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Indole Synthesis by Rhodium(III)-Catalyzed Hydrazine-Directed C–H Activation: Redox-Neutral and Traceless by N–N Bond Cleavage**

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1 General information

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of argon in flamedried glassware. Reaction temperatures are reported as the temperature of the bath surrounding the vessel unless otherwise stated. The solvents used were purified by distillation over the drying agents indicated in parentheses and were transferred under argon.

Commercially available chemicals were obtained from Acros Organics, Aldrich Chemical Co., Strem Chemicals, Alfa Aesar, ABCR and TCI Europe and used as received unless otherwise stated.

Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on Polygram SIL G/UV₂₅₄ plates. Flash chromatography was either performed on Merck silica gel (40-63 mesh) by standard technique eluting with solvents as indicated.

GC-MS Spectra were recorded on an Agilent Technologies 7890A GC-system with an Agilent 5975C VL MSD or an Agilent 5975 inert Mass Selective Detector (EI) and a HP-5MS column (0.25 mm \times 30 m, Film: 0.25 μ m). The major signals are quoted in m/z with the relative intensity in parentheses.

¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV 300 or AV 400, Varian 500 MHz INOVA or Varian Unity plus 600 in solvents as indicate. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to TMS. The residual solvent signals were used as references and the chemical shifts converted to the TMS scale (CDCl₃: $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.26$ ppm, $\delta_{\rm C} = 77.16$ ppm). ESI mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker Daltonics MicroTof. No attempts were made to optimize yields for substrate synthesis.

2 Synthesis of 2-acetyl-1-arylhydrazines and diaryl substituted alkynes

2.1 General procedure for the synthesis of 2-acetyl-1-arylhydrazines^[1]

$$R \xrightarrow[l]{I} NH_{2} \xrightarrow{\text{NaNO}_{2}/\text{Conc.HCl}} R \xrightarrow[l]{I} NHNH_{2} \xrightarrow{\text{HCl}} 1M \text{ NaOH} \xrightarrow{\text{THF}/\text{H}_{2}\text{O}, \text{ Ac}_{2}\text{O}} R \xrightarrow[l]{I} \xrightarrow{\text{NHNHAc}} R \xrightarrow[l]{I} \xrightarrow{\text{NHNHAc}} 3$$

Following a literature procedure,^[1] to a suspension of aryl amine **1** (20 mmol) in water (65 mL) and conc. HCl (25 mL) cooled down to 0-5 °C, sodium nitrite (1.55 g, 22 mmol) in water (15 mL) was added dropwise. It was kept under stirring at the same temperature for 45 minutes and, subsequently, a solution of $SnCl_2$ (40 mmol) in conc. HCl (10 mL) was added. Once the addition was performed, the temperature was allowed to slowly increase until achieving room temperature, and the suspension was filtered. The remaining solid was washed with saturated brine and diethyl ether and, subsequently, it was suspended in diethyl ether with stirring during a few minutes. It was filtered and dried resulting in a crude brown solid **2**, which was used directly in the following synthesis step.

The arylhydrazine hydrochloride salt **2** (13 mmol) was dissolved in 1*N* NaOH (25 mL) and THF (6 mL). With stirring, acetic anhydride (1.3 g, 13 mmol) was added dropwise, and after stirring for 30 min the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3x20 mL). The combined organic solvent was evaporated to afford a solid residue. Recrystallization from a mixture of pentane and dichloromethane (1:1) gave 2-acetyl-1-arylhydrazine **3**.

2.2 General procedure for the synthesis of diaryl substituted alkynes^[2]



Following a literature procedure,^[2] $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ (105 mg, 0.15 mmol), 1,4bis(diphenylphosphino)butane (128 mg, 0.30 mmol), aryl halides (6.00 mmol), and propiolic acid (212 mg, 3.0 mmol) were combined with DBU (913 mg, 6.0 mmol) in a small roundbottomed flask. DMSO (15.0 mL) was added, and the flask was sealed with a septum. The resulting mixture was placed in an oil bath at 80 °C for 3 h. The reaction was poured into 25 mL of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc (4x20 mL). The combined EtOAc extracts were washed with brine (90 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and filtered. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the resulting crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel. The product was eluted with 5% ethyl acetate in hexane.

