

## Supporting Information

# Metal-Free, Acid-Promoted Synthesis of Imidazole Derivatives via Multicomponent Reaction

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# 1. Experimental procedures

## General Experimental Procedures

The annulation reactions were performed in mild condition. All other reactions, unless otherwise indicated, were carried out under ambient atmosphere in single-neck, round bottom flasks fitted with a rubber septum, equipped with a magnetic stir bar. Air- or water- sensitive solvents were transferred via syringe. When required, solvents were degassed by bubbling of nitrogen through a needle. Organic solutions were concentrated by rotary evaporation at 25-40 °C under reduced pressure (15-30 torr, house vacuum). Analytical Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) was performed using pre-coated UV 254 plates (0.2 mm) from EM Separations. Visualization was accomplished with a 254 nm UV light source, generally followed by immersion in potassium permanganate (KMnO<sub>4</sub>) or anisaldehyde solutions, with subsequent heating with a heat gun.

## Instrumentation

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively, using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as a solvent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts are referenced to TMS or CDCl<sub>3</sub> (0 ; 7.26 ppm). <sup>13</sup>C NMR was referenced to CDCl<sub>3</sub> (77.0 ppm). Mass spectra and high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured using the electron-impact (EI, 70 eV, ion trap) technique. Flash chromatography was carried out on silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh). Spectral data are represented in the following order: chemical shift; multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, td = triplet of doublets, m = multiplet); coupling constant (*J*, Hz); number of protons.

## Materials

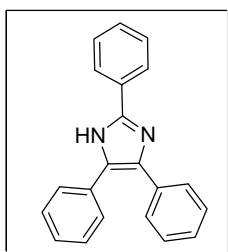
Unless otherwise noted, all reagents, and catalysts were purchased from commercial sources and used as received.

## General procedure for the synthesis of 2,4,5-trisubstituted imidazoles.

The starting material 1, 2-diphenylalkyne **1a** 200 mg (1.12 mmol) was dissolved in mixture solvent (dimethylsulfoxide; DMSO, 2 mL) and water (H<sub>2</sub>O, 2 mL), followed by benzaldehyde **2a** (114.1 μL, 1.12 mmol), then the ammonium acetate (NH<sub>4</sub>OAc, 346 mg, 4.48 mmol), and pivalic acid (PivOH, 126.6 μL, 1.12 mmol) was charged to the reaction mixture and stirred the reaction mixture at 140 °C for 24-40 hours.

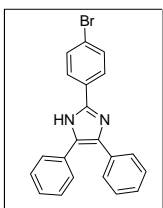
Reaction was monitored by TLC and the reaction mixture was poured out on ice cooled saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (10 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 X 200 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with water (3 X 200 mL), brine (1 X 200 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The pure compound was obtained by the column chromatography of the crude product on 40-63 mesh silica (Gradient eluent Ethylacetate/Hexane). Purified 2,4,5-trisubstituted imidazole derivatives **4a-4p** (yield 68-90 %).

#### 2,4,5-triphenyl-1H-imidazole (**4a**)<sup>1b,d</sup>



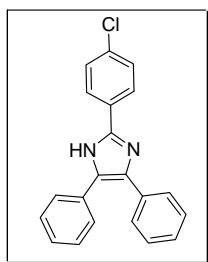
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 276.3 mg (83%). m.p. = 270-272 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ<sub>H</sub> 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H) , 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H) , 7.44 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H) , 7.35 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 6H) 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ<sub>C</sub> 128.2 , 128.0 , 128.0 , 127.9 , 126.8 , 125.4. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, 297.1386; found 297.1390.

#### 2-(4-bromophenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole (**4b**)<sup>1b</sup>



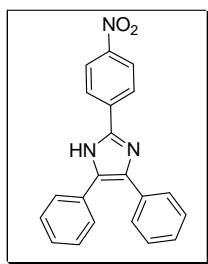
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a yellow solid 337.3mg (80%). m.p. = 257-258 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz ,2H) , 7.52 (m, 6H) , 7.33 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ<sub>C</sub> 144.9 , 131.9 , 128.6 , 127.8 , 127.6 , 126.9 , 126.8. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Br, 375.0507; found 375.0491.

### 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole(4c)<sup>1b,d</sup>



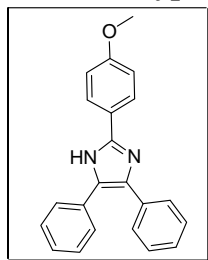
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 308.5 mg (83%). m.p. = 262-264 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H) , 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H) , 7.35 (m, 2H) , 7.33 (m, 2H) , 7.29 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ<sub>C</sub> 144.8 , 134.9 , 129.1 , 129.0 , 128.8 , 128.5 , 127.8 , 127.7 , 126.7 , 31.9 , 31.4 , 30.1 , 29.6. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Cl, 331.0997; found 331.1002.

### 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole (4d)<sup>1b,d</sup>



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a yellow solid 276.1 mg (72%). m.p. = 193-194 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ<sub>H</sub> 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H) , 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H) , 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H) , 7.48 (m, 2H) , 7.42 (m, 6H) . <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ<sub>C</sub> 160.1 , 136.7 , 132.5 , 130.3 , 128.9 , 128.7 , 128.6(2C) , 128.5 , 128.2 , 128.1 , 127.3 , 126.5 , 126.4. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>, 342.3047; found 342.1159.

### 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole (4e)<sup>1b,d</sup>

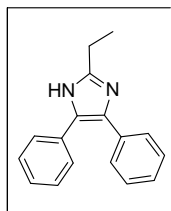


The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a yellow solid 330.0 mg (90%). m.p. = 221-223 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H) , 7.485 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4H) , 7.296 (m, 6H) , 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H) , 3.80(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100

MHz):  $\delta_C$  160.0 , 146.2 , 132.7 , 128.4 , 127.8 , 127.2 , 126.8 , 122.5 , 114.1 , 55.3.

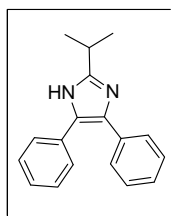
HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z):  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{22}H_{19}ON_2$ , 327.1506; found 327.1492.

### 2-ethyl-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole (4f)<sup>1g</sup>



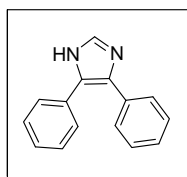
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 189.7 mg (68%). m.p. = 226-228 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta_H$  7.46(d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 4H) , 7.28 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 6H) , 2.79 (q,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) , 1.28 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta_C$  149.4 , 131.4 , 130.2 , 129.0(2C) , 128.5 , 128.3 , 127.8 , 127.6 , 21.0 , 12.7. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z):  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{17}H_{17}N_2$ , 249.1392; found 249.1391.

