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Abstract

Copper-catalysed one-pot multicomponent protocol has been developed for construction of spiro heterocycles. The domino approach, leads to synthesis of spiro oxazolidinones starting from ketones, arylacetylenes, and isocyanates *via* catalytic addition, hydroamination and cyclization involving consecutive C-C, C-O, and C-N bond formations.

INTRODUCTION

Metal catalysed domino transformations allow construction of complex molecules from readily available starting materials.¹ Additionally, these metal mediated domino transformations involving intramolecular hydroamination as a key step, leading to formation of multiple C-C and C-N bonds, have become reliable and valuable tool for assembling structurally diverse N-heterocycles.² A classic metal catalysed three component approach involving assembly of alkyne, carbonyl, and amine has been much adopted for construction

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3 of many N-heterocycles such as oxazolidinones. Oxazolidinones and their derivatives have
4 been widely used not only as chiral synthons or chiral auxiliaries³ but also pharmaceuticals⁴
5 and agrochemicals⁵ due a diverse range of biological activities.⁶
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10 The feasibility of C-C bond formation, through C-H activation of terminal alkynes to
11 carbonyl compound has been a much investigated protocol for construction of propargyl
12 alcohols. These compounds are versatile building blocks for natural products and also
13 oxazolidinones.⁷ Direct nucleophilic addition of alkyne to ketones is rather difficult due to its
14 lower reactivity compared with aldehydes and imines.⁸ In recent years, metal mediated C-H
15 activation direct alkynylation has been explored for synthesis of propargyl alcohol of
16 carbonyls supported by various catalysts such as copper,⁹ zinc-mediated,¹⁰ silver, NHC-
17 silver complexes,¹¹ copper/guanidine,¹² and Rh-Phosphine¹³ etc., has been reported in
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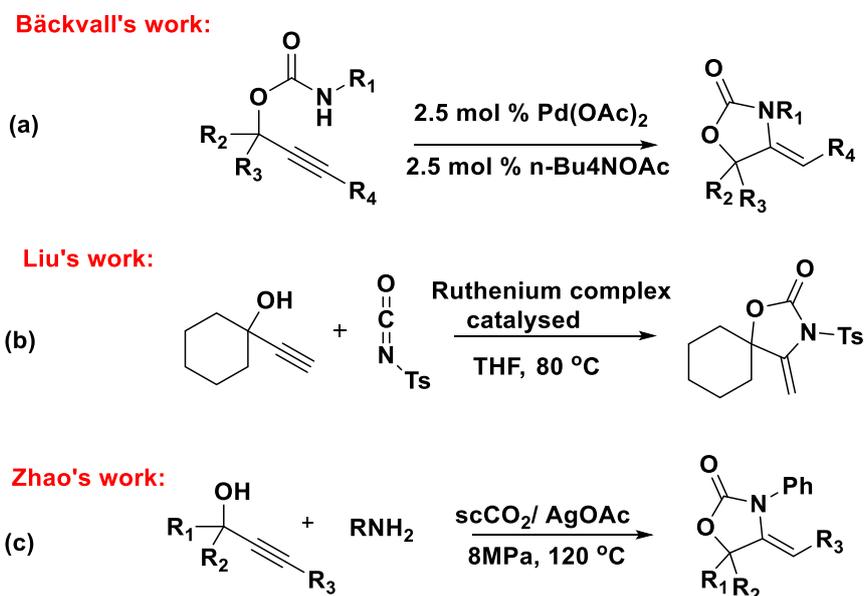
30 On the other hand catalytic hydroamination *i.e.*, nucleophilic addition of N-H across
31 C-C multiple bonds followed by cyclization has been an important tool in synthesis of many
32 spiro oxazolidinone. Bäckvall *et al* reported palladium catalyzed intramolecular
33 hydroamination of propargylic carbamates (Scheme 1a).¹⁴ Later on, Liu and co-workers
34 reported ruthenium complex catalyzed domino addition/exo cycloisomerization of
35 propargylic alcohols and tosyl isocyanates (Scheme 1b).¹⁵ Looper and co-workers reported
36 rhodium catalyzed hydroamination of propargyl guanidines.¹⁶ Silver catalyzed activation of
37 internal propargylic alcohols in supercritical carbon dioxide has been reported by Zhao's *et al*
38 (Scheme 1c).¹⁷ While numerous synthetic approaches to access spiro oxazolidinones have
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55 As a part of our group's continuous efforts towards development of copper-catalyzed
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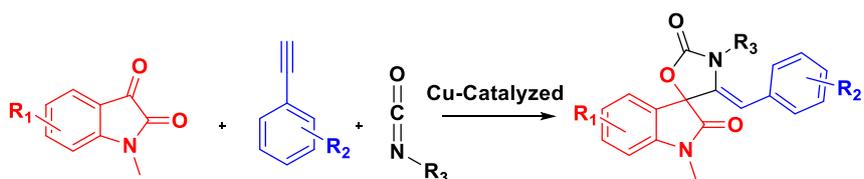
allows multiple carbon-carbon and/or carbon-heteroatom bond formations. Prior reports on such transformations by Sun,¹⁹ Yamada,²⁰ and Nair⁹ served as inspiration behind the proposed one-pot multicomponent copper-mediated protocol (Scheme 1d). Herein, we report copper-catalysed synthesis of spiro oxazolidinone framework as a viable alternative to the existing expensive catalyst based (Ag, Pd, Ru, Au) methods.

Scheme 1: Previous and Present Approaches:

Previous work:



This work: (d) Synthesis of Spiro oxazolidinones from readily available starting materials.

