



Supporting Information

for

Copper-mediated oxidative C–H/N–H activations with alkynes by removable hydrazides

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Characterization data for **3** and copies of ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F NMR spectra

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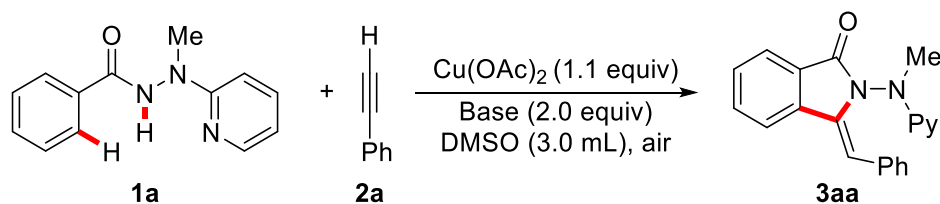
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General remarks

Reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere using predried glassware, if not noted otherwise. Benzhydrazides **1** were synthesized according to a previously described method [1,2]. Other chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and were used without further purification. Yields refer to isolated compounds, estimated to be >95% pure as determined by ^1H NMR. Chromatography separations were carried out on silica gel 60H (200–300 mesh) manufactured by Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Group Co. (China). High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was measured on Thermo-DFS mass spectrometer. NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL 600 NMR spectrometer (^1H : 600 MHz; ^{13}C : 150 MHz; ^{19}F : 565 MHz) in CDCl_3 . If not otherwise specified, chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm.

Optimization of the reaction conditions

Table S-1: Optimization of the copper-promoted oxidative C–H/N–H activation with alkynes.^a



entry	solvent	base	T (°C)	Z/E	yield (%)
1	DMF	Na_2CO_3	90	—	trace
2	NMP	Na_2CO_3	90	—	trace
3	DMSO	Na_2CO_3	90	12:1	67
4	DMSO	Na_2CO_3	110	8:1	57
5	DMSO	Na_2CO_3	80	15:1	41
6	DMSO	Na_2CO_3	60	—	27
7	DMSO	NaOAc	90	—	25
8	DMSO	NaOPiv	90	—	30
9	DMSO	K_2CO_3	90	18:1	58
10	DMSO	Cs_2CO_3	90	20:1	44
11	DMSO	DBU	90	—	13
12	DMSO	Na_2CO_3	90	12:1	42 ^b
13	DMSO	Na_2CO_3	90	9:1	83 ^c
14	DMSO	Na_2CO_3	90	13:1	89 ^{c,d}
15	DMSO	Na_2CO_3	90	12:1	86 ^{d,e}
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18	DMSO	Na_2CO_3	90	—	37 ^f

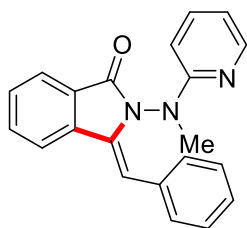
^aReaction conditions: 25-mL Schlenk tube, **1a** (0.30 mmol), **2a** (0.90 mmol), $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (1.1 equiv), base (2.0 equiv), solvent (3.0 mL), 15 h, under air. ^b $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.8 equiv).

^cCu(OAc)₂ (1.3 equiv). ^dDMSO (6.0 mL). ^eCu(OAc)₂·H₂O (1.3 equiv). ^fWithout Cu(OAc)₂. ^gUnder N₂.

General procedure for the copper-promoted oxidative C–H/N–H activation with alkynes

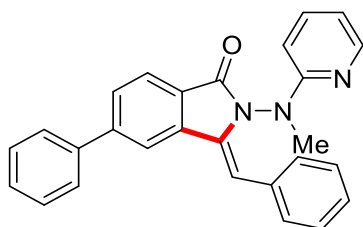
To a 25-mL Schlenk tube were added benzhydrazide **1** (0.30 mmol, 1.00 equiv), alkyne **2** (0.90 mmol, 3.0 equiv), Cu(OAc)₂ (71 mg, 0.39 mmol, 1.30 equiv), and Na₂CO₃ (64 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.00 equiv) under an air atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 15 h. At ambient temperature, H₂O (15 mL) and Et₃N (0.5 mL) were added, and a suspension was formed immediately. After being filtered through a Celite® pad, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Then, Et₃N (0.5 mL) and silica gel (0.8 g) were added, and the combined solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue solid sample was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 5:1 to 2:1, with 1% Et₃N), which yielded the desired product **3**.

Characterization data of 3



(Z)-3-Benzylidene-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)isoindolin-1-one (**3aa**)

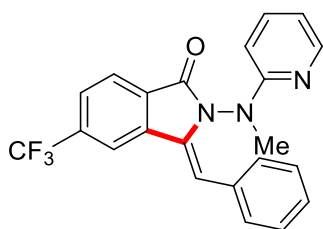
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1a** (68.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2a** (91.9 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 20:1, with 1% Et₃N) yielded **3aa** (87.4 mg, 89%, *Z/E* = 13:1) as a light yellow solid. mp 67–68 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.13 (ddd, *J* = 5.0, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 7.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.05 (m, 5H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.44–6.41 (m, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.7 (C_q), 157.6 (C_q), 147.7 (CH), 137.4 (CH), 136.2 (C_q), 133.2 (C_q), 132.8 (CH), 132.1 (C_q), 129.3 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 126.5 (C_q), 123.8 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 114.3 (CH), 107.8 (CH), 106.4 (CH), 36.7 (CH₃). **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₃O [*M*+H⁺] 328.1444, found 328.1439.



(Z)-3-Benzylidene-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-5-phenylisoindolin-1-one (**3ba**)

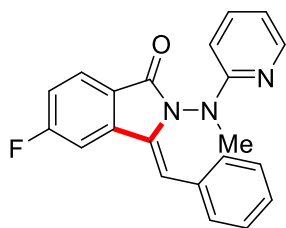
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1b** (91.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2a** (91.9 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3ba** (65.3 mg, 54%, *Z/E* = 29:1) as a light yellow solid.

mp 135–136 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.15 (ddd, J = 5.0, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, J = 1.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (dd, J = 7.9, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.07 (m, 5H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.68 (ddd, J = 7.1, 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dt, J = 8.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.6 (C_q), 157.6 (C_q), 147.8 (CH), 146.3 (C_q), 140.2 (C_q), 137.5 (CH), 136.9 (C_q), 133.2 (C_q), 132.2 (C_q), 129.0 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 125.3 (C_q), 124.2 (CH), 118.5 (CH), 114.3 (CH), 107.9 (CH), 106.5 (CH), 36.7 (CH₃). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₇H₂₂N₃O [M+H⁺] 404.1757, found 404.1755.



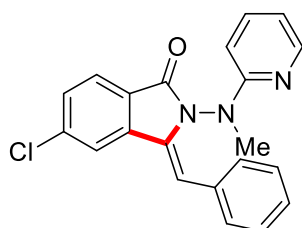
(Z)-3-Benzylidene-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3ca)

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2a** (91.0 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3ca** (117.4 mg, 99%, Z/E = 43:1) as a light yellow solid. mp 121–122 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.14 (ddd, J = 5.0, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.83–7.79 (m, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, J = 8.7, 7.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.13–7.06 (m, 4H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.70 (ddd, J = 7.2, 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.5 (C_q), 157.1 (C_q), 147.9 (CH), 137.6 (CH), 136.5 (C_q), 134.7 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 32.6 Hz, C_q), 132.7 (C_q), 131.4 (C_q), 129.3 (C_q), 128.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 126.0 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.8 Hz, CH), 124.5 (CH), 123.6 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 271.0 Hz, C_q), 117.3 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 4.0 Hz, CH), 114.7 (CH), 109.7 (CH), 106.3 (CH), 36.9 (CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.49. **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₇F₃N₃O [M+H⁺] 396.1318, found 396.1316.



(Z)-3-Benzylidene-5-fluoro-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)isoindolin-1-one (3da)

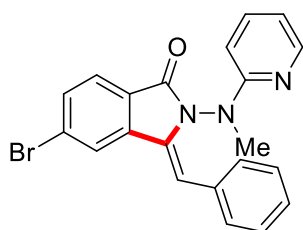
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1d** (73.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2a** (91.0 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3da** (91.2 mg, 88%, *Z/E* = 8:1) as a light yellow solid. mp 119–120 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.13 (ddd, *J* = 5.0, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.19–7.14 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.07 (m, 4H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.68 (ddd, *J* = 7.1, 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.0 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 252.7 Hz, C_q), 164.9 (C_q), 157.4 (C_q), 147.8 (CH), 138.7 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 10.3 Hz, C_q), 137.5 (CH), 132.8 (C_q), 131.5 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 3.5 Hz, C_q), 128.8 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 126.2 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 10.0 Hz, CH), 122.7 (C_q), 117.3 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 23.8 Hz, CH), 114.5 (CH), 108.9 (CH), 107.0 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 24.7 Hz, CH), 106.4 (CH), 36.8 (CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -(104.47–104.43, m, 1F). **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N₃O [M+H⁺] 346.1346, found 346.1350.