### 2-isopropyl-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole(4g)<sup>1h</sup>



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 218.1 mg (74%). m.p. = 162-164 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta_H$  7.50(d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 4H) , 7.31(m, 4H) , 7.23(m, 2H) , 3.18(m, 1H) , 1.38(s, 3H) , 1.36(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta_C$  168.3 , 158.5 , 153.8 , 128.5 , 128.1 , 126.9 , 29.8 , 28.6 , 21.9. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z):  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{18}H_{19}N_2$ , 263.1543; found 263.1551.

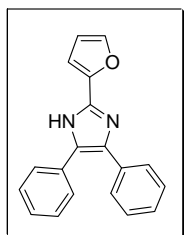
### 4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole (4h)<sup>1i</sup>



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a yellow solid 183.1 mg (72%). m.p. = 213-215 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta_H$  7.97(s, 1H) , 7.48(d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 4H) , 7.31(t,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

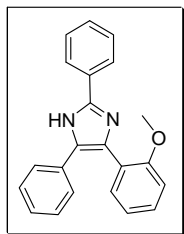
(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta_C$  134.1 , 130.8 , 130.0 , 129.2 , 128.8 , 128.7 , 128.3 , 128.1 , 127.9. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, 221.1080; found 221.1073.

#### 2-(furan-2-yl)-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole(4i)<sup>1d</sup>



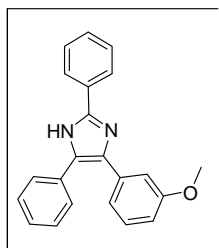
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 267.0 mg (83%). m.p. = 235-237 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta_H$  7.52(d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 5H) , 7.35(m, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta_C$  135.0 , 132.9 , 131.6 , 128.5 , 127.9 , 127.2. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, 287.1183; found 287.1179.

#### 4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole(4j)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a yellow solid 300.7 mg (82%). m.p. = 119-121 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta_H$  7.94(d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H) , 7.51(d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H) , 7.41(m, 3H) , 7.29(m, 3H) , 7.20(t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H) , 7.06(d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H) , 6.80(d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H) , 3.68(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta_C$  145.6 , 129.5 , 129.1 , 128.8 , 128.4 , 128.0 , 127.7 , 125.6 , 120.2 , 113.7 , 112.9 , 55.1. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ON<sub>2</sub>, 327.1502; found 327.1492.

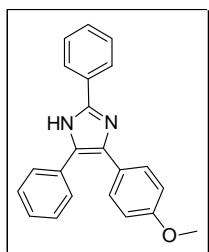
#### 4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole(4k)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a

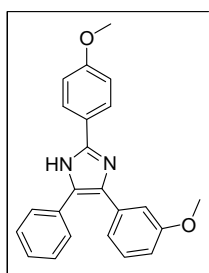
white solid 315.3 mg (86%). m.p. = 143-145 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.84(d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H) , 7.48(d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H) , 7.29(m, 4H) , 7.17(t, 1H) , 7.04(m, 2H) , 6.89(d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H) , 6.78(d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H) , 3.80(s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  160.2 , 159.5 , 145.9 , 133.5 , 132.1 , 129.4 , 128.4 , 128.0 , 127.4 , 127.1 , 121.9 , 120.2 , 114.1 , 113.5 , 112.5 , 55.3. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , 327.1497; found 327.1494.

#### 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole(4l)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a yellow solid 322.7 mg (88%). m.p. = 155-157 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.92(d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H) , 7.51(d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H) , 7.42(t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 4H) , 7.37(t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H) , 7.29(m, 2H) , 6.84(d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H) , 3.79(s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  159.3 , 145.8 , 132.8 , 129.5 , 129.1 , 129.0 , 128.7 , 127.9 , 127.5 , 125.7 , 114.6 , 114.2 , 55.4. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , 327.1497; found 327.1495.

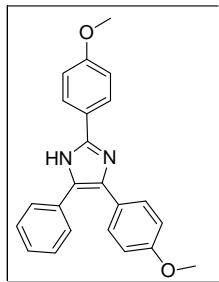
#### 4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-imidazole (4m)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a yellow solid 320.3 mg (80%). m.p. = 224-226 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.84(d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H) , 7.48(d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H) , 7.29(m, 3H) , 7.17(t, 1H) , 7.04(m, 2H) , 6.89(d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H) , 6.78(d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H) , 3.80(s, 3H) , 3.66(s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  160.2 , 159.5 , 145.9 , 133.5 , 132.1 , 129.4 , 128.4 , 128.0 , 127.4 , 127.1 , 121.9 , 120.2 , 114.1 , 113.5 , 112.5 , 55.3 , 55.1. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ,

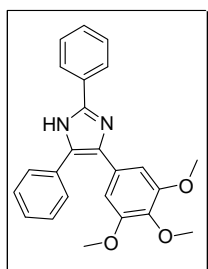
357.1603; found 357.1601.

#### 2,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-imidazole (4n)



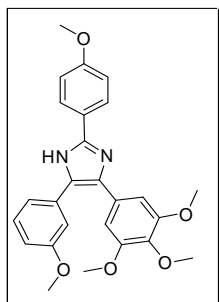
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 332.3 mg (83%). m.p. = 179-181 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.76(d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H) , 7.32(d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H) , 7.22(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H) , 7.11(m, 3H) , 6.69(m, 4H) , 3.64(s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ<sub>C</sub> 177.4 , 160.3 , 159.1 , 146.3 , 132.3 , 132.0 , 131.7 , 129.7 , 128.4 , 128.2 , 127.8 , 127.3 , 124.5 , 121.9 , 114.2 , 113.9 , 55.4 , 55.3. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 357.1605; found 357.1601.

#### 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1H-imidazole (4o)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 373.4 mg (87%). m.p. = 179-181 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.94(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H) , 7.51(d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H) , 7.39(m, 6H) , 6.73(s, 2H) , 3.82(s, 3H) , 3.64(s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ<sub>C</sub> 153.0 , 145.8 , 137.1 , 129.5 , 128.8 , 128.7 , 128.4 , 128.1 , 127.6 , 125.5 , 104.9 , 60.8 , 55.8. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, 387.1703; found 387.1703

#### 5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1H-imidazole(4p)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a yellow solid 431.4 mg (84%). m.p. = 199-201 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR

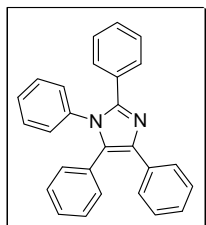


(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.85(d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.19(t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.05(d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.85(d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.79(m, 1H), 6.71(s, 2H), 3.81(s, 3H), 3.78(s, 3H), 3.68(s, 3H), 3.63(s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  160.1, 159.4, 152.9, 146.0, 137.0, 133.3, 129.3, 128.1, 127.1, 122.0, 120.5, 114.1, 113.3, 113.1, 107.1, 105.3, 105.0, 60.8, 55.8, 55.4, 55.2, 55.1. HRMS (ESI-ion trap,  $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, 447.1920; found 447.1917.