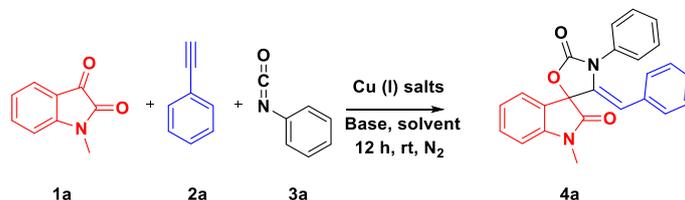


Results and Discussion

An assessment study on suitability of the proposed method has been performed using N-methyl isatin (**1a**), phenylacetylene (**2a**), and phenyl isocyanate (**3a**) as model substrates. The desired product (Z)-4'-benzylidene-1-methyl-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione (**4a**) was obtained in 43 % yield using copper iodide (CuI) as the catalyst, triethylamine (Et₃N) as the base, and toluene as the solvent. The reaction proceeds at room

temperature during 12 h under nitrogen atmosphere (Table 1, Entry 1). The optimum reaction parameters

Table 1: Synthesis of spiro oxazolidione-oxindole employing various reaction parameters.^a



Entry	Catalyst	Base	solvent	Yield (%) ^b
1	CuI	Et ₃ N	Toluene	43
2	CuI	tBuOK	Toluene	64
3	CuI	DIPEA	Toluene	36
4	CuI	DBU	Toluene	86
5	CuI	K ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	NR ^c
6	CuI	DBU	DMSO	59
7	CuI	DBU	DMF	52
8	CuI	DBU	CH ₃ CN	43
9	CuI	DBU	DCM	25
10	CuI	DBU	EtOH	NR
11	CuI	DBU	-	Trace
12	CuCl	DBU	Toluene	59
13	CuBr	DBU	Toluene	67
14	CuOAc	DBU	Toluene	48
15	Cu(OAc) ₂	DBU	Toluene	Trace
16	Cu(OTf) ₂	DBU	Toluene	Trace
17	-	DBU	Toluene	NR

^a**Reaction Conditions:** Reaction was carried out with **1a** (0.621 mmol, 1equiv), CuI (10 mol %), **2a** (0.745 mmol, 1.2 equiv), DBU (0.31 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and **3a** (0.745 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in anhydrous toluene (3 mL) at room temperature for 12 h under N₂ atmosphere; ^bisolated yields were reported. ^cNo Reaction.

were evaluated systematically and results summarized in Table 1. Firstly, a series of bases, such as Et₃N, potassium tert-butoxide, DIPEA DBU and K₂CO₃ were tested (Entries 1- 5). Among them DBU has been found to be the most effective base for this reaction (Entry 4).

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3 It has been observed that reaction proceeds most smoothly in toluene compared to
4 other solvents (DMSO, DMF, CH₃CN, and DCM, Entries 6 -9). The reaction didn't proceed
5 at all with EtOH as a solvent (Entry 10). A non polar solvent which helps in the formation of
6 the copper acetylide, and subsequent formation of the propargyl alcohol on reacting with the
7 electrophilic carbonyl carbon, serves as a better solvent for this reaction. In a polar protic
8 solvent such as ethanol, the formation of the copper acetylide is not possible. Therefore, the
9 reaction doesn't progress. The reaction did not proceed at all in absence of the solvent (Entry
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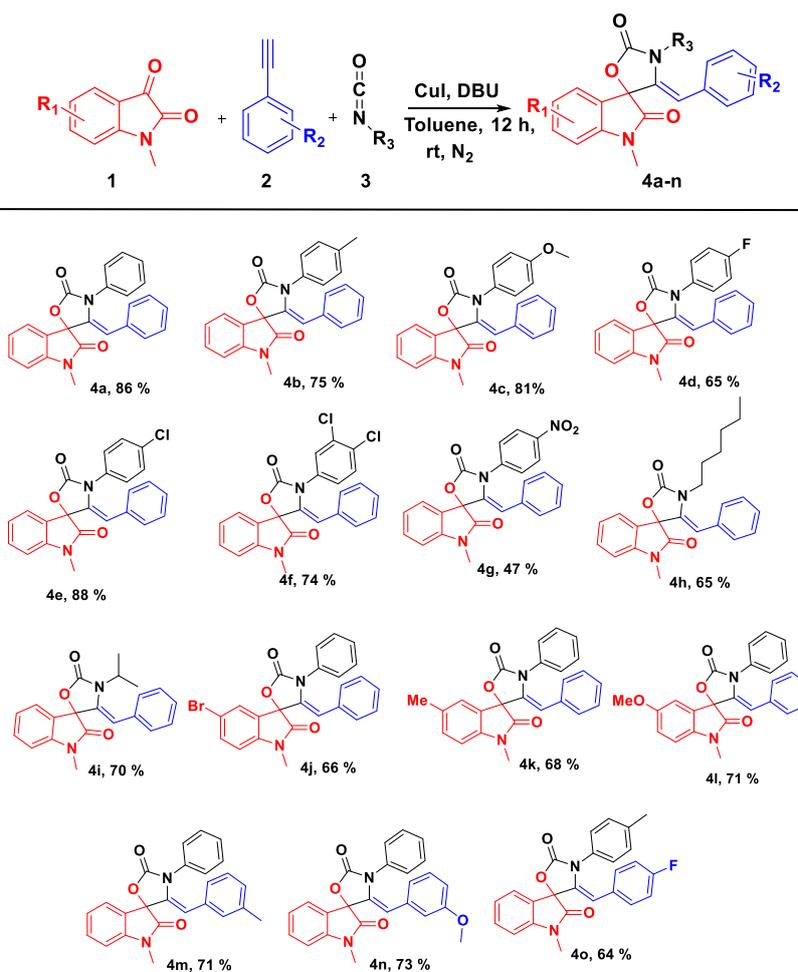
21 A comparison of catalyst efficiency has been examined at this stage, employing
22 various copper salts such as CuCl, CuBr, CuOAc, Cu(OAc)₂ and Cu(OTf)₂ (Entries 12 - 16).
23 Among them, CuI has been found to be the most suitable catalyst. As expected, reaction did
24 not proceed in the absence of catalyst (Entry 17).
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31 The successfully optimized reaction conditions were adopted for screening various
32 substrates to evaluate the scope of this reaction. To begin with a range of different isocyanates
33 were tested (Scheme 2). Phenyl isocyanates with neutral or electron donating substituents (4-
34 H, 4-Me, 4-OMe) resulted in excellent yields of corresponding products (**4a-4c**, 75-86%).
35 Halogen containing phenyl isocyanates also led to formation of desired spiro oxazolidione
36 products in good to excellent yields (**4d-4f**, 65-88%). The structure of the product **4e** was
37 confirmed by X-ray analysis (Figure-1 & S1).²¹ Reaction with phenyl isocyanate having
38 electron withdrawing substituent resulted in lower yield of corresponding product (**4g**, 47
39 %). Aliphatic isocyanates afforded the expected product with slightly lower yields compared
40 to phenyl isocyanates (**4h-4i**, 65-70%).
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55 phenyl acetylenes as well (Scheme 2). In general, benzene ring substitutions on N-methyl
56 isatin, as exemplified by 5-bromo, 5-methyl, 5-methoxy groups, gave moderate yields (**4j-4l**,
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66-71%). Substitutions on phenylacetylene such as 3-methyl and 3-methoxy resulted in marginally decreased reaction yields (**4m-4n**, 71-73%). Halogen substituted phenylacetylene gave moderate yield (**4o**, 64 %). The reaction was unsuccessful with alkyl acetylenes under the established reaction conditions. Isatin with an unprotected N-H group didn't react.