3 Rh(III)-catalyzed hydrazine-directed redox-neutral C-H annulation to diverse indoles

3.1 Optimization of the Rh(III)-catalyzed hydrazine-directed redox-neutral C-H annulation to indole

	NHR ^{1 +} Ph-	2.5 mol% [RhCp*C 25 mol% CsOAc 25 mol% CsOAc	Ph	
	∽ N 1a ^H	2a	3a	
Entry	R ¹	Additive	Solvent	Yield [%] ^[b]
1	Н		DCE	n.r
2	Ac		DCE	12
3	Piv		DCE	n.r
4 ^[c]	Ac		DCE	n.r
5	Ac	HOAc	DCE	88
6	Ac	TfOH	DCE	trace
7	Ac	TFA	DCE	41
8	Ac	HOAc	dioxane	n.r
9	Ac	HOAc	methanol	56
10	Ac	HOAc	CHCl₃	58
11	Ac	HOAc	toluene	n.r
12 ^{[d}	Ac	HOAc	DCE	73
13 ^[e]	Ac	HOAc	DCE	62
14 ^[f]	Ac		DCE	89
15 ^[g]	Ac	HOAc	DCE	77
16 ^[h]	Ac	HOAc	DCE	28

Table S1. Optimization of the Rh(III)-catalyzed hydrazine-directed redox-neutral C-H annulation to indole.^[a]

3.2 General procedure for the Rh(III)-catalyzed hydrazine-directed redoxneutral C-H annulation



To a 50 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a 10 x 5 mm spinvane-shaped Teflon stirrer bar were charged with 2-acetyl-1-arylhydrazine (0.2 mmol), alkyne **2** (0.22 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (2.5 mol%), CsOAc (25 mol%), acetic acid (1.2 equiv.), and 1,2-dichloroethane (1.5 mL) under the Argon atmosphere. The resulting mixture was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and

[[]a] Reactions were carried out by using $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$ (2.5 mol%), CsOAc (25 mol%), additive (0-1.2 equiv.), hydrazines (0.2 mmol), and diphenylacetylene (0.22 mmol) in solvent (1 mL) for 16 h at 70 °C under an argon atmosphere. [b] Isolated yield. [c] N'-methyl-N'-phenylacetohydrazide was used as the substrate. [d] NaOAc (25 mol%) was used as the base; [e] CsOPiv (25 mol%) was used as the base; [f] RhCp*(OAc)₂ (5 mol%) was used as the catalyst; [g] 12 h; [h] room temperature. n.r = no reaction.

stirred at 70 °C for 16 h in an oil bath. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a plug of celite and washed with dichloromethane (15 mL). The desired product was obtained by column chromatography using an appropriate eluent.

3.3 Procedure for the gram scale preparation of 2,3-Diphenyl-1H-indole (3a)

To a 150 mL screw-capped vial equipped with a 10 x 5 mm spinvane-shaped Teflon stirrer bar were charged with 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine (1.5 g, 10 mmol), alkyne **2** (1.96 g, 11 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (155 mg, 0.25 mmol), CsOAc (480 mg, 2.5 mmol), acetic acid (720 μ L, 12 mmol), and 1,2-dichloroethane (50 mL) under the Argon atmosphere. The resulting mixture was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and stirred at 70 °C for 16 h in an oil bath. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a plug of celite and washed with dichloromethane (25 mL). The desired product was obtained by column chromatography (pentane/ethyl acetate10:1). 2,3-Diphenyl-1H-indole **(3a)** was formed in 86% yield (2.32 g).

2,3-Diphenyl-1H-indole (3a)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine (30 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), diphenylacetylene (39.15 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and

1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 2,3-Diphenyl-1H-indole (**3a**) was formed in 88% yield. **R**_f (pentane/ethyl acetate 10:1): 0.25; ¹**H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.21 (m, 12H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, **CDCl₃):** δ 136.01, 135.17, 134.21, 132.83, 132.80, 130.29, 128.88, 128.83, 128.66, 128.30, 127.84, 126.37, 122.85, 120.57, 119.84, 111.01. **HRMS**: m/z (ESI) calcd for [C₂₀H₁₆N]⁺: 270.1283, found: 270.1277.