(Z)-3-Benzylidene-5-chloro-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)isoindolin-1-one (3ea)

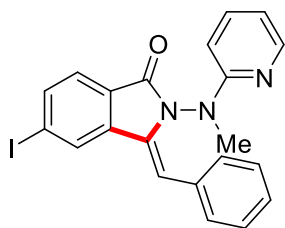
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1e** (78.5 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2a** (91.0 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3ea** (97.7 mg, 90%, *Z/E* = 19:1) as a light yellow solid. mp 131–132 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.13 (ddd, *J* = 5.0, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H),

7.85–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.52 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, $J = 8.7, 7.2, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.13 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 4H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.70–6.66 (m, 1H), 6.39 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 164.9$ (C_q), 157.3 (C_q), 147.8 (CH), 139.4 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 137.5 (CH), 132.8 (C_q), 131.3 (C_q), 129.7 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 125.1 (CH), 124.9 (C_q), 120.2 (CH), 114.5 (CH), 109.0 (CH), 106.3 (CH), 36.8 (CH_3). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}^{35}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 362.1055, found 362.1054.



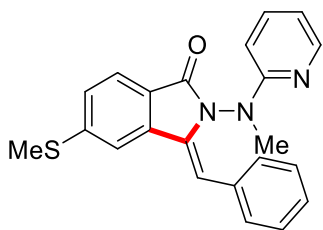
(Z)-3-Benzylidene-5-bromo-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)isoindolin-1-one (3fa)

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1f** (91.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2a** (91.0 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3fa** (108.5 mg, 89%, $Z/E = 25:1$) as a light yellow solid. mp 140–141 °C. **^1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.13$ (ddd, $J = 5.0, 2.1, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 7.2, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.13 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.05 (m, 4H), 6.82 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (ddd, $J = 7.1, 5.0, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.99 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 165.0$ (C_q), 157.3 (C_q), 147.8 (CH), 137.9 (C_q), 137.5 (CH), 132.8 (C_q), 132.5 (CH), 131.1 (C_q), 128.8 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.7 (C_q), 127.6 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 125.3 (C_q), 125.2 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 114.5 (CH), 109.1 (CH), 106.4 (CH), 36.8 (CH_3). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 406.0550, found 406.0552.



(Z)-3-Benzylidene-5-iodo-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)isoindolin-1-one (3ga)

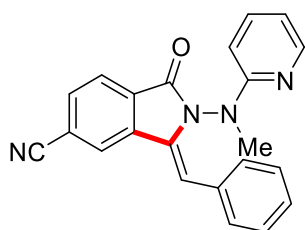
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1g** (105.9 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2a** (91.0 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3ga** (81.6 mg, 60%, *Z/E* = 9:1) as a light yellow solid. mp 132–133 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.19 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (ddd, *J* = 5.0, 2.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.15 (p, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 4H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.69–6.65 (m, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.2 (C_q), 157.3 (C_q), 147.8 (CH), 138.3 (CH), 137.7 (C_q), 137.5 (CH), 132.9 (C_q), 130.9 (C_q), 129.1 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 125.8 (C_q), 125.1 (CH), 114.5 (CH), 109.0 (CH), 106.3 (CH), 99.8 (C_q), 36.8 (CH₃). **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₇IN₃O [M+H⁺] 454.0411, found 454.0408.



(Z)-3-Benzylidene-2-(methyl(pyridin-2-yl)amino)-5-(methylthio)isoindolin-1-one (3ha)

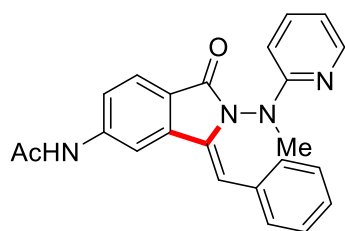
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1h** (82.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2a** (91.0 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3ha** (88.5 mg, 79%, *Z/E* = 14:1) as a light yellow solid. mp 71–72 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.2 Hz,

1H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 4H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.66 (dd, $J = 6.8, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 169.3$ (C_q), 165.8 (C_q), 157.5 (C_q), 147.6 (CH), 143.0 (C_q), 137.7 (CH), 133.1 (C_q), 131.9 (C_q), 128.8 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 124.3 (CH), 121.4 (C_q), 120.4 (CH), 114.5 (CH), 110.4 (CH), 108.6 (CH), 106.5 (CH), 36.8 (CH_3), 24.5 (CH_3). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 374.1322, found 374.1319.



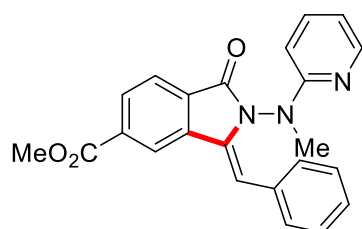
(Z)-3-Benzylidene-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-1-oxoisindoline-5-carbonitrile (3ia)

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1i** (75.7 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2a** (91.0 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3ia** (100.4 mg, 95%, $Z/E = 19:1$) as a light yellow solid. mp 168–169 °C. **^1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.12$ (dd, $J = 4.7, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 8.00 (dd, $J = 7.8, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, $J = 8.7, 7.2, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.14 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.09 (m, 4H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.70 (ddd, $J = 7.2, 5.0, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, $J = 8.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 164.1$ (C_q), 157.0 (C_q), 147.9 (CH), 137.6 (CH), 136.6 (C_q), 132.5 (C_q), 132.3 (CH), 130.8 (C_q), 129.7 (C_q), 128.8 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 118.0 (C_q), 116.2 (C_q), 114.8 (CH), 110.4 (CH), 106.3 (CH), 37.0 (CH_3). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_4\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 353.1397, found 353.1395.



(Z)-N-{3-Benzylidene-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-1-oxoisindolin-5-yl}acetamide (3ja)

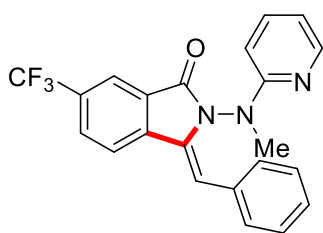
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Methyl-(Z)-3-benzylidene-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-1-oxoisindoline-5-carboxylate (3ka)

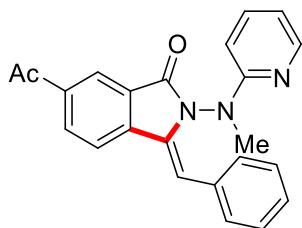
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1k** (85.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2a** (91.0 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3ka** (80.9 mg, 70%, *Z/E* = 14:1) as a light yellow solid. mp 155–156 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.20 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (ddd, *J* = 5.0, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.13–7.05 (m, 6H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.67 (ddd,

$J = 7.2, 5.0, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 166.1$ (C_q), 164.8 (C_q), 157.3 (C_q), 147.8 (CH), 137.5 (CH), 136.2 (C_q), 134.1 (C_q), 132.9 (C_q), 131.6 (C_q), 130.1 (CH), 129.9 (C_q), 128.8 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 123.8 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 114.5 (CH), 109.1 (CH), 106.3 (CH), 52.7 (CH_3), 36.8 (CH_3). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 386.1499, found 386.1498.



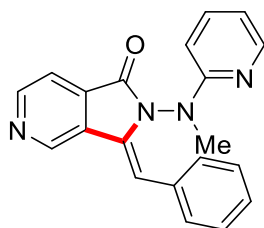
(Z)-3-Benzylidene-2-(methyl(pyridin-2-yl)amino)-6-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3la)

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1l** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2a** (91.0 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3la** (116.2 mg, 98%, $Z/E = 13:1$) as a light yellow solid. mp 119–120 °C. **^1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.17$ (s, 1H), 8.13 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.96–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.05 (m, 4H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.69 (dd, $J = 7.3, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 164.5$ (C_q), 157.2 (C_q), 147.9 (CH), 139.1 (C_q), 137.6 (CH), 132.7 (C_q), 131.5 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.1$ Hz, C_q), 131.4 (C_q), 129.5 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.8$ Hz, CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.0 (C_q), 123.6 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 272.7$ Hz, C_q), 121.2 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.0$ Hz, CH), 120.5 (CH), 114.7 (CH), 110.3 (CH), 106.3 (CH), 36.9 (CH_3). **^{19}F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -62.27$ (s, 3F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 396.1318, found 396.1314.



