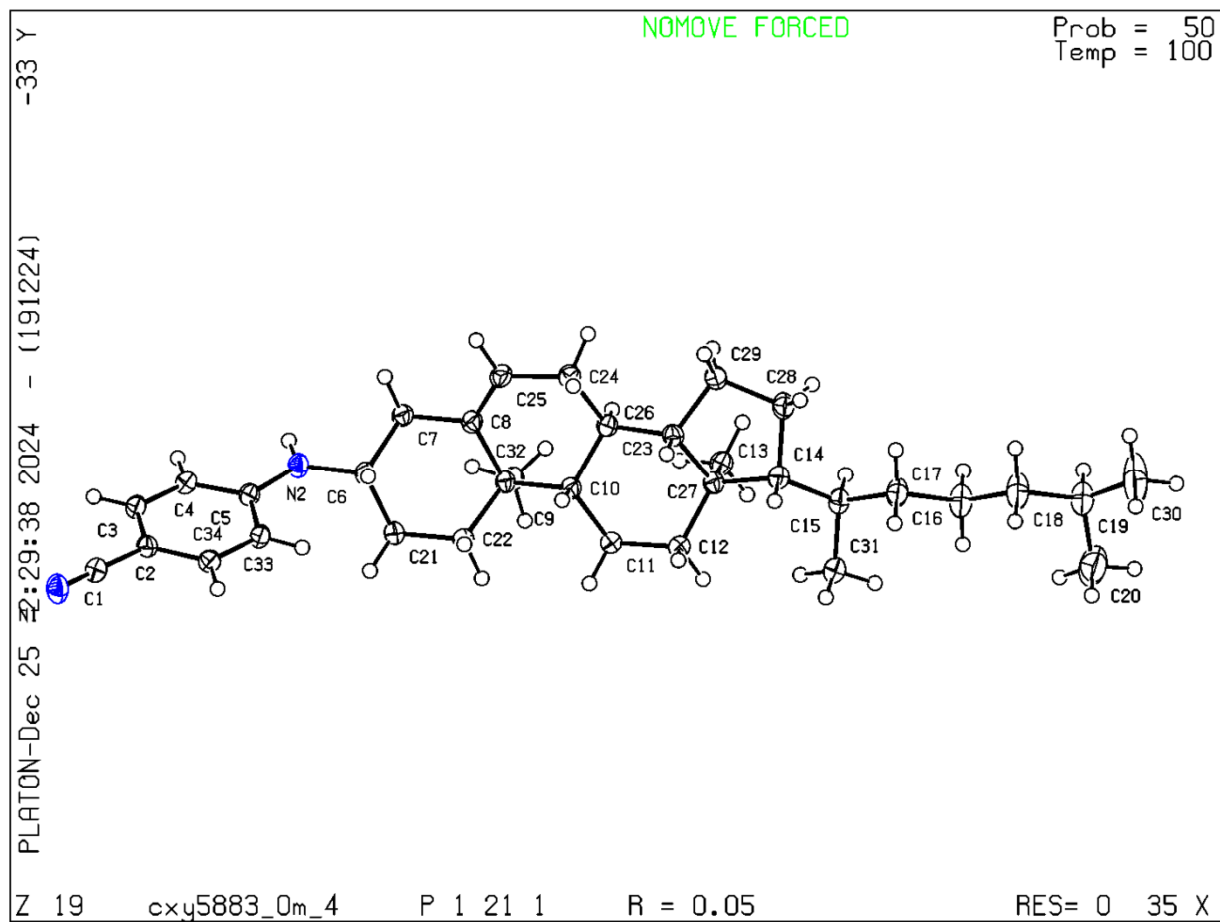
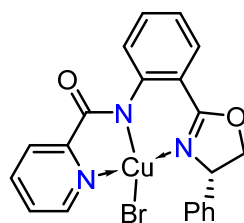


Figure S1. The X-ray structure of **87-major**.



CatA

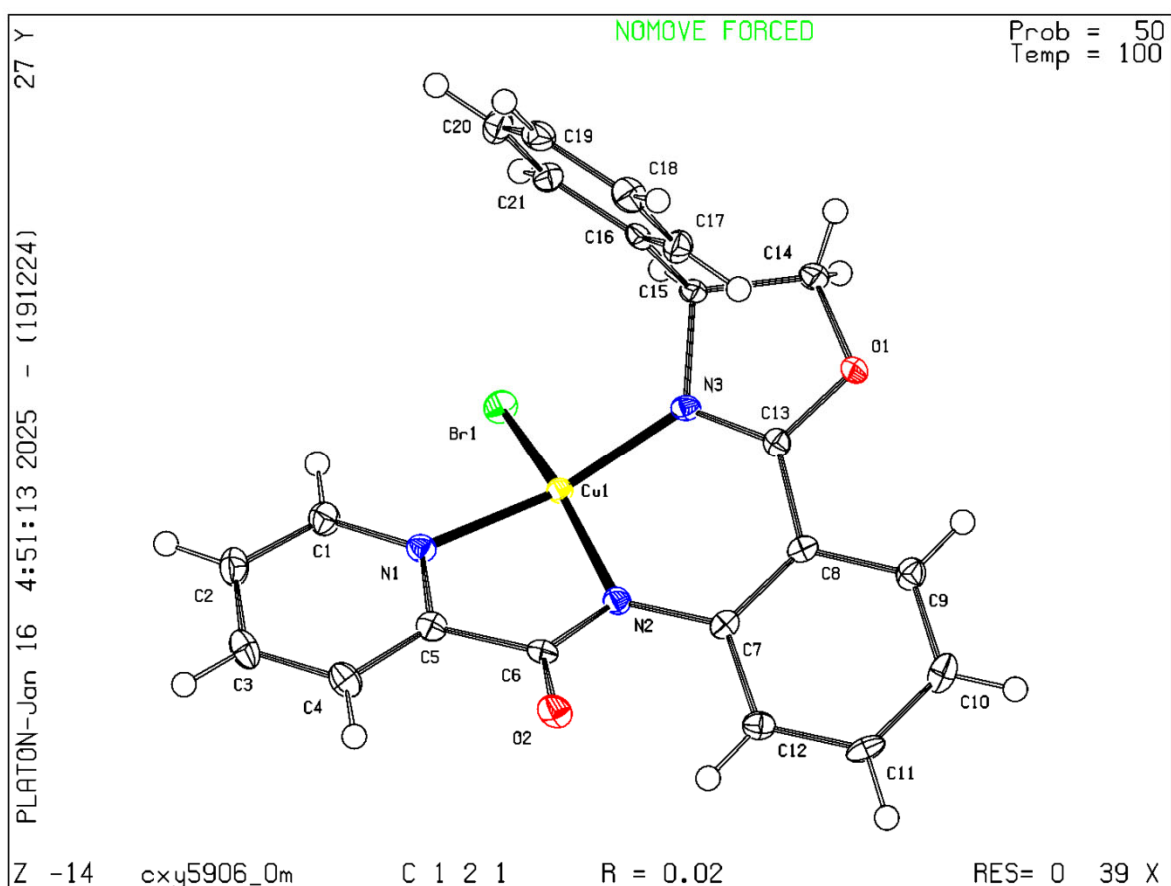
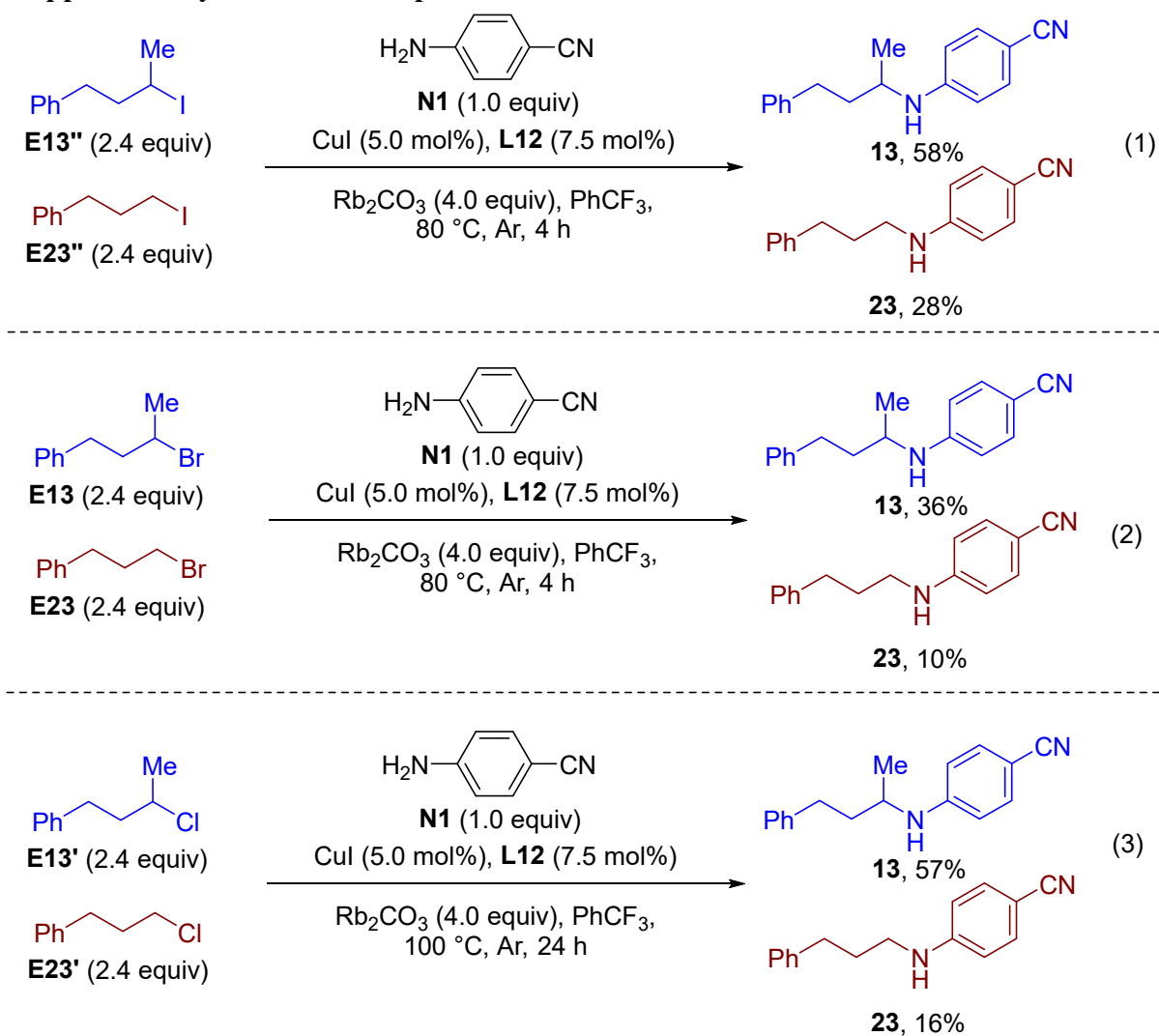
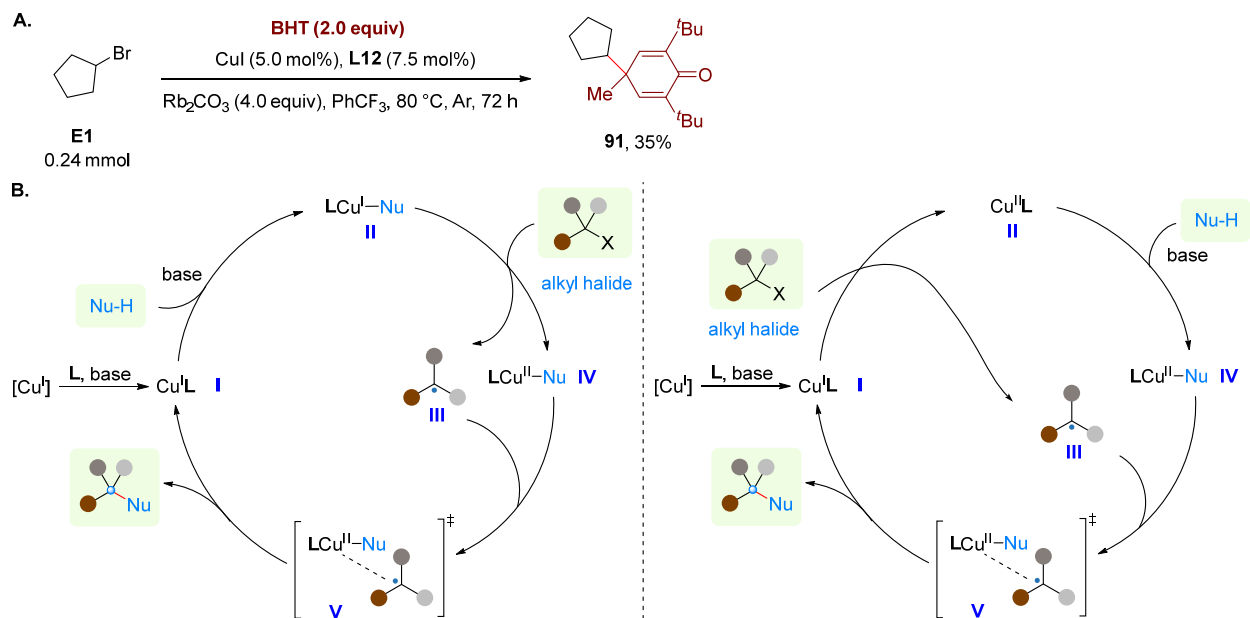


Figure S2. The X-ray structure of **CatA**.

3. Supplementary schemes for experiments



Scheme S1. Competition experiments.



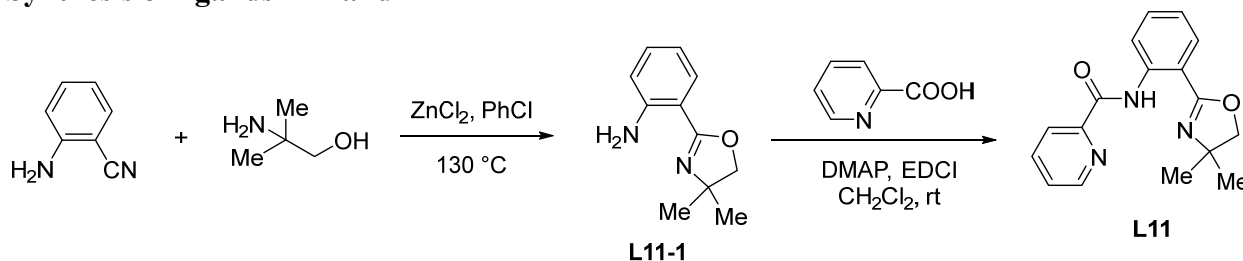
Scheme S2. Control experiments and mechanistic Proposal.

4. General information

Most of reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere using Schlenk techniques. Reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 was purified and dried using a solvent-purification system that contained activated alumina under argon. CuI was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Rb_2CO_3 was purchased from Bide Pharmatech Ltd. and treated by hot gun (approximate 300 to 400 °C) for 2 minutes in vacuum. Anhydrous PhCF_3 was purchased from J&K Scientific. For cyclic voltammetry (CV) experiments tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (TBAPF_6) was purchased from J&K Scientific and CH_3CN was purchased from TCI. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated silica gel 60 GF254 plates. Flash column chromatography was performed using Tsingdao silica gel (60, particle size 0.040–0.063 mm). As the eluent, the petroleum ether, EtOAc, CH_2Cl_2 and CH_3OH were purchased from Shanghai Titan Scientific Co. Ltd without further purification. Visualization on TLC was achieved by use of UV light (254 nm), iodine on silica gel or basic KMnO_4 indicator. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-400 and DPX-600 spectrometers at 400 MHz for ^1H NMR, 100 MHz for ^{13}C NMR, and 376 MHz for ^{19}F NMR respectively, in CDCl_3 with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. The chemical shifts are expressed in ppm and coupling constants are given in Hz. Data for ^1H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (ppm), multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quarter; p, pentet; m, multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), integration. Data for ^{13}C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ , ppm). Mass spectrometric data were obtained using Bruker Apex IV RTMS. The diastereoselectivity value (dr) was determined by ^1H NMR analysis of the crude product unless otherwise noted. Enantiomeric excess (ee) was determined using Agilent high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with a Hatachi detector (at appropriate wavelength). Column conditions are reported in the experimental section below. X-ray diffraction was measured on a 'Bruker APEX-II CCD' diffractometer with $\text{Cu-K}\alpha$ radiation.

5. The synthesis of ligands and alkyl halides

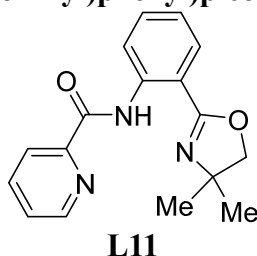
Synthesis of ligands L11 and L12



According to the literature reported procedure.^{1,2} Under an argon atmosphere, to a solution of 2-aminobenzonitrile (1.18 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 2-amino-2-methylpropan-1-ol (1.24 g, 15.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in chlorobenzene (30 mL) was added dry ZnCl₂ (4.02 g, 30.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) at once at rt. Then, the reaction mixture was reflux for 24 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was dissolved in water, EtOAc, and 2 mL ethylenediamine. Next, the reaction was extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtrated and concentrated to afford the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) to afford the product **L11-1** as a white solid (1.65 g, 87% yield).

Under an argon atmosphere, to a solution of 2-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)aniline **L11-1** (1.14 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), picolinic acid (0.81 g, 6.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv), DMAP (1.17 g, 9.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL, 0.3 M) was added EDCI (1.84 g, 9.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv) at room temperature. Then the reaction mixture was stirred overnight. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by water and extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtrated and concentrated to afford the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) to afford the product **L11** as a white solid (1.44 g, 81% yield).

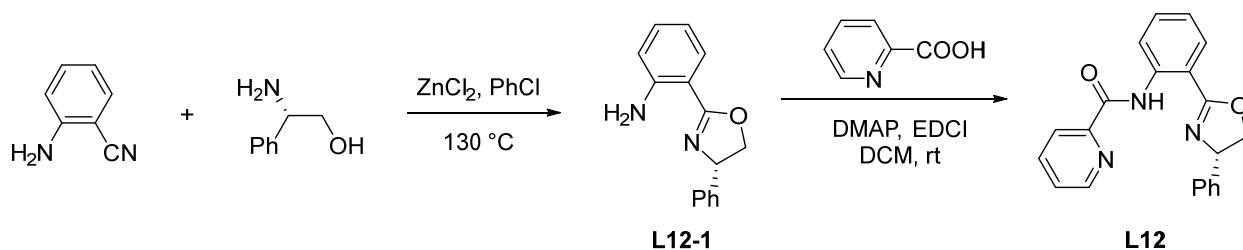
N-(2-(4,4-Dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)picolinamide (**L11**)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.84 (s, 1H), 8.99 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.73 – 8.59 (m, 1H), 8.28 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 4.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 1.49 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1, 161.3, 151.3, 148.2, 139.5, 137.3, 132.2, 129.1, 126.2, 122.8, 122.7, 120.2, 115.1, 78.0, 68.2, 28.7.