### General procedure for the synthesis of 1,2,4,5-trisubstituted imidazoles.

The starting material 1, 2-diphenylalkyne **1a** (200 mg, 1.12 mmol) was dissolved in mixture solvent (dimethylsulfoxide DMSO, 2 mL) and water (H<sub>2</sub>O, 2 mL), followed by benzaldehyde **2a** (114.1  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.12 mmol), aniline **3a** (102.2  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.12 mmol) then the ammonium acetate (NH<sub>4</sub>OAc, 346 mg, 4.48 mmol), and pivalic acid (PivOH, 126.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.12 mmol) was charged to the reaction mixture and stirred the reaction mixture at 140 °C for 24-48 hours. Reaction was monitored by TLC and the reaction mixture was poured out on ice cooled saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (10 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 X 200 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with water (3 X 200 mL), brine (1 X 200 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The pure compound was obtained by the column chromatography of the crude product on 40-63 mesh silica (Gradient eluent Ethylacetate/Hexane). Purified 1,2,4,5-tetrasubstituted imidazole derivatives **5a~5r** (yield 65-88 %).

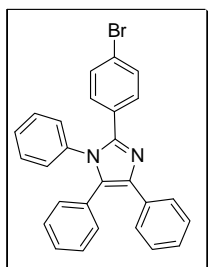
### 1,2,4,5-tetraphenyl-1H-imidazole (**5a**)<sup>1a,b,d</sup>



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a

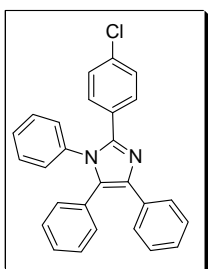
white solid 368.2 mg (88%). m.p. = 218-219 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.02(m, 5H), 7.50(m, 4H), 7.37(m, 5H), 7.18(m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  172.7, 146.8, 138.2, 137.7, 136.2, 134.8, 133.5, 133.2, 132.9, 131.0, 130.7, 130.4, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.1, 127.0, 93.9. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2$ , 373.1703; found 373.1706.

### 2-(4-bromophenyl)-1,4,5-triphenyl-1H-imidazole (5b)<sup>1b</sup>



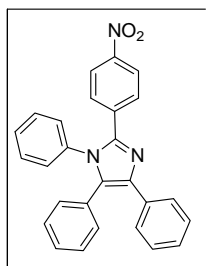
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 380.3 mg (75%). m.p. = 152-154 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.72(m, 1H), 7.66(m, 2H), 7.47(m, 7H), 7.38(d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32(m, 7H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  144.9, 131.9, 131.7, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 126.9, 126.8, 123.0, 121.6. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrN}_2$ , 451.1062; found 451.1070.

### 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,4,5-triphenyl-1H-imidazole(5c)<sup>1b-d</sup>



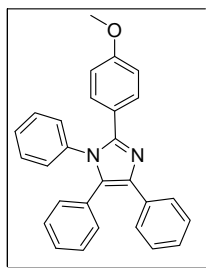
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 324.6 mg (71%). m.p. = 157-158 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.59(d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38(d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29(m, 11H), 7.12(d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04(d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  145.6, 136.6, 134.5, 131.1, 130.1, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3(2C), 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 127.1, 126.8. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2$ , 407.1315; found 407.1313.

### 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,4,5-triphenyl-1*H*-imidazole (5d)<sup>1b,d</sup>



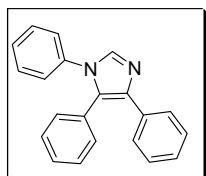
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 304.8 mg (65%). m.p. = 191-193 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ<sub>H</sub> 8.41(d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.28(d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.07(d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.59(m, 4 H), 7.45(t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37(m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ<sub>C</sub> 168.5, 147.1, 143.5, 134.9, 132.5, 131.5, 130.6, 129.6, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.2, 126.3, 123.9. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, *m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>, 418.1708; found 418.1472.

### 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,4,5-triphenyl-1*H*-imidazole(5e)<sup>1b,d</sup>



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 393.4 mg (87%). m.p. = 184-185 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.61(d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38(d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28(m, 9H), 7.12(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05(d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.78(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.78(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ<sub>C</sub> 151.6, 133.6, 133.3, 131.3, 130.9, 130.2, 129.6, 126.6, 125.8, 125.6, 125.2, 124.0, 123.4, 122.8, 117.7, 115.8, 113.6, 64.3. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, *m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ON<sub>2</sub>, 403.1805; found 403.1812.

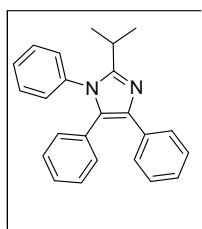
### 1,4,5-triphenyl-1*H*-imidazole (5f)<sup>1e</sup>



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 243.0 mg (73%). m.p. = 169-171 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400

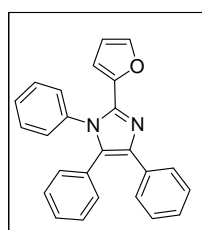
MHz):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.81(s, 1H) , 7.55(d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H) , 7.32(m, 13H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  137.5 , 134.4 , 131.0 , 129.4 , 128.8 , 128.4(2C) , 128.2 , 127.4 , 126.9 , 126.0. HRMS (ESI-ion trap,  $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2$ , 297.1400; found 297.1386.

### 2-isopropyl-1,4,5-triphenyl-1H-imidazole (5g)



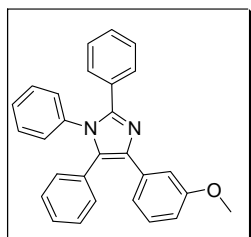
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 296.2 mg (78%). m.p. = 169-171 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.54(d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H) , 7.35(m, 3H) , 7.24(m, 10H) , 2.91(sep,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H) , 1.33(s, 3H) , 1.31(s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  153.6 , 136.8 , 136.6 , 134.8 , 130.8 , 130.7(2C) , 128.9 , 128.7 , 128.3 , 128.1 , 128.0 , 127.4 , 127.3 , 127.0 , 126.1 , 26.4 , 21.9(2C). HRMS (ESI-ion trap,  $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2$ , 339.1839; found 339.1856.

### 2-(furan-2-yl)-1,4,5-triphenyl-1H-imidazole(5h)<sup>1d</sup>



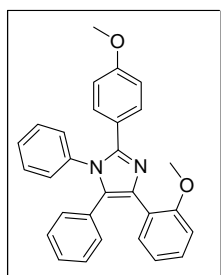
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 325.7 mg (80%). m.p. = 139-141 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.80(m, 1H) , 7.546(d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H) , 7.30(m, 4H) , 7.27(m, 6H) , 7.19(d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H) , 7.15(m, 2H) , 7.11(m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  138.6 , 138.2 , 137.2 , 136.2 , 134.0 , 130.6(2C) , 129.8 , 129.1 , 128.6 , 128.5 , 128.4 , 128.2(2C) , 128.1 , 128.0 , 127.9 , 127.7 , 127.2(2C) , 126.7 , 126.6 , 125.6.  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{ON}_2$ , 363.1461; found 363.1467.