(Z)-6-Acetyl-3-benzylidene-2-(methyl(pyridin-2-yl)amino)isoindolin-1-one (3ma)

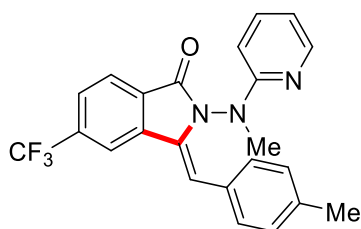
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1m** (80.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2a** (91.0 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3ma** (70.9 mg, 64%, *Z/E* = 15:1) as a light yellow solid. mp 132–133 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.32 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.69 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 196.8 (C_q), 165.1 (C_q), 157.3 (C_q), 147.9 (CH), 140.0 (C_q), 137.7 (C_q), 137.6 (CH), 132.8 (C_q), 132.2 (CH), 131.7 (C_q), 128.8 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 126.8 (C_q), 124.3 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 114.6 (CH), 110.5 (CH), 106.4 (CH), 36.9 (CH₃), 26.8 (CH₃). HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₃O₂ [M+H⁺] 370.1550, found 370.1548.



(Z)-3-Benzylidene-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-one (3na)

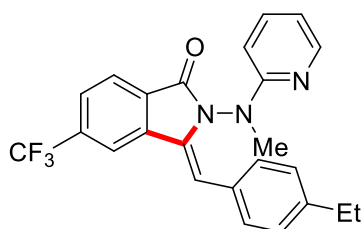
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1n** (68.5 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2a** (91.0 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3na** (68.0 mg, 69%, *Z/E* = 27:1) as a light yellow solid. mp 143–144 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.21 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.83 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.24–8.08 (m, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 7.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (tt, *J* = 6.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (h, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 6.97 (s, 1H),

6.69 (dd, $J = 7.2, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 164.2$ (C_q), 157.0 (C_q), 149.8 (CH), 147.9 (CH), 142.7 (CH), 137.6 (CH), 133.2 (C_q), 132.6 (C_q), 130.6 (C_q), 130.3 (C_q), 128.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 117.0 (CH), 114.8 (CH), 110.3 (CH), 106.3 (CH), 36.9 (CH_3). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_4\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 329.1397, found 329.1391.



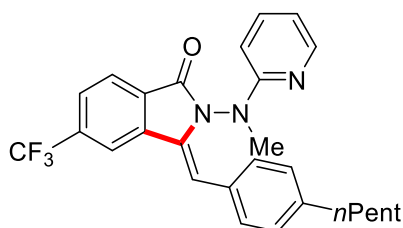
(Z)-2-[Methyl(pyridin-2-yl)amino]-3-(4-methylbenzylidene)-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3cb)

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2b** (104.5 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3cb** (109.3 mg, 89%) as a light yellow solid. mp 135–136 °C. **^1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.16$ (ddd, $J = 5.0, 1.9, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, $J = 8.7, 7.1, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.92–6.89 (m, 3H), 6.70 (ddd, $J = 7.2, 5.0, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.42 (dd, $J = 8.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 164.5$ (C_q), 157.4 (C_q), 147.9 (CH), 137.7 (C_q), 137.6 (CH), 136.7 (C_q), 134.6 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 32.4$ Hz, C_q), 130.8 (C_q), 129.6 (C_q), 129.2 (C_q), 128.9 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 125.8 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.6$ Hz, CH), 124.5 (CH), 123.6 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 273.1$ Hz, C_q), 117.2 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.1$ Hz, CH), 114.7 (CH), 110.1 (CH), 106.4 (CH), 36.9 (CH_3), 21.2 (CH_3). **^{19}F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -62.49$ (s, 3F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 410.1475, found 410.1473.



(Z)-3-(4-Ethylbenzylidene)-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3cd)

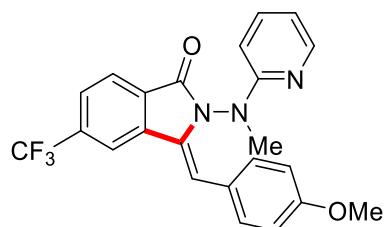
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2d** (117.2 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3cd** (115.6 mg, 91%) as a light yellow solid. mp 119–120 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.14 (ddd, J = 5.0, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, J = 8.5, 7.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.94 – 6.90 (m, 3H), 6.69 (ddd, J = 7.1, 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.56 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.5 (C_q), 157.3 (C_q), 147.9 (CH), 144.0 (C_q), 137.6 (CH), 136.7 (C_q), 134.6 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 32.5 Hz, C_q), 130.8 (C_q), 129.8 (C_q), 129.2 (C_q), 129.0 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 125.8 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.7 Hz, CH), 124.5 (CH), 123.6 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 273.0 Hz, C_q), 117.2 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 4.0 Hz, CH), 114.6 (CH), 110.1 (CH), 106.4 (CH), 36.9 (CH₃), 28.5 (CH₂), 15.4 (CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.48 (s, 3F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₁F₃N₃O [M+H⁺] 424.1631, found 424.1627.



(Z)-2-(Methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-3-(4-pentylbenzylidene)-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3ce)

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2e** (155.1 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3ce** (135.5 mg, 97%) as a light yellow solid. mp 71–72 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.14 (ddd, J = 5.0, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s,

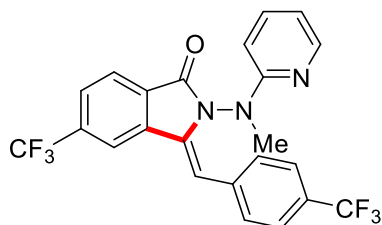
1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 7.2, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.93–6.88 (m, 3H), 6.72–6.67 (m, 1H), 6.38 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.51 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.53 (dtd, $J = 9.0, 7.5, 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.37–1.20 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 164.5$ (C_q), 157.3 (C_q), 147.9 (CH), 142.7 (C_q), 137.5 (CH), 136.7 (C_q), 134.6 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 32.6$ Hz, C_q), 130.9 (C_q), 129.8 (C_q), 129.2 (C_q), 128.9 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 125.8 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.1$ Hz, CH), 124.5 (CH), 123.6 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 273.1$ Hz, C_q), 117.2 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.0$ Hz, CH), 114.6 (CH), 110.1 (CH), 106.3 (CH), 36.9 (CH_3), 35.6 (CH_2), 31.3 (CH_2), 30.9 (CH_2), 22.5 (CH_2), 14.0 (CH_3). **^{19}F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -62.48$ (s, 3F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{27}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 466.2101, found 466.2097.



(Z)-3-(4-Methoxybenzylidene)-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3cf)

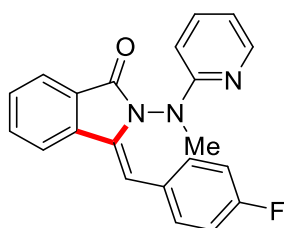
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2f** (118.9 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3cf** (126.3 mg, 99%, $Z/E = 10:1$) as a light yellow solid. mp 122–123 °C. **^1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 8.19$ – 8.15 (m, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.00 (dd, $J = 7.9, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (ddd, $J = 8.8, 7.1, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.74–6.69 (m, 1H), 6.63 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.07 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 164.5$ (C_q), 159.3 (C_q), 157.5 (C_q), 147.9 (CH), 137.7 (CH), 136.8 (C_q), 134.6 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 32.8$ Hz, C_q), 130.6 (CH), 130.3 (C_q), 129.0 (C_q), 125.7 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.7$ Hz, CH), 124.9 (C_q), 124.5 (CH), 123.7 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 271.5$ Hz, C_q), 117.1 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.2$ Hz, CH), 114.8 (CH), 113.0 (CH), 110.0 (CH), 106.5 (CH), 55.2 (CH_3), 36.9 (CH_3). **^{19}F NMR**

(565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.51 (s, 3F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₁₉F₃N₃O₂ [M+H⁺] 426.1424, found 426.1421.



(Z)-2-(Methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)isoindolin-1-one (3cg)

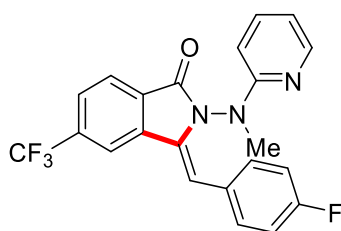
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2g** (153.1 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3cg** (66.4 mg, 52%) as a light yellow solid. mp 153–154 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.12–8.10 (m, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, J = 8.8, 7.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 2H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.74–6.68 (m, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.5 (C_q), 156.9 (C_q), 148.1 (CH), 137.7 (CH), 136.7 (C_q), 136.2 (C_q), 134.9 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 32.9 Hz, C_q), 132.7 (C_q), 129.5 (C_q), 129.4 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 32.7 Hz, C_q), 129.0 (CH), 126.5 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.6 Hz, CH), 124.6 (CH), 124.2 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.7 Hz, CH), 123.9 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 271.7 Hz, C_q), 123.5 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 273.1 Hz, C_q), 117.4 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 4.1 Hz, CH), 115.1 (CH), 107.3 (CH), 106.2 (CH), 37.1 (CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.55 (s, 3F), -62.55 (s, 3F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₁₆F₆N₃O [M+H⁺] 464.1192, found 464.1189.