6-Methyl-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-indole (3b)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-(3-methylphenyl)hydrazine (32.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), diphenylacetylene (39.15 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05

mmol), HOAc (14.4 μ L, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 6-Methyl-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-indole (**3b**) was formed in 93% yield. R_f (pentane/ethyl acetate = 10:1): 0.30; ¹H NMR (**300 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.27 (m, 10H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.02 (dd, J = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 136.35, 135.26, 133.38, 132.88, 132.60, 130.09, 128.62, 128.46, 128.04, 127.46, 126.69, 126.12, 122.18, 119.36, 114.94, 110.80, 21.72. HRMS: m/z (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₇NNa (M + Na)⁺ 306.1259, found 306.1253.

5-Methyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indole (3c)

5,6-Dimethyl-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-indole (3d)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)hydrazine (35.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), diphenylacetylene (39.15 mg, 0.22 mmol),

CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 μ L, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 5,6-Dimethyl-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-indole (**3d**) was formed in 90% yield. **R**_f (pentane/ethyl acetate = 10:1): 0.30; ¹H NMR (**300 MHz, CDCl**₃): δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.32 (m, 11H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.48, 134.91, 133.24, 133.00, 131.84, 130.15, 129.12, 128.58, 128.45, 127.98, 127.34, 127.23, 126.05, 119.64, 114.58, 111.25, 20.44, 20.10. HRMS: m/z (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₇NONa (M + Na)⁺ 322.1208, found 322.1202.

5-Methoxy-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-indole (3e)



methoxyphenyl)hydrazine (36 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), diphenylacetylene (39.15 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 μ L, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 5-Methoxy-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-indole (**3e**) was formed in 92% yield. **R**_f (pentane/ethyl acetate = 10:1): 0.30; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.76, 135.18, 134.92, 132.70, 131.02, 130.06, 129.14, 128.63, 128.58, 128.04, 127.59, 126.16, 114.91, 112.99, 111.67, 101.18, 55.91. HRMS: m/z (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₇NONa (M + Na)⁺ 322.1208, found 322.1202.

2,3,5-Triphenyl-1H-indole (3f)

Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization Ph reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-(4-phenylphenyl)hydrazine Ph Ph (45.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), Ν diphenylacetylene (39.15 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 н mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 2,3,5-Triphenyl-1H-indole (3f) was formed in 86% yield. R_f (pentane/ethyl acetate 8:1): 0.25; ¹H **NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.55 (dt, J = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.17 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 142.65, 135.58, 135.10, 134.93, 134.28, 132.76, 130.37, 129.46, 128.85, 128.75, 128.28, 127.91, 127.56, 126.53, 126.49, 122.74, 118.34, 115.61, 111.26, **HRMS**: m/z (ESI) calcd for $[C_{26}H_{19}N + Na]^+$: 368.1415, found 368.1405.

7-Fluoro-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indole (3g)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-(2-fluorophenyl)hydrazine (33.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), diphenylacetylene (39.15 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 7-Fluoro-2,3-diphenyl-

1H-indole (3g) was formed in 83% yield. \mathbf{R}_{f} (pentane/ethyl acetate 10:1): 0.30; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.57 – 7.27 (m, 11H), 7.08 (td, J = 7.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (ddd, J = 10.9, 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 151.14, 147.91, 135.01, 134.72, 132.49, 132.43, 132.29, 130.21, 128.90, 128.73, 128.34, 128.18, 126.64, 124.41, 124.23,

120.75, 120.66, 115.80, 115.76, 115.61, 115.57, 107.69, 107.48. ¹⁹F NMR (282.3 MHz, **CDCl₃**): δ 135.6. **HRMS**: m/z (ESI) calcd for [C₂₀H₁₄FN]: 287.1110, found 287.1105.

5-Fluoro-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-indole (3h)

Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization Ph reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-(4-fluorophenyl)hydrazine (33.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), н diphenylacetylene (39.15 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 5-Fluoro-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indole (3h) was formed in 64% yield. $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}}$ (pentane/ethyl acetate = 10:1): 0.30; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.28 (m, 12H), 7.00 (td, J =9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.46 (d, J_{1F} = 236.34 Hz), 135.84, 134.57, 132.34, 129.91, 129.20 (d, $J_{3F} = 9.09$ Hz), 128.68 (d, $J_{3F} = 11.11$ Hz), 128.11, 127.94, 126.41, 115.20, 115.53 (d, J_{4F} = 4.04 Hz), 110.00 (d, J_{2F} = 27.27 Hz), 104.57 (d, J_{2F} = 24.24 Hz).¹⁹F NMR (282.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 123.55. HRMS: m/z (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₄NFNa (M + Na)⁺ 310.1108, found 310.1102.