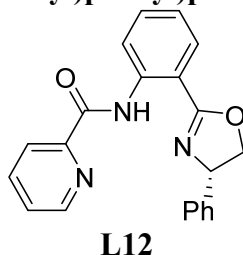
HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈N₃O₂ [M + H]⁺ 296.1394, found 296.1393.



According to the literature reported procedure.^{2,3} Under an argon atmosphere, to a solution of 2-aminobenzonitrile (1.18 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (*S*)-2-amino-2-phenylethan-1-ol (2.06 g, 15.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in chlorobenzene (30 mL) was added dry ZnCl₂ (4.02 g, 30.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) at once at rt. Then, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 24 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was dissolved in water, EtOAc, and 2 mL ethylenediamine. Next, the reaction was extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtrated and concentrated to afford the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) to afford the product **L12-1** as a white solid (2.17 g, 91% yield).

Under an argon atmosphere, to a solution of (*S*)-2-(4-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)aniline **L12-1** (1.43 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), picolinic acid (0.81 g, 6.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv), DMAP (1.17 g, 9.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL, 0.3 M) was added EDCI (1.84 g, 9.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv) at room temperature. Then the reaction mixture was stirred overnight. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by water and extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtrated and concentrated to afford the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) to afford the product **L12** as a white solid (1.77 g, 86% yield).

(*S*)-N-(2-(4-Phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)picolinamide (L12)



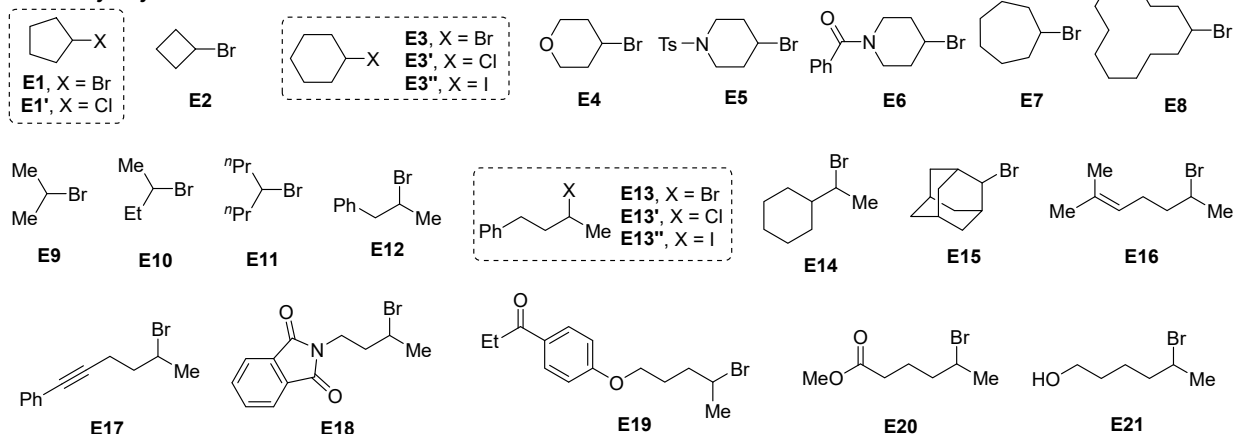
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.87 (s, 1H), 9.07 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.33 – 8.17 (m, 2H), 7.96 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.16 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 164.1, 150.9, 148.2, 142.1, 139.8, 137.2, 132.7, 129.6, 128.7, 127.5, 126.8, 126.1, 122.8, 122.7, 120.3, 114.5, 73.2, 70.2.

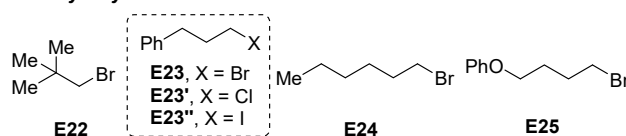
HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₁H₁₈N₃O₂ [M + H]⁺ 344.1394, found 344.1395.

Scope of alkyl halides

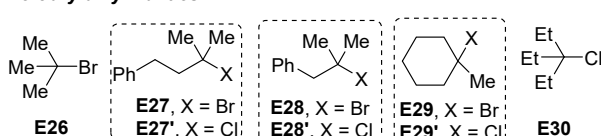
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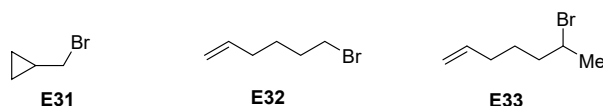
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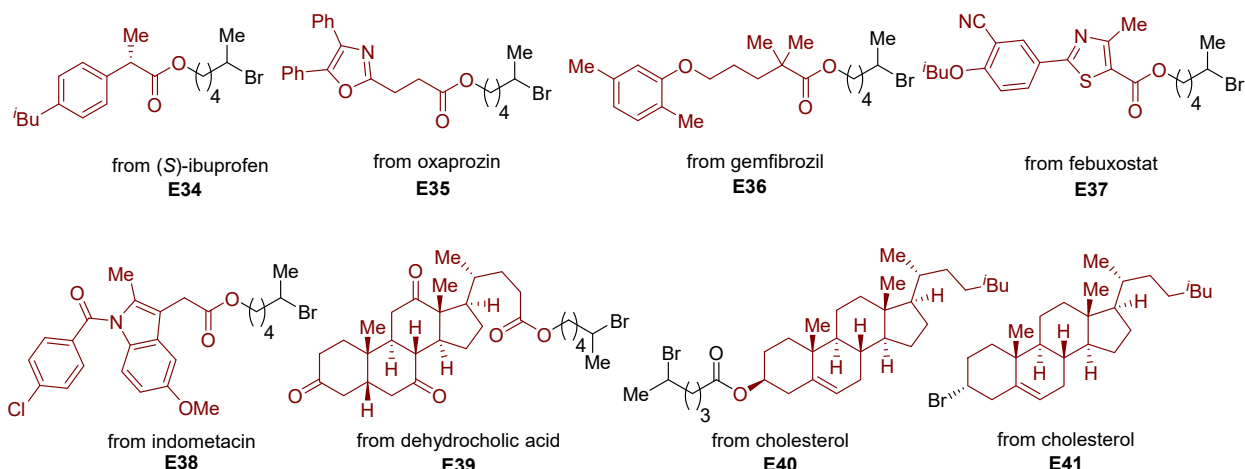
Tertiary alkyl halides



Clock substrates

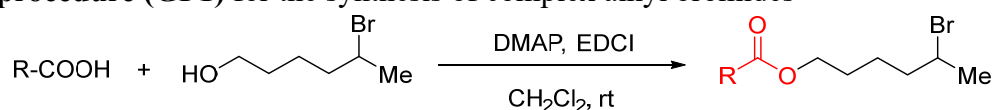


Alkyl halides based on bioactive molecules



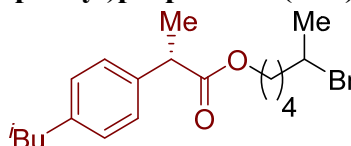
Compounds **E1–E4**, **E1'**, **E3'**, **E3''**, **E7–E12**, **E15**, **E22–E26**, **E23'**, **E23''**, and **E31–E32** were purchased from commercial sources. **E5**,⁴ **E6**,⁵ **E13**,⁵ **E13'**,⁶ **E13''**,⁷ **E14**,⁴ **E16**,⁸ **E17–E19**,⁹ **E20**,¹⁰ **E21**,¹¹ **E27**,¹² **E27'**,¹³ **E28**,¹⁴ **E28'**,¹⁵ **E29**,¹⁶ **E29'**,¹⁵ **E30**,¹⁷ **E33**,¹⁸ and **E37**¹⁹ were prepared according to the literature procedures.

General procedure (GP1) for the synthesis of complex alkyl bromides



To a solution of 5-bromohexan-1-ol (0.80 g, 4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv), bioactive acid compound (4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), DMAP (0.73 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL, 0.2 M) was added EDCI (1.15 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at room temperature. Then the reaction mixture was stirred overnight. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by water and extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtrated and concentrated to afford the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the product.

2-Bromopropyl (2*S*)-2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (**E34**)



E34

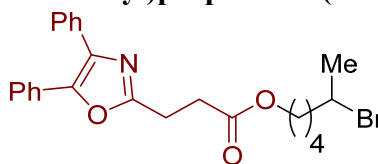
According to **General procedure (GP1)** with 5-bromohexan-1-ol (0.80 g, 4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and (*S*)-Ibuprofen (0.82 g, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 30/1) to yield the product **E34** as a colorless oil (1.33 g, 90% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.13 – 3.98 (m, 3H), 3.68 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.79 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.63 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.43 (m, 4H), 1.42 – 1.29 (m, 1H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.8, 140.5, 137.8, 129.4, 127.2, 64.3, 64.3, 51.35, 51.32, 45.2, 45.1, 40.57, 40.55, 30.2, 27.9, 26.44, 26.42, 24.1, 22.4, 18.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₃₀BrO₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 369.1424, found 369.1423.

2-Bromopropyl 3-(4,5-diphenyloxazol-2-yl)propanoate (**E35**)



E35

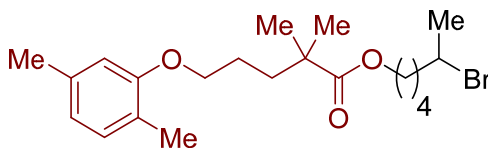
According to **General procedure (GP1)** with 5-bromohexan-1-ol (0.80 g, 4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and Oxaprozin (1.17 g, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **E35** as light-yellow oil (1.68 g, 92% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 4.11 – 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.86 – 1.70 (m, 3H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.65 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.44 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.1, 161.8, 145.4, 135.1, 132.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 126.5, 64.6, 51.3, 40.6, 31.2, 28.0, 26.5, 24.3, 23.6.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₄H₂₇BrNO₃ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 456.1169, found 456.1172.

2-Bromopropyl 4-(2,5-dimethylphenoxy)-2,2-dimethylbutanoate (**E36**)



E36

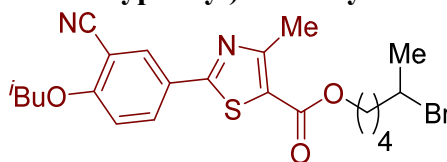
According to **General procedure (GP1)** with 5-bromohexan-1-ol (0.80 g, 4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and Gemfibrozil (1.00 g, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 30/1) to yield the product **E36** as a colorless oil (1.24 g, 73% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 4.14 – 4.03 (m, 3H), 3.91 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.90 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.70 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.67 – 1.40 (m, 4H), 1.22 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.9, 157.0, 136.5, 130.3, 123.6, 120.7, 111.9, 67.9, 64.1, 51.4, 42.2, 40.6, 37.2, 28.0, 26.5, 25.2, 24.3, 21.5, 15.8.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₁H₃₄BrO₃ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 413.1686, found 413.1682.

2-Bromopropyl 2-(3-cyano-4-isobutoxyphenyl)-4-methylthiazole-5-carboxylate (**E37**)



E37

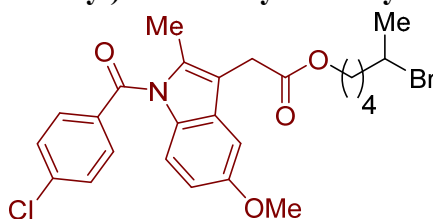
According to **General procedure (GP1)** with 5-bromohexan-1-ol (0.80 g, 4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and Febuxostat (1.27 g, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ = 20/1/1) to yield the product **E37** as a white solid (1.63 g, 85% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 4.20 – 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (s, 3H), 2.28 – 2.14 (m, 1H), 1.96 – 1.75 (m, 4H), 1.74 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.72 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.61 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.09 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 162.6, 162.1, 161.3, 132.6, 132.2, 126.0, 121.8, 115.5, 112.7, 103.0, 75.8, 65.1, 51.3, 40.6, 28.2, 28.1, 26.6, 24.4, 19.1, 17.6.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₂H₂₈BrN₂O₃S [*M* + *H*]⁺ 479.0999, found 479.1002.

2-Bromopropyl 2-(1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (**E38**)



E38

According to **General procedure (GP1)** with 5-bromohexan-1-ol (0.80 g, 4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and Indometacin (1.43 g, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ = 20/1/1) to yield the product **E38**

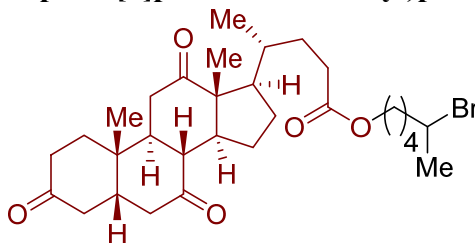
as a light-yellow oil (1.58 g, 76% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.13 – 4.07 (m, 2H), 4.07 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.84 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.58 (m, 5H), 1.58 – 1.32 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 168.3, 156.0, 139.2, 135.9, 133.9, 131.2, 130.8, 130.7, 129.1, 115.0, 112.6, 111.6, 101.3, 64.7, 55.7, 51.3, 40.5, 30.4, 28.0, 26.4, 24.2, 13.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₅H₂₈BrClNO₄ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 520.0885, found 520.0888.

2-Bromopropyl (4*R*)-4-((5*S*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-10,13-dimethyl-3,7,12-trioxohexadecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-17-yl)pentanoate (E39)



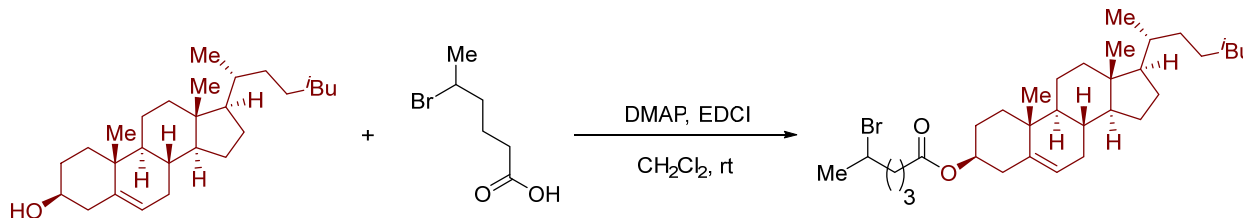
E39

According to **General procedure (GP1)** with 5-bromohexan-1-ol (0.80 g, 4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and Dehydrocholic acid (1.61 g, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 100/1) to yield the product **E39** as a white solid (1.76 g, 78% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.19 – 4.09 (m, 1H), 4.07 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.97 – 2.80 (m, 3H), 2.49 – 1.77 (m, 18H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.69 – 1.16 (m, 12H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 0.85 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H).

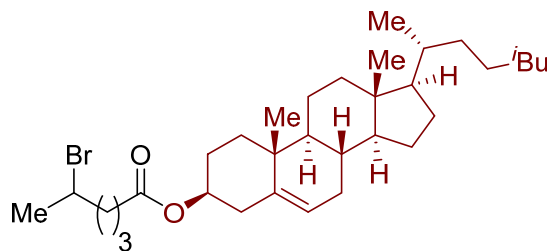
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.0, 209.1, 208.8, 174.2, 64.0, 56.9, 51.8, 51.4, 49.0, 46.9, 45.7, 45.6, 45.0, 42.8, 40.7, 38.7, 36.6, 36.0, 35.6, 35.3, 31.5, 30.5, 28.0, 27.7, 26.5, 25.2, 24.3, 22.0, 18.7, 11.9.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₃₀H₄₆BrO₅ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 565.2523, found 565.2526.



To a solution of 5-bromohexanoic acid (0.86 g, 4.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv), Cholesterol (1.55 g, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), DMAP (0.73 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL, 0.2 M) was added EDCI (1.15 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at room temperature. Then the reaction mixture was stirred overnight. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by water and extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtrated and concentrated to afford the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 100/1) to afford the product **E40** as a white solid (2.01 g, 89% yield).

(3*S*,8*S*,9*S*,10*R*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-10,13-Dimethyl-17-((*R*)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl 3-bromobutanoate (E40)



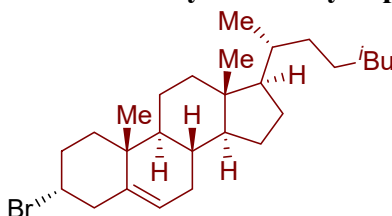
E40

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.37 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.69 – 4.51 (m, 1H), 4.20 – 4.03 (m, 1H), 2.38 – 2.24 (m, 4H), 2.07 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.74 (m, 7H), 1.71 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.65 – 1.43 (m, 7H), 1.40 – 1.22 (m, 5H), 1.19 – 1.06 (m, 6H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 1.7 Hz, 6H), 0.67 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 139.7, 122.8, 74.0, 56.7, 56.2, 50.9, 50.1, 42.4, 40.3, 39.8, 39.6, 38.2, 37.0, 36.7, 36.2, 35.9, 33.9, 32.0, 31.9, 28.3, 28.1, 27.9, 26.5, 24.4, 23.9, 23.3, 22.9, 22.6, 21.1, 19.4, 18.8, 11.9.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₃₃H₅₆BrO₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 563.3458, found 563.3449.

(3*R*,8*S*,9*S*,10*R*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-3-Bromo-10,13-dimethyl-17-((*R*)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthrene (E41)



E41

E37 was prepared according to the literature procedure.¹⁹

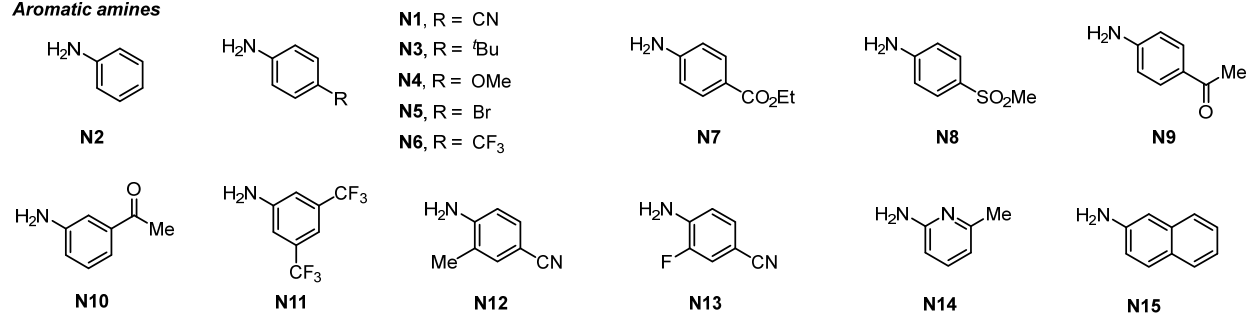
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.41 – 5.32 (m, 1H), 3.98 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.68 (m, 1H), 2.64 – 2.53 (m, 1H), 2.24 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 2.09 – 1.93 (m, 3H), 1.92 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.23 (m, 11H), 1.20 – 1.06 (m, 6H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 1.02 – 0.93 (m, 3H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 6H), 0.67 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.6, 122.4, 56.7, 56.2, 52.6, 50.2, 44.4, 42.4, 40.4, 39.7, 39.6, 36.4, 36.3, 35.9, 34.4, 31.9, 31.8, 28.3, 28.1, 24.3, 23.9, 22.9, 22.7, 21.0, 19.3, 18.8, 11.9.

