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**IBX-Mediated Oxidative Ugi-type Reaction: Application
to the N- and C₁-functionalization of
Tetrahydroisoquinoline**

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General information

Melting points were recorded using Büchi B-540 melting point apparatus.

Mass spectra were obtained either from an AEI MS-9 using electron spray (ES), or from a MALDI-TOF type of instrument for the high resolution mass spectra (HRMS).

Proton NMR (¹H) spectra were at 500 MHz or 300 MHz spectrometer. Carbon NMR (¹³C) spectra were similarly recorded at 125 or 75 MHz spectrometer, using a broadband decoupled mode with the multiplicities obtained using a JMOD or DEPT sequence.

Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) from tetramethylsilane. NMR experiments were carried out in deuteriochloroform (CDCl_3). The following abbreviations are used for the multiplicities: s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quartet, m: multiplet, brs: broad singlet for proton spectra. Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz).

Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco P-1010 polarimeter using 10 cm cells and the sodium D line (589 nm) at ambient temperature in the solvent and concentration indicated.

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum BX FT-IR spectrometer.

Flash chromatography was performed using Kieselgel Si 60, 40-63 μm particle sized silica gel (200-400 mesh). Visualization was achieved under a UVP mineralight UVGL-58 lamp.

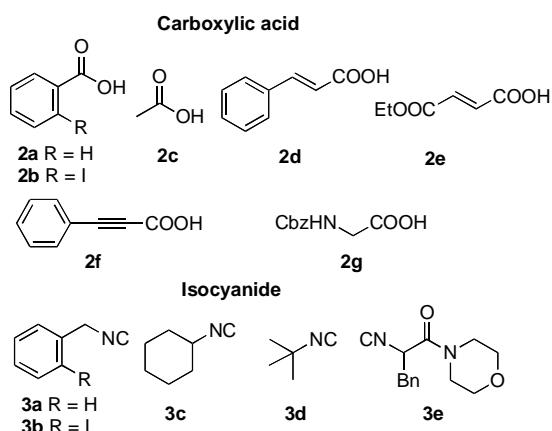
All reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers unless otherwise stated. *o*-Iodoxybenzoic acid (IBX) was prepared *via* the method of Santagostino.¹ *Caution!* IBX has been proven to be shock-sensitive, and explosive when subjected to elevated temperatures.² Therefore, appropriate precautions should be taken when working with IBX, especially when conducting procedures on large scale and/or when heating is employed. Where necessary, organic solvents were routinely dried and/or distilled prior to use and stored over molecular sieves under nitrogen. Tetrahydrofuran was dried by distillation from sodium/benzophenone. All reactions requiring anhydrous conditions were performed in flame-dried apparatus under a nitrogen atmosphere. Organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate (Na_2SO_4).

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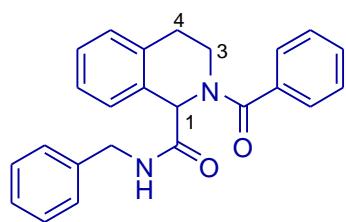
General procedure

Carboxylic acid (1.5 eq.), secondary amine (1.5 eq.) and isonitrile (1.0 eq.) were added successively to a suspension of IBX (2.0 eq.) in dry THF (0.5 M). The mixture was then heated at 60°C and followed by TLC (6-72h). When the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, hydrolyzed with HCl (1N) and stirred for 10 minutes. The reaction mixture was then diluted with dichloromethane, filtered on a short pad of Celite® and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The crude mixture was dissolved in sat. Na₂S₂O₃ and the aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were washed with sat. NaHCO₃, water, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated *in vacuo* and chromatographed on silica gel.

Carboxylic acids and isocyanides used for the N,C acylation of tetrahydroisoquinolines



Synthesis of 2-benzoyl-N-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (4a)



4a

According to the general procedure, 2-benzoyl-*N*-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (**4a**) was obtained from benzoic acid, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and benzylisonitrile, as a white solid (166 mg, 87 %).

$C_{24}H_{22}N_2O_2$ ($M = 370.44 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$)

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 7:3) = 0.20

M_p : 65°C

IR (neat, cm⁻¹) : 3302, 3062, 2924, 1666, 1614, 1538, 1495, 1424, 1241.

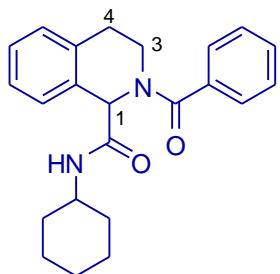
NMR ^1H (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, 293K) d ppm : 7.47-7.18 (m, 15H, H_{Ar} , NH), 6.09 (s, 1H, H_1), 4.57 (dd, $J = 6.2, 14.9$ Hz, 1H, PhCH_2N), 4.43 (dd, $J = 5.5, 14.9$ Hz, 1H, PhCH_2N), 3.82-3.79 (m, 1H, H_3), 3.73-3.67 (m, 1H, H_3), 3.02-2.96 (m, 1H, H_4), 2.88 (m, 1H, H_4).

NMR ^{13}C (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, 293K) d ppm : 171.5, 170.4, 138.5, 135.3, 134.3, 131.3, 130.0, 128.7, 128.5 (4C), 127.8, 127.5, 127.4 (2C), 127.1, 126.7 (2C), 126.5, 57.4, 43.6, 43.4, 29.0.