5-Chloro-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-indole (3i)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-(4-chlorophenyl)hydrazine Ph (36.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), diphenylacetylene (39.15 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 н mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 5-Chloro-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indole (3i) was formed in 78% yield. $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}}$ (pentane/ethyl acetate = 10:1): 0.30; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.28 (m, 11H), 7.20 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.40, 134.37, 134.20, 132.17, 130.02, 129.92, 128.73, 128.65, 128.10, 128.00, 126.54, 126.16, 122.91, 119.10, 114.78, 111.88. **HRMS:** m/z (ESI) calcd for $C_{20}H_{14}NCINa (M + Na)^+$ 326.0712, found 326.0708.

5-Bromo-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indole (3j)



(45.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), diphenylacetylene (39.15 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 5-Bromo-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indole (**3g**) was formed in 92% yield. **R**_f (pentane/ethyl acetate 10:1): 0.30; ¹H NMR(300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 135.33, 134.56, 134.43, 132.21, 130.64, 130.16, 128.89, 128.81, 128.24, 128.17, 126.70, 125.59, 122.29, 114.76, 113.82, 112.47, 77.58, 77.16, 76.74. HRMS: m/z (ESI) calcd for $[C_{20}H_{14}BrN+Na]^+$: 370.0207, found 370.0197.

5,6-Dichloro-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-indole (3k)

Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization Ph reaction carried out with 2-acetyl-1-(3,4was CI. dichlorophenyl)hydrazine (43.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, Ph Cľ 0.005 mmol), diphenylacetylene (39.15 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 н mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 5,6-Dichloro-2,3-diphenyl-1*H*-indole (**3**k) was formed in 60% yield. R_f (pentane/ethyl acetate = 10:1): 0.30; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.47 – 7.28 (m, 11H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.87, 134.58, 133.92, 131.80, 129.95, 128.82, 128.75, 128.68, 128.26, 128.07, 126.78, 126.28, 124.56, 120.66, 114.69, 112.31. **HRMS**: m/z (ESI) calcd for $C_{20}H_{13}NCl_2Na (M + Na)^+$ 360.0323, found 360.0317.

6-Iodo-5-methyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indole (31)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-(4-iodo-3-methylphenyl)hydrazine (58 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), diphenylacetylene (39.15 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc

(9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 μ L, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 6-Iodo-5-methyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indole (**3l**) was formed in 81% yield. **R**_f (pentane/ethyl acetate 8:1): 0.30; ¹**H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.27 (m, 10H), 2.51 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.72, 134.81, 132.45, 132.26, 130.25, 129.55, 128.87, 128.75, 128.23, 128.04, 126.59, 121.01, 119.71, 114.80, 93.84, 28.30. **HRMS**: m/z (ESI) calcd for [C₂₁H₁₆IN+Na]⁺: 432.0225, found 432.0215.

2,3-Diphenyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indole (3m)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-(3-trifluoromethoxy phenyl)hydrazine (46.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), diphenylacetylene (39.15 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc

(9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 2,3-Diphenyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indole (3m) was formed in 92% yield. Rf (pentane/ethyl acetate 8:1): 0.25; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.27 (m, 11H), 7.06 (ddg, J = 8.7, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.59, 145.56, 135.58, 135.52, 134.57, 132.34, 130.21, 128.93, 128.80, 128.23, 128.17, 127.70, 126.73, 122.64, 120.59, 119.25, 115.22, 114.60, 104.04; ¹⁹F NMR (282.3 MHz, **CDCl₃**): δ 57.89. **HRMS**: m/z (ESI) calcd for $[C_{21}H_{14}F_3NO + Na]^+$: 376.0925, found 376.0920.

Methyl 2,3-diphenyl-1H-indole-5-carboxylate (3n)



Following the general procedure. activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-(methyl-4-phenyl carboxylate)hydrazine (41.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), diphenylacetylene (39.15 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL,

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0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 5-Methyl 2,3-diphenyl-1Hindole-5-carboxylate (3n) was formed in 82% yield. R_f (pentane/ethyl acetate 5:1): 0.30; ¹H **NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.46 – 8.37 (m, 1H), 7.96 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.27 (m, 11H), 3.91 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.23, 138.55, 135.39, 134.36, 132.21, 130.30, 128.94, 128.85, 128.61, 128.26, 128.22, 126.79, 124.27, 122.84, 122.66, 116.29, 110.72, 52.03. **HRMS**: m/z (ESI) calcd for $[C_{22}H_{17}NO_2 + Na]^+$: 350.1157, found 350.1159.