(Z)-3-(4-Fluorobenzylidene)-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)isoindolin-1-one (3ah)

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1a** (68.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and

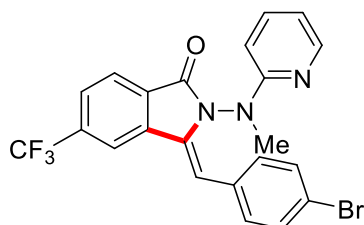
alkyne **2h** (108.1 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3ah** (89.1 mg, 86%, *Z/E* = 14:1) as a light yellow solid. mp 101–102 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.14 (ddd, *J* = 5.0, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08–7.05 (m, 2H), 6.78–6.73 (m, 3H), 6.69 – 6.66 (m, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.7 (C_q), 162.0 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 247.0 Hz, C_q), 157.5 (C_q), 147.9 (CH), 137.5 (CH), 136.2 (C_q), 132.9 (CH), 132.3 (C_q), 130.5 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.0 Hz, CH), 129.4 (CH), 129.2 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 3.4 Hz, C_q), 126.5 (C_q), 123.8 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 114.5 (CH), 114.3 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 21.5 Hz, CH), 106.5 (CH), 106.4 (CH), 36.7 (CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = – (113.98–114.03, m, 1F). HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₇FN₃O [M+H⁺] 346.1350, found 346.1347.



(Z)-3-(4-Fluorobenzylidene)-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino]-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3ch)

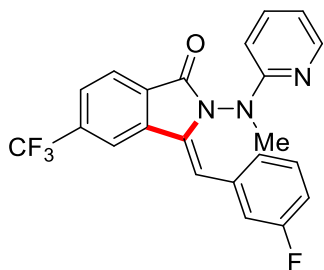
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2h** (108.1 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3ch** (33.5 mg, 27%) as a light yellow solid. mp 133–134 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.17–8.13 (m, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 7.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.5 (C_q), 162.2 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 248.2 Hz, C_q), 157.2 (C_q), 148.0 (CH), 137.7 (CH), 136.4 (C_q), 134.7 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 32.8 Hz, C_q), 131.6 (C_q), 130.6 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.0 Hz, CH), 129.3 (C_q), 128.7 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 3.5 Hz, C_q), 126.1 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.6 Hz, CH), 124.6 (CH), 123.6 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 273.2 Hz, C_q), 117.3 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 4.1 Hz, CH), 114.9 (CH), 114.5 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 21.6 Hz, CH), 108.4

(CH), 106.3 (CH), 37.0 (CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.53 (s, 3F), -113.34 (p, J = 6.2 Hz, 1F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₆F₄N₃O [M+H⁺] 414.1224, found 414.1219.



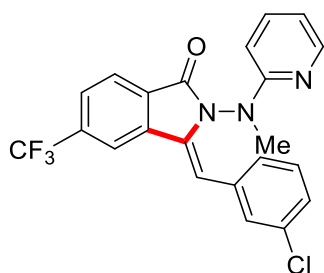
(Z)-3-(4-Bromobenzylidene)-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3ci)

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2i** (162.9 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3ci** (44.1 mg, 31%) as a light yellow solid. mp 170–171 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.16 (ddd, J = 5.0, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.01 (dd, J = 7.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 2H), 6.98 (dd, J = 8.6, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.72 (ddd, J = 7.2, 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dd, J = 8.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.5 (C_q), 157.1 (C_q), 148.1 (CH), 137.7 (CH), 136.4 (C_q), 134.8 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 32.5 Hz, C_q), 131.9 (C_q), 131.7 (C_q), 130.5 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 129.4 (C_q), 126.3 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 4.1 Hz, CH), 124.6 (CH), 123.6 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 273.6 Hz, C_q), 121.9 (C_q), 117.3 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 4.0 Hz, CH), 115.0 (CH), 108.0 (CH), 106.3 (CH), 37.1 (CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.53 (s, 3F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₆⁷⁹BrF₃N₃O [M+H⁺] 474.0423, found 474.0420.



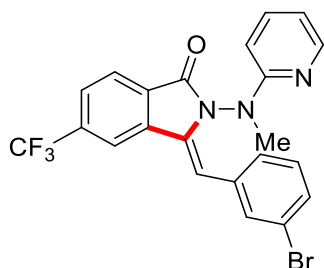
(Z)-3-(3-Fluorobenzylidene)-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3cj)

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2j** (108.1 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3cj** (69.4 mg, 56%) as a light yellow solid. mp 147–148 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.15–8.12 (m, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, J = 8.8, 7.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 8.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.90–6.83 (m, 3H), 6.78 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (ddd, J = 7.2, 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.5 (C_q), 161.8 (d, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 246.3 Hz, C_q), 157.0 (C_q), 148.0 (CH), 137.7 (CH), 136.3 (C_q), 135.0 (d, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 8.1 Hz, C_q), 134.8 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 33.1 Hz, C_q), 132.3 (C_q), 129.5 (C_q), 128.9 (d, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 8.5 Hz, CH), 126.4 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.7 Hz, CH), 124.6 (CH), 124.6 (d, $^4J_{C-F}$ = 2.9 Hz, CH), 123.6 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 273.4 Hz, C_q), 117.4 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 4.0 Hz, CH), 117.3, 115.7 (d, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 22.3 Hz, CH), 114.9 (CH), 114.6 (d, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 20.9 Hz, CH), 107.8 (CH), 106.2 (CH), 37.1 (CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.54 (s, 3F), -113.76 (td, J = 9.3, 6.2 Hz, 1F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₆F₄N₃O [M+H⁺] 414.1224, found 414.1222.



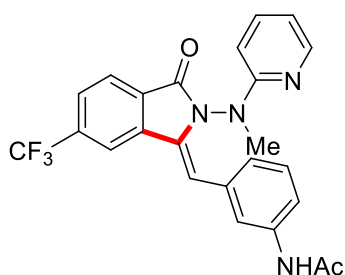
(Z)-3-(3-Chlorobenzylidene)-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3ck)

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2k** (122.9 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3ck** (114.7 mg, 89%) as a light yellow solid. mp 131–132 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.14 (ddd, J = 5.0, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (ddd, J = 8.7, 7.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.11 (m, 1H), 7.07–7.02 (m, 2H), 7.01–6.98 (m, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.71 (dd, J = 7.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.5 (C_q), 156.9 (C_q), 148.1 (CH), 137.8 (CH), 136.3 (C_q), 134.8 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 32.3 Hz, C_q), 134.9 (C_q), 132.4 (C_q), 131.9 (CH), 130.6 (CH), 129.4 (C_q), 128.9 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.4 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.8 Hz, CH), 124.6 (CH), 123.6 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 273.1 Hz, C_q), 121.3 (C_q), 117.4 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.7, 3.2 Hz, CH), 115.1 (CH), 107.4 (CH), 106.2 (CH), 37.0 (CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.53 (s, 3F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₆³⁵ClF₃N₃O [M+H⁺] 430.0929, found 430.0928.



(Z)-3-(3-Bromobenzylidene)-2-(methyl(pyridin-2-yl)amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3cl)

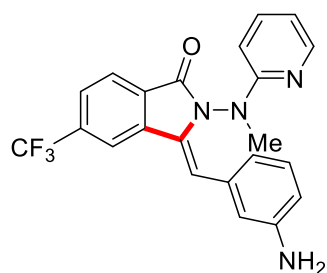
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2l** (162.9 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3cl** (98.2 mg, 69%) as a light yellow solid. mp 135–136 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.17–8.13 (m, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.28 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02–6.97 (m, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.72 (ddd, J = 7.2, 5.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.5 (C_q), 156.9 (C_q), 148.1 (CH), 137.8 (CH), 136.3 (C_q), 134.8 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 32.3 Hz, C_q), 134.9 (C_q), 132.4 (C_q), 131.9 (CH), 130.6 (CH), 129.4 (C_q), 128.9 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.4 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.8 Hz, CH), 124.6 (CH), 123.6 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 273.1 Hz, C_q), 121.3 (C_q), 117.4 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.7, 3.2 Hz, CH), 115.1 (CH), 107.4 (CH), 106.2 (CH), 37.0 (CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.53 (s, 3F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₆⁷⁹BrF₃N₃O [M+H⁺] 474.0423, found 474.0424.