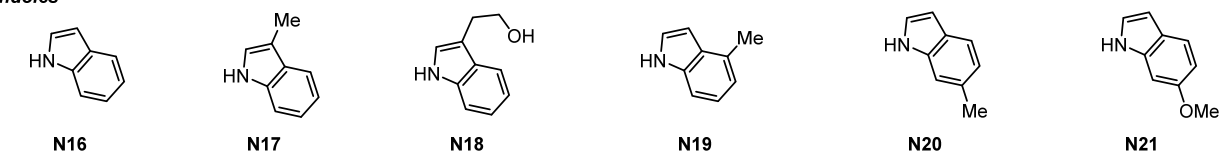
HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₇H₄₆Br [*M* + *H*]⁺ 449.2777, found 449.2768.

Scope of nucleophiles

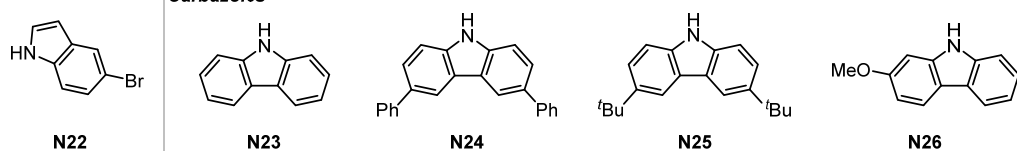
Aromatic amines



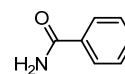
Indoles



Carbazoles

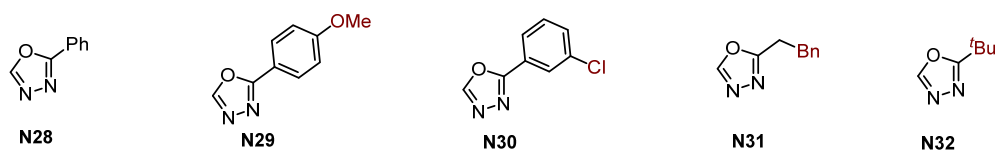


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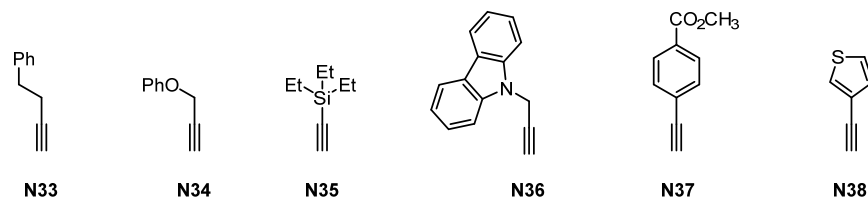


N27

Azoles



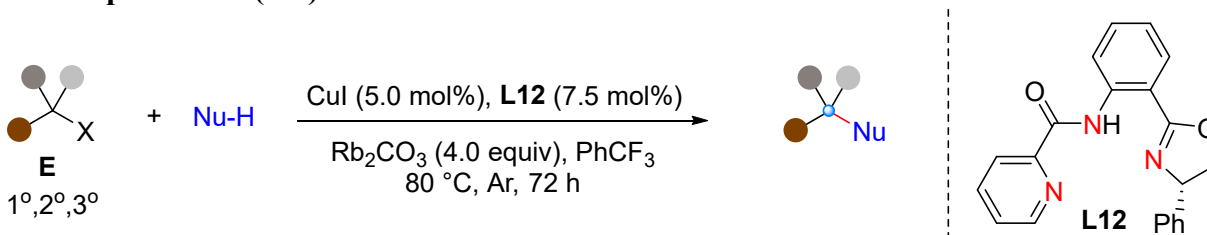
Alkynes



Compounds **N1–N27**, **N33–N38** were purchased from commercial sources. **N28–N32** were prepared according to the literature method.²⁰

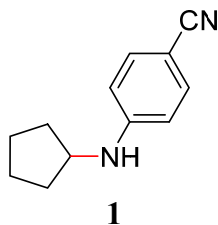
6. Cross-coupling of unactivated alkyl halides with C/N-nucleophiles

General procedure (GP):



Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CuI (1.9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol%), **L12** (5.2 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%), Rb₂CO₃ (184.8 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4.0 equiv), unactivated alkyl halide **E** (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), C/N-nucleophile **Nu-H** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and anhydrous PhCF₃ (2.0 mL) were sequentially added into the mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 72 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the precipitate was filtered off and washed by EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product.

4-(Cyclopentylamino)benzonitrile (**1**)



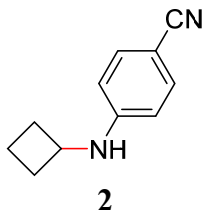
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **1** as a colorless oil (33.5 mg, 90% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 3.85 – 3.73 (m, 1H), 2.09 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.57 (m, 4H), 1.54 – 1.41 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.1, 133.7, 120.8, 112.6, 98.1, 54.2, 33.4, 24.1.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₂H₁₅N₂ [M + H]⁺ 187.1230, found 187.1231.

4-(Cyclobutylamino)benzonitrile (**2**)



According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclobutyl bromide **E2** (32.4 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **2** as a white solid (26.2 mg, 76% yield).

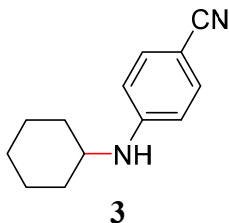
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.44 – 6.37 (m, 2H), 4.37 (s, 1H), 3.91 – 3.81

(m, 1H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.70 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.3, 133.7, 120.6, 112.3, 98.4, 48.2, 30.9, 15.3.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 173.1073, found 173.1073.

4-(Cyclohexylamino)benzonitrile (3)



According to **General procedure (GP)** with bromocyclobutane **E3** (39.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1) to yield the product **3** as a colorless oil (38.0 mg, 95% yield).

According to **General procedure (GP)** with chlorocyclohexane **E3'** (28.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 100 °C for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1) to yield the product **3** as a colorless oil (22.6 mg, 56% yield).

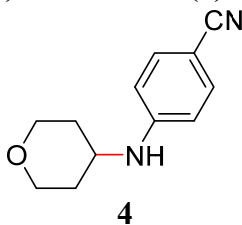
According to **General procedure (GP)** with iodocyclohexane **E3''** (50.4 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 48 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1) to yield the product **3** as a colorless oil (36.9 mg, 92% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 6.56 – 6.49 (m, 2H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 3.35 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.44 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 1.29 – 1.12 (m, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.5, 133.7, 120.7, 112.3, 97.8, 51.2, 33.0, 25.6, 24.8.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 201.1386, found 201.1387.

4-((Tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)amino)benzonitrile (4)



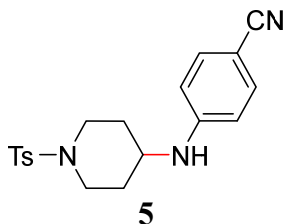
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 4-bromotetrahydro-2H-pyran **E4** (39.6 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **4** as a white solid (39.6 mg, 98% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 4.07 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.52 (m, 3H), 3.62 – 3.46 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.46 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.0, 133.8, 120.4, 112.5, 98.7, 66.6, 48.6, 33.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 203.1179, found 203.1178.

4-((1-Tosylpiperidin-4-yl)amino)benzonitrile (5)



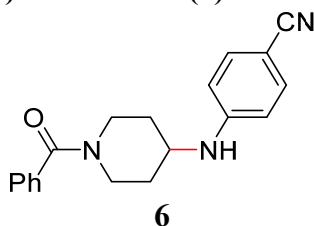
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 4-bromo-tosylpiperidine **E5** (73.0 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1 to 5/1) to yield the product **5** as a colorless oil (56.8 mg, 80% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (s, 1H), 3.82 – 3.68 (m, 2H), 3.34 – 3.19 (m, 1H), 2.56 – 2.39 (m, 5H), 2.16 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.49 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.8, 143.9, 133.9, 132.8, 129.8, 127.8, 120.3, 112.5, 99.1, 48.9, 45.2, 31.4, 21.6.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₂₂N₃O₂S [M + H]⁺ 356.1427, found 356.1427.

4-((1-Benzoylpiperidin-4-yl)amino)benzonitrile (**6**)



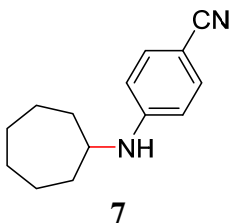
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (4-bromopiperidin-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone **E6** (64.4 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1 to 5/1) to yield the product **6** as a colorless oil (44.4 mg, 72% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.35 (m, 7H), 6.60 – 6.53 (m, 2H), 4.80 – 4.37 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 1H), 3.66 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.28 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.28 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.29 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 150.0, 135.7, 133.8, 129.8, 128.6, 126.8, 120.4, 112.5, 98.6, 49.4, 46.3, 40.9, 32.4, 31.8.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀N₃O [M + H]⁺ 306.1601, found 306.1599.

4-(Cycloheptylamino)benzonitrile (**7**)



According to **General procedure (GP)** with bromocycloheptane **E7** (42.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **7** as a colorless oil (41.1 mg, 96% yield).

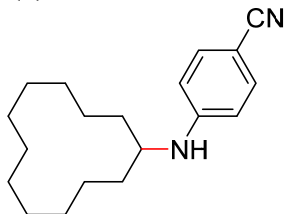
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 6.52 – 6.44 (m, 2H), 4.23 (s, 1H), 3.52 – 3.43

(m, 1H), 2.05 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.43 (m, 10H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.3, 133.7, 120.7, 112.5, 97.8, 53.3, 34.6, 28.2, 24.2.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 215.1543, found 215.1543.

4-(Cyclododecylamino)benzonitrile (**8**)



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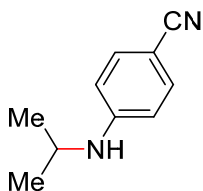
According to **General procedure (GP)** with bromocyclododecane **E8** (59.3 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **8** as a colorless oil (33.0 mg, 58% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 6.56 – 6.47 (m, 2H), 4.07 (s, 1H), 3.60 – 3.50 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.30 (m, 20H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.0, 133.8, 120.7, 112.3, 97.8, 49.2, 29.7, 24.2, 23.8, 23.31, 23.27, 21.3.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 285.2325, found 285.2323.

4-(Isopropylamino)benzonitrile (**9**)



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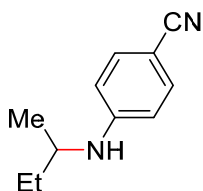
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 2-bromopropane **E9** (29.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **9** as a colorless oil (29.1 mg, 91% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 6.55 – 6.47 (m, 2H), 4.10 (s, 1H), 3.72 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.6, 133.8, 120.7, 112.4, 98.0, 43.9, 22.6.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 161.1073, found 161.1072.

4-(*sec*-Butylamino)benzonitrile (**10**)



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According to **General procedure (GP)** with 2-bromobutane **E10** (32.9 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv)

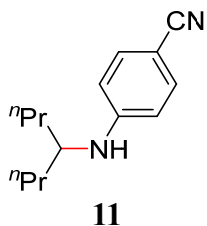
and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **10** as a colorless oil (33.1 mg, 95% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 6.56 – 6.48 (m, 2H), 4.10 (s, 1H), 3.49 – 3.37 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.8, 133.8, 120.7, 112.3, 97.8, 49.5, 29.4, 20.0, 10.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₁H₁₅N₂ [M + H]⁺ 175.1230, found 175.1231.

4-(Heptan-4-ylamino)benzonitrile (**11**)



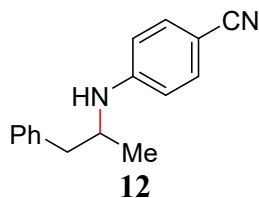
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 4-bromoheptane **E11** (43.0 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **11** as a colorless oil (41.5 mg, 96% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 6.55 – 6.48 (m, 2H), 4.02 (s, 1H), 6.49 – 3.35 (m, 1H), 1.61 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.28 (m, 6H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.4, 133.8, 120.7, 112.1, 97.6, 52.2, 37.2, 19.1, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₄H₂₁N₂ [M + H]⁺ 217.1699, found 217.1700.

4-((1-phenylpropan-2-yl)amino)benzonitrile (**12**)



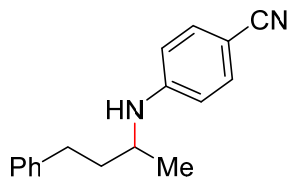
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (2-bromopropyl)benzene **E12** (47.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **12** as a colorless oil (45.8 mg, 97% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.57 – 6.51 (m, 2H), 4.15 – 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.80 (p, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.6, 137.7, 133.9, 129.5, 128.6, 126.7, 120.6, 112.6, 98.5, 49.1, 42.2, 20.1.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₂₁N₂Na [M + Na]⁺ 259.1205, found 259.1207.

4-((4-Phenylbutan-2-yl)amino)benzonitrile (**13**)



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According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-bromobutyl)benzene **E13** (51.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **13** as a white solid (49.5 mg, 99% yield).

According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-chlorobutyl)benzene **E13'** (40.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 100 °C for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **13** as a white solid (34.9 mg, 70% yield).

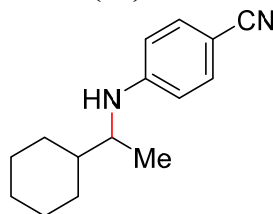
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-iodobutyl)benzene **E13''** (62.4 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 48 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **13** as a colorless oil (47.6 mg, 95% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.63 – 3.36 (m, 1H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.94 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.7, 141.4, 133.8, 128.5, 128.4, 126.1, 120.7, 112.4, 98.0, 47.5, 38.3, 32.3, 20.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉N₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 251.1543, found 251.1541.

4-((1-Cyclohexylethyl)amino)benzonitrile (**14**)



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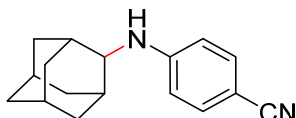
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (1-bromoethyl)cyclohexane **E14** (45.9 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **14** as a colorless oil (38.8 mg, 85% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 6.56 – 6.46 (m, 2H), 4.12 (s, 1H), 3.41 – 3.35 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.65 (m, 5H), 1.48 – 1.37 (m, 1H), 1.30 – 1.17 (m, 3H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.08 – 0.96 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.0, 133.8, 120.8, 112.2, 97.6, 52.7, 43.0, 29.6, 28.6, 26.5, 26.3, 26.2, 17.3.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₂₁N₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 229.1699, found 229.1699.

4-(((1*r*,3*r*,5*r*,7*r*)-adamantan-2-yl)amino)benzonitrile (**15**)



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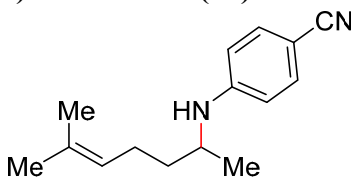
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 2-bromoadamantane **E15** (51.6 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **15** as a white solid (29.8 mg, 59% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 6.59 – 6.48 (m, 2H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dt, *J* = 6.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.05 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.79 (m, 8H), 1.79 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.62 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.5, 133.9, 120.8, 112.5, 97.9, 56.5, 37.6, 37.2, 31.6, 31.4, 27.3, 27.2.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₂₀N₂Na [M + Na]⁺ 275.1518, found 275.1519.

4-((6-Methylhept-5-en-2-yl)amino)benzonitrile (**16**)



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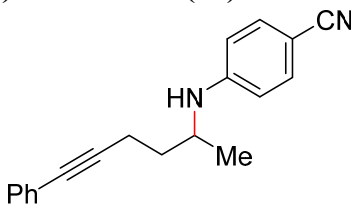
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 6-bromo-2-methylhept-2-ene **E16** (45.9 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **16** as a colorless oil (43.4 mg, 95% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (s, 1H), 3.61 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 2.16 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.67 – 1.45 (m, 5H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.8, 133.8, 132.6, 123.4, 120.7, 112.3, 97.8, 47.7, 36.8, 25.8, 24.6, 20.5, 17.7.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₂₁N₂ [M + H]⁺ 229.1699, found 229.1699.

4-((6-Phenylhex-5-yn-2-yl)amino)benzonitrile (**17**)



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According to **General procedure (GP)** with (5-bromohex-1-yn-1-yl)benzene **E17** (56.9 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **17** as a colorless oil (43.9 mg, 80% yield).

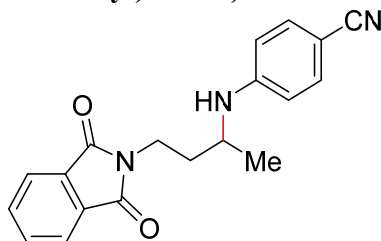
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H),

4.19 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (h, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.26 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.7, 133.8, 131.5, 128.4, 127.9, 123.5, 120.6, 112.5, 98.2, 89.0, 81.5, 47.4, 35.3, 20.4, 16.4.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 275.1543, found 275.1542.

4-((4-(1,3-Dioxoisindolin-2-yl)butan-2-yl)amino)benzonitrile (**18**)



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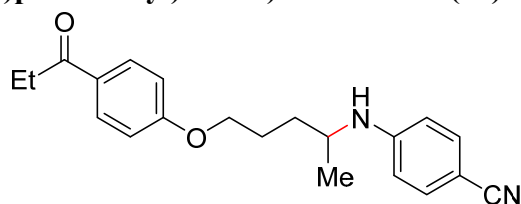
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 2-(3-bromobutyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione **E18** (67.7 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ CH_2Cl_2 = 1/1) to yield the product **18** as a colorless oil (51.1 mg, 80% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 6.55 – 6.47 (m, 2H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 3.79 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.64 (h, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.02 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.28 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.3, 150.4, 134.1, 133.7, 131.9, 123.3, 120.5, 112.5, 98.4, 46.4, 34.99, 34.98, 20.7.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 320.1394, found 320.1393.

4-((5-(4-Propionylphenoxy)pentan-2-yl)amino)benzonitrile (**19**)



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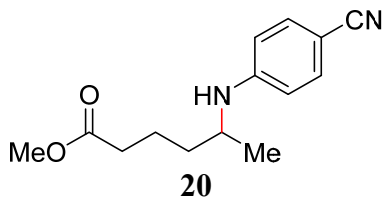
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 1-(4-((4-bromopentyl)oxy)phenyl)propan-1-one **E19** (71.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 10/1) to yield the product **19** as a colorless oil (39.0 mg, 58% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.23 (s, 1H), 4.03 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.60 (h, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.96 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.25 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.6, 162.6, 150.7, 133.8, 130.2, 130.0, 120.6, 114.1, 112.4, 98.0, 67.7, 47.9, 33.2, 31.4, 25.7, 20.6, 8.4.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 337.1911, found 337.1910.