Mass (ESI)(m/z) : 393.1 [M+Na] $^+$

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2$ [M+Na] $^+$: 393.1579, found 393.1562.

Synthesis of 2-benzoyl-N-cyclohexyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (4b)



4b

According to the general procedure, *2-benzoyl-N-cyclohexyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (4b)* was obtained from benzoic acid, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and cyclohexylisonitrile, as a white solid (162 mg, 97 %).

$\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($M = 362.46 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$)

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 8:2) = 0.12

Mp : 89°C

IR (neat, cm^{-1}) : 3308, 3061, 2928, 2853, 1620, 1578, 1541, 1496, 1427.

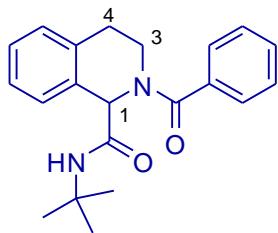
NMR ^1H (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, 293K) d ppm : 7.47-7.43 (m, 4H, H_{Ar}), 7.29-7.14 (m, 5H, H_{Ar}), 6.79 (brs, 1H, NH), 6.01 (s, 1H, H_1), 3.82-3.79 (m, 1H, H_3), 3.70-3.64 (m, 1H, H_3), 3.02-2.96 (m, 1H, H_4), 2.87-2.79 (m, 1H, H_4), 1.94-1.88 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_{\text{cyclo},}$), 1.73-1.69 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_{\text{cyclo},}$), 1.61-1.58 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_{\text{cyclo},}$), 1.39-1.34 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_{\text{cyclo},}$), 1.29-1.22 (m, 3H, $\text{CH}_{\text{cyclo},}$).

NMR ^{13}C (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, 293K) d ppm : 172.2, 169.2, 130.14, 128.8, 128.7 (3C), 128.0 (2C), 127.5, 126.7 (2C), 126.5 (2C), 57.4, 48.3, 43.5, 32.9, 32.8, 29.1, 25.6, 25.5, 24.6.

Mass (ESI)(m/z) : 385.2 [M+Na] $^+$

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2$ [M+Na] $^+$: 385.1892, found 385.1846.

Synthesis of 2-benzoyl-N-tert-butyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (4c)



4c

According to the general procedure, *2-benzoyl-N-tert-butyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide* (**4c**) was obtained from benzoic acid, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and *tert*-butylisonitrile, as a white solid (160 mg, 99 %).

$C_{21}H_{24}N_2O_2$ ($M = 336.43 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$)

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 8:2) = 0.17

Mp : 116°C

IR (neat, cm^{-1}) : 3329, 3061, 2965, 1681, 1616, 1578, 1541, 1495, 1427, 1224.

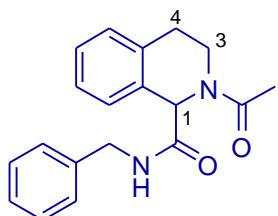
NMR ^1H (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, 293K) δ ppm : 7.45 (m, 5H, H_{Ar}), 7.26-7.16 (m, 4H, H_{Ar}), 5.82 (brs, 1H, NH), 5.97 (s, 1H, H_1), 3.84-3.79 (m, 1H, H_3), 3.72-3.64 (m, 1H, H_3), 3.04-2.93 (m, 1H, H_4), 2.85-2.78 (m, 1H, H_4), 1.38 (s, 9H, $C(\text{CH}_3)_3$).

NMR ^{13}C (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, 293K) δ ppm : 171.4, 169.5, 130.1, 128.8, 128.6 (4C), 128.0, 127.4, 126.7 (2C), 126.5 (2C), 57.9, 51.4, 43.4, 28.7 (3C), 22.6.

Mass (ESI)(m/z) : 359.2 [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for $C_{21}H_{25}N_2O_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 337.1916, found 337.1909.

Synthesis of 2-acetyl-*N*-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (**4d**)



4d

According to the general procedure, *2-acetyl-*N*-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide* (**4d**) was obtained from acetic acid, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and benzylisonitrile, as a pale yellow solid (81 mg, 51 %).

$C_{19}H_{20}N_2O_2$ ($M = 308.17 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$)

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 1:2) = 0.18

Mp : 154°C

IR (neat, cm^{-1}) : 3294, 3060, 2924, 1624, 1523, 1496, 1419, 1224, 746, 699.

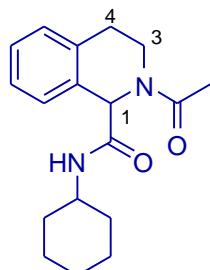
NMR ^1H (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, 293K) δ ppm : 7.20-7.08 (m, 10H, H_{Ar} , NH), 5.87 (s, 1H, H_1), 4.34 (dd, $J = 5.8, 15.2$ Hz, 1H, PhCHN), 4.29 (dd, $J = 5.8, 15.2$ Hz, 1H, PhCHN), 3.82-3.73 (m, 1H, H_3), 3.62-3.54 (m, 1H, H_3), 3.05-2.96 (m, 1H, H_4), 2.85-2.75 (m, 1H, H_4), 2.07 (s, 3H, CH_3CO).

NMR ^{13}C (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, 293K) δ ppm : 170.7, 170.4, 138.2, 134.8, 131.9, 128.5 (2C), 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4 (2C), 127.2, 126.7, 57.3, 43.5, 43.0, 28.7, 21.8.