#### 4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,5-triphenyl-1*H*-imidazole (5i)



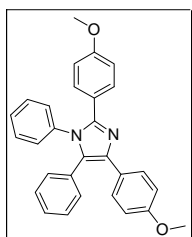
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 379.8 mg (84%). m.p. = 155-157 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.99(d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48(d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.38(m, 4H), 7.26(m, 5H), 7.15(t, 2H), 7.04(m, 2H), 6.78(d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.67(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ<sub>C</sub> 159.5, 145.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 125.6, 125.9, 120.3, 113.5, 113.8, 113.0, 55.1. [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ON<sub>2</sub>, 403.1703; found 403.1718.

#### 4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-1*H*-imidazole (5j)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 413.0 mg (85%). m.p. = 129-131 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.86(d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34(d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28(m, 7H), 6.97(m, 4H), 6.87(t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83(s, 3H), 3.81(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ<sub>C</sub> 160.1, 155.9, 145.3, 131.5, 130.6, 130.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 126.9(2C), 120.9, 114.2, 111.4, 55.6, 55.3. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, 433.1911; found 433.1908.

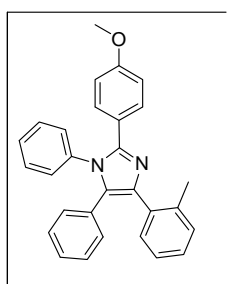
#### 2,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-1*H*-imidazole (5k)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 427.6 mg (88%). m.p. = 121-123 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ<sub>H</sub>

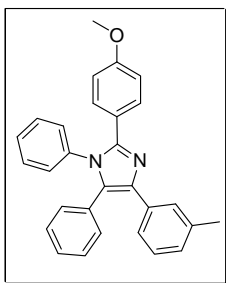
7.80(d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.48(m, 3H), 7.34(d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 3H), 7.25(m, 5H), 6.80(m, 5H), 3.74(s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  159.7, 158.6, 146.1, 132.8, 130.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.6, 127.0, 126.7, 125.0, 122.5, 120.0, 113.9, 113.8, 113.6, 113.5, 113.4, 55.1, 55.0. HRMS (ESI-ion trap,  $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2$ , 433.1894; found 433.1911.

### 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-4-*o*-tolyl-1*H*-imidazole (5l)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 383.7 mg (82%). m.p. = 145-147 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.98(d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.90(d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.52(m, 1H), 7.41(d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.37(m, 1H), 7.27(t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 3H), 7.20(m, 6H), 6.88(d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.76(s, 3H), 2.02(s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  160.3, 145.6, 137.5, 132.5, 131.2, 130.6, 130.4, 129.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.2, 126.8, 126.2, 125.9, 121.6, 114.2, 114.1, 55.2. HRMS (ESI-ion trap,  $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , 417.1967; found 417.1964.

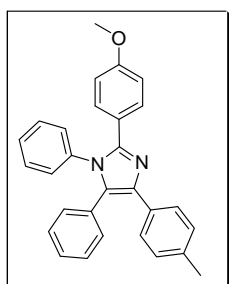
### 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-4-*m*-tolyl-1*H*-imidazole (5m)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 388.4 mg (83%). m.p. = 172-174 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.61(d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.52(d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.39(m, 1H), 7.26(d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.14(m, 6H), 7.03(m, 2H), 6.93(m, 3H), 6.83(d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.70(m, 2H), 3.64(s, 3H), 2.18(s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  159.4, 137.9, 137.7, 137.6, 137.0(2C), 134.5, 134.1, 131.5,

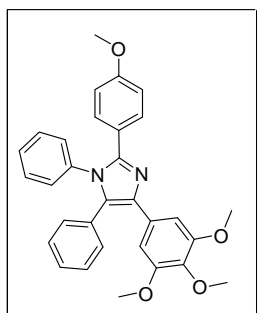
131.0 , 130.5(2C) , 130.4 , 130.2(2C) , 130.0 , 129.7 , 129.1 , 129.0 , 128.9(2C) , 128.8 , 128.5 , 128.3 , 128.2 , 128.1 , 128.0 , 127.9 , 127.8 , 127.7 , 127.6 , 127.2 , 127.1 , 127.0 , 113.5 , 113.4 , 55.0. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ON<sub>2</sub>, 417.1961; found 417.1964.

### 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-4-p-tolyl-1H-imidazole (5n)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 374.3 mg (80%). m.p. = 162-164 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.60(d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H) , 7.48(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H) , 7.32(d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H) , 7.22(m, 5H) , 7.10(m, 2H) , 7.01(m, 5H) , 6.72(m, 2H) 3.68(s, 3H) , 2.25(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ<sub>C</sub> 159.3 , 146.6 , 137.8 , 137.6 , 137.4 , 137.0(2C) , 135.9 , 134.4 , 131.3 , 130.9 , 130.7 , 130.6 , 130.4(2C) , 130.1(2C) , 130.0(2C) , 129.9 , 129.1 , 129.0 , 128.9 , 128.8 , 128.7 , 128.3(2C) , 128.1(2C) , 128.0 , 127.9(2C) , 127.8 , 127.7 , 127.6 , 127.2 , 127.1 , 127.0 , .6 , 113.5 , 113.4 , 55.0. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ON<sub>2</sub>, 417.1961; found 417.1964.

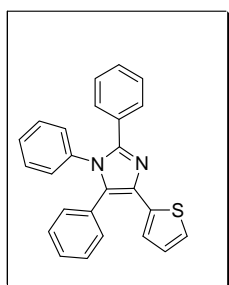
### 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1H-imidazole (5o)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 487.0 mg (88%). m.p. = 169-171 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ<sub>H</sub> 7.67(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H) , 7.37(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H) , 7.29(m, 4H) , 7.24(t, 2H) , 7.07(m, 2H) , 6.76(d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H) , 6.27(s, 2H) , 3.81(s, 3H) , 3.71(s, 3H) , 3.49(s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

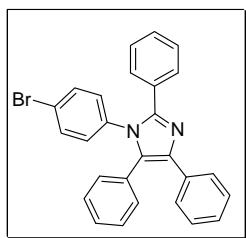
(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta_C$  159.4 , 152.5 , 146.5 , 137.4 , 137.2 , 137.0 , 133.9 , 130.1 , 129.9 , 129.8 , 128.9 , 128.8 , 128.7 , 128.3 , 128.3 , 128.1 , 128.0(2C) , 127.9 , 129.8 , 128.6 , 127.5 , 127.4 , 127.6 , 126.4 , 125.2 , 122.3 , 113.2 , 108.0 , 107.9 , 60.5 , 55.5(2C) , 54.8. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, 493.2127; found 493.2125.