Methyl 5-((4-cyanophenyl)amino)hexanoate (**20**)



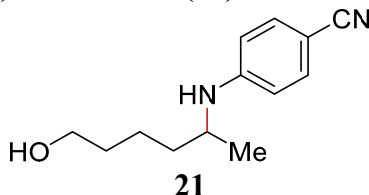
According to **General procedure (GP)** with methyl 5-bromohexanoate **E20** (50.2 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) to yield the product **20** as a colorless oil (42.8 mg, 87% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 6.56 – 6.48 (m, 2H), 4.17 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.52 (h, *J* = 5.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.81 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.8, 150.7, 133.8, 120.6, 112.3, 98.0, 51.6, 48.0, 36.1, 33.7, 21.3, 20.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₄H₁₉N₂O₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 247.1441, found 247.1441.

4-((6-Hydroxyhexan-2-yl)amino)benzonitrile (**21**)



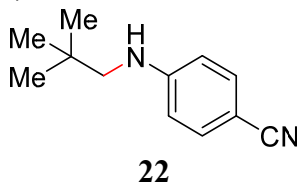
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 5-bromohexan-1-ol **E21** (43.4 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) to yield the product **21** as a colorless oil (35.3 mg, 81% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 6.56 – 6.49 (m, 2H), 4.16 (s, 1H), 3.64 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (h, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (s, 1H), 1.65 – 1.41 (m, 6H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.8, 133.8, 120.7, 112.3, 97.7, 62.5, 48.1, 36.6, 32.5, 22.3, 20.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₉N₂O [*M* + *H*]⁺ 219.1492, found 219.1493.

4-(Neopentylamino)benzonitrile (**22**)



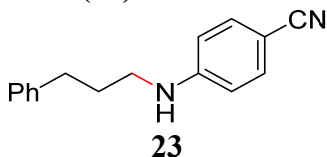
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 1-bromo-2,2-dimethylpropane **E22** (36.3 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **22** as a colorless oil (34.6 mg, 92% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (s, 1H), 2.94 (s, 2H), 0.99 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.1, 133.7, 120.7, 112.1, 98.0, 54.8, 27.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₂H₁₇N₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 189.1386, found 189.1387.

4-((3-Phenylpropyl)amino)benzonitrile (**23**)



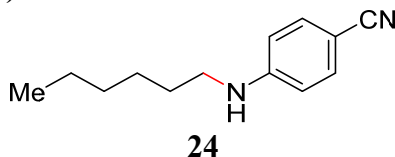
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-bromopropyl)benzene **E23** (47.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **23** as a colorless oil (44.9 mg, 95% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 6.52 – 6.44 (m, 2H), 4.20 (s, 1H), 3.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.3, 141.1, 133.7, 128.6, 128.4, 126.2, 120.6, 112.1, 98.4, 42.61, 33.3, 30.6.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 237.1386, found 237.1384.

4-(Hexylamino)benzonitrile (**24**)



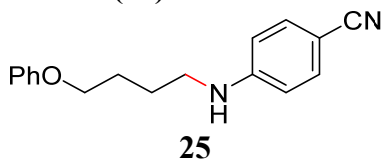
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 1-bromohexane **E24** (39.6 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **24** as a colorless oil (38.8 mg, 96% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 6.58 – 6.49 (m, 2H), 4.25 (s, 1H), 3.13 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.67 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.27 (m, 6H), 0.94 – 0.84 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.5, 133.7, 120.7, 112.0, 98.1, 43.2, 31.6, 29.1, 26.7, 22.6, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₉N₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 203.1543, found 203.1544.

4-((4-Phenoxybutyl)amino)benzonitrile (**25**)



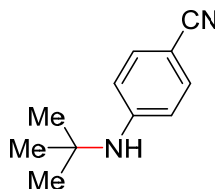
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (4-bromobutoxy)benzene **E25** (55.0 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **25** as a colorless oil (39.9 mg, 75% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.59 – 6.52 (m, 2H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 4.09 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.39 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.16 – 2.05 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.5, 151.4, 133.8, 129.6, 121.1, 120.6, 114.4, 112.1, 98.5, 65.7, 40.8, 28.6.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉N₂O [*M* + *H*]⁺ 267.1492, found 267.1498.

4-(*tert*-Butylamino)benzonitrile (**26**)



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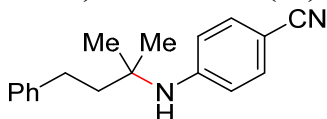
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 2-bromo-2-methylpropane **E26** (32.9 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), **L11** (8.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 4 days, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **26** as a white solid (26.1 mg, 75% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (s, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.3, 133.5, 120.6, 114.2, 98.1, 51.4, 29.6.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₁H₁₅N₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 175.1230, found 175.1229.

4-((2-Methyl-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)amino)benzonitrile (**27**)



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According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-bromo-3-methylbutyl)benzene **E27** (54.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), **L11** (8.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 4 days, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **27** as a white solid (34.3 mg, 65% yield).

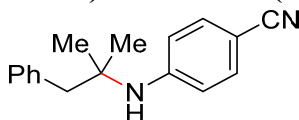
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-chloro-3-methylbutyl)benzene **E27'** (43.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), **L11** (8.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 4 days, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **27** as a white solid (41.4 mg, 78% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.69 – 6.56 (m, 2H), 4.16 (s, 1H), 2.69 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.09 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.2, 142.0, 133.6, 128.6, 128.3, 126.0, 120.6, 114.1, 98.4, 54.0, 42.6, 30.7, 28.2.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₂₁N₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 265.1699, found 265.1690.

4-((2-Methyl-1-phenylpropan-2-yl)amino)benzonitrile (**28**)



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According to **General procedure (GP)** with (2-bromo-2-methylpropyl)benzene **E28** (51.1mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), **L11** (8.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 4 days, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **28** as a white solid (38.5 mg, 77% yield).

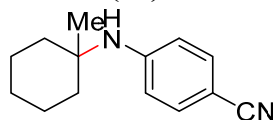
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (2-chloro-2-methylpropyl)benzene **E28'** (40.3mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), **L11** (8.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 4 days, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **28** as a white solid (41.3 mg, 82% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.72 – 6.62 (m, 2H), 4.09 (s, 1H), 3.00 (s, 2H), 1.38 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.3, 137.3, 133.7, 130.5, 128.2, 126.7, 120.6, 114.4, 98.4, 54.3, 45.4, 28.3.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉N₂ [M + H]⁺ 251.1543, found 251.1542.

4-((1-methylcyclohexyl)amino)benzonitrile (**29**)



29

According to **General procedure (GP)** with 1-bromo-1-methylcyclohexane **E29** (42.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), **L11** (8.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 4 days, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **29** as a colorless oil (27.0 mg, 63% yield).

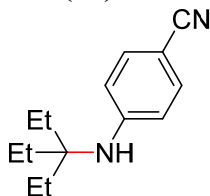
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 1-chloro-1-methylcyclohexane **E29'** (53.1 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), **L11** (8.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 5 days, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **29** as a colorless oil (30.7 mg, 72% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 6.66 – 6.60 (m, 2H), 4.11 (s, 1H), 1.94 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.47 (m, 7H), 1.40 – 1.32 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.3, 133.5, 120.8, 114.3, 97.9, 53.4, 37.8, 26.3, 25.6, 22.0.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₄H₁₈N₂Na [M + Na]⁺ 237.1362, found 237.1363.

4-((3-ethylpentan-3-yl)amino)benzonitrile (**30**)



30

According to **General procedure (GP)** with 3-chloro-3-ethylpentane **E30** (32.3 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), **L11** (8.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 4 days, the reaction mixture was purified by column

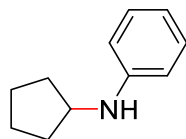
chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **30** as a colorless oil (26.0 mg, 60% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 6.65 – 6.57 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 1H), 1.64 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H), 0.80 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.6, 133.6, 120.8, 114.0, 98.0, 59.7, 27.5, 7.7.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₄H₂₀N₂Na [M + Na]⁺ 239.1518, found 239.1519.

N-Cyclopentylaniline (**31**)



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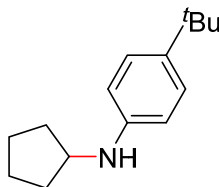
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and aniline **N2** (18.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 50/1) to yield the product **31** as a colorless oil (25.8 mg, 80% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.67 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (p, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.09 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.40 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 129.2, 117.0, 113.3, 54.8, 33.6, 24.1.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₁H₁₆N [M + H]⁺ 162.1277, found 162.1277.

4-(*tert*-Butyl)-*N*-cyclopentylaniline (**32**)



32

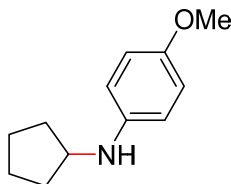
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-(*tert*-butyl)aniline **N3** (29.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 60/1) to yield the product **32** as a colorless oil (30.4 mg, 70% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.83 – 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.50 (s, 1H), 2.09 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.55 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.8, 139.7, 126.1, 112.9, 54.9, 33.9, 33.8, 31.7, 24.2.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₂₄N [M + H]⁺ 218.1903, found 218.1903.

N-Cyclopentyl-4-methoxyaniline (**33**)



33

According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-methoxyaniline **N4** (24.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1) to yield the product **33** as a colorless oil (19.1 mg, 50% yield).

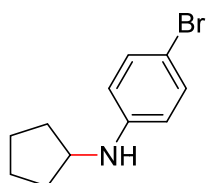
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-methoxyaniline **N4** (24.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and K₃PO₄ (169.8 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1) to yield the product **33** as a colorless oil (28.8 mg, 75% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.78 – 3.68 (m, 4H), 2.61 (s, 1H), 2.07 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.51 – 1.39 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.0, 142.5, 115.0, 114.7, 56.0, 55.7, 33.7, 24.2.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₂H₁₈NO [*M* + *H*]⁺ 192.1383, found 192.1378.

4-Bromo-*N*-cyclopentylaniline (**34**)



34

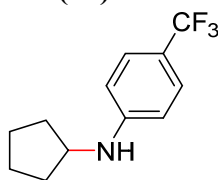
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-bromoaniline **N5** (34.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1) to yield the product **34** as a colorless oil (38.4 mg, 80% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.52 – 6.43 (m, 2H), 3.82 – 3.59 (m, 2H), 2.10 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.54 – 1.39 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.0, 131.9, 114.8, 108.4, 54.7, 33.5, 24.1.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₁H₁₅BrN [*M* + *H*]⁺ 240.0382, found 240.0382.

N-Cyclopentyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (**35**)



35

According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline **N6** (32.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1) to yield the product **35** as a colorless oil (39.9 mg, 87% yield).

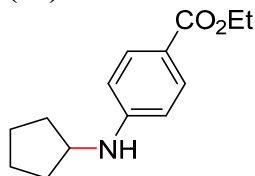
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 1H), 3.86 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 2.11 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.53 – 1.41 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.4, 126.59 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 125.15 (q, *J* = 270.2 Hz), 118.23 (q, *J* = 32.6 Hz), 112.2, 54.4, 33.5, 24.1.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.9.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₂H₁₅F₃N [*M* + *H*]⁺ 230.1151, found 230.1152.

Ethyl 4-(cyclopentylamino)benzoate (**36**)



36

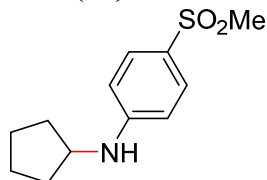
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and ethyl 4-aminobenzoate **N7** (33.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1) to yield the product **36** as a colorless oil (43.9 mg, 94% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (s, 1H), 3.88 – 3.77 (m, 1H), 2.10 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.54 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 151.7, 131.5, 118.2, 111.8, 60.2, 54.3, 33.5, 24.1, 14.6.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₄H₂₀NO₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 234.1489, found 234.1486.

N-Cyclopentyl-4-(methylsulfonyl)aniline (**37**)



37

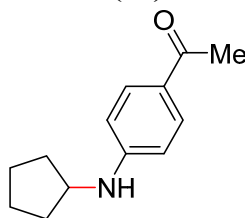
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-(methylsulfonyl)aniline **N8** (34.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) to yield the product **37** as a white solid (34.9 mg, 73% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (s, 1H), 3.87 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 2.11 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.57 (m, 4H), 1.55 – 1.39 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.0, 129.4, 126.6, 112.1, 54.3, 45.2, 33.4, 24.0.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₂H₁₈NO₂S [*M* + *H*]⁺ 240.1053, found 240.1051.

1-(4-(Cyclopentylamino)phenyl)ethan-1-one (**38**)

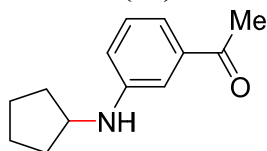


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According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 1-(4-aminophenyl)ethan-1-one **N9** (27.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) to yield the product **38** as a colorless oil (38.6 mg, 95% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (s, 1H), 3.90 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.11 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.55 – 1.43 (m, 2H).
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.4, 152.0, 130.9, 126.3, 111.8, 54.3, 33.6, 26.1, 24.1.
HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈NO [M + H]⁺ 204.1383, found 204.1384.

1-(3-(Cyclopentylamino)phenyl)ethan-1-one (**39**)



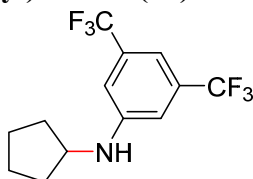
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According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 1-(3-aminophenyl)ethan-1-one **N10** (27.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) to yield the product **39** as a colorless oil (34.2 mg, 84% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 3.88 – 3.78 (m, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.11 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.53 – 1.40 (m, 2H).
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.89, 148.3, 138.2, 129.3, 117.9, 117.4, 112.0, 54.7, 33.6, 26.8, 24.1.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈NO [M + H]⁺ 204.1383, found 204.1383.

N-Cyclopentyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)aniline (**40**)



40

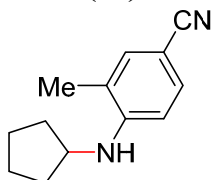
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)aniline **N11** (45.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1) to yield the product **40** as a colorless oil (51.0 mg, 86% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.91 (s, 2H), 4.17 – 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.88 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 2.14 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.61 (m, 4H), 1.53 – 1.43 (m, 2H).
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.5, 132.4 (q, *J* = 32.6 Hz), 123.7 (q, *J* = 272.6 Hz), 112.1 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 110.6 – 108.4 (m), 54.5, 33.4, 24.0.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.2.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄F₆N [M + H]⁺ 298.1025, found 298.1026.

4-(Cyclopentylamino)-3-methylbenzonitrile (**41**)



41

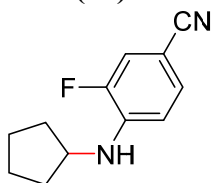
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-amino-3-methylbenzonitrile **N12** (26.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **41** as a colorless oil (32.0 mg, 80% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 1H), 3.90 – 3.80 (m, 1H), 2.15 – 2.02 (m, 5H), 1.83 – 1.61 (m, 4H), 1.56 – 1.45 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.2, 133.3, 132.1, 121.7, 120.9, 109.7, 97.7, 54.2, 33.6, 24.1, 17.2.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₇N₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 201.1386, found 201.1385.

4-(Cyclopentylamino)-3-fluorobenzonitrile (**42**)



42

According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-amino-3-fluorobenzonitrile **N13** (27.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **42** as a colorless oil (39.2 mg, 96% yield).

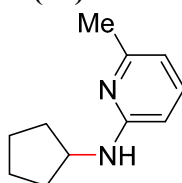
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (s, 1H), 3.88 – 3.77 (m, 1H), 2.14 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.61 (m, 4H), 1.59 – 1.47 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.8 (d, *J* = 240.9 Hz), 140.6 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz), 130.1 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 119.5 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 117.4 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 111.6 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 97.0 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 54.0, 33.3, 24.0.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -135.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₂H₁₄FN₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 205.1136, found 205.1135.

N-Cyclopentyl-6-methylpyridin-2-amine (**43**)



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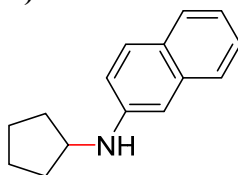
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 6-methylpyridin-2-amine **N14** (21.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1 to 5/1) to yield the product **43** as a colorless oil (28.2 mg, 80% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 3.93 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.06 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.45 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.1, 156.6, 138.3, 111.9, 102.6, 53.6, 33.4, 24.1, 23.9.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 177.1386, found 177.1386.

N-Cyclopentyl-naphthalen-2-amine (44)



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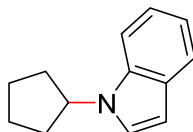
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and naphthalen-2-amine **N15** (28.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 40/1) to yield the product **44** as a colorless oil (35.0 mg, 83% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.4, 2H), 7.36 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.99 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 2.18 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.61 (m, 4H), 1.60 – 1.47 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.8, 135.4, 129.0, 127.7, 127.4, 126.4, 126.0, 121.9, 118.4, 105.0, 54.8, 33.7, 24.3.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 212.1434, found 212.1434.

1-Cyclopentyl-1*H*-indole (45)



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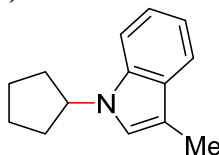
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 1*H*-indole **N16** (23.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and **L11** (4.4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 30/1) to yield the product **45** as a colorless oil (30.4 mg, 82% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.49 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.84 – 4.72 (m, 1H), 2.27 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.82 (m, 4H), 1.81 – 1.67 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.3, 128.8, 124.6, 121.3, 121.0, 119.4, 109.9, 101.1, 57.0, 32.7, 24.2.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 186.1277, found 186.1277.

1-Cyclopentyl-3-methyl-1*H*-indole (46)



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According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 3-methyl-1*H*-indole **N17** (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and **L11** (4.4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel

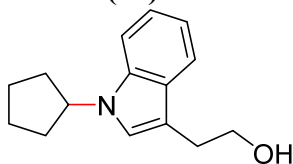
(petroleum ether/EtOAc = 30/1) to yield the product **46** as a colorless oil (37.8 mg, 95% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 4.79 – 4.68 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.23 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.77 (m, 4H), 1.77 – 1.65 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.5, 128.8, 122.3, 121.22, 119.1, 118.6, 110.2, 109.7, 56.7, 32.7, 24.2, 9.8.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₄H₁₈N [M + H]⁺ 200.1434, found 200.1434.

2-(1-Cyclopentyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-ol (**47**)



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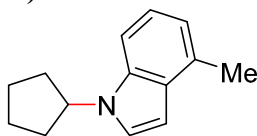
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-ol **N18** (32.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and **L11** (4.4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **47** as a colorless oil (35.3 mg, 77% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 4.82 – 4.66 (m, 1H), 3.87 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.30 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.98 – 1.82 (m, 4H), 1.82 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.8, 128.1, 123.1, 121.5, 119.1, 119.0, 110.7, 110.0, 62.8, 56.9, 32.7, 29.0, 24.2.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₂₀NO [M + H]⁺ 230.1539, found 230.1540.