Scheme 2: Scope of spiro oxazolidinone-oxindoles.^{a,b}

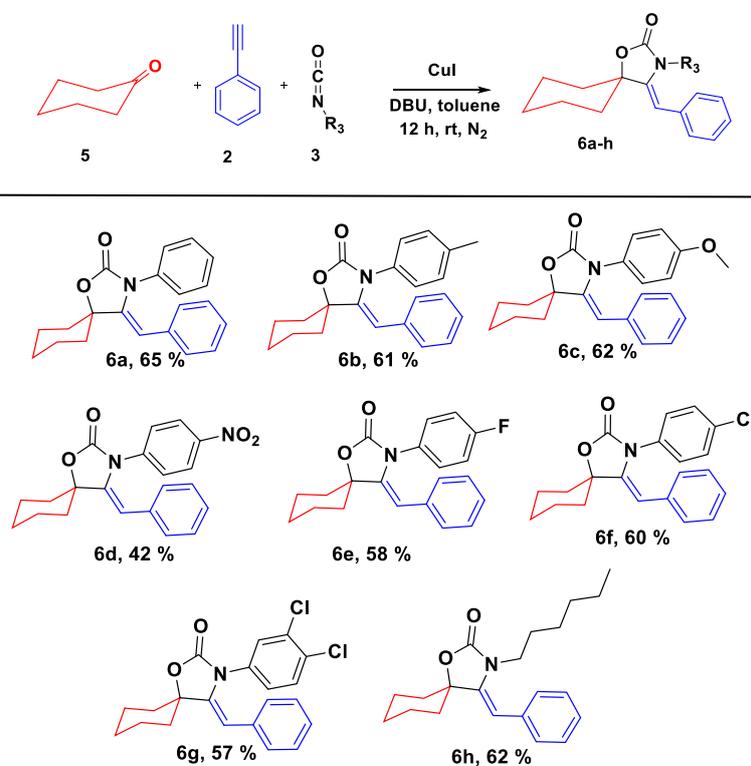


Reaction Conditions: Reaction was carried out with **1** (0.621 mmol, 1equiv), CuI (10 mol %), **2** (0.745 mmol, 1.2 equiv), DBU (0.31 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and **3** (0.745 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in anhydrous toluene (3 mL) at room temperature for 12 h under N₂ atmosphere; ^bisolated yields were reported

Further, the scope of this protocol was extended to other carbonyl compounds. Cyclohexanone reacts by the established protocol to give moderate yield the product of **6a** compared with N-methyl isatin product of **4a**. Once again it was noticed that the reaction efficiency depends on electronic properties of phenyl isocyanates. As earlier phenyl

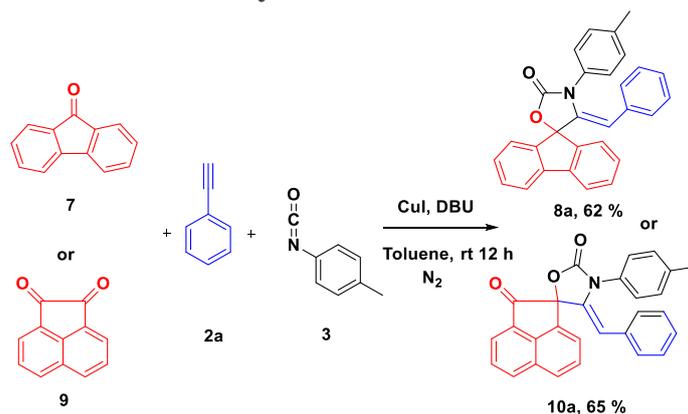
isocyanates with neutral and electron donating (4-H, 4-Me, 4-OMe) groups attached to phenyl ring gave better yields (Scheme 3, **6a-6c**, 61-65%), while substrates with electron withdrawing group attached phenyl isocyanate gave lower yields (**6d**, 42%). Gratifyingly, halo substituted phenyl isocyanates were also successfully converted to the expected products (**6e-6g**, 57-60%). The structure of the product **6f** was confirmed using single-crystal X-ray diffraction (Figure-1 & S2).²¹ In addition, aliphatic isocyanate also followed trend and gave product in moderate yields (Scheme 3, **6h**, 62 %).

Scheme 3: Scope of cyclohexane containing spiro-oxazolidinones.^{a, b}

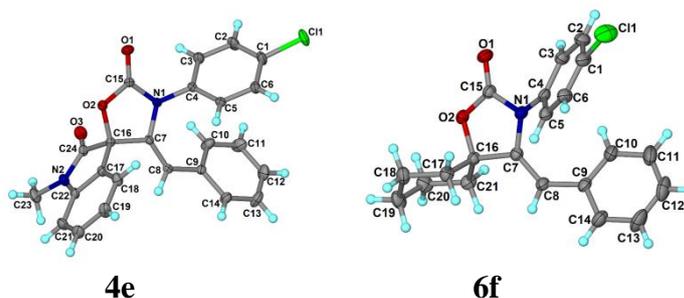


^a**Reaction Conditions:** Reaction was carried out with **5** (0.621 mmol, 1equiv), CuI (10 mol %), **2** (0.745 mmol, 1.2 equiv), DBU (0.31 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and **3** (0.745 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in anhydrous toluene (3 mL) at room temperature for 12 h under N₂ atmosphere; ^bisolated yields were reported.

Carbonyls such as 9-fluorenone and acenaphthoquinone (Scheme 4) were successfully utilized for this protocol. However, the yields were moderate (**8a & 10a**, 62 & 65 %). The reaction was unsuccessful with acyclic ketones such as 3-pentanone, isobutyl methyl ketone and t-butyl methyl ketone under the established reaction conditions.