### 1,2,5-triphenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-imidazole (5p)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 348.7 mg (82%). m.p. = 141-143 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta_H$  7.70(d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H) , 7.46(d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H) , 7.31(t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 6H) , 7.24(d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H) , 7.14(d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H) , 6.92(m, 1H) , 6.86(m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta_C$  147.6 , 140.2 , 136.8 , 133.9 , 131.2 , 131.0 , 130.9 , 130.2 , 130.1 , 129.2 , 129.0(2C) , 128.9 , 128.8 , 128.7 , 128.6 , 128.4 , 128.3 , 128.2 , 128.1 , 128.0(2C) , 127.9 , 127.4 , 127.3 , 127.1 , 127.0 , 126.9 , 126.5 , 123.6. [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>SN<sub>2</sub>, 379.1812; found 379.1825.

### 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2,4,5-triphenyl-1H-imidazole (5q)

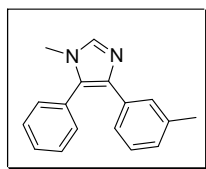


The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 400.6 mg (79%). m.p. = 239-241 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta_H$  7.72(m, 1H) , 7.66(m, 2H) , 7.47(m, 7H) , 7.38(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H) , 7.32(m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta_C$  144.9 , 131.9 , 131.7 , 129.3 , 128.6 , 128.5 , 128.4 , 128.2 , 127.8 , 127.6 ,



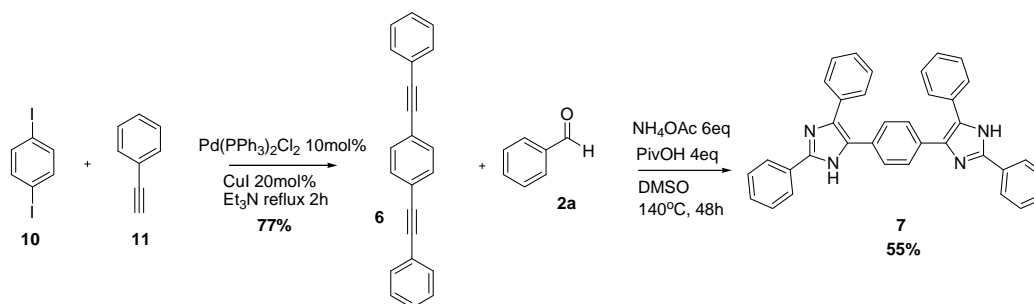
126.9 , 126.8 , 123.0 , 121.6. HRMS (ESI-ion trap, m/z):  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{27}H_{20}BrN_2$ , 451.0810; found 451.0808.

### 1-methyl-5-phenyl-4-m-tolyl-1H-imidazole (5r)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to obtain a white solid 228.7 mg (82%). m.p. = 122-124 °C.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta_H$  7.56 (s, 1H) , 7.47(d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H) , 7.42 (m, 2H) , 7.31 (m, 2H) , 7.20(t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H) , 7.13(m, 1H) , 3.43(s, 3H) , 2.92(s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz):  $\delta_C$  137.8 , 137.2 , 134.3 , 131.6 , 130.4 , 130.2 , 128.7 , 128.4 , 128.2 , 127.9 , 127.2 , 126.4 , 126.1 , 42.3 , 32.0.  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{17}H_{17}N_2$ , 249.1307; found 249.1312.

### Synthesis of 4-(4-(2,4-diphenyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)phenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole(7)



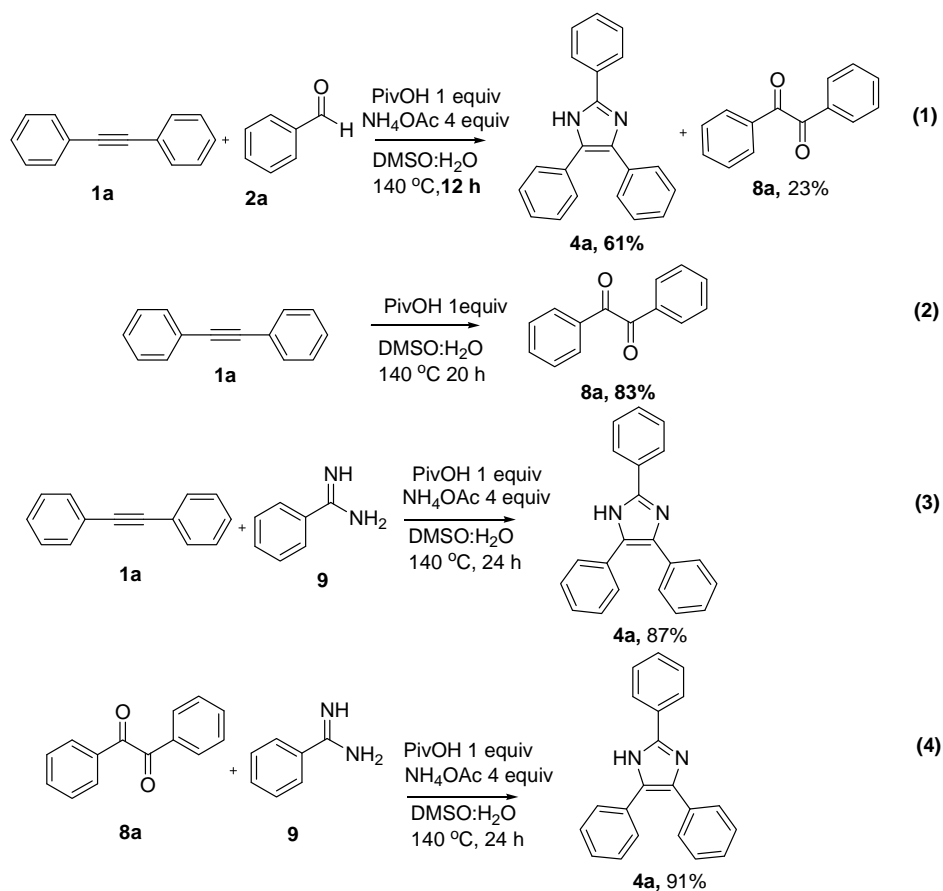
The starting material 1,4-bis(2-phenylethynyl)benzene (**6**) was prepared by reported sonogashira condition, and then treated with benzaldehyde using our methodology to construct bis-imidazole derivatives. The starting material 1,4-bis(2-phenylethynyl)benzene (**6**) 200 mg (0.71 mmol) was dissolved in mixture solvent (dimethylsulfoxide DMSO, 2.0 mL) and water ( $H_2O$ , 2.0 mL), followed by benzaldehyde **2a** (146.6  $\mu L$ , 1.42 mmol), then the ammonium acetate ( $NH_4OAc$ , 332 mg, 4.2 mmol), and pivalic

acid (PivOH, 162.1  $\mu$ L, 1.42 mmol) was charged to the reaction mixture and stirred the reaction mixture at 140  $^{\circ}$ C for 48 hours. Reaction was monitored by TLC and the reaction mixture was poured out on ice cooled saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (10 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 X 200 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with water (3 X 200 mL), brine (1 X 200 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The pure compound was obtained by the column chromatography of the crude product on 40-63 mesh silica (Gradient eluent Ethylacetate: Hexane = 1:1). Purified 4-(4-(2,4-diphenyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)phenyl) -2,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole **7** (white solid 203 mg, yield 55 %). m.p. = 127-128  $^{\circ}$ C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.15(d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H) , 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H) , 7.57(m, 3H) , 7.46(m, 3H) , 7.36(m, 3H) , 6.19(s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  168.5 , 132.4 , 131.8 , 129.5 , 128.8 , 128.7 , 128.4 , 128.3 , 128.1 , 128.0 , 127.9 , 127.2 , 125.9. [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 515.2207; found 515.2209.