1-Cyclopentyl-4-methyl-1*H*-indole (**48**)



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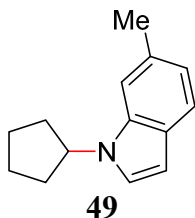
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-methyl-1*H*-indole **N19** (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and **L11** (4.4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 30/1) to yield the product **48** as a colorless oil (30.3 mg, 76% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.86 – 4.78 (m, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.29 – 2.19 (m, 2H), 2.05 – 1.88 (m, 4H), 1.87 – 1.72 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.9, 130.4, 128.6, 124.0, 121.5, 119.6, 107.6, 99.5, 57.2, 32.7, 24.2, 18.9.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₄H₁₈N [M + H]⁺ 200.1434, found 200.1433.

1-Cyclopentyl-6-methyl-1*H*-indole (**49**)



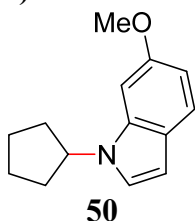
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 6-methyl-1*H*-indole **N20** (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and **L11** (4.4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 30/1) to yield the product **49** as a colorless oil (33.9 mg, 85% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.80 – 4.69 (m, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.24 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.81 (m, 4H), 1.81 – 1.66 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.7, 131.0, 126.6, 124.0, 121.1, 120.6, 109.9, 100.8, 56.9, 32.7, 24.2, 22.1.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₄H₁₈N [M + H]⁺ 200.1434, found 200.1433.

1-Cyclopentyl-6-methoxy-1*H*-indole (**50**)



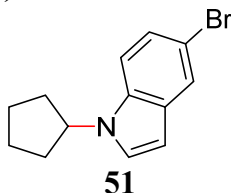
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 6-methoxy-1*H*-indole **N21** (29.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and **L11** (4.4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 30/1) to yield the product **50** as a colorless oil (37.0 mg, 86% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.78 – 4.69 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.28 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.86 (m, 4H), 1.85 – 1.73 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0, 136.9, 123.5, 123.1, 121.5, 109.2, 101.0, 93.7, 57.0, 55.9, 32.6, 24.2.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₄H₁₈NO [M + H]⁺ 216.1383, found 216.1382.

5-Bromo-1-cyclopentyl-1*H*-indole (**51**)



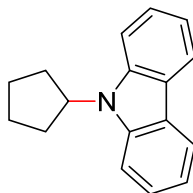
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 5-bromo-1*H*-indole **N22** (39.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and **L11** (4.4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 30/1) to yield the product **51** as a colorless oil (25.9 mg, 49% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.81 – 4.69 (m, 1H), 2.27 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.84 (m, 4H), 1.84 – 1.72 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.9, 130.4, 125.8, 124.1, 123.4, 112.6, 111.4, 100.70, 57.3, 32.7, 24.2.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₅BrN [M + H]⁺ 264.0382, found 264.0383.

9-Cyclopentyl-9*H*-carbazole (**52**)



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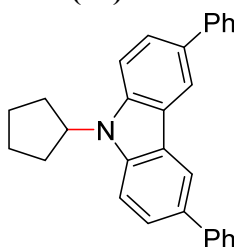
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 9*H*-carbazole **N23** (33.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and **L11** (4.4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 30/1) to yield the product **52** as a white solid (37.7 mg, 80% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 5.21 – 5.09 (m, 1H), 2.45 – 2.30 (m, 2H), 2.17 – 2.04 (m, 4H), 1.91 – 1.78 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.7, 125.4, 123.3, 120.4, 118.6, 109.9, 55.8, 29.1, 25.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈N [M + H]⁺ 236.1434, found 236.1434.

9-Cyclopentyl-3,6-diphenyl-9*H*-carbazole (**53**)



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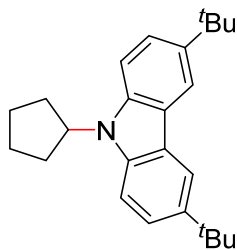
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), 3,6-diphenyl-9*H*-carbazole **N24** (63.9 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and **L11** (4.4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 40/1) to yield the product **53** as a white solid (54.3 mg, 70% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 – 8.32 (m, 2H), 7.79 – 7.65 (m, 6H), 7.57 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 5.12 (p, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 2.21 – 2.04 (m, 4H), 1.91 – 1.76 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.0, 139.6, 132.3, 128.8, 127.3, 126.5, 125.1, 124.0, 118.9, 110.2, 56.0, 29.3, 25.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₉H₂₆N [M + H]⁺ 388.2060, found 388.2057.

3,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-9-cyclopentyl-9*H*-carbazole (**54**)



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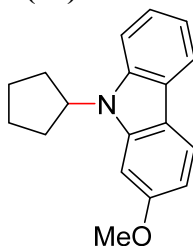
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 3,6-di-*tert*-butyl-9*H*-carbazole **N25** (55.9 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and **L11** (4.4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 40/1) to yield the product **54** as a white solid (55.6 mg, 80% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.18 – 5.02 (m, 1H), 2.70 – 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.19 – 2.01 (m, 4H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.49 (s, 18H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.4, 138.2, 123.2, 123.1, 116.4, 109.3, 55.8, 34.7, 31.8, 29.3, 25.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₅H₃₄N [M + H]⁺ 348.2686, found 348.2686.

9-Cyclopentyl-2-methoxy-9*H*-carbazole (**55**)



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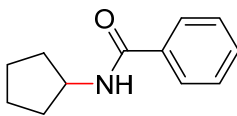
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), 2-methoxy-9*H*-carbazole **N26** (39.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and **L11** (4.4 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 30/1) to yield the product **55** as a white solid (40.8 mg, 77% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (p, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 2.42 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 2.17 – 2.01 (m, 4H), 1.91 – 1.78 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.7, 141.0, 139.8, 124.1, 123.5, 121.0, 119.6, 118.8, 117.3, 109.7, 106.7, 94.7, 55.7, 55.7, 28.9, 25.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₂₀NO [M + H]⁺ 266.1539, found 266.1537.

N-Cyclopentylbenzamide (**56**)



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According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (44.8 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv), benzamide **N27** (24.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), K₃PO₄ (127.4 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv),

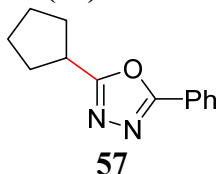
CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) to yield the product **56** as a colorless oil (18.9 mg, 50% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 4.47 – 4.34 (m, 1H), 2.16 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.56 – 1.43 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 135.0, 131.3, 128.6, 126.9, 51.8, 33.3, 23.9.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₂H₁₆NO [M + H]⁺ 190.1226, found 190.1227.

2-Cyclopentyl-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (**57**)



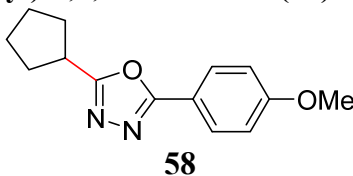
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 2-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole **N28** (29.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **57** as a colorless oil (38.6 mg, 90% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 3.39 (p, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.22 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 2.05 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.67 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2, 164.6, 131.4, 129.0, 126.8, 124.2, 36.1, 31.2, 25.5.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₃H₁₅N₂O [M + H]⁺ 215.1179, found 215.1180.

2-Cyclopentyl-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (**58**)



According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole **N29** (35.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **58** as a colorless oil (46.4 mg, 95% yield).

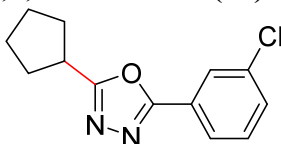
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl chloride **E1'** (25.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole **N29** (35.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **58** as a colorless oil (40.4 mg, 83% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.37 (p, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 2.05 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.67 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 164.6, 162.1, 128.5, 116.7, 114.4, 55.4, 36.0, 31.2, 25.5.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₄H₁₇N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 245.1285, found 245.1285.

2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-5-cyclopentyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (**59**)



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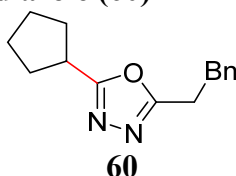
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dt, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (p, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.22 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 2.04 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.70 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 163.6, 135.1, 131.5, 130.4, 126.8, 125.8, 124.9, 36.1, 31.2, 25.6.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄ClN₂O [*M* + *H*]⁺ 249.0789, found 249.0791.

2-Cyclopentyl-5-phenethyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (60)



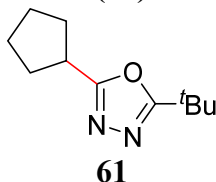
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 2-phenethyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole **N31** (34.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **60** as a colorless oil (38.8 mg, 80% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 3.34 – 3.21 (m, 1H), 3.17 – 3.05 (m, 4H), 2.13 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.74 (m, 4H), 1.74 – 1.59 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2, 166.1, 140.3, 128.7, 128.3, 126.0, 35.9, 32.7, 31.0, 27.3, 25.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₁₉N₂O [*M* + *H*]⁺ 243.1492, found 243.1493.

2-(*tert*-Butyl)-5-cyclopentyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (61)



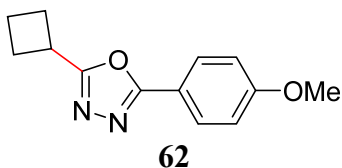
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 2-(*tert*-butyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole **N32** (25.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **61** as a colorless oil (29.1 mg, 75% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.28 (p, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.16 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.75 (m, 4H), 1.73 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.1, 170.1, 36.1, 32.4, 31.1, 28.2, 25.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₁H₁₉N₂O [*M* + *H*]⁺ 195.1492, found 195.1494.

2-Cyclobutyl-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (62)



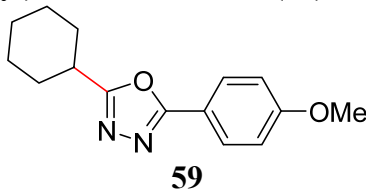
According to **General procedure (GP)** with bromocyclobutane **E2** (32.4 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole **N29** (35.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **62** as a white solid (21.2 mg, 46% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.79 (p, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.57 – 2.40 (m, 4H), 2.22 – 2.00 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 164.6, 162.1, 128.6, 116.7, 114.4, 55.5, 30.6, 27.1, 18.9.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₅N₂O₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 231.1128, found 231.1129.

2-Cyclohexyl-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (**63**)



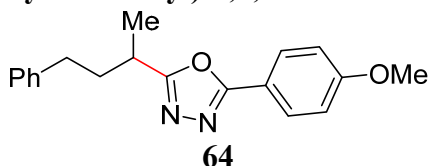
According to **General procedure (GP)** with bromocyclohexane **E3** (39.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole **N29** (35.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **63** as a white solid (35.6 mg, 69% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.97 (tt, *J* = 11.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.61 (m, 3H), 1.50 – 1.25 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 164.3, 162.1, 128.5, 116.8, 114.4, 55.5, 35.3, 30.3, 25.6, 25.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₁₉N₂O₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 259.1441, found 259.1441.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-phenylbutan-2-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (**64**)



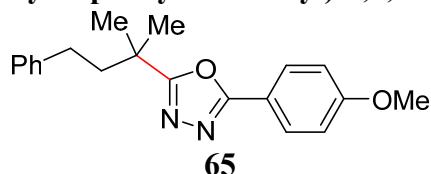
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-bromobutyl)benzene **E13** (51.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole **N29** (35.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **64** as a colorless oil (58.6 mg, 95% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.26 – 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.79 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.31 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.09 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 164.6, 162.1, 141.2, 128.53, 128.46, 128.44, 126.0, 116.6, 114.4, 55.4, 36.3, 33.2, 31.0, 18.3.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 309.1598, found 309.1597.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-(2-methyl-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (65)



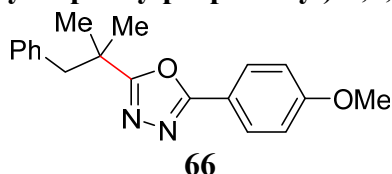
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-bromo-3-methylbutyl)benzene **E27** (54.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole **N29** (35.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **65** as a colorless oil (36.8 mg, 57% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.64 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.12 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.53 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6, 164.6, 162.2, 141.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 125.9, 116.8, 114.4, 55.5, 43.5, 35.9, 31.2, 26.2.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₃N₂O₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 323.1754, found 323.1753.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-(2-methyl-1-phenylpropan-2-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (66)



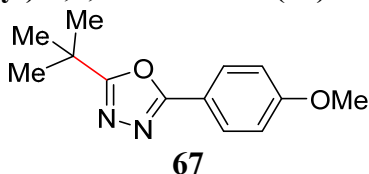
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (2-bromo-2-methylpropyl)benzene **E28** (51.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole **N29** (35.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **66** as a white solid (30.8 mg, 50% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.00 (m, 4H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.07 (s, 2H), 1.47 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 164.4, 162.1, 136.8, 130.1, 128.5, 128.1, 126.7, 116.7, 114.3, 55.4, 47.5, 37.0, 25.8.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 309.1598, found 309.1595.

2-(*tert*-Butyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (67)



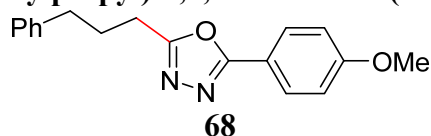
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 2-bromo-2-methylpropane **E26** (32.9 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole **N29** (35.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **67** as a colorless oil (30.7 mg, 66% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 164.6, 162.1, 128.6, 116.8, 114.4, 55.5, 32.5, 28.3.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $C_{13}H_{17}N_2O_2$ $[M + H]^+$ 233.1285, found 233.1284.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-(3-phenylpropyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (68)



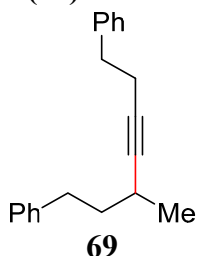
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-bromopropyl)benzene **E23** (47.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole **N29** (35.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **68** as a colorless oil (34.0 mg, 58% yield).

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.96 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.92 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (p, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 166.2, 164.7, 162.2, 140.9, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 116.6, 114.5, 55.5, 35.0, 28.1, 24.8.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $C_{18}H_{19}N_2O_2$ $[M + H]^+$ 295.1441, found 295.1441.

(5-Methylhept-3-yne-1,7-diyl)dibenzene (69)



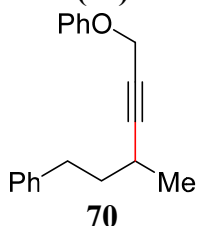
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-bromobutyl)benzene **E13** (51.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), but-3-yn-1-ylbenzene **N33** (26.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Rb_2CO_3 (138.6 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 200/1) to yield the product **69** as a colorless oil (36.2 mg, 69% yield).

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.32 – 7.13 (m, 10H), 2.83 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.79 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.68 – 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.53 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.30 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.14 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 142.4, 141.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.42, 128.40, 126.3, 125.8, 85.3, 80.3, 39.1, 35.8, 33.8, 25.6, 21.6, 21.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $C_{20}H_{23}$ $[M + H]^+$ 263.1794, found 263.1795.

(3-Methyl-6-phenoxyhex-4-yn-1-yl)benzene (70)



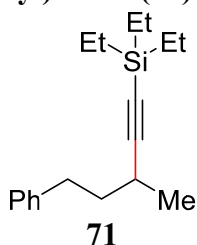
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-bromobutyl)benzene **E13** (51.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), (prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzene **N34** (26.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Rb_2CO_3 (138.6 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 200/1) to yield the product **70** as a colorless oil (37.0 mg, 70% yield).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.03 – 6.94 (m, 3H), 4.72 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 4H), 2.82 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.70 – 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.51 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 1.80 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.17 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.8, 142.0, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 125.8, 121.3, 114.7, 92.1, 75.8, 56.4, 38.5, 33.6, 25.5, 20.9.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 265.1587, found 265.1585.

Triethyl(3-methyl-5-phenylpent-1-yn-1-yl)silane (**71**)



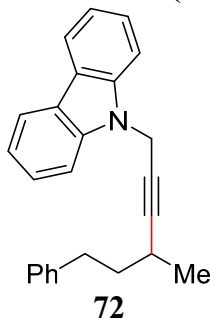
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-bromobutyl)benzene **E13** (51.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), triethyl(ethynyl)silane **N35** (28.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Rb_2CO_3 (138.6 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 200/1) to yield the product **71** as a colorless oil (40.9 mg, 75% yield).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 2.90 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.78 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.53 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 9H), 0.60 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.3, 128.7, 128.5, 125.9, 113.0, 81.9, 39.0, 33.8, 26.6, 21.3, 7.7, 4.8.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{29}\text{Si}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 273.2033, found 273.2033.

9-(4-Methyl-6-phenylhex-2-yn-1-yl)-9H-carbazole (**72**)



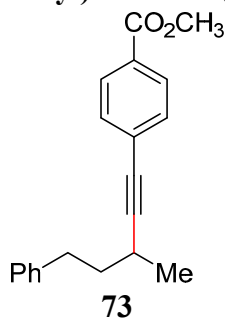
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-bromobutyl)benzene **E13** (51.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 9-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)-9H-carbazole **N36** (41.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Rb_2CO_3 (138.6 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ CH_2Cl_2 = 4/1) to yield the product **72** as a white solid (44.5 mg, 66% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.71 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.41 – 2.28 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.0, 140.1, 128.6, 128.4, 125.9, 125.8, 123.3, 120.5, 119.4, 109.1, 88.7, 75.0, 38.6, 33.7, 33.0, 25.5, 21.0.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₅H₂₄N [M + H]⁺ 338.1903, found 338.1907.

Methyl 4-(3-methyl-5-phenylpent-1-yn-1-yl)benzoate (**73**)



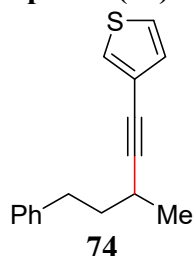
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-bromobutyl)benzene **E13** (51.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), methyl 4-ethynylbenzoate **N37** (32.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Rb₂CO₃ (138.6 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1) to yield the product **73** as a colorless oil (22.2 mg, 38% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.94 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.72 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 1.94 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 142.0, 131.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 126.02, 97.8, 81.0, 52.3, 38.6, 33.9, 26.3, 21.0.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁O₂ [M + H]⁺ 293.1536, found 293.1535.

3-(3-Methyl-5-phenylpent-1-yn-1-yl)thiophene (**74**)



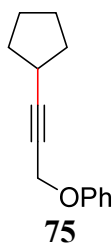
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-bromobutyl)benzene **E13** (51.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 3-ethynylthiophene **N38** (21.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Rb₂CO₃ (138.6 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 200/1) to yield the product **74** as a colorless oil (20.2 mg, 42% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.81 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.69 – 2.57 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.2, 130.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 125.9, 125.1, 123.0, 93.8, 38.8, 33.9, 26.2, 21.2.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $C_{16}H_{17}S$ $[M + H]^+$ 241.1045, found 241.1042.