Scheme 4: Scope of Different Carbonyls. *a, b*

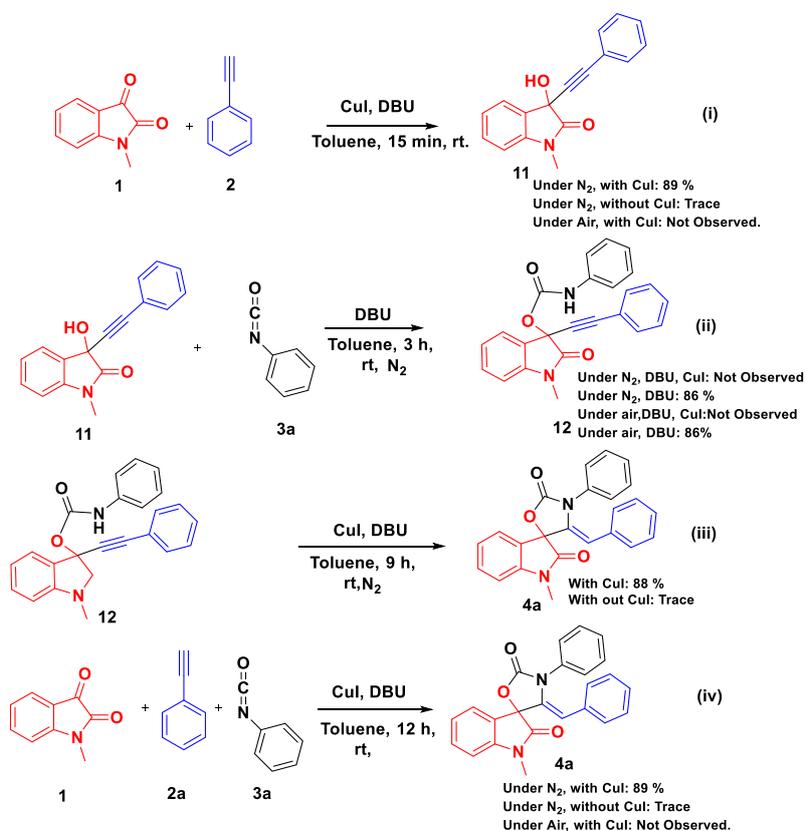
Reaction Conditions: Reaction was carried out with **7** or **9** (0.621 mmol, 1 equiv), **CuI** (10 mol %), **2** (0.745 mmol, 1.2 equiv), **DBU** (0.31 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and **3** (0.745 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in anhydrous toluene (3 mL) at room temperature for 12 h under N₂ atmosphere; ^bisolated yields were reported.

Figure-1: Crystal structure of **4e** and **6f**.

Once, the scope of the protocol was established, our attention was focused on the possible mechanism of the reaction. A series of control experiments were conducted to obtain insights on the reaction pathway (Scheme 5). Firstly, the reaction was performed in a stepwise manner and reaction intermediates isolated and characterized. N-Methyl isatin on nucleophilic addition of copper acetylide of phenylacetylene yields the corresponding propargyl alcohol in 89% yield (Scheme 5 **i**). The reaction is rapid and proceeds exclusively under nitrogen atmosphere. The propargyl alcohol intermediate (**11**) reacts with phenyl isocyanate in the presence of DBU leading to formation of propargyl carbamate in 86 % yield (**12**, Scheme 5 **ii**). Compound **12** could be isolated in absence of catalyst. While in the presence of base and copper salts compound **4a** was formed exclusively and no carbamate

could be isolated. The hydroamination reaction does proceed even in non-anhydrous conditions without alteration of product yield. Both propargylation and hydroamination steps did not proceed in the absence of catalyst (Scheme 5 **i** & **iii**). However, carbamate does form even in the absence of catalyst. It was also observed that when the one-pot protocol was carried out in aerobic conditions no product formation was observed (Scheme 5 **iv**), which indirectly indicates reaction proceeds *via* propargyl alcohol intermediate (**11**).

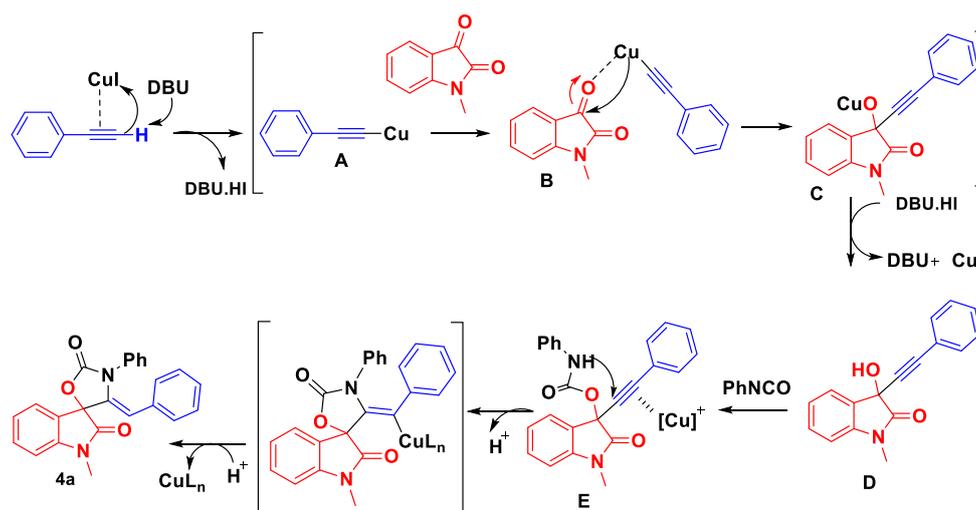
Scheme 5: Control Experiments.



The following reaction mechanism is proposed based on our experimental observations and previous literature reports²² (Scheme 6). Initially, copper (I) iodide coordinates with the phenylacetylene activating the terminal C-H bond. The abstraction of the terminal proton easily by **DBU** leads to the formation of copper acetylide nucleophile (**A**), and **DBU.HI**. Copper acetylide then attacks the electrophilic carbonyl carbon afford the

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3 addition product (C).^{9-13, 22a} DBU.HI helps in removal of the copper from addition product to
4 give propargyl alcohol (D). The hydroxyl of propargylic alcohol participated in the
5 nucleophilic addition to the isocyanate carbon followed by intramolecular *exo* cyclization of
6 carbamate intermediate (E). Carbamate undergoes intramolecular hydroamination across the
7 internal C-C multiple bond, activated by copper (I) salts, resulting formation of
8 corresponding oxazolidinone product (4a, 88 % Scheme 5 iii). the hydroamination yields
9 desired oxazolidinone (4a). Role of copper is multifaceted in the reaction protocol. It is
10 involved in electrophilic activation of triple bond for generation of acetylide and carbonyl
11 group as well as subsequent assistance in hydroamination.