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## 2. Control Experiments



**Scheme S1.** Control Experiments.

To gain insight into the reaction mechanism, we carried out a few control experiments. First, we started a reaction between **1a** and **2a** in the presence of PivOH and ammonium acetate and observed **4a** as the major product and the benzil product **8a** as the minor one (Scheme S3, eq 1). Then we conducted the experiment without addition of benzaldehyde and ammonium acetate. Based on these reactions, we confirmed that the benzil product **8a** was the intermediate for this transformation (eq 2). With commercially available benzamidine **9** and diphenylacetylene **1a** or benzil **8a**, the desired product **4a** was obtained in 87% and 91% yield, respectively (Scheme S1, eqs 3 and 4).

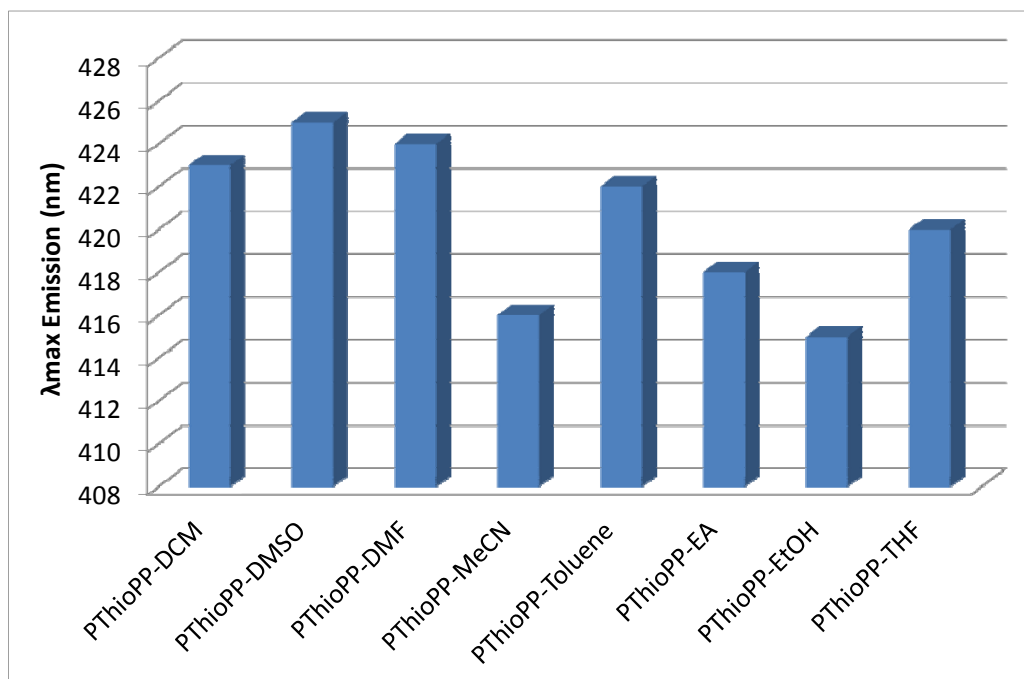
## 2. The photo-physical properties of imidazole derivatives

### UV Absorption and Fluorescence emission data of imidazole derivatives

The photo-physical properties for some of the representative imidazole derivatives showed a very good fluorescence emission; especially compound **5p** demonstrated maximum absorption at 245 nm, excitation at 291 nm, and emission at 423 nm (Table S1). Indeed, we studied their photoluminescence property in solution of the synthesized compounds. The imidazole product **5p** in different solvents is shown in Figure S1. The emission peaks are slightly changed in different solvents. For example, it emits at 425 nm in DMSO solution, but at 415 nm in EtOH (Fig S1). Our ongoing work will be focused on the synthesis of imidazole attached with heterocycles using this methodology with an emission in the visible or near IR region and will be used for the application of Photo dynamic therapy of skin cancer, and organic electroluminescent devices.

**Table S1:** The fluorescence and UV absorption of imidazole derivatives.

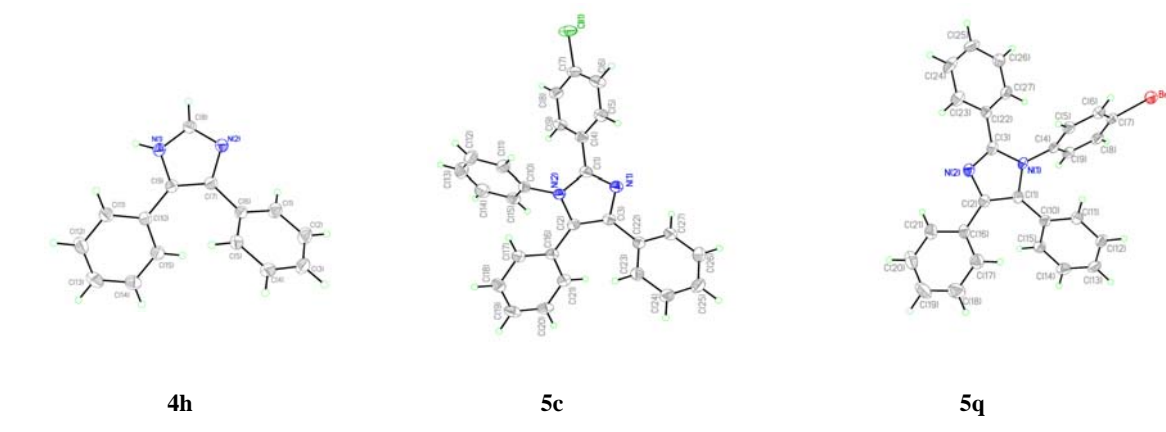
Entry	cpd	$\lambda$ max Absorption	$\lambda$ max Excitation	$\lambda$ max Emission
1	<b>4a</b>	261nm	291nm	385nm
2	<b>4b</b>	245nm	289nm	386nm
3	<b>4g</b>	236, 285nm	281nm	374nm
4	<b>4g</b>	241, 293nm	291nm	378nm
5	<b>4p</b>	236, 306nm	304nm	396nm
6	<b>5a</b>	245nm	290nm	382nm
7	<b>5c</b>	236, 290nm	291nm	382nm
8	<b>5g</b>	244nm	235nm	378nm
9	<b>5h</b>	243nm	250nm	377nm
10	<b>5p</b>	245nm	291nm	423nm
11	<b>5r</b>	239, 284nm	281nm	384nm