Mass (ESI)(m/z) : 331.1 [M+Na] $^+$

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2$ [M+Na] $^+$: 331.1422, found 331.1399.

Synthesis of 2-acetyl-N-cyclohexyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (4e)



4e

According to the general procedure, 2-acetyl-N-cyclohexyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (**4e**) was obtained from acetic acid, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and cyclohexylisonitrile, as a pale yellow solid (95 mg, 69 %).

$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($M = 300.40 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$)

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 8:2) = 0.28

Mp : 119°C

IR (neat, cm^{-1}) : 3299, 3059, 2929, 2853, 1626, 1537, 1417.

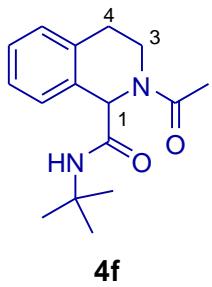
NMR ^1H (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, 293K) δ ppm : 7.32-7.21 (m, 4H, H_{Ar}), 6.69 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H, NH), 5.92 (s, 1H, H_1), 3.91 (ddd, $J = 4.7, 8.5, 12.7$ Hz, 1H, H_3), 3.80-3.73 (m, 1H, H_3), 3.10 (m, 1H, H_4), 2.98-2.88 (m, 1H, H_4), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH_3CO), 1.91-1.88 (m, 2H, CH_{cyclo}), 1.73-1.58 (m, 3H, CH_{cyclo}), 1.43-1.18 (m, 6H, CH_{cyclo}).

NMR ^{13}C (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, 293K) δ ppm : 170.4, 169.4, 134.6, 132.0, 128.2, 127.6, 127.4, 126.5, 57.1, 48.2, 42.8, 32.7 (2C), 28.8, 25.4, 24.6 (2C), 21.8.

Mass (ESI)(m/z) : 323.1 [M+Na] $^+$

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2$ [M+Na] $^+$: 323.1735, found 323.1695.

Synthesis of 2-acetyl-N-*tert*-butyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (4f)



According to the general procedure, *2-acetyl-N-tert-butyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide* (**4f**) was obtained from acetic acid, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and *tert*-butylisonitrile, as a pale yellow solid (70 mg, 53 %).

$C_{16}H_{22}N_2O_2$ ($M = 274.36 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$)

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 1:2) = 0.26

Mp : 156°C

IR (neat, cm^{-1}) : 3318, 2965, 2926, 1681, 1624, 1544, 1450, 1421, 1225.

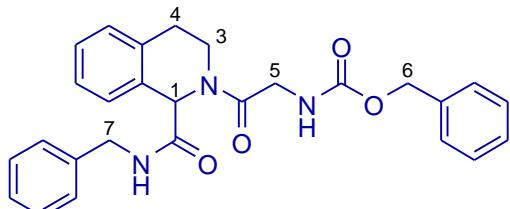
NMR ^1H (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, 293K) d ppm : 7.31-7.19 (m, 4H, H_{Ar}), 6.51 (brs, 1H, NH), 5.86 (s, 1H, H_1), 3.87 (ddd, $J = 4.7, 8.4, 12.8 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, $H_{3\text{ax}}$), 3.79-3.71 (m, 1H, $H_{3\text{eq}}$), 3.06 (td, $J = 4.7, 14.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, $H_{4\text{eq}}$), 2.92 (ddd, $J = 5.2, 8.4, 14.0 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, $H_{4\text{ax}}$), 2.24 (s, 3H, CH_3CO), 1.35 (s, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$).

NMR ^{13}C (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, 293K) d ppm : 170.3, 169.6, 134.5, 132.1, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 126.5, 57.6, 51.2, 42.8, 28.7, 28.5, 21.7.

Mass (ESI)(m/z) : 297.1 [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for $C_{16}H_{22}N_2NaO_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 297.1579, found 297.1558.

Synthesis of benzyl 2-(1-(benzylcarbamoyl)-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1*H*)-yl)-2-oxoethylcarbamate (4g)



According to the general procedure, *benzyl 2-(1-(benzylcarbamoyl)-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1*H*)-yl)-2-oxoethylcarbamate* (**4g**) was obtained from *N*-carbobenzyloxyglycine, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and benzylisonitrile, as a pale yellow solid (183 mg, 78 %).

$C_{27}H_{27}N_3O_4$ ($M = 357.52 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$)

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 7:3) = 0.32

Mp : 82°C

IR (neat, cm⁻¹) : 3313, 3062, 2934, 2836, 1716, 1644, 1520, 1496, 1453, 1430, 1217.

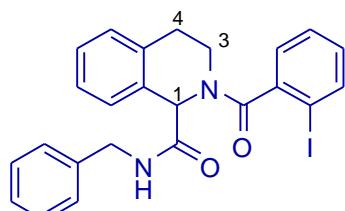
NMR ¹**H** (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 293K) **d** ppm: 7.36-7.14 (m, 15H, H_{Ar}, NH), 5.87 (s, 1H, H₁), 5.83 (brs, 1H, NH), 5.11 (s, 2H, H₆), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 1.0, 5.8 Hz, 2H, H₇), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 17.0 Hz, 1H, H₅), 4.00 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 17.0 Hz, 1H, H₅), 3.90-3.82 (m, 1H, H₃), 3.53-3.45 (m, 1H, H₃), 3.19-3.09 (m, 1H, H₄), 2.89-2.80 (m, 1H, H₄).