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26 **Scheme 6: Proposed Mechanism.**



Conclusions

To summarize a convenient one-pot MCR approach for construction of spiro heterocycles has been demonstrated successfully *via* a copper-catalyzed domino reaction. The protocol involving simple starting materials such as carbonyl compounds, arylacetylene, and isocyanates proceeds through catalytic addition, hydroamination, and cyclization involving formation of three bonds, a C-C, a C-N, and a C-O. Once the optimized conditions were

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3 established this domino protocol has been successfully applied to a range of isocyanates,
4 substituted phenylacetylenes, substituted N-methyl isatins and other carbonyls compounds,
5 demonstrating its broad scope. This synthetic method with good functional group tolerance
6 coupled with simple substrates and reagents is a valuable tool for construction of important
7 spiro heterocyclic frameworks.
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14 **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

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17 **General Information:** Commercially available reagents were used without further
18 purification unless otherwise specified. All the reactions were performed under an
19 atmosphere of nitrogen in oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring. All reactions were
20 monitored by TLC analyses were performed on glass plates coated with silica gel 60 F254.
21 Plates were visualized using UV light (254 nm) and/or iodine. Organic solutions were dried
22 (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure in a Büchi rotary evaporator. Column
23 chromatography was performed on silica gel (60 \times 120 mesh) on a glass column. Melting points
24 (mp) were determined in capillary tubes and are uncorrected. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded
25 at 300, 400 and 500 MHz (using TMS, as a reference), and ^{13}C NMR were recorded at 75,
26 100, 125 MHz (using the CDCl_3 triplet centred at δ 77.0 Hz as reference) in CDCl_3 and
27 CDCl_3 +DMSO as solvent at ambient temperature. Data are reported as follows: chemical
28 shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, br = broad, t
29 = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet). Chemical shifts were reported as (δ) in parts per million
30 (ppm) and Coupling constants J values are given in Hz Mass (ESI) data were recorded on
31 quadruple mass spectrometry. HRMS data were obtained by the ESI ionization sources. IR
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53 All chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Spectrochem, and avra chemicals Pvt.
54 Ltd. India and used as received. The Spiro Oxazolidione-oxindole and other derivatives
55 preparation and procedures experiments are given below.
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4 ***phenylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione (4a).***
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7 To a stirred mixture of 1-methyl-1*H*-indole-2, 3-dione **1a** (0.621 mmol, 1equiv), CuI (10 mol
8 %), and phenylacetylene **2a** (0.745 mmol, 1.2equiv) in anhyd toluene (3 mL), DBU (0.31
9 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was added at 25 °C under a N₂ atmosphere. After 15 min added phenyl
10 isocyanate **3a** (0.745 mmol, 1.2 equiv). Stirring was continued at 25 °C temperature until the
11 starting material was completely consumed (TLC monitoring). After completion, the mixture
12 was quenched with sat.aq NH₄Cl (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 25 mL). The
13 combined organic layers were dried (anhyd Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure
14 to dryness. The crude product thus obtained was purified by column chromatography (60–
15 120 mesh, and EtOAc : hexane, 5:95) to afford pure **4a** as a white solid; yield: 205mg (86%);
16 m.p 216-218 °C.
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30 ***Experimental procedure for the Preparation of (Z)-4-benzylidene-3-phenyl-1-oxa-3-***
31 ***azaspiro[4.5]decan-2-one (6a).*** To a stirred mixture of Cyclohexanone **5a** (0.621 mmol,
32 1equiv), CuI (10 mol %), and phenylacetylene **2a** (0.745 mmol, 1.2equiv) in anhyd toluene (3
33 mL), DBU (0.31 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was added at 25 °C under a N₂ atmosphere. After 15 min
34 added phenyl isocyanate **3a** (0.745 mmol, 1.2 equiv).Stirring was continued at this
35 temperature until the starting material was completely consumed (TLC monitoring). After
36 completion, the mixture was quenched with sat.aq NH₄Cl (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc
37 (2 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (anhyd Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under
38 reduced pressure to dryness. The crude product thus obtained was purified by column
39 chromatography (activated silica gel, 60–120 mesh, and EtOAc : hexane, 3:97) to afford pure
40 **6a** as a white solid; yield: 130mg (65%); 160-162 °C.
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56 ***Experimental procedure for the Preparation of ((Z)-4'-benzylidene-3'-(p-tolyl)spiro[fluorene-***
57 ***9,5'-oxazolidin]-2'-one (8a) OR (Z)-4'-benzylidene-3'-(p-tolyl)-2H-spiro[acenaphthylene-***
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3 **1,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione (10a)**. To a stirred mixture of 9-fluorenone **7** or
4 acenaphthoquinone **9** (0.621 mmol, 1equiv), CuI (10 mol %), and phenylacetylene **2a** (0.745
5 mmol, 1.2equiv) in anhyd toluene (3 mL), DBU (0.31 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was added at 25 °C
6 under a N₂ atmosphere. After 15 min added phenyl isocyanate **3a** (0.745 mmol, 1.2
7 equiv).Stirring was continued at this temperature until the starting material was completely
8 consumed (TLC monitoring). After completion, the mixture was quenched with sat.aq NH₄Cl
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26 **(Z)-4'-Benzylidene-1-methyl-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione (4a)**

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28 **4a** as white solid (205mg, 86% yield); m.p 216-218 °C; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5; ¹H
29 NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12
30 (m, 5H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.79 (m, 3H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (s, 1H),
31 3.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 171.0, 154.6, 144.6, 134.0, 131.6,
32 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 126.5, 125.8, 125.3, 125.0, 123.5, 108.8, 103.6, 26.2; IR (KBr): 1777,
33 1723, 1611, 1213, 1106, 1020, 758, 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₄H₁₉O₃N₂
34 (M+H) 383.1392; found 383.1400.

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45 **(Z)-4'-Benzylidene-1-methyl-3'-(p-tolyl)spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione (4b)**.