(Z)-N-[3-[(2-{Methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino}-3-oxo-6-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-ylidene)methyl]phenyl]acetamide (3cm)

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and

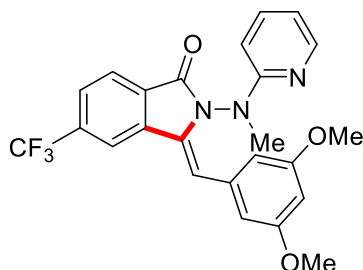
alkyne **2m** (143.3 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3cm** (99.1 mg, 73%) as a light yellow solid. mp 75–76 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.14 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, J = 8.7, 7.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.04 (dd, J = 7.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, J = 7.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 168.1 (C_q), 164.5 (C_q), 157.3 (C_q), 147.9 (CH), 137.8 (CH), 137.1 (C_q), 136.5 (C_q), 134.8 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 32.7 Hz, C_q), 133.2 (C_q), 131.4 (C_q), 129.1 (C_q), 128.1 (CH), 126.1 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.8 Hz, CH), 124.5 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 123.5 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 272.9 Hz, C_q), 120.5 (CH), 119.2 (CH), 117.3 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 4.1 Hz, CH), 114.5 (CH), 109.2 (CH), 106.5 (CH), 36.8 (CH₃), 24.4 (CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.51 (s, 3F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₀F₃N₄O₂ [M+H⁺] 453.1533, found 453.1533.



(Z)-3-(3-Aminobenzylidene)-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3cn)

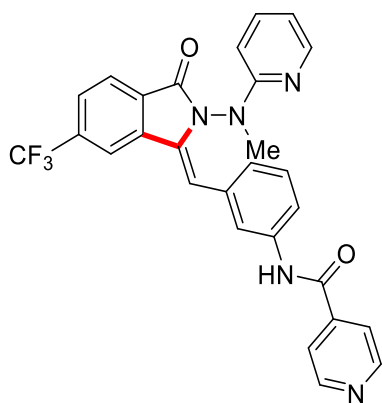
The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2n** (105.4 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3cn** (91.1 mg, 74%) as a light yellow solid. mp 115–116 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.19 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, J = 8.8, 7.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.75–6.68 (m, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 3.24 (s_{br}, 2H), 3.01 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.6 (C_q), 157.4 (C_q), 148.0 (CH), 145.4 (C_q), 137.7 (CH), 136.7 (C_q), 134.7 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 32.6 Hz, C_q), 133.5 (C_q), 131.0 (C_q), 129.2 (C_q), 128.4 (CH), 126.0 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.6 Hz, CH), 124.5 (CH), 123.6 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 273.5 Hz, C_q),

119.2 (CH), 117.2 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.2$ Hz, CH), 116.0 (CH), 114.7 (CH), 114.4 (CH), 110.1 (CH), 106.3 (CH), 36.8 (CH₃). **^{19}F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = -62.50$ (s, 3F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₈F₃N₄O [M+H⁺] 411.1427, found 411.1425.



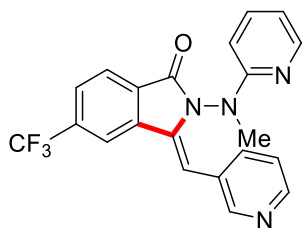
(Z)-3-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzylidene)-2-(methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3co)

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2o** (146.0 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3co** (128.4 mg, 94%, *Z/E* = 12:1) as a light yellow solid. mp 115–116 °C. **^1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.16 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, $J = 8.8, 7.2, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.70 (ddd, $J = 7.2, 5.0, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.30–6.29 (m, 3H), 3.46 (s, 6H), 3.05 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.4 (C_q), 159.9 (C_q), 157.4 (C_q), 148.1 (CH), 137.7 (CH), 136.5 (C_q), 134.7 (C_q), 134.7 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 32.4$ Hz, C_q), 131.5 (C_q), 129.3 (C_q), 126.1 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.7$ Hz, CH), 124.5 (CH), 123.6 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 273.4$ Hz, C_q), 117.3 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.3$ Hz, CH), 114.8 (CH), 109.5 (CH), 106.7 (CH), 106.5 (CH), 100.6 (CH), 55.0 (CH₃), 37.0 (CH₃). **^{19}F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = -62.51$ (s, 3F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₁F₃N₃O₃ [M+H⁺] 456.1530, found 456.1529.



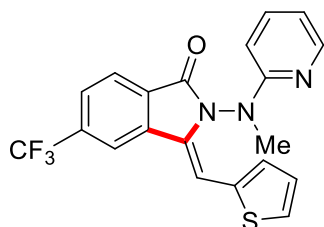
(Z)-N-{3-((2-[Methyl(pyridin-2-yl)amino]-3-oxo-6-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-ylidene)methyl)phenyl}isonicotinamide (3cp**)**

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2p** (200.0 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3cp** (136.1 mg, 88%) as a light yellow solid. mp 70–71 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.77–8.71 (m, 2H), 8.12–8.05 (m, 2H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.59–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, J = 8.7, 7.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.57 (ddd, J = 7.2, 5.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.4 (C_q), 163.4 (C_q), 157.3 (C_q), 150.6 (CH), 147.9 (CH), 141.7 (C_q), 137.8 (CH), 136.5 (C_q), 136.4 (C_q), 134.9 (d, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 32.5 Hz, C_q), 133.5 (C_q), 131.7 (C_q), 129.1 (C_q), 128.4 (CH), 126.3 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.7 Hz, CH), 125.4 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 123.5 (d, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 273.2 Hz, C_q), 121.2 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 117.3 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.9 Hz, CH), 114.6 (CH), 108.8 (CH), 106.5 (CH), 36.8 (CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.53 (s, 3F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₈H₂₁F₃N₅O₂ [M+H⁺] 516.1642, found 516.1641.



(Z)-2-(Methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-3-(pyridin-3-ylmethylene)-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3cq)

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2q** (92.8 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3cq** (105.8 mg, 89%) as a light yellow solid. mp 141–142 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.42 (dd, J = 2.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (ddd, J = 4.9, 1.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (ddd, J = 4.9, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, J = 7.8, 2.4, 1.7, 1H), 6.99 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.73–6.68 (m, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.4 (C_q), 156.9 (C_q), 149.2 (CH), 148.6 (CH), 148.1 (CH), 137.8 (CH), 136.0 (C_q), 135.9 (CH), 134.9 (q, ² J_{C-F} = 32.8 Hz, C_q), 133.2 (C_q), 129.5 (C_q), 129.1 (C_q), 126.5 (q, ³ J_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz, CH), 124.6 (CH), 123.5 (d, ¹ J_{C-F} = 273.1 Hz, C_q), 122.1 (CH), 117.5 (q, ³ J_{C-F} = 4.1 Hz, CH), 115.3 (CH), 106.3 (CH), 104.9 (CH), 37.2 (CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.55 (s, 3F). HR-MS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₆F₃N₄O [M+H⁺] 397.1271, found 397.1269.



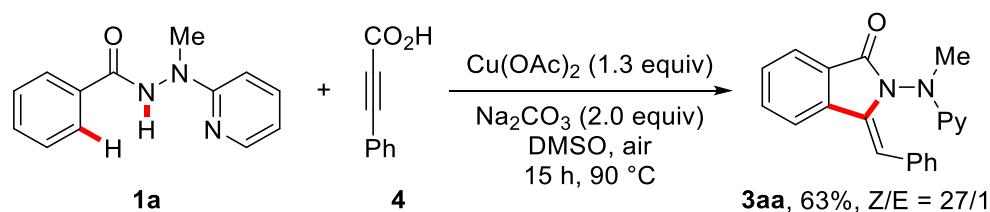
(Z)-2-(Methyl[pyridin-2-yl]amino)-3-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one (3cr)

The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and alkyne **2r** (105 mg, 0.90 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc 10:1) yielded **3cr** (97.3 mg, 88%) as a light yellow solid. mp 115–

116 °C. **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.23 (ddd, J = 5.0, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.18–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.15 (ddd, J = 4.1, 3.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.75 (ddd, J = 7.2, 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.3 (C_q), 157.9 (C_q), 148.1 (CH), 137.9 (CH), 136.8 (C_q), 134.6 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 32.7 Hz, C_q), 132.8 (C_q), 130.4 (C_q), 129.3 (CH), 128.9 (C_q), 125.8 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.6 Hz, CH), 125.6 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 123.6 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 271.3 Hz, C_q), 117.0 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.9 Hz, CH), 115.2 (CH), 106.7 (CH), 104.2 (CH), 37.3 (CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -62.49 (s, 3F). **HR-MS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₁₅F₃N₃OS [M+H⁺] 402.0882, found 402.0880.