((3-Cyclopentylprop-2-yn-1-yl)oxy)benzene (75)



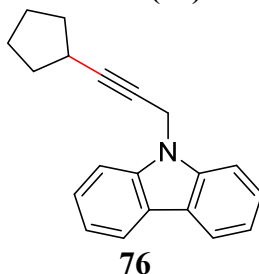
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), (prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzene **N34** (26.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Rb_2CO_3 (138.6 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 200/1) to yield the product **75** as a colorless oil (32.8 mg, 82% yield).

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.93 (m, 3H), 4.68 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.74 – 2.55 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.46 (m, 6H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.0, 129.5, 121.3, 115.1, 92.6, 74.5, 56.7, 33.7, 30.3, 25.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $C_{14}H_{17}O$ $[M + H]^+$ 201.1274, found 201.1274.

9-(3-Cyclopentylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-9H-carbazole (76)



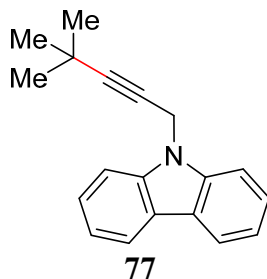
According to **General procedure (GP)** with cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 9-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)-9H-carbazole **N36** (41.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Rb_2CO_3 (138.6 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ CH_2Cl_2 = 4/1) to yield the product **76** as a white solid (39.4 mg, 72% yield).

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.15 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 5.06 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.65 – 2.53 (m, 1H), 1.94 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.47 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 140.1, 125.8, 123.2, 120.4, 119.3, 109.1, 89.1, 73.6, 33.8, 33.0, 30.2, 25.0.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $C_{20}H_{20}N$ $[M + H]^+$ 274.1590, found 274.1591.

9-(4,4-Dimethylpent-2-yn-1-yl)-9H-carbazole (77)



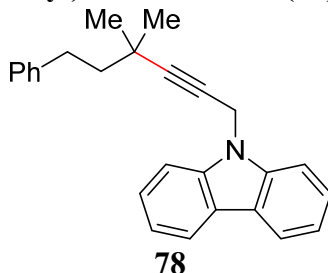
According to **General procedure (GP)** with 2-bromo-2-methylpropane **E26** (32.9 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 9-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)-9*H*-carbazole **N36** (41.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Rb_2CO_3 (138.6 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 80/1) to yield the product **77** as a white solid (44.4 mg, 85% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 1.15 (s, 9H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.1, 125.7, 123.2, 120.4, 119.2, 109.1, 93.1, 72.5, 33.0, 30.9, 30.1, 27.5.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 262.1590, found 262.1590.

9-(4,4-Dimethyl-6-phenylhex-2-yn-1-yl)-9*H*-carbazole (**78**)



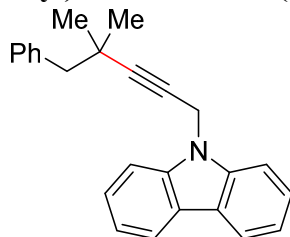
According to **General procedure (GP)** with (3-bromo-3-methylbutyl)benzene **E27** (54.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 9-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)-9*H*-carbazole **N36** (41.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Rb_2CO_3 (138.6 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 80/1) to yield the product **78** as a white solid (48.5 mg, 69% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 2.65 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.17 (s, 6H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.6, 140.1, 128.4, 128.3, 125.8, 125.7, 123.2, 120.4, 119.3, 109.1, 91.4, 74.4, 45.4, 32.9, 32.0, 31.4, 29.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 352.2060, found 352.2057.

9-(4,4-Dimethyl-5-phenylpent-2-yn-1-yl)-9*H*-carbazole (**79**)



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According to **General procedure (GP)** with (2-bromo-2-methylpropyl)benzene **E28** (51.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 9-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)-9*H*-carbazole **N36** (41.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Rb_2CO_3 (138.6 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 80/1) to yield the product **79** as a white solid (39.1 mg, 58% yield).

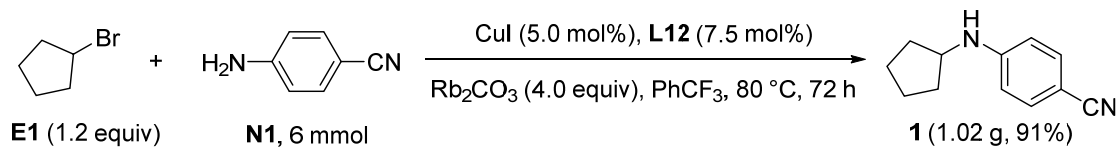
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.96 (m, 4H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 2.56 (s, 2H), 1.11 (s, 6H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.1, 138.0, 130.4, 127.6, 126.2, 125.8, 123.2, 120.4, 119.3, 109.0, 91.1, 75.4, 48.8, 32.8, 32.4, 29.0.

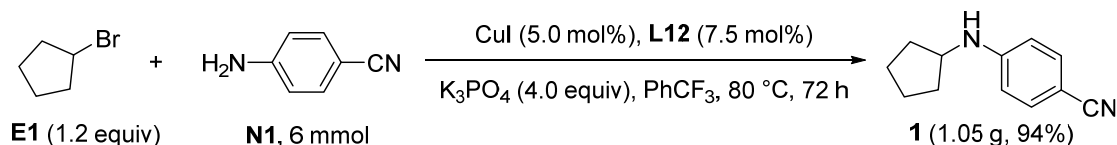
HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 338.1903, found 338.1904.

7. Procedure for synthetic applications

Gram-scale reaction

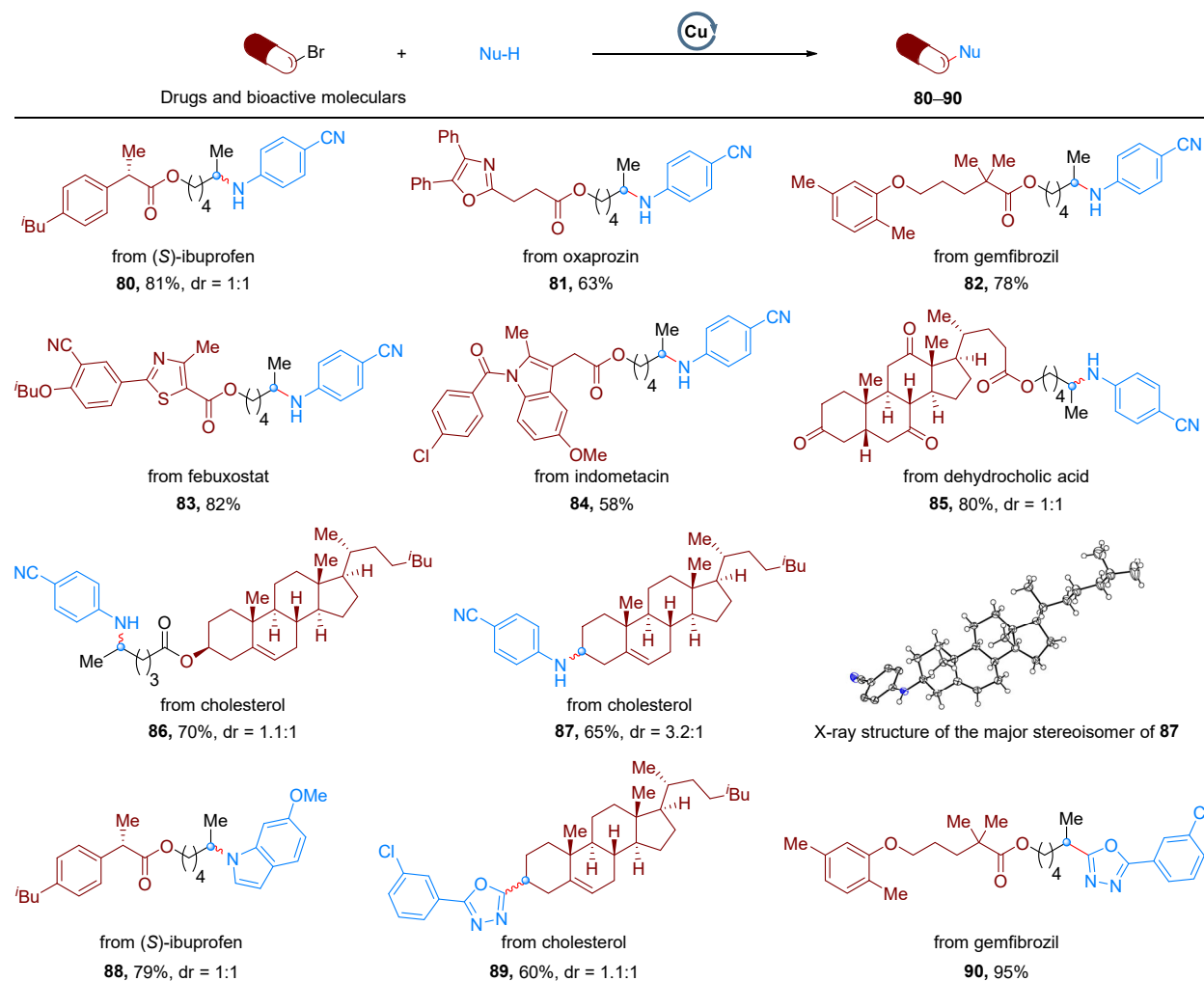


Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged CuI (57.1 mg, 0.30 mmol, 5.0 mol%), **L12** (154.5 mg, 0.45 mmol, 7.5 mol%), Rb_2CO_3 (5.54 g, 24.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv), cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (1.07 g, 7.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (0.709 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and anhydrous PhCF_3 (50 mL) were sequentially added into the mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 72 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the precipitate was filtered off and washed by EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **1** as a colorless oil (1.02 g, 91% yield).

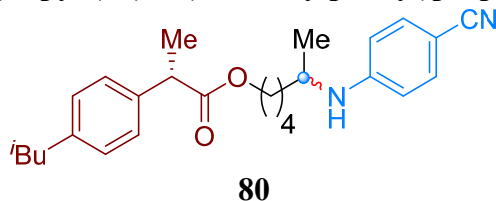


Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged CuI (57.1 mg, 0.30 mmol, 5.0 mol%), **L12** (154.5 mg, 0.45 mmol, 7.5 mol%), K_3PO_4 (5.10 g, 24.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv), cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (1.07 g, 7.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (0.709 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and anhydrous PhCF_3 (50 mL) were sequentially added into the mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 72 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the precipitate was filtered off and washed by EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **1** as a colorless oil (1.05 g, 94% yield).

Late-stage modification of complex molecules



2-((4-Cyanophenyl)amino)propyl (2S)-2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (**80**)



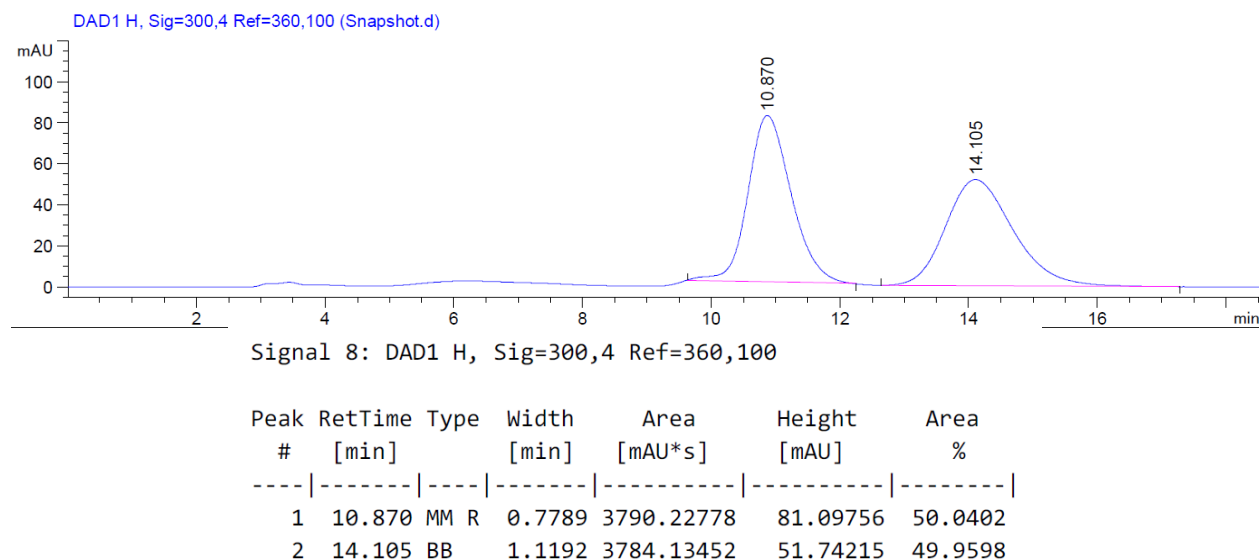
According to **General procedure (GP)** with **E34** (88.6 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **80** as a colorless oil (65.9 mg, 81% yield, 1:1 dr, the diastereoselectivity value was determined by HPLC analysis).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.15 – 3.98 (m, 3H), 3.72 – 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.48 – 3.36 (m, 1H), 2.43 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.90 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.37 (m, 5H), 1.37 – 1.23 (m, 2H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

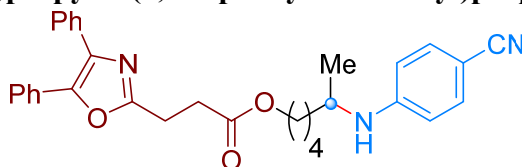
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.8, 150.7, 140.5, 137.8, 133.7, 129.3, 127.1, 120.6, 112.3, 97.9, 64.2, 48.00, 47.98, 45.2, 45.0, 36.21, 36.17, 30.2, 28.4, 22.4, 22.3, 22.2, 20.4, 18.5, 18.4.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 407.2693, found 407.2693.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel IG (n -hexane/ i -PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 0.8 mL/min, λ = 300 nm), t_R = 10.87 min, t_R = 14.11 min.



2-((4-Cyanophenyl)amino)propyl 3-(4,5-diphenyloxazol-2-yl)propanoate (**81**)



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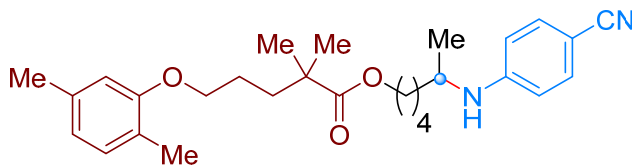
According to **General procedure (GP)** with **E35** (109.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **81** as a colorless oil (62.2 mg, 63% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 8H), 6.52 – 6.44 (m, 2H), 4.21 – 4.04 (m, 3H), 3.43 (s, 1H), 3.18 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.69 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.35 (m, 4H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.0, 161.7, 150.7, 145.4, 135.0, 133.7, 132.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 126.4, 120.6, 112.2, 97.8, 64.4, 47.9, 36.2, 32.7, 31.1, 28.8, 28.5, 23.6, 22.4, 20.4, 17.8.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 494.2438, found 494.2436.

2-((4-Cyanophenyl)amino)propyl 4-(2,5-dimethylphenoxy)-2,2-dimethylbutanoate (**82**)



82

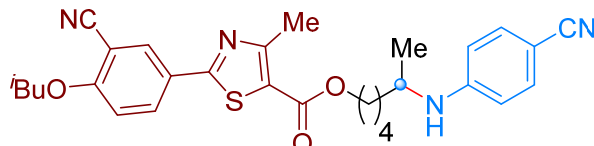
According to **General procedure (GP)** with **E36** (102.6 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **82** as a colorless oil (70.3 mg, 78% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.14 – 3.98 (m, 3H), 3.94 – 3.86 (m, 2H), 3.53 – 3.40 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.78 – 1.67 (m, 4H), 1.67 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.36 (m, 4H), 1.20 (s, 6H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.9, 156.9, 150.7, 136.5, 133.8, 130.4, 123.5, 120.8, 120.6, 112.3, 112.0, 98.1, 67.9, 64.0, 48.0, 42.1, 37.1, 36.4, 28.6, 25.2, 25.2, 22.5, 21.5, 20.5, 15.8.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₈H₃₉N₂O₃ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 451.2955, found 451.2955.

2-((4-Cyanophenyl)amino)propyl 2-(3-cyano-4-isobutoxyphenyl)-4-methylthiazole-5-carboxylate (83)



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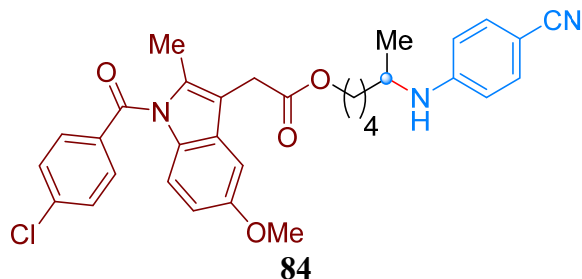
According to **General procedure (GP)** with **E37** (115.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) in 3 mL PhCF₃ for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc = 150/1) to yield the product **83** as a white solid (84.7 mg, 82% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.56 – 6.50 (m, 2H), 4.35 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 4.10 (s, 1H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.59 – 3.50 (m, 1H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 2.27 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.48 (m, 4H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 162.6, 162.1, 161.2, 150.7, 133.8, 132.6, 132.1, 125.9, 121.7, 120.6, 115.5, 112.7, 112.3, 102.9, 98.1, 75.7, 65.0, 48.0, 36.4, 28.6, 28.2, 22.5, 20.6, 19.1, 17.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₉H₃₃N₄O₃S [*M* + *H*]⁺ 517.2268, found 517.2269.

2-((4-Cyanophenyl)amino)propyl 2-(1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (84)



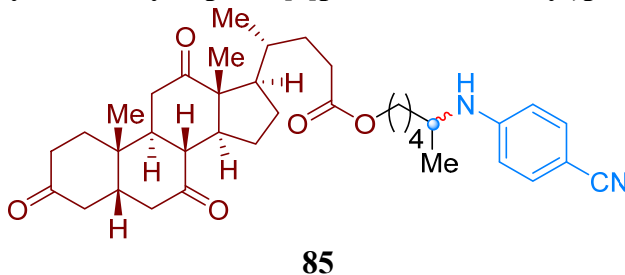
According to **General procedure (GP)** with **E38** (125.0 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) in 3 mL PhCF₃ for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) to yield the product **84** as a colorless oil (64.7 mg, 58% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.18 – 4.03 (m, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 3.47 – 3.36 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.69 – 1.57 (m, 3H), 1.53 – 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.12 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.0, 168.4, 156.0, 150.7, 139.4, 136.0, 133.8, 131.2, 130.9, 130.7, 129.2, 120.6, 115.0, 112.7, 112.3, 111.3, 101.7, 98.1, 64.7, 55.8, 48.0, 36.3, 30.5, 28.6, 22.4, 20.4, 13.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₃₂H₃₃ClN₃O₄ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 558.2154, found 558.2147.

2-((4-Cyanophenyl)amino)propyl (4*R*)-4-((5*S*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-10,13-dimethyl-3,7,12-trioxohexadecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-17-yl)pentanoate (85)



According to **General procedure (GP)** with **E39** (135.7 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) in 3 mL PhCF₃ for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc = 150/1) to yield the product **85** as a white solid (96.5 mg, 80% yield, 1:1 dr, the diastereoselectivity value was determined by HPLC analysis).