NMR ¹³**C** (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, 293K) **d** ppm : 169.8, 168.5, 156.2, 138.0, 136.2, 134.6, 131.5, 128.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 128.2, 128.1, 128.0 (2C), 127.9, 127.6, 127.4 (2C), 127.2, 126.9, 66.9, 58.0, 43.5, 42.9, 41.4, 28.3.

Mass (ESI)(*m/z*) : 480.2 [M+Na]⁺

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for C₂₇H₂₇N₃NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ : 480.1899, found 480.1915.

Synthesis of *N*-benzyl-2-(2-iodobenzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (**4h**)



4h

According to the general procedure, *N*-benzyl-2-(2-iodobenzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (**4h**) obtained from 2-iodobenzoic acid, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and benzylisonitrile, as a white solid (222 mg, 88 %).

C₂₄H₂₁IN₂O₂ (M = 496.34 g.mol⁻¹)

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 7:3) = 0.20

Mp : 80°C

IR (neat, cm⁻¹) : 3312, 2987, 2901, 1620, 1583, 1423, 1241.

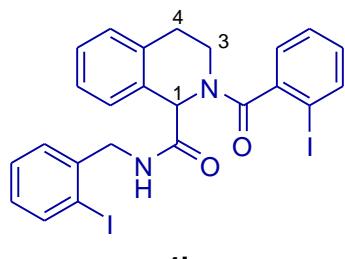
NMR ¹**H** (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 293K) **d** ppm: 7.84-7.81 (m, 1H, H_{Ar}), 7.43-7.27 (m, 7H, H_{Ar}), 7.18-7.10 (m, 5H, H_{Ar}), 6.21 (s, 1H, H₁), 6.15 (brs, 1H, NH), 4.58-4.50 (m, 2H, PhCH₂N), 3.73-3.63 (m, 1H, H₃), 3.51-3.43 (m, 1H, H₃), 2.85-2.80 (m, 2H, H₄).

NMR ¹³**C** (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, 293K) **d** ppm: 170.4, 169.0, 141.3, 139.1, 133.6, 130.9, 130.5, 128.7, 128.6 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.4, 129.4 (2C), 127.6, 127.5, 126.6, 126.5, 92.5, 56.5, 44.0, 42.9, 28.6.

Mass (ESI)(*m/z*) : 519.0 [M+Na]⁺

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for C₂₄H₂₁IN₂NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ : 519.0545, found 519.0560.

Synthesis of 2-(2-iodobenzoyl)-N-(2-iodobenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (4i)



4i

According to the general procedure, 2-(2-*iodobenzoyl*)-*N*-(2-*iodobenzyl*)-1,2,3,4-*tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (4i)* was obtained from 2-*iodobenzoic acid*, 1,2,3,4-*tetrahydroisoquinoline* and 2-*iodobenzylisonitrile*³, as a white solid (217 mg, 85 %).

$C_{24}H_{20}I_2N_2O_2$ ($M = 622.24 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$)

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 7:3) = 0.24

Mp : 85°C

IR (neat, cm^{-1}) : 3667, 2987, 2900, 1622, 1407, 1393, 1241.

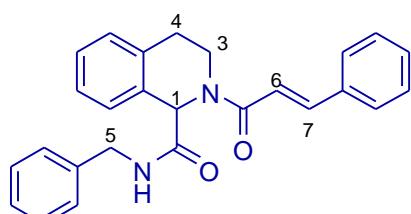
NMR ^1H (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, 293K) δ ppm : 7.82-7.81 (m, 3H, H_{Ar}), 7.47-7.07 (m, 8H, H_{Ar}), 7.00-6.95 (m, 1H, H_{Ar}), 6.18 (s, 1H, H_1), 6.11 (brs, 1H, NH), 4.64-4.51 (m, 2H, PhCH_2N), 3.64-3.54 (m, 1H, H_3), 3.48-3.40 (m, 1H, H_3), 2.89-2.79 (m, 2H, H_4).

NMR ^{13}C (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, 293K) δ ppm : 170.6, 169.0, 141.3, 141.1, 139.4, 139.1, 133.7, 130.8, 130.6, 130.3, 129.4, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 126.7, 126.6, 99.8, 92.7, 56.6, 48.7, 43.1, 28.6.

Mass (ESI)(m/z) : 644.9 [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for $C_{24}H_{20}I_2N_2NaO_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 644.9512, found 644.9494.

Synthesis of *N*-benzyl-2-cinnamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (4j)



4j

According to the general procedure, *N*-benzyl-2-cinnamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (4j) was obtained from cinnamic acid, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and benzylisonitrile, as a pale yellow solid (176 mg, 87 %).

$C_{26}H_{24}N_2O_2$ ($M = 396.48 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$)

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 7:3) = 0.18

³ 2-*iodobenzylisonitrile* was prepared from 2-*iodobenzylalcohol* in five steps. See : Cuny Guylaine, PhD, Université Paris XI, **2004**, 153-190.

Mp : 71°C

IR (neat, cm⁻¹) : 3300, 3061, 2926, 2836, 1644, 1599, 1496, 1452, 1424, 1217.