Copper-mediated decarboxylative C–H/N–H activation

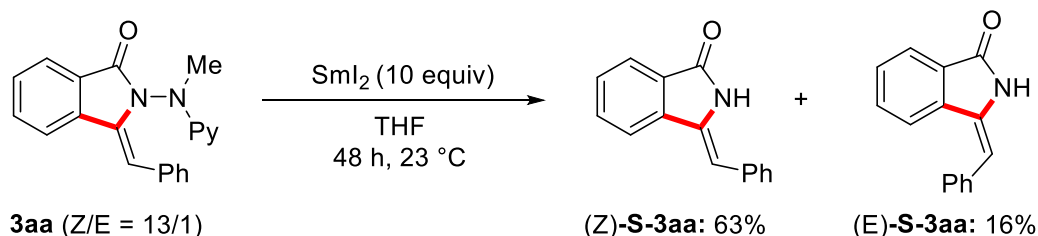
(a) Copper-mediated decarboxylative C–H/N–H annulation



To a 25-mL Schlenk tube were added benzhydrazone **1** (68.2 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.00 equiv), 3-phenylpropionic acid (131.5 mg, 0.90 mmol, 3.0 equiv), $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (71 mg, 0.39 mmol, 1.30 equiv), and Na_2CO_3 (64 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.00 equiv) under an air atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 15 h. At ambient temperature, H_2O (15 mL) and Et_3N (0.5 mL) were added and a suspension was formed immediately. After being filtered through a Celite® pad, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over Na_2SO_4 . Then Et_3N (0.5 mL) and silica gel (0.8 g) were added and the combined solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue solid sample was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc = 6:1, with 1% Et_3N) and yielded the desired product **3aa** (61.9 mg, 63%, Z/E = 27:1).

Removal of the directing group

(b) Removal of the Directing Group

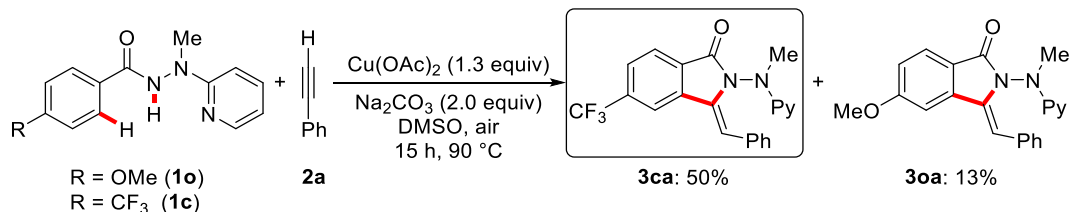


An oven-dried 100-mL Schlenk round bottom flask was charged with **3aa** (0.22 mmol, 73 mg). After purging with argon three times, freshly distilled THF (5.0 mL) was added, followed by SmI₂ (0.1 M in THF, 22 mL, 10 equiv), which was added dropwise at 0 °C. 30 minutes later, the mixture was warmed to ambient temperature and stirred for an additional 48 h. Then, the mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ (5.0 mL) and extracted with DCM (3×20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc = 5:1) and yielded the desired products **(Z)-S-3aa** (31.1 mg, 63%) and **(E)-S-3aa** (8.0 mg, 16%). **(Z)-3-Benzylideneisoindolin-1-one**: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.40 (s_{br}, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 169.0 (C_q), 138.2 (C_q), 135.0 (C_q), 133.1 (C_q), 132.2 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.7 (C_q), 128.5 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 105.9 (CH). **(E)-3-Benzylideneisoindolin-1-one**: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.80 (s, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50–7.40 (m, 6H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 168.3 (C_q), 135.5 (C_q), 134.9 (C_q), 134.5 (C_q), 131.8 (CH), 131.3 (C_q), 129.5 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 123.4 (CH), 123.4 (CH), 112.1 (CH). The analytical data are in accordance with those previously reported in the literature [3-5].

Mechanistic studies

Competition experiments

(a) competition experiment



The general procedure was followed using hydrazides **1o** (77.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and ethynylbenzene (**2a**, 91.8 mg, 0.9 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 3 h. At ambient temperature, H₂O (15 mL) and Et₃N (0.5 mL) were added, and a suspension was formed immediately. After being filtered through a Celite[®] pad, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc/NEt₃ (100:1, 3×20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvent, the crude mixture was analyzed by ¹H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (9.5 mg, 0.056 mmol) as the internal standard, which showed a product distribution of 3.85:1 in favor of **3ca**.

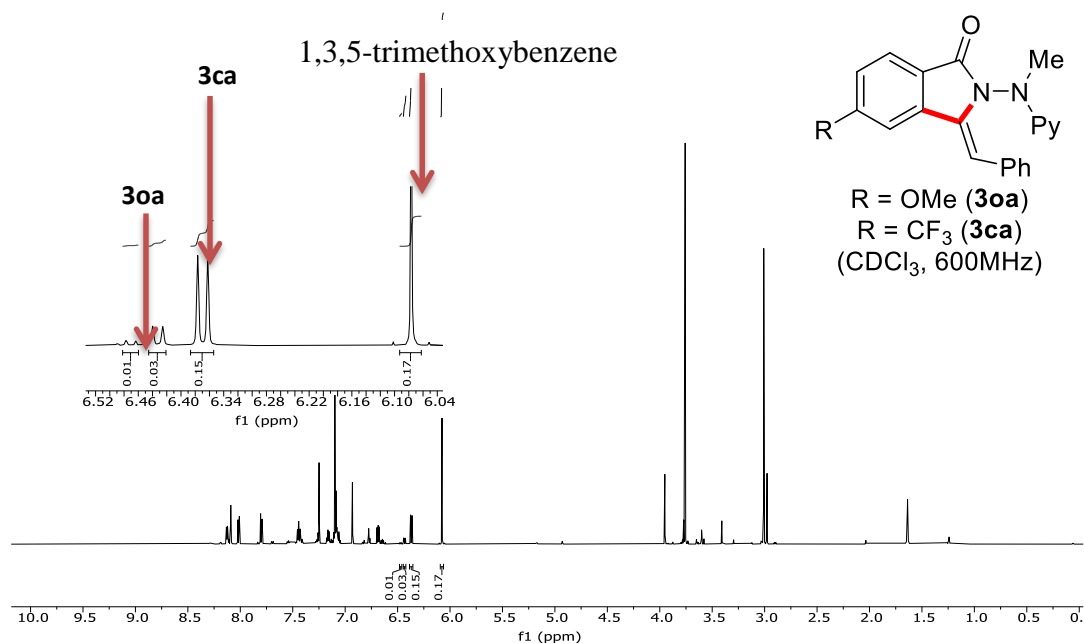
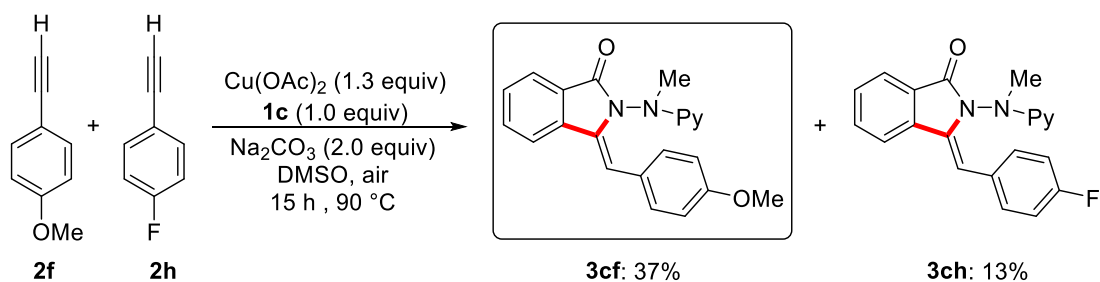


Figure S-1: ¹H NMR spectrum of a mixture of **3ca** and **3oa**.

(b) competition experiment



The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1c** (88.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), alkyne **2f** (59.5 mg, 0.45 mmol), and alkyne **2i** (54.1 mg, 0.45 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 3 h. At ambient temperature, H_2O (15 mL) and Et_3N (0.5 mL) were added, and a suspension was formed immediately. After being filtered through a Celite[®] pad, the reaction mixture was extracted with $\text{EtOAc}/\text{NEt}_3$ (100:1, 3×20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over Na_2SO_4 . After evaporation of the solvent, the crude mixture was analyzed by ^1H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (9.3 mg, 0.055 mmol) as the internal standard, which showed a product distribution of 2.85:1 in favor of **3cf**.