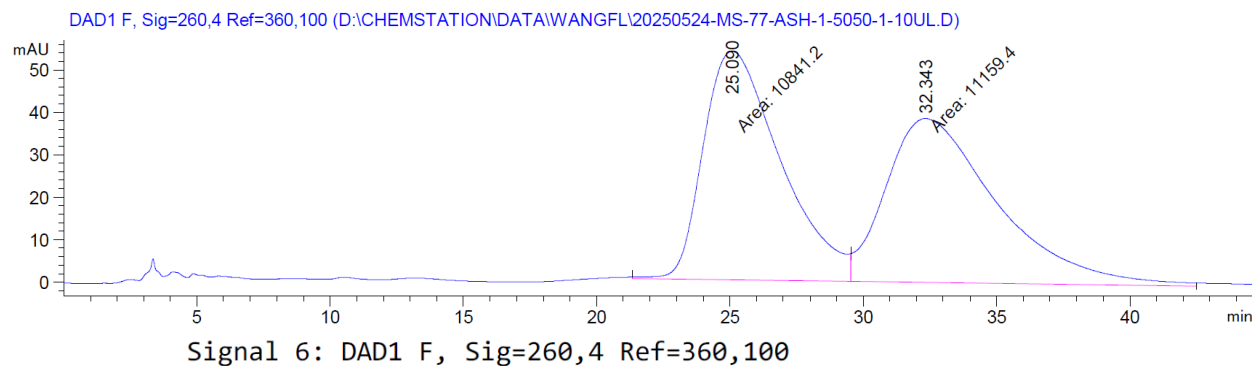
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (s, 1H), 4.09 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.54 – 3.41 (m, 1H), 2.94 – 2.76 (m, 3H), 2.40 – 2.04 (m, 10H), 2.03 – 1.88 (m, 4H), 1.86 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.38 (m, 7H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.36 – 1.19 (m, 4H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 2.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.0, 209.1, 208.8, 174.1, 150.7, 133.7, 120.6, 112.2, 97.8, 97.8, 63.9, 56.8, 51.7, 48.9, 47.98, 47.96, 46.7, 45.50, 45.47, 44.9, 42.7, 38.6, 36.4, 36.3, 35.9, 35.4, 35.2, 31.4, 30.4, 28.5, 27.6, 25.0, 22.4, 21.8, 20.5, 18.58, 18.56, 11.8, 11.7.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₃₇H₅₁N₂O₅ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 603.3792, found 603.3795.

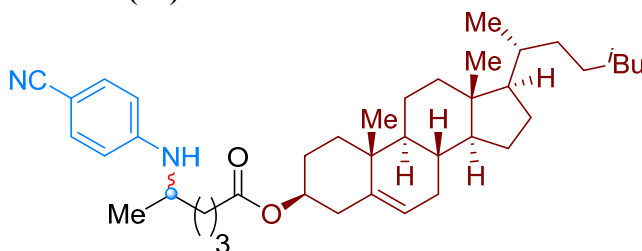
HPLC analysis: Chiralcel ASH (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 50/50, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 260 nm), *t*_R

= 25.09 min, t_R = 32.34 min.



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86

According to **General procedure (GP)** with **E40** (135.3 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) in 3 mL PhCF₃ for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) to yield the product **86** as a white solid (84.1 mg, 70% yield, 1.1:1 dr, the diastereoselectivity value was determined by HPLC analysis).

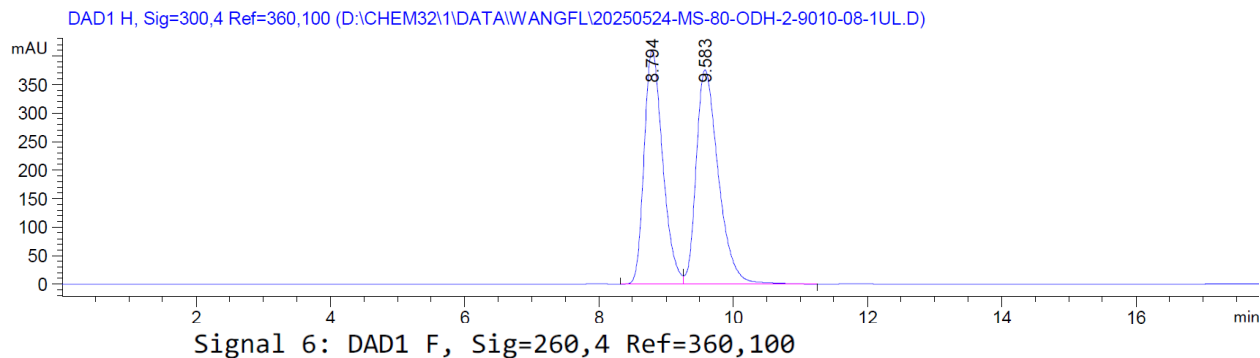
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.37 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.70 – 4.51 (m, 1H), 4.16 (s, 1H), 3.60 – 3.41 (m, 1H), 2.38 – 2.21 (m, 4H), 2.06 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.89 – 1.77 (m, 3H), 1.75 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.41 (m, 9H), 1.39 – 1.24 (m, 4H), 1.23 – 1.18 (m, 4H), 1.18 – 1.05 (m, 6H), 1.05 – 0.95 (m, 6H), 0.91 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.9 Hz, 6H), 0.68 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.8, 150.6, 139.5, 133.8, 122.8, 120.6, 112.3, 98.10, 74.1, 56.7, 56.1, 50.0, 48.0, 42.3, 39.7, 39.5, 38.2, 37.0, 36.6, 36.2, 36.0, 35.8, 34.3, 31.92, 31.86, 28.3, 28.0, 27.8, 24.3, 23.9, 22.9, 22.6, 21.4, 21.1, 20.5, 19.3, 18.8, 11.9.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₄₀H₆₁N₂O₂ [$M + H$]⁺ 601.4728, found 601.4722.

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel ODH (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 300 nm),

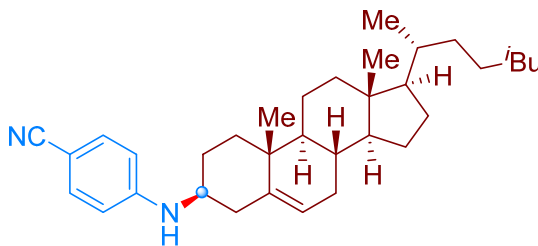
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4-(((3*S*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-10,13-Dimethyl-17-((*R*)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)hexadecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl)amino)benzonitrile (87-major)

According to **General procedure (GP)** with **E41** (107.9 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) in 3 mL PhCF₃ for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **87** as a white solid (63.3 mg, 65% yield, 3.2:1 dr).



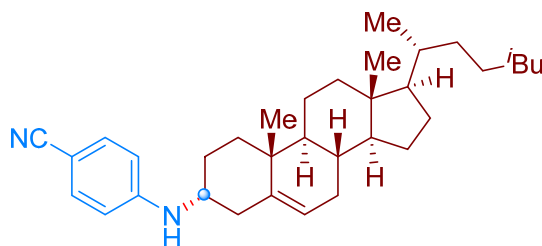
87-major

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.46 – 5.31 (m, 1H), 4.13 (s, 1H), 3.30 – 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.46 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.12 (t, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 2.07 – 1.74 (m, 5H), 1.67 – 1.04 (m, 20H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 1.01 – 0.94 (m, 3H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.9 Hz, 6H), 0.68 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.4, 140.4, 133.8, 122.2, 120.7, 112.4, 98.2, 56.8, 56.2, 52.9, 50.3, 42.4, 39.8, 39.6, 39.5, 38.0, 36.9, 36.2, 35.9, 31.9, 31.9, 29.3, 28.3, 28.1, 24.3, 23.9, 22.9, 22.6, 21.1, 19.5, 18.8, 11.9.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₃₄H₅₁N₂ [M + H]⁺ 487.4047, found 487.4046.

4-(((3*R*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-10,13-Dimethyl-17-((*R*)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)hexadecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl)amino)benzonitrile (87-minor)



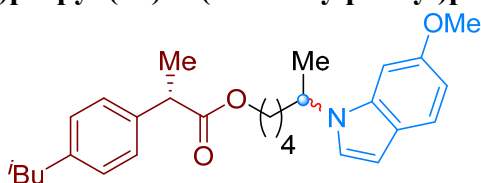
87-minor

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.46 – 5.39 (m, 1H), 4.31 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 1H), 2.69 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.08 – 1.95 (m, 3H), 1.90 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.55 (m, 5H), 1.54 – 1.40 (m, 4H), 1.39 – 1.06 (m, 12H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 1.03 – 0.94 (m, 3H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 2.0 Hz, 6H), 0.68 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.2, 138.6, 133.8, 124.2, 120.7, 112.5, 97.9, 56.8, 56.2, 50.5, 47.9, 42.4, 39.8, 39.6, 37.6, 37.4, 36.3, 35.9, 33.8, 32.0, 31.9, 28.3, 28.1, 24.6, 24.3, 23.9, 22.9, 22.6, 20.8, 19.0, 18.8, 11.9.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₃₄H₅₁N₂ [M + H]⁺ 487.4047, found 487.4045.

2-(6-Methoxy-1*H*-indol-1-yl)propyl (2*S*)-2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (88)



88

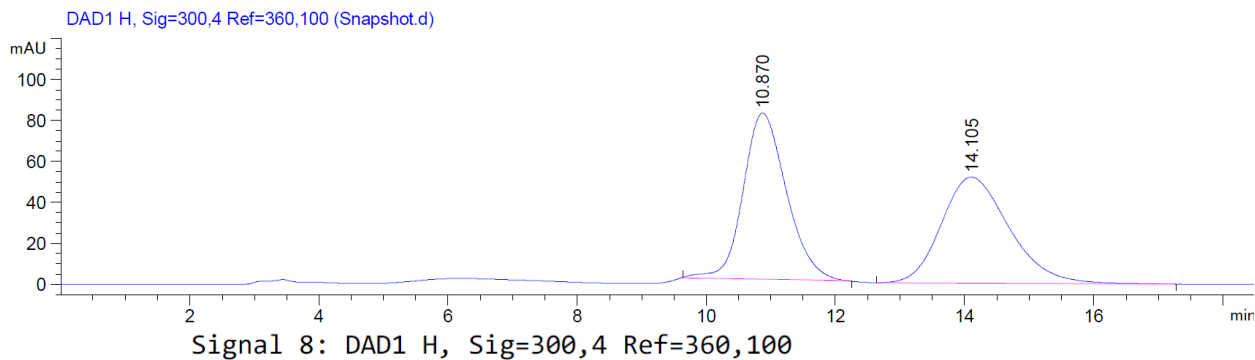
According to **General procedure (GP)** with **E34** (88.4 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 6-methoxy-1*H*-indole **N21** (29.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L11** (8.8 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1) to yield the product **88** as a light-yellow oil (68.8 mg, 79% yield, 1:1 dr, the diastereoselectivity value was determined by HPLC analysis).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.84 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.40 – 4.23 (m, 1H), 3.99 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.62 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.90 – 1.68 (m, 3H), 1.58 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.43 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.31 – 1.08 (m, 2H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.8, 156.0, 140.5, 137.9, 137.8, 136.6, 129.3, 127.2, 122.84, 122.81, 121.5, 108.94, 108.92, 101.4, 93.4, 64.3, 64.2, 55.8, 51.29, 51.26, 45.2, 45.1, 36.5, 30.2, 28.29, 28.26, 22.7, 22.4, 21.22, 21.20, 18.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₈H₃₈NO₃ [M + H]⁺ 436.2846, found 436.2838.

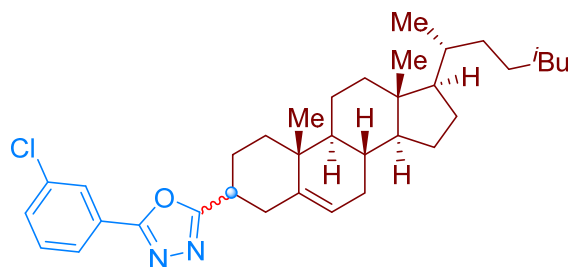
HPLC analysis: Chiralcel OJ (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 300 nm), *t*_R = 10.87 min, *t*_R = 14.12 min.



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2	14.105	BB	1.1192	3784.13452	51.74215	49.9598

2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-5-((8*S*,9*S*,10*R*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-10,13-dimethyl-17-((*R*)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (89)

According to **General procedure (GP)** with **E41** (107.9 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) in 3 mL PhCF₃ for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1) to yield the product **89** as a white solid (66.0 mg, 60% yield, 1.1:1 dr).



89

For one stereoisomer of 89: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dt, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.47 – 5.32 (m, 1H), 3.44 – 3.35 (m, 1H), 2.86 – 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.58 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.13 – 1.89 (m, 3H), 1.86 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.29 (m, 10H), 1.29 – 1.10 (m, 5H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.07 – 0.92 (m, 5H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.9 Hz, 6H), 0.66 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3, 163.4, 138.5, 135.2, 131.5, 130.4, 126.8, 126.0, 124.9, 123.0, 56.7, 56.1, 50.1, 42.3, 39.7, 39.6, 37.1, 36.2, 35.9, 35.1, 34.4, 33.6, 31.9, 31.8, 28.3, 28.1, 24.3, 24.2, 23.9, 22.9, 22.6, 20.7, 19.4, 18.8, 11.9.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₃₅H₅₀ClN₂O [*M* + *H*]⁺ 549.3606, found 549.3602.

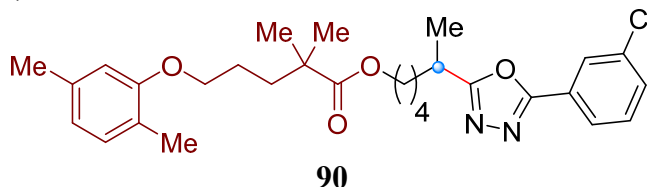
For the other stereoisomer of 89: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.52 – 5.36 (m, 1H), 3.00 – 2.87 (m,

1H), 2.64 (t, $J = 13.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.52 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 1.97 (m, 4H), 1.96 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.89 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.62 – 1.45 (m, 6H), 1.40 – 1.20 (m, 7H), 1.19 – 1.09 (m, 5H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.05 – 0.96 (m, 2H), 0.92 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H), 0.87 (dd, $J = 6.6, 1.8$ Hz, 6H), 0.69 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.0, 163.4, 140.2, 135.2, 131.6, 130.4, 126.9, 125.8, 125.0, 122.1, 56.8, 56.2, 50.3, 42.4, 39.8, 39.6, 38.7, 37.0, 36.9, 36.3, 36.1, 35.9, 31.9, 31.8, 28.3, 28.1, 26.5, 24.4, 23.9, 22.9, 22.6, 21.0, 19.5, 18.8, 12.0.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{50}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 549.3606, found 549.3602.

2-(5-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)propyl 4-(2,5-dimethylphenoxy)-2,2-dimethylbutanoate (90)



According to **General procedure (GP)** with **E36** (102.6 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 2-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole **N30** (36.1 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and **L12** (10.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol%) for 72 h, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20/1) to yield the product **90** as a colorless oil (97.5 mg, 95% yield).

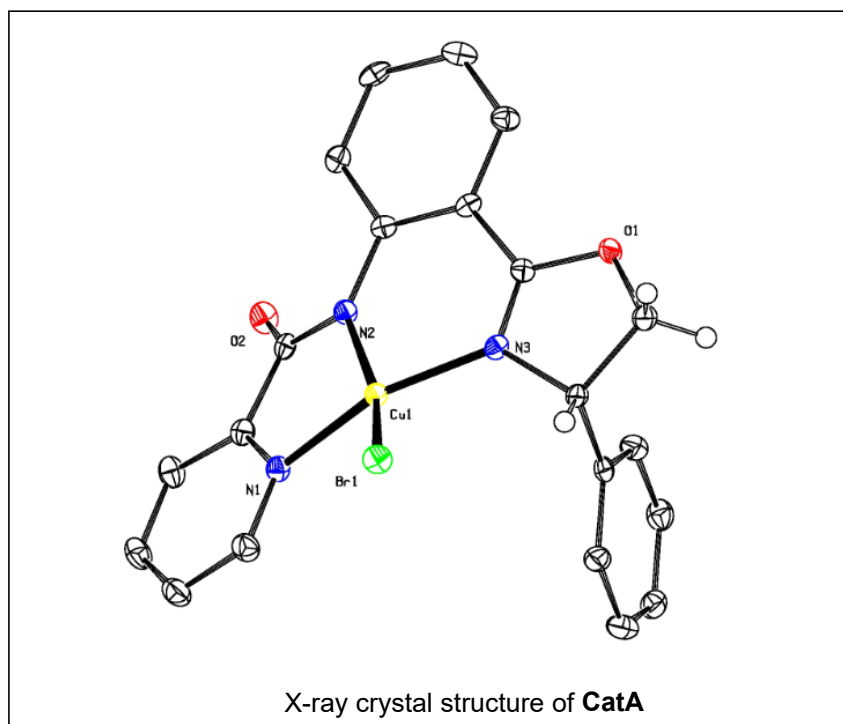
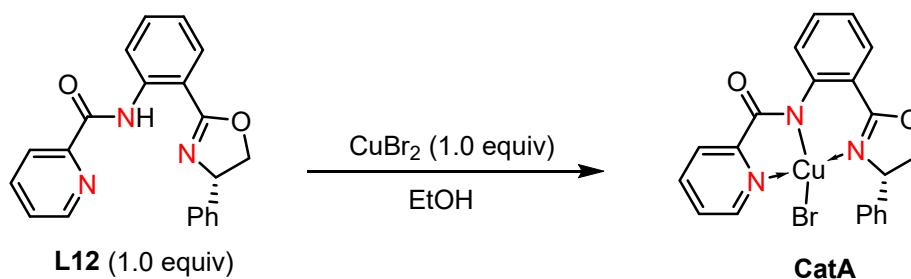
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 4.06 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.94 – 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.25 – 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.97 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.79 – 1.60 (m, 7H), 1.49 – 1.35 (m, 5H), 1.19 (s, 6H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.8, 170.3, 163.5, 156.9, 136.4, 135.1, 131.5, 130.4, 130.2, 126.7, 125.7, 124.9, 123.5, 120.6, 111.9, 67.8, 63.9, 42.0, 37.0, 34.1, 31.6, 28.4, 25.2, 23.5, 21.4, 18.1, 15.8.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{38}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 513.2515, found 513.2508.