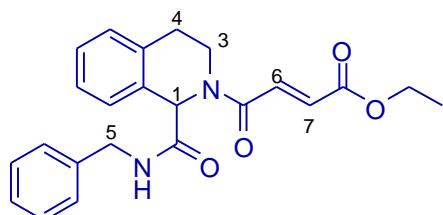
NMR ¹**H** (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 293K) **d** ppm: 7.66 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H, H₇), 7.50-7.47 (m, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.37-7.32 (m, 5H, CH_{Ar}), 7.24-7.13 (m, 7H, CH_{Ar}), 6.88 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H, H₆), 6.15 (brs, 1H, NH), 6.06 (s, 1H, H₁), 4.40-4.38 (m, 2H, H₅), 3.97-3.86 (m, 2H, H₃), 3.09 (td, *J* = 5.5, 15.7 Hz, 1H, H₄), 2.86 (ddd, *J* = 5.2, 7.6, 15.7 Hz, 1H, H₄).

NMR ¹³**C** (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, 293K) **d** ppm: 170.4, 166.9, 143.8, 139.1, 138.3, 134.9, 134.8, 132.0, 129.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 126.6, 116.9, 58.0, 43.5, 43.6, 28.9.

Mass (ESI)(*m/z*) : 419.2 [M+Na]⁺

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for C₂₆H₂₄N₂NaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ : 419.1735, found 419.1719.

Synthesis of (*E*)-ethyl 4-(1-(benzylcarbamoyl)-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1*H*)-yl)-4-oxobut-2-enoate (4k)



According to the general procedure, (*E*)-ethyl 4-(1-(benzylcarbamoyl)-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1*H*)-yl)-4-oxobut-2-enoate (**4k**) was obtained from (*E*)-4-ethoxy-4-oxobut-2-enoic acid, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and benzylisonitrile, as a pale yellow solid (123 mg, 61 %).

C₂₃H₂₄N₂O₄ (M = 392.45 g.mol⁻¹)

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 6:4) = 0.32

Mp : 51°C

IR (neat, cm⁻¹) : 3308, 3063, 1719, 1650, 1620, 1530, 1496, 1426, 1300, 1268, 1173.

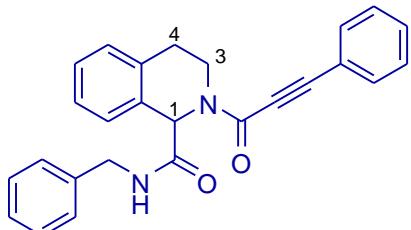
NMR ¹**H** (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 293K) **d** ppm : 7.42 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H, H₆), 7.28-7.19 (m, 9H, H_{Ar}), 7.07 (brs, 1H, NH), 6.80 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H, H₇), 5.97 (s, 1H, H₁), 4.41 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H, H₅), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, OCH₂), 4.02-3.94 (m, 1H, H₃), 3.89-3.81 (m, 1H, H₃), 3.13-3.07 (m, 1H, H₄), 2.98-2.88 (m, 1H, H₄), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₃).

NMR ¹³**C** (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, 293K) **d** ppm : 169.7, 165.4, 164.9, 138.0, 134.6, 133.4, 132.2, 131.4, 128.6 (2C), 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5 (2C), 127.3, 126.9, 61.2, 58.0, 43.7, 42.7, 28.8, 14.1.

Mass (ESI)(*m/z*) : 415.1 [M+Na]⁺

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for C₂₃H₂₄N₂NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ : 415.1634, found 415.1608.

Synthesis of *N*-benzyl-2-(3-phenylpropioloyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (4l)



4l

According to the general procedure, *N*-benzyl-2-(3-phenylpropioloyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (**4l**) was obtained from 3-phenylpropionic acid, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and benzylisonitrile, as a pale yellow solid (147 mg, 73 %).

$C_{26}H_{22}N_2O_4$ ($M = 394.47 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$)

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 7:3) = 0.33

Mp : 71°C

IR (neat, cm^{-1}) : 3305, 3061, 2930, 2835, 2213, 1666, 1613, 1599, 1490, 1453, 1423, 1195.

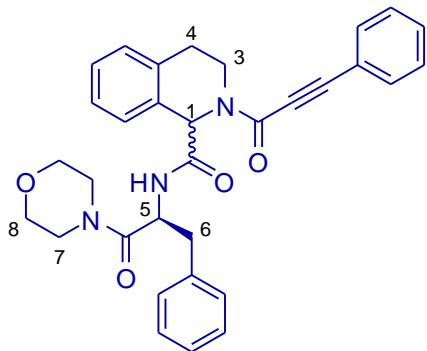
NMR ^1H (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, 293K) δ ppm : 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H, H_{Ar}), 7.36-7.23 (m, 4H, H_{Ar}), 7.18-7.11 (m, 6H, H_{Ar}), 7.08-7.05 (m, 3H, H_{Ar} , NH), 5.83 (s, 1H, H_1), 4.36 (dd, $J = 5.9, 15.0$ Hz, 1H, PhCH_2N), 4.29 (dd, $J = 5.9, 15.0$ Hz, 1H, PhCH_2N), 4.20 (td, $J = 5.2, 12.8$ Hz, 1H, H_3), 3.99-3.90 (m, 1H, H_3), 2.94-2.78 (m, 2H, H_4).