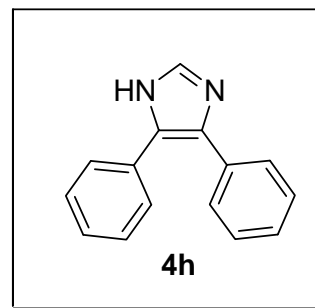
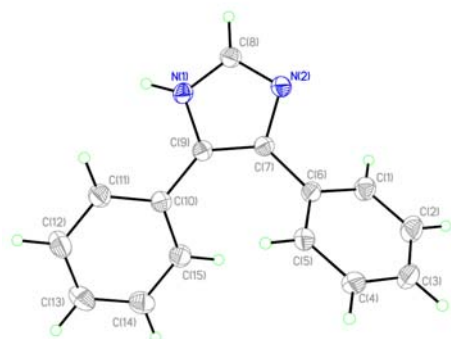
**Figure S1:** The fluorescein of imidazole derivatives with different solvents.

## 2. ORTEP Diagram of compound **4h** 、**5c** 、**5q**

**Figure S2.** ORTEP diagram of **4h**, **5c** and **5q**.



The structure of the **4h** 、**5c** 、**5q** was unambiguously confirmed with X-ray crystallographic technique.



CCDC No of **4h** : 928193

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**Table 1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **4h**.

Identification code	<b>4h</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	220.27
Temperature	300(2) K

Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 21/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.1711(6) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$ .
	b = 9.2671(4) Å	$\beta = 93.572(2)^\circ$ .
	c = 11.8123(6) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$ .
Volume	1220.48(10) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.199 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.072 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	464	
Crystal size	0.53 x 0.49 x 0.33 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	2.80 to 26.44°.	
Index ranges	-13<=h<=13, -11<=k<=11, -14<=l<=14	
Reflections collected	20446	
Independent reflections	2506 [R(int) = 0.0428]	
Completeness to theta = 26.44°	99.8 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9767 and 0.9629	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	2506 / 0 / 158	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.080	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0549, wR2 = 0.1414	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0655, wR2 = 0.1555	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.158 and -0.223 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

**Table 2.** Atomic coordinates ( x 10<sup>4</sup>) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x 10<sup>3</sup>) for 4h. U (eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U<sup>ij</sup> tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
N(1)	4524(1)	-1363(2)	7659(1)	52(1)
N(2)	5207(1)	768(1)	8212(1)	54(1)
C(1)	4078(2)	2692(2)	9848(2)	63(1)
C(2)	3564(2)	3912(2)	10282(2)	78(1)
C(3)	2424(2)	4321(2)	9914(2)	81(1)
C(4)	1789(2)	3507(2)	9118(2)	73(1)

C(5)	2296(2)	2284(2)	8676(2)	60(1)
C(6)	3450(1)	1862(2)	9035(1)	49(1)
C(7)	4033(1)	624(2)	8514(1)	48(1)
C(8)	5453(2)	-451(2)	7701(2)	55(1)
C(9)	3599(1)	-709(2)	8182(1)	48(1)
C(10)	2452(1)	-1445(2)	8311(1)	51(1)
C(11)	2021(2)	-2460(2)	7518(2)	63(1)
C(12)	944(2)	-3157(3)	7645(2)	78(1)
C(13)	274(2)	-2852(3)	8552(2)	81(1)
C(14)	690(2)	-1852(3)	9342(2)	78(1)
C(15)	1771(2)	-1164(2)	9234(2)	66(1)

**Table 3.** Bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [ $^\circ$ ] for **4h**.

N(1)-C(8)	1.337(2)
N(1)-C(9)	1.377(2)
N(1)-H(1A)	0.87(2)
N(2)-C(8)	1.319(2)
N(2)-C(7)	1.387(2)
C(1)-C(2)	1.380(3)
C(1)-C(6)	1.387(2)
C(1)-H(1)	0.9300
C(2)-C(3)	1.373(3)
C(2)-H(2)	0.9300
C(3)-C(4)	1.369(3)
C(3)-H(3)	0.9300
C(4)-C(5)	1.384(3)
C(4)-H(4)	0.9300
C(5)-C(6)	1.388(2)
C(5)-H(5)	0.9300
C(6)-C(7)	1.472(2)
C(7)-C(9)	1.376(2)
C(8)-H(8)	0.9300
C(9)-C(10)	1.468(2)
C(10)-C(15)	1.393(2)
C(10)-C(11)	1.392(2)
C(11)-C(12)	1.383(3)
C(11)-H(11)	0.9300



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C(12)-C(13)	1.374(3)
C(12)-H(12)	0.9300
C(13)-C(14)	1.375(3)
C(13)-H(13)	0.9300
C(14)-C(15)	1.378(3)
C(14)-H(14)	0.9300
C(15)-H(15)	0.9300
C(8)-N(1)-C(9)	107.97(14)
C(8)-N(1)-H(1A)	127.7(14)
C(9)-N(1)-H(1A)	124.3(14)
C(8)-N(2)-C(7)	105.25(13)
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)	120.48(18)
C(2)-C(1)-H(1)	119.8
C(6)-C(1)-H(1)	119.8
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	120.51(19)
C(3)-C(2)-H(2)	119.7
C(1)-C(2)-H(2)	119.7
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	119.74(18)
C(4)-C(3)-H(3)	120.1
C(2)-C(3)-H(3)	120.1
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	120.2(2)
C(3)-C(4)-H(4)	119.9
C(5)-C(4)-H(4)	119.9
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	120.68(18)
C(4)-C(5)-H(5)	119.7
C(6)-C(5)-H(5)	119.7
C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	118.37(16)
C(1)-C(6)-C(7)	120.25(15)
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	121.24(15)
C(9)-C(7)-N(2)	109.58(14)
C(9)-C(7)-C(6)	131.42(14)
N(2)-C(7)-C(6)	118.86(13)
N(2)-C(8)-N(1)	112.00(15)
N(2)-C(8)-H(8)	124.0
N(1)-C(8)-H(8)	124.0
C(7)-C(9)-N(1)	105.19(13)
C(7)-C(9)-C(10)	133.01(14)
N(1)-C(9)-C(10)	121.79(14)

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C(15)-C(10)-C(11)	118.09(16)
C(15)-C(10)-C(9)	121.14(15)
C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	120.77(15)
C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	120.64(18)
C(12)-C(11)-H(11)	119.7
C(10)-C(11)-H(11)	119.7
C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	120.5(2)
C(13)-C(12)-H(12)	119.7
C(11)-C(12)-H(12)	119.7
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	119.36(19)
C(12)-C(13)-H(13)	120.3
C(14)-C(13)-H(13)	120.3
C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	120.71(19)
C(15)-C(14)-H(14)	119.6
C(13)-C(14)-H(14)	119.6
C(14)-C(15)-C(10)	120.64(18)
C(14)-C(15)-H(15)	119.7
C(10)-C(15)-H(15)	119.7