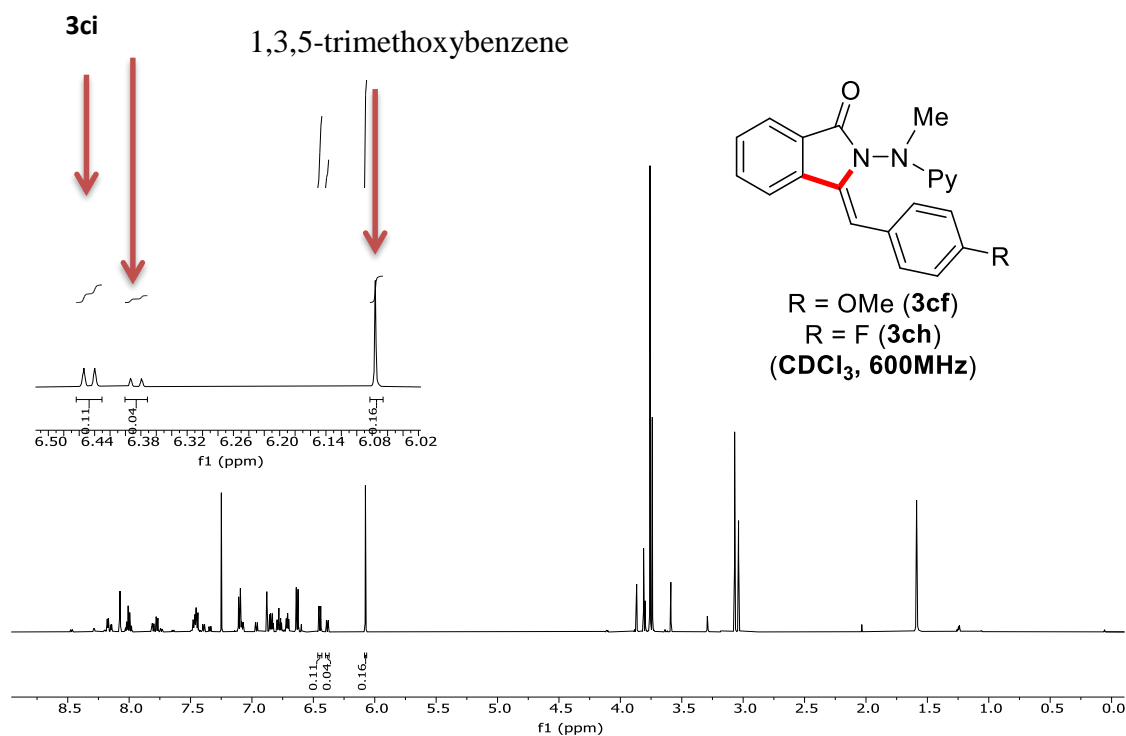
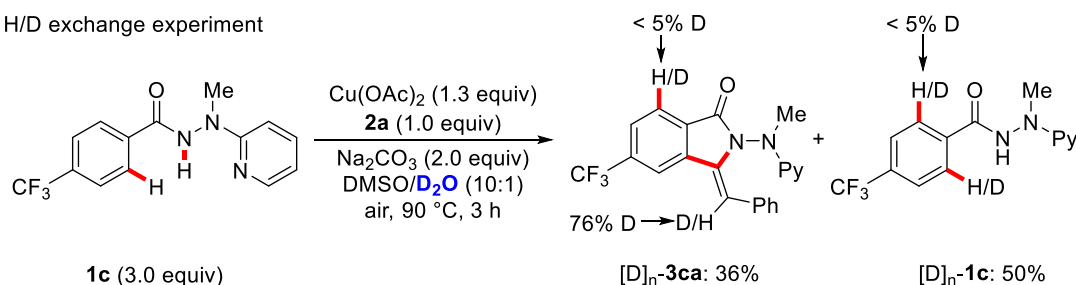


Figure S-2: ^1H NMR spectrum of a mixture of **3cf** and **3ch**.

Deuteration experiment

(c) H/D exchange experiment



The general procedure was followed using alkyne **2a** (30.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and hydrazide **1c** (265.8 mg, 0.90 mmol). The mixture was stirred in a solvent mixture of DMSO/ D_2O (10:1, 6.6 mL) at 90°C for 3 h. At ambient temperature, H_2O (15 mL) and Et_3N (0.5 mL) were added, and a suspension was formed immediately. After being filtered through a Celite[®] pad, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc/ NEt_3 (100:1, 3×20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over Na_2SO_4 . Then Et_3N (1.0 mL), silica gel (0.8 g) were added and the combined solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue solid sample was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc = 5:1 to 2:1, with 1% Et_3N) and yielded the desired product $[\text{D}]_n\text{-3ca}$ (43 mg, 36%) and reisolated starting material $[\text{D}]_n\text{-1c}$ (132 mg, 50%) as white solids. The H/D-scrambling was analyzed in each of the compounds by ^1H NMR spectroscopy.

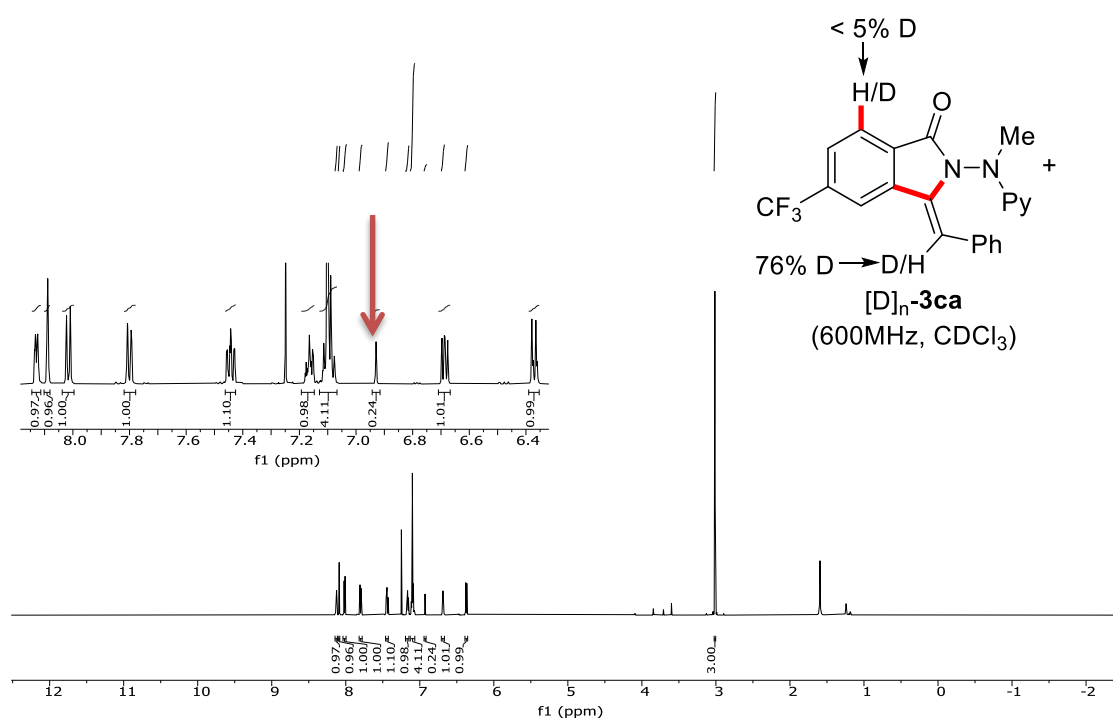


Figure S-3: ^1H NMR spectrum of a mixture of $[D]_n\text{-3ca}$.

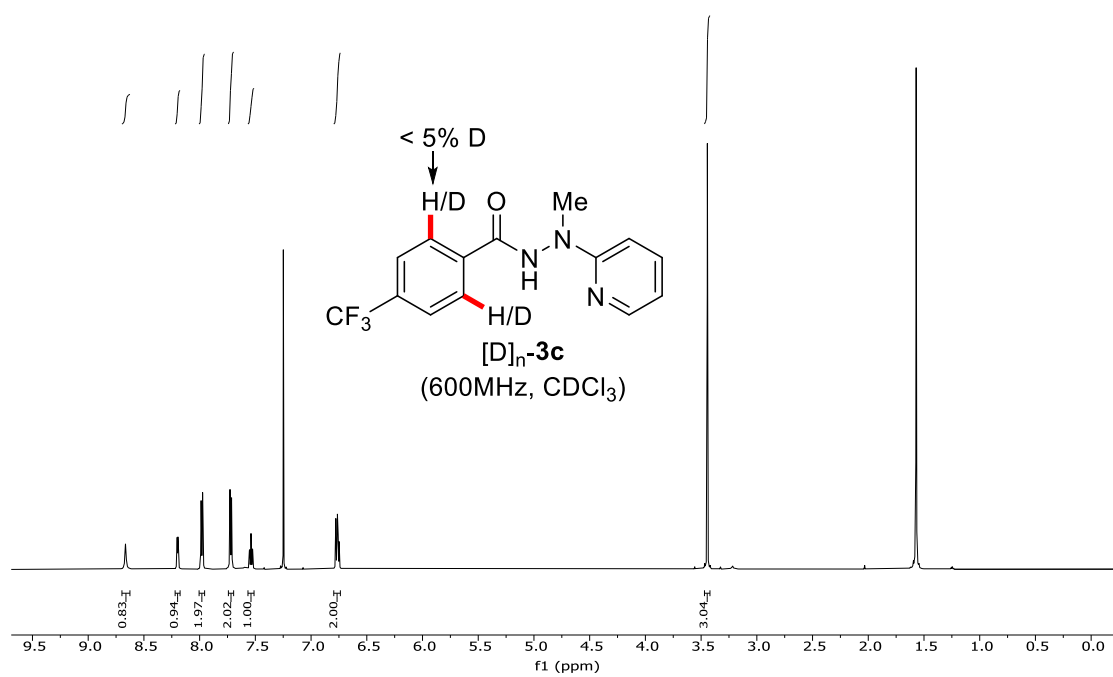
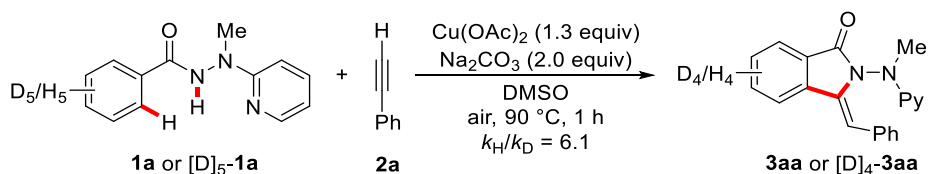


Figure S-4: ^1H NMR spectrum of a mixture of $[D]_n\text{-1c}$.