NMR ^{13}C (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, 293K) δ ppm : 169.6, 154.5, 138.0, 134.5, 132.6, 132.4, 130.8, 130.3, 128.6 (3C), 128.5 (2C), 127.7, 127.5 (2C), 127.3 (2C), 127.0, 120.1, 92.8, 80.9, 57.1, 43.6, 43.5, 28.8.

Mass (ESI)(m/z) : 417.2 [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$

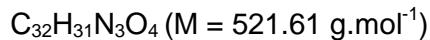
HRMS (ESI) : calculated for $C_{26}H_{22}N_2NaO_4$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 417.1579, found 417.1599.

Synthesis of (S)-*N*-(1-morpholino-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)-2-(3-phenylpropioloyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (4m)



4m

According to the general procedure, an inseparable mixture of diastereomers of (*S*)-*N*-(1-morpholino-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)-2-(3-phenylpropioloyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-carboxamide (**4m**) was obtained from 3-phenylpropiolic acid, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and (*S*)-4-(2-isocyano-3-phenylpropanoyl)morpholine⁴, as a yellow oil (53 mg, 62 %).



R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 1:1) = 0.15

IR (neat, cm^{-1}) : 3294, 3056, 2856, 2212, 1621, 1490, 1433, 1300, 1264, 1113.

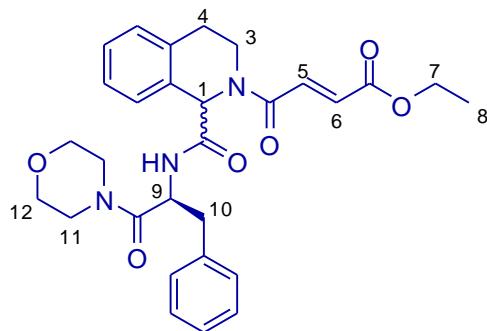
NMR ¹H (CDCl₃, 300MHz, 293K) *d* ppm, mixture of diastereomers : 7.63-7.58 (m, 2H, H_{Ar}), 7.47-7.38 (m, 3H, H_{Ar}), 7.30-7.17 (m, 10H, H_{Ar}, NH), 5.94 (s, 0.5H, H₁, one diastereomer), 5.92 (s, 0.5H, H₁, one diastereomer), 5.13-5.04 (m, 1H, H₅), 4.27-4.17 (m, 1H, H₃), 4.15-4.04 (m, 0.5H, H₃, one diastereomer), 3.92-3.86 (m, 0.5H, H₃, one diastereomer), 3.63-3.42 (m, 5H, H₄, H₈), 3.38-3.28 (m, 1H, H₄), 3.05-2.95 (m, 6H, H₆, H₇).

NMR ¹³C (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, 293K) *d* ppm, mixture of diastereomers : 169.3, 169.0 (one diastereoisomer), 168.7 (one diastereoisomer), 154.5, 135.9, 134.4, 134.4, 132.6, 130.5, 130.3, 129.5 (2C), 129.4, 128.6 (2C), 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 120.2, 91.6, 81.0, 66.4, 66.1, 57.1, 49.9, 43.6 (one diastereomer), 43.4 (one diastereomer), 42.3, 39.5 (2C), 28.8.

Mass (ESI)(*m/z*) : 544.2 [M+Na]⁺

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for C₃₂H₃₁N₃NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺ : 544.2212, found 544.2193.

Synthesis of (*S,E*)-ethyl 4-(1-(1-morpholino-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-ylcarbamoyl)-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1*H*)-yl)-4-oxobut-2-enoate (**4n**)



4n, two separable diastereomers

According to the general procedure, (*S,E*)-ethyl 4-(1-(1-morpholino-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-ylcarbamoyl)-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1*H*)-yl)-4-oxobut-2-enoate (**4n**) was obtained from (*E*)-4-ethoxy-4-oxobut-2-enoic acid, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and (*S*)-4-(2-isocyano-3-phenylpropanoyl)morpholine.

⁴ Fayol, A.; Zhu, J. *Tetrahedron* **2005**, 48, 11511-11519.

Diastereomer A : Yellow oil (22 mg, 26%).

$C_{29}H_{33}N_3O_6$ ($M = 519.59 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$)

R_f (Diethyl ether / Toluene 9:1) = 0.14

IR (neat, cm^{-1}) : 3282, 2924, 1721, 1643, 1440, 1274, 1114.

$[\alpha]_D$: -2 (c = 1.2, CHCl_3 , 23°C)

NMR ^1H (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, 293K) d ppm : 7.31 (d, $J = 15.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, H_5), 7.16-7.00 (m, 9H, H_{Ar}), 6.77 (d, $J = 15.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, H_6), 6.00 (brs, 1H, NH), 5.81 (s, 1H, H_1), 4.95 (q, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, H_9), 4.17 (q, $J = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, H_7), 3.66-3.60 (m, 2H, H_3), 3.48-3.20 (m, 6H, H_{10} , H_{12}), 2.96-2.80 (m, 6H, H_4 , H_{11}), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$, 3H, H_8).

NMR ^{13}C (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, 293K) d ppm : 169.4, 169.2, 165.5, 164.8, 136.0, 134.4, 133.0, 132.4, 131.0, 129.5, 128.6 (2C), 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 126.9, 66.5, 66.1, 61.2, 57.8, 49.8, 42.6, 42.3, 39.3 (2C), 29.2, 14.1.