2,3-Diphenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carbonitrile (30)



carboxylate)hydrazine (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), diphenylacetylene (39.15 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 μ L, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 2,3-Diphenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carbonitrile (**30**) was formed in 41% yield. **R**_f (pentane/ethyl acetate = 3:1): 0.30; ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.30 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (**101 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ 137.58, 136.21, 133.67, 131.65, 130.10, 129.05, 128.99, 128.85, 128.62, 128.31, 127.16, 125.66, 125.57, 120.81, 115.65, 111.89, 103.67. HRMS: m/z (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₄N₂Na (M + Na)⁺ 317.1055, found 326.0707.

2,3-Di-*p*-tolyl-1H-indole (4a)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine (30 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), 1,2-di-p-tolylethyne (45.32 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 2,3-Di-*p*-tolyl-1H-indole (4a) was formed in 93%

yield. **R**_f (pentane/ethyl acetate 10:1): 0.25; ¹**H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.27 – 7.07 (m, 6H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 137.60, 135.91, 135.80, 134.14, 132.25, 130.09, 130.02, 129.50, 129.38, 129.01, 128.11, 122.56, 120.37, 119.75, 114.62, 110.92, 21.40. **HRMS:** m/z (ESI) calcd for [C₂₂H₁₉N]: 297.1517, found 297.1512.

2,3-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole (4b)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine (30 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), 1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyne (52.36 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h.

2,3-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole (**4b**) was formed in 91% yield. **R**_f (pentane/ethyl acetate 7:1): 0.25; ¹H NMR (**300** MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.18 (dt, J = 14.9, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.17, 158.11, 135.82, 133.86, 131.26, 129.44, 129.08, 127.69, 125.42, 122.37, 120.29, 119.51, 114.22, 114.12, 113.80,

110.87, 55.36, 55.34. **HRMS**: m/z (ESI) calcd for $[C_{22}H_{19}NO_2+Na]^+$: 352.1313, found: 352.1296.

2,3-Bis(3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole (4c)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine (30 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), 1,2-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)ethyne (52.36 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 2,3-Bis(3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole (**4b**) was formed in 70% yield. **R**_f

(pentane/ethyl acetate 7:1): 0.25; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.12 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.97 (m, 3H), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.77, 159.68, 136.54, 135.88, 134.07, 133.97, 129.83, 129.60, 128.80, 122.90, 120.58, 120.49, 119.86, 115.54, 115.20, 113.85, 113.55, 112.29, 111.03, 55.32, 55.25. HRMS: m/z (ESI) calcd for [C₂₂H₁₉NO₂+Na]⁺: 352.1313, found: 352.1308.

2,3-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-indole (4d)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine (30 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), 1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)ethyne (54.34 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 100 °C for 16 h. 2,3-Bis(4-

chlorophenyl)-1H-indole (**4d**) was formed in 58% yield. **R**_f (pentane/ethyl acetate 9:1): 0.25; ¹H NMR (**300 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.17 (m, 9H), 7.18 – 7.06 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (**75 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ 136.05, 134.00, 133.35, 133.20, 132.80, 132.38, 131.43, 130.95, 129.51, 129.23, 129.04, 128.51, 123.31, 120.94, 119.60, 114.38, 111.18. **HRMS**: m/z (ESI) calcd for [C₂₀H₁₃Cl₂N+Na]⁺: 360.0323, found: 360.0317.

2,3-Bis(3-chlorophenyl)-1H-indole (4e)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine (30 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), 1,2-bis(3-chlorophenyl)ethyne (54.34 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 2,3-Bis(3-chlorophenyl)-1H-indole (**4e**) was

formed in 72% yield. **R**_f (pentane/ethyl acetate 8:1): 0.25; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.10 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 136.64, 136.04, 134.83, 134.51, 134.16, 133.00, 130.17, 130.03, 129.98, 128.45, 128.40, 128.12, 127.92, 126.79, 126.70, 123.48, 121.04, 119.70, 114.59, 111.23. HRMS: m/z (ESI) calcd for [C₂₀H₁₃Cl₂N+Na]⁺: 360.0323, found: 360.0322.