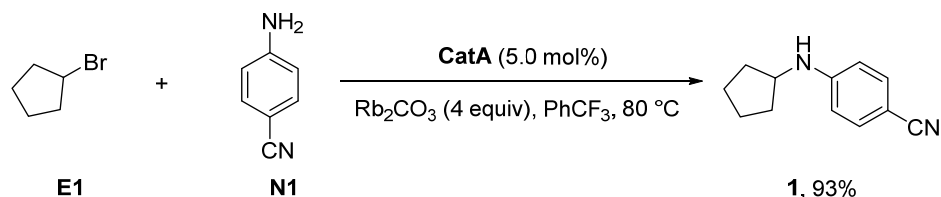
8. Mechanistic studies

Preparation and characterization of Cu(II) complex CatA

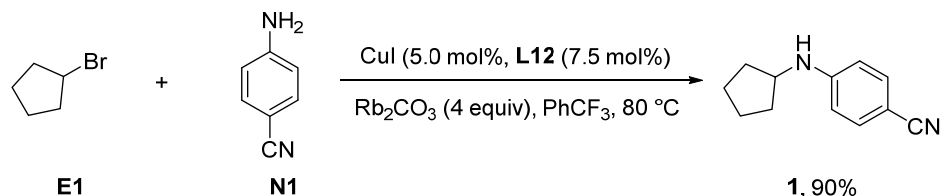


To a solution of CuBr_2 (11.2 mg, 0.05 mmol) in EtOH (1 mL) was added **L12** (17.2 mg, 0.05 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, then concentrated under reduced pressure to yield a green precipitate. The precipitate was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL), filtered to remove any insoluble impurities, and the filtrate was transferred to a sealed vial. Slow diffusion crystallization was performed by carefully layering Et_2O (3.0 mL) over the CH_2Cl_2 solution. After 48 hours, green crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were collected by filtration, washed with cold Et_2O (2×1 mL), and dried under vacuum to afford the desired product (11.5 mg, 47% yield).

Reaction of Cu(II) complex CatA



Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **CatA** (4.9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol%), Rb_2CO_3 (184.8 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4.0 equiv), cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and anhydrous PhCF_3 (2.0 mL) were sequentially added into the mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred at $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 72 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the precipitate was filtered off and washed by EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **1** as a colorless oil (34.6 mg, 93% yield).



Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged CuI (1.9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol%), **L12** (5.2 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%), Rb_2CO_3 (184.8 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4.0 equiv), cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and anhydrous PhCF_3 (2.0 mL) were sequentially added into the mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred at $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 72 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the precipitate was filtered off and washed by EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **1** as a colorless oil (33.5 mg, 90% yield).

Cyclic voltammograms

Cyclic voltammetry (CV) experiments were performed using a CHI 650E potentiostat with a three-electrode cell configuration. The setup consisted of a glassy carbon working electrode, an Ag/AgCl reference electrode, and a platinum counter electrode. The measurements were conducted at a scan rate of 0.1 V/s. Ferrocene (Fc, $E_{1/2} = +0.40\text{ V}$ vs SCE) was added at the end of the measurements as an internal standard to calibrate the potential scale.²¹ The samples CuBr_2 (1 mM), $\text{CuBr}_2/\text{L12}$ (1 mM), were prepared under the protection of the N_2 by dissolving them in degassed CH_3CN (0.1 M TBAPF₆) and stirred at $50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h, $\text{CuBr}_2/\text{L12}$ with base (1 mM) were prepared under the protection of the N_2 by dissolving them in degassed CH_3CN (0.1 M TBAPF₆) directly with 10 equiv. Rb_2CO_3 and stirred at $50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h. $\text{CuBr}_2/\text{L12}$ with base (1 mM) and nucleophile 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)aniline **N11** (3 mM) were prepared under the protection of the N_2 by dissolving them in degassed CH_3CN (0.1 M TBAPF₆) directly with 10 equiv. Rb_2CO_3 and stirred at $50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h. All samples were used for CV test directly. All potential values are reported relative to the

saturated calomel electrode (SCE).

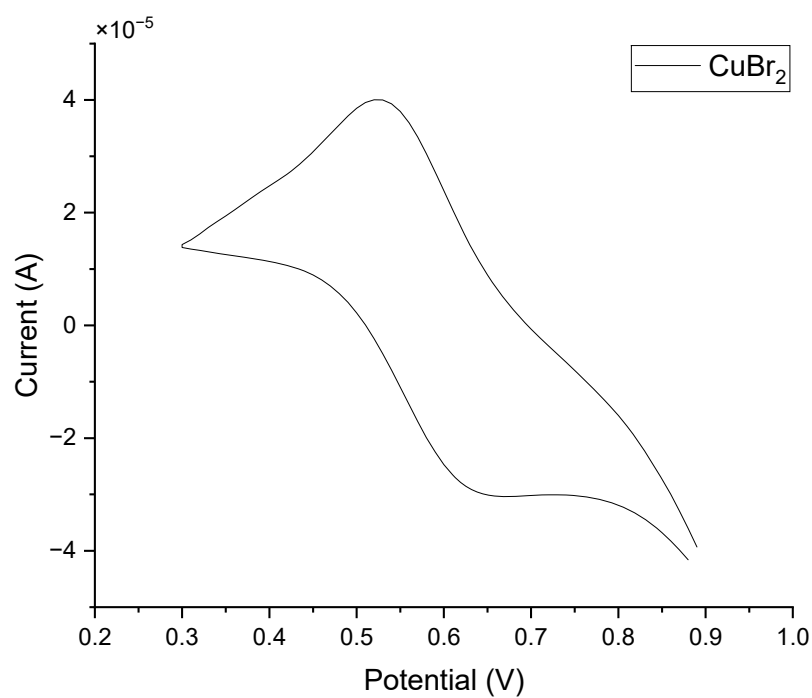


Figure S3. CVs of the CuBr_2 (1 mM), calibrated with Fc as an internal standard, $E(\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}/\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}) = 0.58$ V.

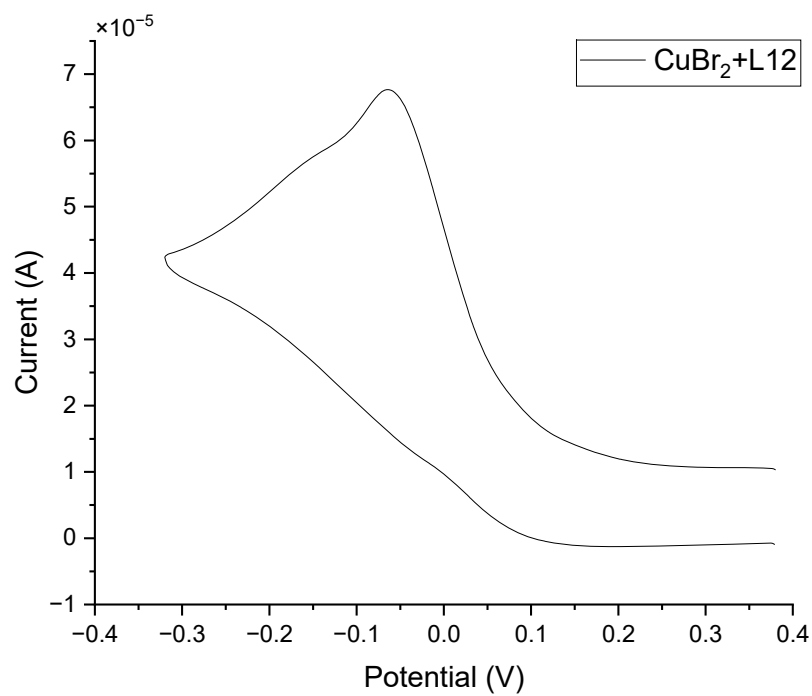


Figure S4. CVs of the $\text{CuBr}_2/\text{L12}$ (1 mM), calibrated with Fc as an internal standard, $E_{\text{peak}} = -0.06$ V.

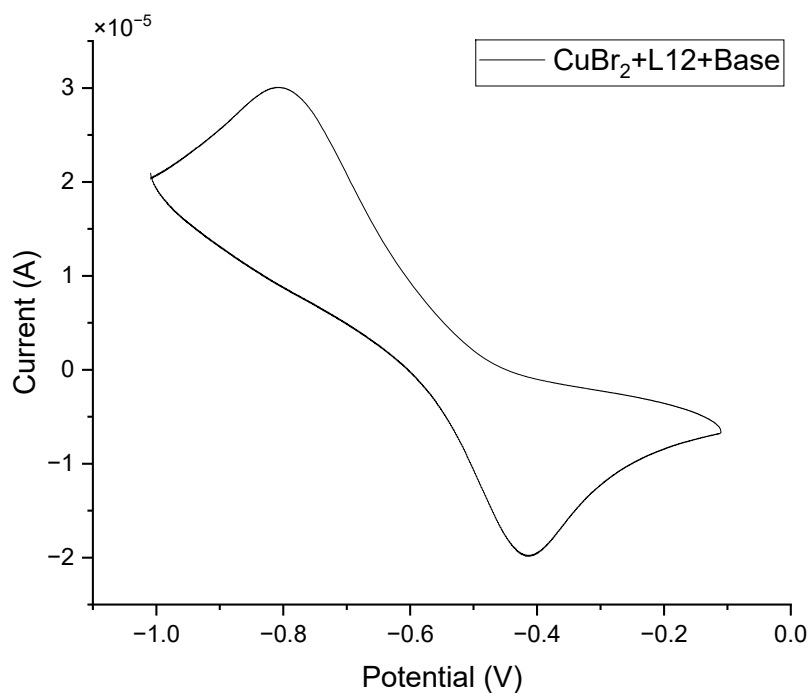


Figure S5. CVs of the $\text{CuBr}_2/\text{L12}$ with base (1 mM), calibrated with Fc as an internal standard, $E(\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}/\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}) = -0.61$ V.

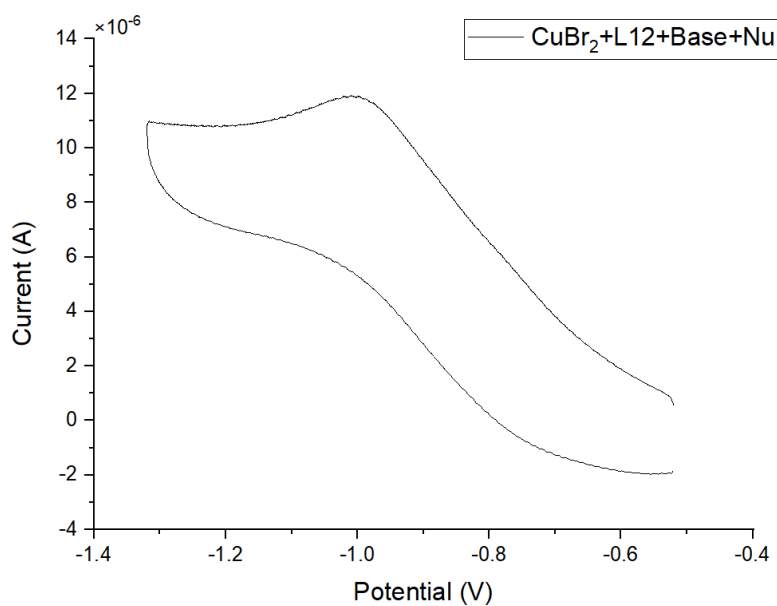
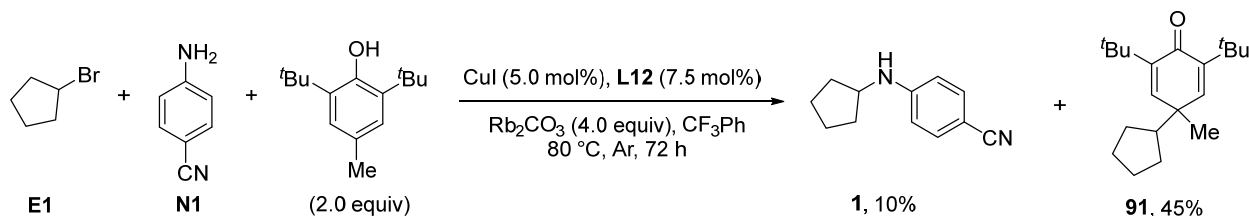
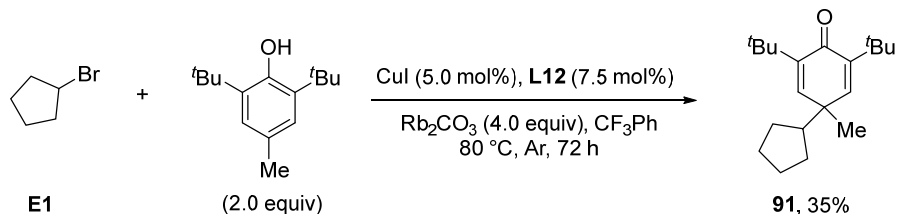


Figure S6. CVs of the $\text{CuBr}_2/\text{L12}$ with base (1 mM) and nucleophile **N11** (3 mM), calibrated with Fc as an internal standard, $E_{\text{peak}} = -0.98$ V.

Radical trapping experiment

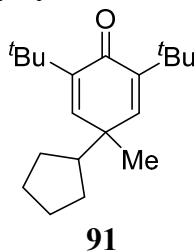


Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged CuI (1.9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol%), **L12** (5.2 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%), Rb_2CO_3 (184.8 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4.0 equiv), cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), BHT (88.1 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and anhydrous PhCF_3 (3.0 mL) were sequentially added into the mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 72 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the precipitate was filtered off and washed by EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1 to 15/1) to yield the product **1** as a colorless oil (3.7 mg, 10% yield) and **91** as a colorless oil (26.0 mg, 45% yield).



Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged CuI (1.9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol%), **L12** (5.2 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%), Rb_2CO_3 (184.8 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4.0 equiv), cyclopentyl bromide **E1** (35.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), BHT (88.1 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and anhydrous PhCF_3 (3.0 mL) were sequentially added into the mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 72 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the precipitate was filtered off and washed by EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1 to 15/1) to afford **91** as a colorless oil (20.1 mg, 35% yield).

2,6-Di-tert-butyl-4-cyclopentyl-4-methylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-one (**91**)

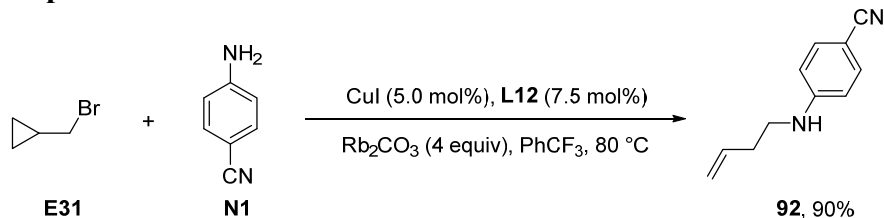


^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.45 (s, 2H), 2.08 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.63 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.42 (m, 4H), 1.22 (s, 18H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.15 – 1.07 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 186.8, 146.6, 145.9, 49.1, 41.5, 34.8, 29.6, 27.7, 26.0, 25.1.

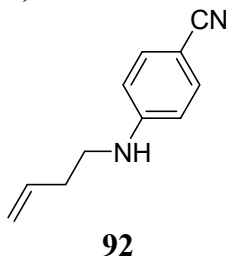
HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 289.2526, found 289.2519.

Radical clock experiments



Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CuI (1.9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol%), **L12** (5.2 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%), Rb₂CO₃ (184.8 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4.0 equiv), (bromomethyl)cyclopropane **E31** (32.4 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and anhydrous PhCF₃ (2.0 mL) were sequentially added into the mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 72 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the precipitate was filtered off and washed by EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **92** as a colorless oil (31.0 mg, 90% yield).

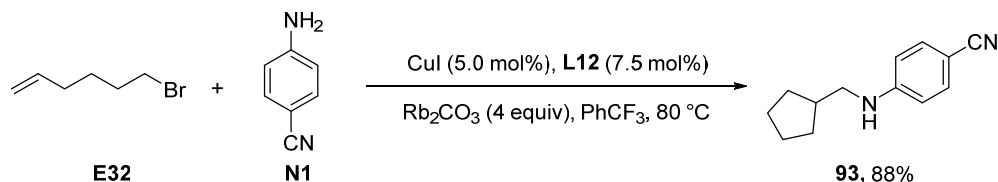
4-(But-3-en-1-ylamino)benzonitrile (**92**)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 6.60 – 6.52 (m, 2H), 5.87 – 5.75 (m, 1H), 5.20 – 5.12 (m, 2H), 4.26 (s, 1H), 3.22 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.45 – 2.36 (m, 2H).

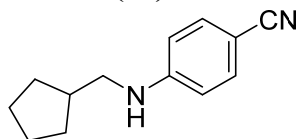
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.3, 135.0, 133.7, 120.6, 117.8, 112.2, 98.6, 42.0, 33.2.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃N₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 173.1073, found 173.1073.



Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CuI (1.9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol%), **L12** (5.2 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%), Rb₂CO₃ (184.8 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4.0 equiv), 6-bromohex-1-ene **E32** (39.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and anhydrous PhCF₃ (2.0 mL) were sequentially added into the mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 72 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the precipitate was filtered off and washed by EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **93** as a colorless oil (35.3 mg, 88% yield).

4-((Cyclopentylmethyl)amino)benzonitrile (**93**)

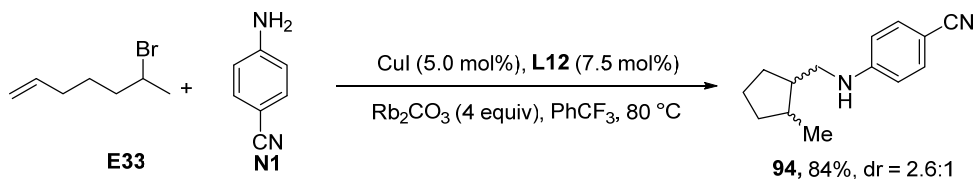


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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 6.60 – 6.48 (m, 2H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 3.06 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.24 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.34 – 1.20 (m, 2H).

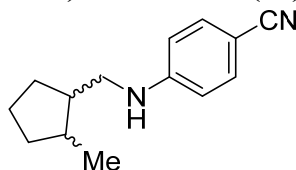
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.6, 133.7, 120.7, 112.1, 98.2, 48.6, 39.2, 30.6, 25.3.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₇N₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 201.1386, found 201.1387.



Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CuI (1.9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol%), **L12** (5.2 mg, 0.015 mmol, 7.5 mol%), Rb₂CO₃ (184.8 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4.0 equiv), 6-bromohept-1-ene **E33** (42.5 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4-aminobenzonitrile **N1** (23.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and anhydrous PhCF₃ (2.0 mL) were sequentially added into the mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 72 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the precipitate was filtered off and washed by EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15/1) to yield the product **94** as a colorless oil (36.0 mg, 84% yield, 2.6:1 dr).

4-(((2-Methylcyclopentyl)methyl)amino)benzonitrile (**94**)



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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (s, 1H), 3.35 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 3.06 – 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.25 – 1.13 (m, 8H), 1.11 – 0.78 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.6, 133.7, 120.7, 112.0, 98.2, 47.7, 46.8, 44.4, 42.5, 38.6, 35.2, 34.8, 33.6, 30.9, 28.5, 23.8, 22.6, 19.9, 14.9.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₄H₁₉N₂ [*M* + *H*]⁺ 215.1543, found 215.1544.

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10. NMR spectra