Mass (ESI)(m/z) : 542.2 [M+Na^+]

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for $C_{29}H_{33}N_3NaO_6$ [M+Na^+] : 542.2267, found 542.2256.

Diastereomer B : Yellow oil (20 mg, 24%).

$C_{29}H_{33}N_3O_6$ ($M = 519.59 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$)

R_f (Diethyl ether / Toluene 9:1) = 0.10

IR (neat, cm^{-1}) : 3282, 2924, 1720, 1643, 1440, 1275, 1114.

$[\alpha]_D$: +2 (c = 1.1, CHCl_3 , 23°C)

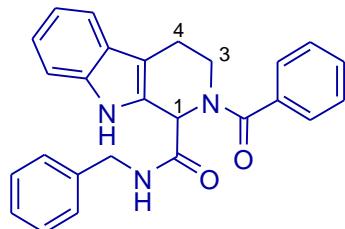
NMR ^1H (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, 293K) d (rotamers) ppm : 7.35 (d, $J = 15.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, H_5), 7.22-7.09 (m, 7H, H_{Ar}), 6.98-6.95 (m, 3H, H_{Ar} , NH), 6.78 (d, $J = 15.3 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, H_6), 5.86 (s, 1H, H_1), 4.98-4.88 (m, 1H, H_9), 4.16 (q, $J = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, H_7), 3.87-3.79 (m, 1H, H_3), 3.74-3.66 (m, 1H, H_3), 3.51-3.46 (m, 1H, H_{12}), 3.43-3.30 (m, 4H, H_{10} , H_{12}), 3.24-3.16 (m, 1H, H_{12}), 2.93-2.73 (m, 6H, H_{11} , H_4), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$, 3H, H_8).

NMR ^{13}C (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, 293K) d ppm : 169.4, 169.0, 165.5, 164.9, 135.8, 134.6, 133.1, 132.4, 131.3, 129.4 (2C), 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 66.4, 66.0, 61.2, 58.0, 50.0, 42.9, 42.3, 39.4 (2C), 29.2, 14.1.

Mass (ESI)(m/z) : 542.2 [M+Na^+]

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for $C_{29}H_{33}N_3NaO_6$ [M+Na^+] : 542.2267, found 542.2278.

Synthesis of 2-benzoyl-N-benzyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-1-carboxamide (4o)



4o

According to the general procedure, *2-benzoyl-N-benzyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-1-carboxamide* (**4o**) was obtained from benzoic acid, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-9*H*-pyrido[3,4-b]indole and benzylisonitrile, as a yellow solid (98 mg, 47 %).

$C_{26}H_{23}N_3O_2$ ($M = 409.48$ g. mol^{-1})

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 7:3) = 0.21

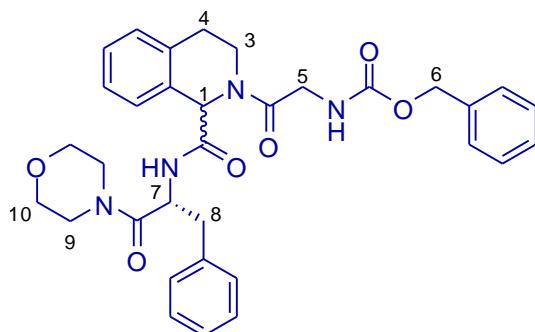
Mp : 68°C

IR (neat, cm $^{-1}$) : 3359, 2931, 1637, 1507, 1436.

NMR 1H ($CDCl_3$, 300 MHz, 293K) δ ppm: 11.31 (brs, 1H, NH), 7.90-7.77 (m, 2H, H_{Ar}), 7.66-7.63 (m, 1H, H_{Ar}), 7.44-7.14 (m, 12H, H_{Ar} , H_1), 6.67 (brs, 1H, NH), 4.61-4.58 (m, 2H, $PhCH_2N$), 3.86-3.80 (m, 2H, H_3), 3.60-3.54 (m, 2H, H_4).

NMR ^{13}C ($CDCl_3$, 75 MHz, 293K) δ ppm: 175.6, 167.5, 162.7, 139.7, 137.6, 136.7, 134.5, 131.1, 130.8, 129.3, 128.9 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.9, 127.8, 126.9 (2C), 126.8, 121.2 (2C), 112.9, 76.1, 43.5, 41.0, 25.0.

Synthesis of (*R*)-benzyl 2-(1-(1-morpholino-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-ylcarbamoyl)-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1*H*)-yl)-2-oxoethylcarbamate (**4p**)



4p, two separable diastereomers

According to the general procedure, (*R*)-benzyl 2-(1-(1-morpholino-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-ylcarbamoyl)-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1*H*)-yl)-2-oxoethylcarbamate (**4p**) was obtained from *N*-carbobenzyloxyglycine, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and (*S*)-4-(2-isocyano-3-phenylpropanoyl)morpholine.

Diastereomer A : pale yellow solid (85 mg, 36%).

$C_{33}H_{36}N_4O_6$ ($M = 584.66$ g. mol^{-1})

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl Acetate 9:1) = 0.36

IR (neat, cm^{-1}) : 3299, 3030, 2926, 2856, 1715, 1632, 1495, 1435, 1221, 1113.