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47 **4b** as a white solid (185mg, 75% yield); m.p 210-212 °C; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5;
48 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 7.53 (m 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (m,
49 3H), 6.90 (m, 3H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s,
50 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 171.1, 154.8, 144.5, 136.7,
51 134.2, 131.6, 131.4, 128.3, 127.8, 126.4, 125.6, 125.3, 124.9, 124.0, 123.5, 108.7, 103.2,
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26.2, 20.4; IR (KBr): 1781, 1723, 1611, 1211, 1106, 1020, 753, 704 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z :
calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2$ (M+H) 397.1547; found 397.1552.

**(Z)-4'-Benzylidene-3'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-
dione (4c).**

4c as a white solid (208mg, 81% yield); m.p 160-162 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5;
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3+\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.55 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H),
7.25 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.97 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.82 (m, 2H),
6.66 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C
NMR (100 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3+\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 171.0, 158.0, 144.5, 134.4, 131.6, 127.8, 126.8, 126.4,
125.6, 125.9, 123.9, 123.4, 120.0, 113.4, 113.0, 108.7, 102.9, 54.9, 26.2; IR (KBr): 1781,
1722, 1608, 1222, 1102, 1019, 753, 704 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4\text{N}_2$
(M+H) 413.1496; found 413.1497.

**(Z)-4'-Benzylidene-3'-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-methylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-
dione (4d).**

4d as a white solid (163mg, 65% yield); m.p 240-242 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5;
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3+\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.54 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H),
7.14 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (m, 3H), 6.81
(t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz,
 $\text{CDCl}_3+\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 170.9, 154.4, 144.5, 134.1, 131.6, 131.3, 130.0, 127.7, 126.9, 126.8,
126.5, 125.9, 125.2, 123.5, 123.4, 114.7, 114.4, 108.7, 103.4, 26.1; C-F Coupling constants:
(126.8 $J_{\text{C-F}}$, 8.6 Hz, 114.5 $J_{\text{C-F}}$ 23.0); IR (KBr): 1783, 1723, 1610, 1513, 1251, 1104, 1022,
753, 702 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2\text{F}$ (M+H) 401.1296; found 401.1313.

**(Z)-4'-Benzylidene-3'-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-methylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione
(4e).**

4e as a white solid (228mg, 88% yield); m.p 220-222 °C; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 7.59 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.87 (m, 3H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 171.0, 154.4, 144.6, 133.8, 132.6, 132.1, 131.8, 131.4, 128.1, 127.8, 126.7, 126.3, 126.1, 125.4, 123.6, 119.3, 108.9, 104.0, 26.3; IR (KBr): 1784, 1722, 1610, 1493, 1209, 1091, 1018, 753, 704 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₄H₁₈O₃N₂Cl (M+H) 417.1001; found 417.1019.

(Z)-4'-Benzylidene-3'-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1-methylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione (4f).

4f as a white solid (208mg, 74% yield); m.p 208-210 °C; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 170.7, 153.9, 144.5, 133.5, 133.1, 131.8, 131.3, 131.2, 130.2, 129.1, 127.6, 126.9, 126.7, 126.3, 125.4, 124.3, 123.5, 123.1, 108.8, 104.4, 26.2; IR (KBr): 1788, 1721, 1610, 1472, 1206, 1102, 1022, 753, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₄H₁₇O₃N₂Cl₂ (M+H) 451.0611; found 451.0619.

(Z)-4'-Benzylidene-1-methyl-3'-(4-nitrophenyl)spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione (4g).

4g as yellow solid (125mg, 47% yield); m.p 222-224 °C; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 170.4, 153.4, 144.6, 144.4, 139.3, 132.7, 131.8, 131.1, 127.4, 126.7, 126.4, 125.3, 124.6,

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3 123.4, 122.7, 122.5, 108.8, 105.5, 26.0; IR (KBr): 1782, 1734, 1610, 1524, 1231, 1112, 1015,
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5 754, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₄H₁₈O₅N₃ (M+H) 428.1241; found 428.1258.

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8 **(Z)-4'-Benzylidene-3'-hexyl-1-methylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione (4h).**

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10 **4h** as a white solid (158mg, 65% yield); m.p 160-162 °C; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 97:3;
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12 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 –
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14 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 6.91
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16 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.58 – 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.43 – 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 1.31
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18 – 1.17 (m, 2H), 1.16 – 1.07 (m, 2H), 1.04 – 0.94 (m, 2H), 0.88 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 9.7, 6.1 Hz,
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20 2H), 0.78 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 156.5, 145.0, 135.7,
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22 133.7, 132.0, 131.8, 130.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.2, 127.9, 127.2, 125.6, 125.5, 124.7, 123.9,
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24 123.7, 108.9, 101.7, 43.8, 40.7, 31.1, 26.8, 25.6, 22.4, 13.9; IR (KBr): 1780, 1723, 1612,
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26 1468, 1354, 1077, 1016, 753, 705 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₄H₂₇O₃N₂ (M+H)
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28 391.2016; found 391.2024.

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33 **(Z)-4'-Benzylidene-3'-isopropyl-1-methylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione (4i).**

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35 **4i** as a white solid (150mg, 70% yield); m.p 190-192 °C; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 97:3;
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37 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t,
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39 *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.09
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41 (s, 1H), 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 1.40 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,
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43 CDCl₃+DMSO) δ 171.3, 155.1, 144.4, 136.2, 133.4, 131.4, 128.1, 127.7, 126.8, 125.0, 124.9,
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45 123.5, 108.7, 101.6, 47.9, 26.2, 18.4; IR (KBr): 1774, 1727, 1611, 1467, 1296, 1102, 1018,
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47 762, 704 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₁H₂₁O₃N₂ (M+H) 349.1547; found 349.1562.

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52 **(Z)-4'-Benzylidene-5-bromo-1-methyl-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione**
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54 **(4j).**

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56 **4j** as a white solid (188mg, 66% yield); m.p 206-208 °C; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5;
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58 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12
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(br, 5H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.79 (m, 3H), 6.66 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{MSO-d}_6$) δ 169.8, 153.5, 151.7, 143.1, 138.4, 133.8, 133.2, 132.8, 130.6, 127.6, 127.5, 127.0, 126.1, 125.8, 125.2, 125.0, 124.3, 120.7, 117.2, 114.8, 110.1, 102.9, 25.7; IR (KBr): 1779, 1743, 1610, 1493, 1221, 1110, 1022, 755, 694 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2\text{Br}$ (M+H) 461.0495; found 461.0510.