KIE studies

Parallel experiment



Two independent reactions following the general procedure were carried out using substrates **1a**, $[D]_5\text{-1a}$ (0.30 mmol each), and ethynylbenzene (**2a**, 91.8 mg, 0.90 mmol). The mixture was stirred at $90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h. At ambient temperature, these two mixtures were combined and quenched by adding H_2O (15 mL) and Et_3N (0.5 mL). After being filtered through a Celite[®] pad, the reaction mixture was extracted with $\text{EtOAc}/\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ (100:1, $3\times 20\text{ mL}$). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over Na_2SO_4 . Then, Et_3N (1.0 mL) and silica gel (0.8 g) were added, and the combined solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residual solid sample was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/ EtOAc = 5:1 to 2:1, with 1% Et_3N) and yielded the mixture of the desired products $[D]_4\text{-3aa}$ and **3aa** (53.0 mg, 27%). The H/D-scrambling was analyzed by ^1H NMR spectroscopy.

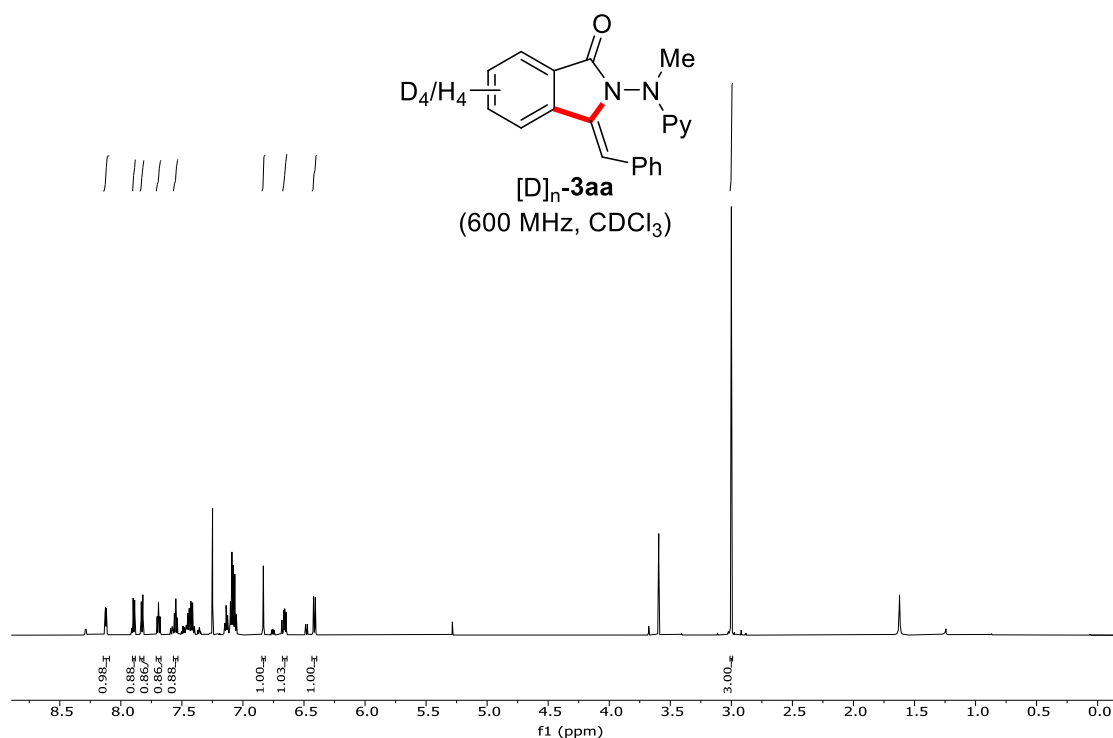
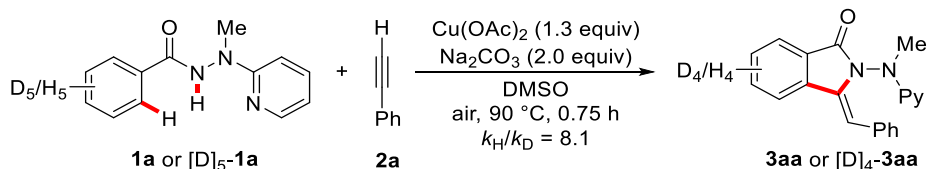


Figure S-5: ¹H NMR spectrum of **3aa** and [D]₄-**3aa** for the parallel experiment.

competition experiment



The general procedure was followed using hydrazide **1a** (68.2 mg, 0.30 mmol), [D]₅-**1a** (69.4 mg, 0.30 mmol), and ethynylbenzene (**2a**, 91.8 mg, 0.90 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 0.75 h. At ambient temperature, H₂O (15 mL) and Et₃N (0.5 mL) were added, and a suspension was formed immediately. After being filtered through a Celite[®] pad, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc/NEt₃ (100:1, 3×20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Then, Et₃N (1.0 mL) and silica gel (0.8 g) were added, and the combined solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residual solid sample was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum/EtOAc = 5:1 to 2:1, with 1% Et₃N)

and yielded the mixture of the desired products $[D]_4\text{-}\mathbf{3aa}$ and $\mathbf{3aa}$ (37.3 mg, 19%) as a light yellow oil. The H/D-scrambling was analyzed by ^1H NMR spectroscopy.

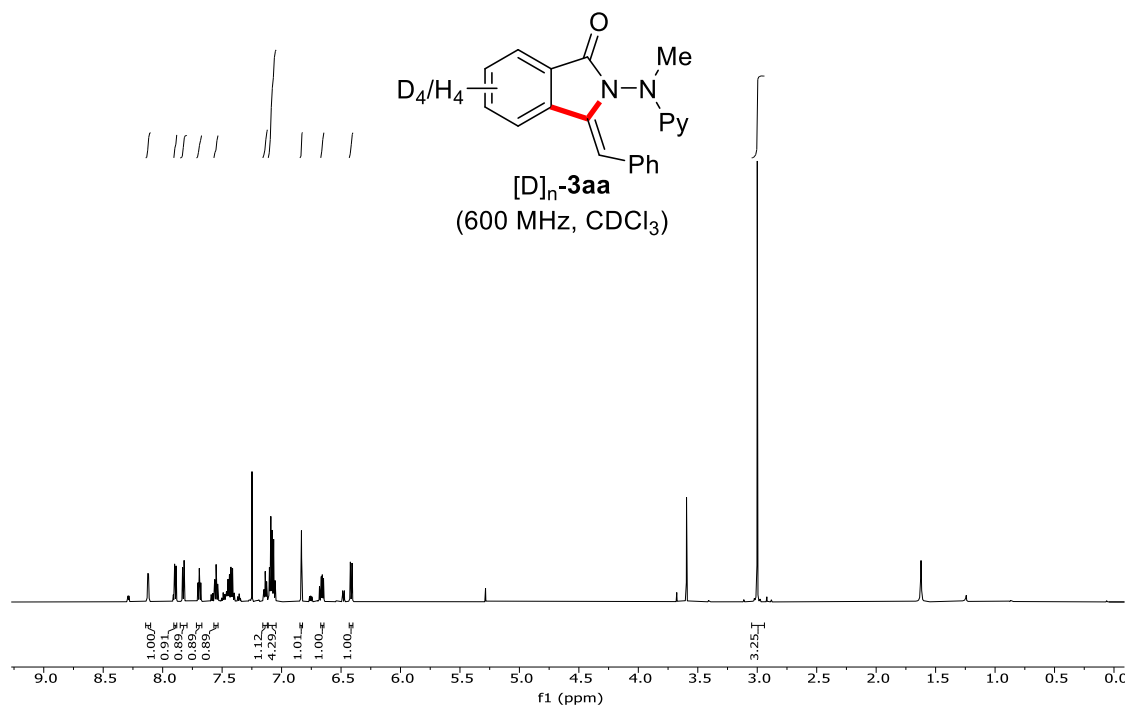


Figure S-6: ^1H NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3aa}$ and $[D]_4\text{-}\mathbf{3aa}$ for the competition experiment.

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