$[\alpha]_D$: - 25.7 ($c = 1.1$, CHCl_3 , 25°C)

NMR ^1H (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, 293K) d ppm : 7.84 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H, NH), 7.28-7.05 (m, 14H, H_{Ar}), 6.28 (brs, 1H, NH), 6.00 (s, 1H, H_1), 5.06 (s, 2H, H_6), 5.00 (dd, $J = 7.5, 15.4$ Hz, 1H, H_7), 4.13-4.04 (m, 2H, H_5), 3.81-3.75 (m, 1H, H_3), 3.49-3.33 (m, 5H, $\text{H}_3, \text{H}_{10}$), 3.25-3.20 (m, 1H, H_9), 3.17-3.15 (m, 1H, H_9), 3.07-2.96 (m, 1H, H_4), 2.94-2.90 (m, 2H, H_8), 2.86-2.78 (m, 3H, H_4, H_9).

NMR ^{13}C (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, 293K) d ppm : 169.7, 169.4, 168.4, 156.4, 136.4, 136.0, 135.0, 131.4, 129.4 (2C), 128.4 (6C), 128.2, 127.9 (2C), 127.8, 127.6, 126.9, 66.8, 66.3, 65.9, 57.5, 49.6, 45.9, 43.1, 42.2, 41.2, 39.4, 28.3.

Mass (ESI)(m/z) : 607.3 [M+Na] $^+$

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_4\text{NaO}_6$ [M+Na] $^+$: 607.2533, found 607.2562.

Diastereomer B : Yellow oil (66 mg, 28%).

$\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6$ ($M = 584.66$ g. mol^{-1})

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl Acetate 9:1) = 0.21

IR (neat, cm^{-1}) : 3398, 3029, 2924, 2857, 1716, 1629, 1435, 1221, 1113.

$[\alpha]_D$: + 15.0 ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3 , 25°C)

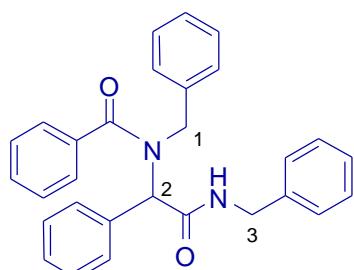
NMR ^1H (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, 293K) d ppm : 7.32-7.16 (m, 12H, H_{Ar}), 7.01-6.98 (m, 2H, H_{Ar}), 6.03 (brs, 1H, NH), 5.93 (s, 1H, H_1), 5.10 (s, 2H, H_6), 4.98 (dd, $J = 7.3, 15.0$ Hz, 1H, H_7), 4.15-4.11 (m, 2H, H_5), 3.82-3.77 (m, 1H, H_3), 3.54-3.36 (m, 6H, $\text{H}_3, \text{H}_{10}, \text{H}_9$), 3.30-3.22 (m, 1H, H_9), 2.98-2.92 (m, 3H, H_9, H_4), 2.87-2.81 (m, 3H, H_4, H_8).

NMR ^{13}C (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, 293K) d ppm : 169.4, 169.1, 168.5, 156.3, 136.4, 135.9, 134.6, 131.4, 129.4 (2C), 129.3 (4C), 128.6, 128.5 (2C), 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 127.0, 66.9, 66.4, 66.0, 57.6, 50.0, 45.9, 43.1, 42.3, 41.3, 39.3, 28.3.

Mass (ESI)(m/z) : 607.3 [M+Na] $^+$

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_4\text{NaO}_6$ [M+Na] $^+$: 607.2533, found 607.2559.

Synthesis of *N*-benzyl-*N*-[2-(benzylamino)-2-oxo-1-phenylethyl]benzamide (4q)



4q

According to the general procedure, *N*-benzyl-*N*-[2-(benzylamino)-2-oxo-1-phenylethyl]benzamide (**4q**) was obtained from benzoic acid, dibenzylamine and benzylisonitrile, as a white solid (71 mg, 32 %).

$C_{29}H_{26}N_2O_2$ ($M = 434.53\text{ g}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)

R_f (Heptane / Ethyl acetate 7:3) = 0.38

M_p : 58°C

IR (neat, cm^{-1}) : 3286, 3061, 2987, 2901, 1626, 1520, 1495, 1453, 1407, 1250.

NMR ^1H (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz, 293K) d ppm: 7.51-7.49 (m, 2H, H_{Ar}), 7.40-7.26 (m, 14H, H_{Ar}), 7.20-7.09 (m, 4H, H_{Ar}), 6.08 (brs, 1H, NH), 5.51 (s, 1H, H_2), 4.78 (d, $J = 16.5\text{ Hz}$, 1H, H_1), 4.50-4.46 (m, 3H, H_1 , H_3).

NMR ^{13}C (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz, 293K) d ppm: 173.1, 169.2, 134.7, 129.9 (2C), 129.7 (2C), 128.9 (3C), 128.7 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.5, 128.4, 128.3 (2C), 128.2, 127.6 (2C), 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 126.7, 77.2, 43.7 (2C).

Mass (ESI)(m/z) : 457.1 [M+Na] $^+$

HRMS (ESI) : calculated for $C_{29}H_{26}N_2NaO_2$ [M+Na] $^+$: 457.1892, found 457.1898.