***(Z)*-4'-Benzylidene-1,5-dimethyl-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione (4k).**

4k as a white solid (168mg, 68% yield); m.p 208-210 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{DMSO-d}_6$) δ 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 13.3, 5.9$ Hz, 3H), 6.64 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{DMSO-d}_6$) δ 170.9, 154.5, 142.0, 133.9, 133.8, 133.1, 131.8, 131.4, 127.6, 127.5, 126.51, 126.3, 125.7, 125.6, 124.9, 123.6, 108.5, 103.4, 26.1, 20.3; IR (KBr): 1780, 1738, 1625, 1499, 1219, 1111, 1022, 757, 694 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2$ (M+H) 397.1547; found 397.1569.

***(Z)*-4'-Benzylidene-5-methoxy-1-methyl-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione (4l).**

4l as a white solid (164 mg, 71 % yield); m.p 228-230 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{DMSO-d}_6$) δ 7.12 (m, 6H), 7.05 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.79 (m, 3H), 6.64 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3 + \text{DMSO-d}_6$) δ 170.0, 155.4, 153.7, 136.9, 133.3, 130.8, 127.0, 126.9, 125.9, 125.7, 125.0, 124.3, 124.0, 115.5, 111.3, 108.9, 102.6, 54.6, 25.5; IR (KBr): 1781, 1722, 1608, 1220, 1102, 1019, 753, 704 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4\text{N}_2$ (M+H) 413.1496; found 413.1503.

***(Z)*-1-Methyl-4'-(3-methylbenzylidene)-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione (4m).**

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3 **4m** as a white solid (175mg, 71% yield); m.p 208-210 °C; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5;
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5 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 7.53 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz,
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7 1H), 7.19 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 7.5
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9 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H); ¹³C
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11 NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 171.2, 154.8, 144.7, 136.1, 134.3, 133.9, 131.7, 131.5,
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13 129.1, 127.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 125.4, 125.1, 124.8, 124.1, 123.6, 108.8, 103.9, 26.3, 20.4;
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15 IR (KBr): 1778,1725, 1610,1485, 1217, 1101, 1021, 754, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd
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17 for C₂₅H₂₀O₃N₂Na (M+Na) 419.1366; found 419.1380.

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22 **(Z)-4'-(3-Methoxybenzylidene)-1-methyl-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-**
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24 **dione (4n).**

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26 **4n** as a white solid (188mg, 73% yield); m.p 168-170 °C; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate
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28 95:5;¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz,
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30 1H), 7.13 (m, 5H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.9
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32 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C
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34 NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 170.9, 157.8, 154.5, 144.5, 134.1, 134.0, 132.9, 131.6,
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36 127.7, 127.5, 126.6, 125.3, 124.8, 123.7, 123.5, 120.4, 112.8, 112.3, 108.8, 103.5, 54.3, 26.2;
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38 IR (KBr): 1782, 1727, 1609, 1470, 1215,1104,1021, 749, 694 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd
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40 for C₂₅H₂₁O₄N₂ (M+H) 413.1496; found 413.1513.

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45 **(Z)-4'-(4-Fluorobenzylidene)-1-methyl-3'-(p-tolyl)spiro[indoline-3,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-**
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47 **dione (4o).**

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49 **4o** as a white solid (165mg, 64% yield); m.p 260-262 °C; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5;
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51 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ 7.52 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz,
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53 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* =
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55 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.26 (s, H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO-d₆) δ
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57 171.0, 152.7, 144.5, 136.4, 135.5, 134.0, 133.2, 131.6, 130.7, 128.6, 127.7, 127.6, 127.1,
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3 126.5, 125.2, 124.9, 123.8, 123.4, 118.1, 108.7, 103.8, 26.1, 20.0; IR (KBr):1781, 1724,
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5 1610, 1472, 1211, 1106, 1020, 753, 704 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2\text{F}$
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7 (M+H) 415.1453; found 415.1453.

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10 **(Z)-4-Benzylidene-3-phenyl-1-oxa-3-azaspiro[4.5]decan-2-one (6a).**

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12 **6a** as a white solid (130mg, 65% yield); m.p 160-162 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 97:3;
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14 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.91 – 6.82 (m, 3H),
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16 6.65 (dd, $J = 7.2, 1.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 2.15 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.90 – 1.71 (m, 7H),
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18 1.36 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.6, 142.4, 135.0, 133.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.0,
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20 126.8, 125.9, 125.6, 99.9, 84.8, 37.2, 24.7, 21.8. IR (KBr):1761, 1666, 1404, 1274, 1212,
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22 1110, 757, 702 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{N}$ (M+H) 320.1645; found
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28 **(Z)-4-Benzylidene-3-(p-tolyl)-1-oxa-3-azaspiro[4.5]decan-2-one (6b).**

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31 **6b** as a white solid (127mg, 61% yield); m.p 144-146 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 97:3;
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33 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.91 – 6.81 (m, 7H), 6.65 (dd, $J = 7.2, 1.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.55 (s,
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35 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.14 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.69 (m, 7H), 1.42 – 1.26 (m, 1H); ^{13}C
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37 NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.7, 142.7, 136.8, 133.5, 132.4, 128.7, 128.4, 126.9, 125.7,
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39 125.5, 99.6, 84.6, 37.2, 24.7, 21.8, 20.9; IR (KBr): 1761, 1666, 1404, 1273, 1213, 1111, 758,
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41 702 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{N}$ (M+H) 334.1802; found 334.1805.