2,3-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole (4f)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine (30 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), 1,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)ethyne (47.08 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 70 °C for 16 h. 2,3-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole (**4f**)

was formed in 91% yield. **R**_f (pentane/ethyl acetate 10:1): 0.25; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 6.98 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.71, 162.96, 161.24, 160.53, 135.89, 133.33, 131.72, 131.64, 130.86, 130.83, 130.07, 129.99, 128.76, 128.72, 128.71, 123.03, 120.77, 119.56, 116.11, 115.90, 115.83, 115.62, 114.13, 111.08, 77.48, 77.16, 76.84. ¹⁹F NMR (282.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 118.3, 116.2. HRMS: m/z (ESI) calcd for [C₁₄H₂₀N]⁺: 202.1596, found: 202.1576.

2,3-Diethyl-1H-indole (4g)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine (30 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), hex-3-yne (18 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-

dichloroethane (1 mL) at 100 °C for 16 h. 2,3-Diethyl-1H-indole (4g) was formed in 68% yield. R_f (pentane/ethyl acetate 12:1): 0.25; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.59

- 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.32 - 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.18 - 7.06 (m, 2H), 2.76 (dq, J = 10.4, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.28 (dt, J = 15.3, 7.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 136.15, 135.35, 128.59, 120.95, 119.07, 118.35, 113.26, 110.40, 77.48, 77.16, 76.84, 19.46, 17.44, 15.92, 14.60. HRMS: m/z (ESI) calcd for [C₁₂H₁₆N]⁺: 174.1283, found: 4174.1251.

2,3-Dipropyl-1H-indole (4h)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine (30 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), oct-4-yne (24.2 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 100 °C for 16 h. 2,3-Dipropyl-1H-indole

(4h) was formed in 86% yield. \mathbf{R}_{f} (pentane/ethyl acetate 12:1): 0.25; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, **CDCl₃):** δ 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 2.71 – 2.51 (m, 4H), 1.59 (hept, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 0.90 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, **CDCl₃):** δ 135.38, 135.33, 128.92, 120.85, 118.95, 118.46, 112.28, 110.31, 33.39, 32.20, 25.97, 24.04, 22.93, 22.66, 14.21, 14.06. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for [C₁₄H₁₉N]: 201.1517, found: 201.1513.

2,3-Dibutyl-1H-indole (4i)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine (30 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), dec-5-yne (30.4 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 μ L, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 100 °C for 16 h. 2,3-

Dibutyl-1H-indole (**4i**) was formed in 80% yield. **R**_f (pentane/ethyl acetate 12:1): 0.25; ¹H **NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.13 (pd, J = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.81 – 2.65 (m, 4H), 1.65 (ddd, J = 12.5, 9.2, 6.3 Hz, 4H), 1.44 (dq, J = 14.4, 7.4 Hz, 4H), 0.99 (td, J = 7.3, 3.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C **NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 135.38, 135.33, 128.92, 120.85, 118.95, 118.46, 112.28, 110.31, 33.39, 32.20, 25.97, 24.04, 22.93, 22.66, 14.21, 14.06. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for [C₁₆H₂₄N]⁺: 230.1909, found: 230.1856.

3-Methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole (4j)^[3]



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine (30 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), prop-1-yn-1-ylbenzene (25.5 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 µL,

0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 100 °C for 16 h. 3-Methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole (4j) was formed in 49% yield. **R**_f (pentane/ethyl acetate 12:1): 0.25; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, **CDCl₃):** δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.22 (td, *J* = 8.1, 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (td, *J* = 7.5, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.94, 134.14, 133.47, 130.14, 128.95, 127.86, 127.45, 122.45, 119.65, 119.11, 110.78, 108.84, 9.80. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for [C₁₅H₁₄N]⁺: 208.1126, found: 208.1076.

3-Ethyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole (4k)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine (30 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), but-1-yn-1-ylbenzene (28.6 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 μ L, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 100 °C for 16 h. 3-

Ethyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole (**4k**) was formed in 58% yield. **R**_f (pentane/ethyl acetate 12:1): 0.25; ¹**H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (td, *J* = 6.8, 6.3, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (tt, *J* = 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (dtd, *J* = 19.3, 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 136.08, 133.82, 133.50, 129.14, 128.96, 127.99, 127.61, 122.34, 119.59, 119.33, 115.56, 110.93, 17.93, 15.77. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for [C₁₆H₁₆N]⁺: 222.1283, found: 222.1255.

2-Phenyl-3-propyl-1H-indole (4l)



Following the general procedure, the C-H activation/cyclization reaction was carried out with 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine (30 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), pent-1-yn-1-ylbenzene (31.7 mg, 0.22 mmol), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), HOAc (14.4 μ L, 0.24 mmol) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1 mL) at 100 °C for 16 h. 2-

Phenyl-3-propyl-1H-indole (4I) was formed in 77% yield. $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}}$ (pentane/ethyl acetate 12:1): 0.25; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m,

2H), 7.49 (td, J = 7.0, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dddd, J = 8.7, 4.0, 2.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.94 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 1.78 (dq, J = 15.0, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.02 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 136.01, 134.24, 133.62, 129.48, 128.93, 128.08, 127.59, 122.28, 119.56, 119.49, 114.11, 110.86, 26.85, 24.39, 14.58. HRMS: m/z (ESI) calcd for [C₁₇H₁₇N]: 235.1361, found: 235.1356.

4 Mechanistic Experiments

4.1 Isotope-labeled experiments



To a 10 mL Schlenk tube was added [Cp^{*}RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 25.0 mol %), ¹⁵N-**1a** (30.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2a** (40.0 mg, 0.22 mmol) and the tube was purged with Ar for three times, followed by addition of AcOH (14.4 μ L, 1.2 equiv), DCE (1.0 mL). The formed mixture was stirred at 70 °C under Ar for 16 h as monitored by TLC. The solution was then cooled to rt, and the solvent was removed under vaccum directly. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: pentane/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford 47.0 mg (87%) of ¹⁵N-**3a**. The ratio of **3a** and ¹⁵N-**3a** was determined by ¹⁵N NMR and HRMS. ¹H NMR (**300 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ 8.08 (d, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.11 (m, 12H), 7.11 – 7.01 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.97, 135.77, 135.07, 134.14, 133.95, 132.71, 130.15, 128.65, 128.49, 128.16, 127.66, 126.21, 122.70, 122.67, 120.41, 119.69, 115.04, 110.87. ¹⁵N NMR: δ -253.70. HRMS: m/z (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₅¹⁵NNa (M + Na)⁺ 293.1073, found 293.1067.

Product	m/z	Res	S/N	I	FWHM
3a +Na	292.1097	-	-	-	-
¹⁵ N -3a +Na	293.1067	7522	96.1	5341	0.0390



4.2 Deuteration experiments



[Cp^{*}RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 25.0 mol %), AcOH (14.4 μ L, 1.2 equiv), **1a** (30.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) or D5-**1a** (31.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2a** (40.0 mg, 0.22 mmol) and DCE (1.0 mL) were added in two separated Schlenk tubes. They were stirred at 70 °C under Ar for 30 minutes, then immediately quenched with EtOAc at the same time. Then two reaction mixtures were combined and the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: pentane/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford 24.0 mg of **3a** and **D4-3a**. The ratio of **3a** and **D4-3a** was determined by HRMS to be 2.9 : 1.

Product	m/z	Res	S/N	I	FWHM
3a+Na	292.1103	7897	433.8	23914	0.0370
D4 -3a +Na	296.1331	7607	149.5	8410	0.0389



[Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 2.5 mol %), CsOAc (9.6 mg, 25.0 mol %), AcOH (14.4 μ L, 1.2 equiv), D1-1a (30.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2a (40.0 mg, 0.22 mmol) and DCE (1.0 mL) were added in a Schlenk tube. It was stirred at 70 °C under Ar for 30 minutes, then immediately quenched with EtOAc. Then the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: pentane/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford 16.0 mg of 3a and D1-3a. The ratio of 3a and D4-3a was determined by HRMS to be 2.3 : 1.

Product	m/z	Res	S/N	Ι	FWHM
3a+Na	292.1097	7868	701.2	28195	0.0371
D1 -3a +Na	293.1159	7599	303.1	12248	0.0386

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6 NMR spectra























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