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44 **(Z)-4-Benzylidene-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-oxa-3-azaspiro[4.5]decan-2-one (6c).**

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47 **6c** as a white solid (136mg, 62% yield); m.p 142-143 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 97:3;
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49 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.93 – 6.83 (m, 5H), 6.66 (dd, $J = 7.2, 1.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.59 –
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51 6.52 (m, 2H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.13 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.68 (m, 7H), 1.45
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53 – 1.25 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.3, 155.8, 142.9, 133.4, 128.5, 127.9,
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55 127.2, 127.0, 125.6, 113.5, 99.5, 84.6, 55.5, 37.3, 24.7, 21.8; IR (KBr):1756, 1661, 1513,
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3 1408, 1274, 1215, 1111, 760, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3\text{N}$ (M+H)
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5 350.1751; found 350.1755.
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8 **(Z)-4-Benzylidene-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-oxa-3-azaspiro[4.5]decan-2-one (6d).**
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10 **6d** as a yellow solid (95mg, 42% yield); m.p 166-168 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 97:3;
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12 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.86 (m,
13 3H), 6.68 (dd, $J = 7.0, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 2.15 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.90 – 1.74 (m,
14 7H), 1.45 – 1.31 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.4, 145.2, 141.2, 140.5, 133.0,
15 128.1, 127.4, 126.6, 125.7, 123.3, 101.8, 85.4, 37.0, 24.6, 21.7; IR (KBr):1757,1665, 1523,
16 1495, 1270, 1230, 1113, 1074, 757, 695 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4\text{N}_2$
17 (M+H) 365.1496; found 365.1513.
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26 **(Z)-4-Benzylidene-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-oxa-3-azaspiro[4.5]decan-2-one (6e).**
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28 **6e** as a white solid (122mg, 58% yield); m.p 158-160 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 97:3;
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30 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.98 – 6.87 (m, 5H), 6.75 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 6.68 – 6.63 (m, 2H),
31 5.61 (s, 1H), 2.14 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.69 (m, 7H), 1.41 – 1.30 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR
32 (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.1,160.1, 155.5, 142.5, 133.2, 131.0, 128.4, 127.8, 127.6, 127.1,
33 125.9, 115.1, 114.9, 99.9, 84.9, 37.2, 24.7, 21.8; C-F Coupling constants: (161.1, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ 247.2
34 Hz, 127.7 $J_{\text{C-F}}$, 8.7 Hz, 115.1 $J_{\text{C-F}}$ 23.1) ; IR (neat):1752,1664, 1602, 1506, 1271, 1217, 1113,
35 1090, 758, 707 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2\text{NF}$ (M+H) 338.1551; found
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47 **(Z)-4-Benzylidene-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-oxa-3-azaspiro[4.5]decan-2-one (6f).**
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49 **6f** as a white solid (132mg, 60% yield); m.p 160-162 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 97:3;
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51 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.01 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.88 (m, 5H), 6.66 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz,
52 2H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 2.13 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.70 (m, 7H), 1.36 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR
53 (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.2, 142.2, 133.5, 133.2, 132.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.2, 127.1, 126.0,
54 100.2, 84.9, 37.2, 24.7, 21.7; IR (neat):1753,1664, 1602, 1506, 1447, 1272, 1218, 1113,
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1090, 758, 695 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2\text{NCl}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) 354.1255; found 354.1271.

(Z)-4-Benzylidene-3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1-oxa-3-azaspiro[4.5]decan-2-one (6g).

6g as a white solid (140mg, 57% yield); m.p 178-180 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 97:3; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.10 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.92 (m, 3H), 6.89 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 2.13 (d, $J = 11.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.70 (m, 7H), 1.41 – 1.30 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.8, 142.0., 134.2, 133.1, 132.0, 130.7, 129.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.4, 126.4, 125.2, 100.7, 85.1, 37.2, 24.6, 21.7; IR (KBr):1770,1674, 1473, 1400, 1271, 1221, 1110, 1027, 753, 698 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{NCl}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) 388.0866; found 388.0876.

(Z)-4-Benzylidene-3-hexyl-1-oxa-3-azaspiro[4.5]decan-2-one (6h)

6h as a color less oil (126mg, 62% yield); eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 97:3; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 3H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 3.15 (dd, $J = 12.9, 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.28 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.05 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.60 (m, 5H), 1.55 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 6H), 0.87 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.7, 131.8, 128.0, 122.9, 89.8, 85.7, 75.3, 40.7, 37.5, 31.4, 29.9, 26.4, 25.2, 22.75, 22.5, 13.9; IR (neat); 1700, 1508, 1491, 1444, 1268, 1237, 1454, 1068, 754, 690 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) 328.2271; found 328.2283.

(Z)-4'-Benzylidene-3'-(p-tolyl)spiro[fluorene-9,5'-oxazolidin]-2'-one (8a)

8a as a white solid (160mg, 62% yield); m.p 172-174 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.80 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.2, 144.2, 140.6, 137.4, 137.0, 132.9, 132.5, 130.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 126.9, 125.9, 125.1, 124.5, 120.5, 103.1, 89.8, 21.0; IR (neat); 1776, 1673,

1512, 1450, 1283, 1221, 1107, 1006, 753, 737 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$ (M+H) 416.1645; found 416.1646.

(Z)-4'-Benzylidene-3'-(p-tolyl)-2H-spiro[acenaphthylene-1,5'-oxazolidine]-2,2'-dione (10a)

10a as a white solid (168mg, 65% yield); m.p 184-186 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.71 – 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H).; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.7, 155.2, 138.5, 137.8, 137.5, 136.4, 132.4, 132.0, 130.3, 129.9, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 126.5, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8, 120.4, 107.8, 99.8, 96.7, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 21.2; IR (neat); 1764, 1635, 1514, 1493, 1273, 1218, 1085, 1017, 770, 726 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$ (M+H) 418.1438; found 418.1444

3-Hydroxy-1-methyl-3-(phenylethynyl)indolin-2-one (11)

11 as a very light yellow solid (146mg, 89% yield); m.p 164-166 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 80:20; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H).; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.0, 143.0, 132.0, 130.4, 128.9, 128.1, 124.7, 123.7, 121.6, 108.8, 86.2, 85.5, 69.51, 26.6; IR (neat); 3346, 2222, 1709, 1614, 1470, 1371, 1200, 1091, 993, 753, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$ (M+Na) 286.0838; found 286.0839.

1-methyl-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indolin-3-yl phenylcarbamate (12)

12 as a white solid (129mg, 88% yield); m.p 162-164 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; eluent, hexane/ethyl acetate 95:5; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.14 (m, 7H), 7.05 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.9, 150.3, 143.5, 138.3, 136.8, 132.2, 130.7, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.2, 127.1, 124.1, 123.97, 123.7, 123.5, 121.2,

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3 120.6, 118.9, 108.9, 87.7, 82.2, 27.01; IR (KBr); 3286, 2230, 1723, 1640, 1605, 1365, 1222,
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5 1078, 1015, 752, 690 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₄H₁₉N₂O₃ (M+H) 383.1395; found
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