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

**Table 4.** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **4h**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12}]$

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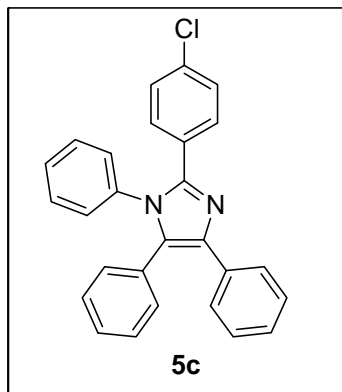
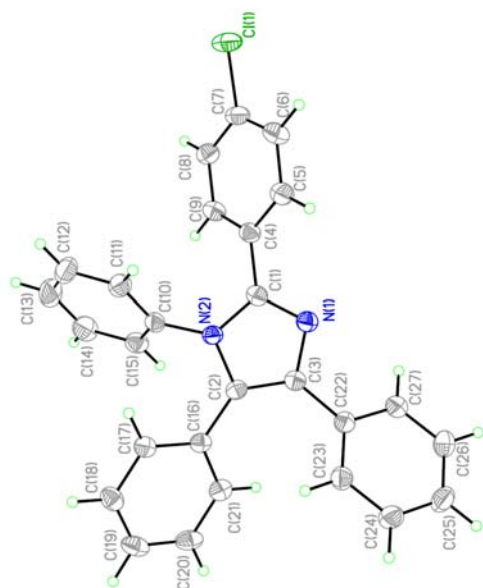
	U <sup>11</sup>	U <sup>22</sup>	U <sup>33</sup>	U <sup>23</sup>	U <sup>13</sup>	U <sup>12</sup>
N(1)	60(1)	37(1)	60(1)	1(1)	11(1)	3(1)
N(2)	54(1)	46(1)	63(1)	1(1)	10(1)	-1(1)
C(1)	72(1)	64(1)	52(1)	-6(1)	2(1)	-3(1)
C(2)	99(2)	74(1)	64(1)	-22(1)	13(1)	-10(1)
C(3)	95(2)	56(1)	97(2)	-18(1)	39(1)	-2(1)
C(4)	59(1)	56(1)	106(2)	-3(1)	22(1)	4(1)
C(5)	55(1)	48(1)	77(1)	-6(1)	8(1)	-3(1)
C(6)	57(1)	44(1)	49(1)	1(1)	11(1)	-2(1)
C(7)	50(1)	46(1)	48(1)	4(1)	6(1)	1(1)
C(8)	53(1)	47(1)	67(1)	4(1)	11(1)	4(1)
C(9)	54(1)	42(1)	48(1)	5(1)	6(1)	3(1)

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C(10)	55(1)	45(1)	52(1)	6(1)	6(1)	0(1)
C(11)	65(1)	68(1)	57(1)	-4(1)	6(1)	-8(1)
C(12)	75(1)	87(2)	70(1)	-3(1)	-4(1)	-26(1)
C(13)	63(1)	100(2)	79(1)	12(1)	5(1)	-23(1)
C(14)	73(1)	88(2)	75(1)	4(1)	24(1)	-12(1)
C(15)	76(1)	62(1)	62(1)	-1(1)	19(1)	-11(1)

**Table 5.** Hydrogen coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **4h**.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(1A)	4485(18)	-2220(20)	7363(17)	68(6)
H(1)	4851	2425	10104	75
H(2)	3994	4460	10827	94
H(3)	2085	5148	10205	97
H(4)	1013	3777	8873	87
H(5)	1860	1740	8133	72
H(8)	6186	-654	7404	66
H(11)	2463	-2671	6897	76
H(12)	670	-3838	7112	93
H(13)	-453	-3317	8632	97
H(14)	237	-1637	9954	93
H(15)	2049	-506	9784	79



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**Table 1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **5c**.

Identification code	<b>5c</b>	
Empirical formula	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>19</sub> Cl N <sub>2</sub>	
Formula weight	406.89	
Temperature	150(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P - 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.1302(5) Å	α = 83.096(2)°.
	b = 10.1424(5) Å	β = 85.781(2)°.
	c = 11.2429(6) Å	γ = 66.007(2)°.
Volume	1047.30(9) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.290 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.199 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	424	
Crystal size	0.44 x 0.38 x 0.25 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	2.20 to 26.39°.	
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -12 ≤ k ≤ 12, -14 ≤ l ≤ 14	
Reflections collected	14519	
Independent reflections	4259 [R(int) = 0.0242]	
Completeness to theta = 26.39°	99.2 %	

Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.9520 and 0.9177
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	4259 / 0 / 271
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.035
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0403, wR2 = 0.1118
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0462, wR2 = 0.1191
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.242 and -0.280 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table 2.** Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **5c**.  $U(\text{eq})$  is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U_{ij}$  tensor.

	x	y	z	$U(\text{eq})$
Cl(1)	13119(1)	801(1)	-4349(1)	39(1)
N(1)	9277(1)	2844(1)	838(1)	25(1)
N(2)	7646(1)	2407(1)	-78(1)	22(1)
C(1)	9011(1)	2397(1)	-132(1)	24(1)
C(2)	7012(1)	2895(1)	1018(1)	22(1)
C(3)	8046(1)	3156(1)	1565(1)	23(1)
C(4)	10043(1)	1952(2)	-1153(1)	24(1)
C(5)	10875(2)	2747(2)	-1519(1)	31(1)
C(6)	11847(2)	2384(2)	-2487(1)	34(1)
C(7)	11969(2)	1226(2)	-3091(1)	29(1)
C(8)	11178(2)	403(2)	-2737(1)	28(1)
C(9)	10222(2)	763(2)	-1761(1)	26(1)
C(10)	7048(1)	1877(1)	-935(1)	24(1)
C(11)	6870(2)	2532(2)	-2105(1)	30(1)
C(12)	6393(2)	1935(2)	-2946(2)	39(1)
C(13)	6074(2)	738(2)	-2607(2)	44(1)
C(14)	6221(2)	118(2)	-1431(2)	40(1)
C(15)	6728(2)	679(2)	-586(1)	30(1)
C(16)	5515(1)	3093(1)	1366(1)	22(1)
C(17)	4403(1)	3712(1)	541(1)	24(1)
C(18)	2988(2)	3954(2)	889(1)	29(1)
C(19)	2655(2)	3579(2)	2068(2)	33(1)
C(20)	3752(2)	2945(2)	2887(1)	31(1)
C(21)	5168(2)	2693(2)	2544(1)	26(1)
C(22)	8044(2)	3622(2)	2760(1)	24(1)
C(23)	6816(2)	4604(2)	3310(1)	28(1)
C(24)	6880(2)	4990(2)	4440(1)	33(1)
C(25)	8167(2)	4421(2)	5037(1)	36(1)
C(26)	9401(2)	3457(2)	4497(1)	36(1)
C(27)	9342(2)	3056(2)	3372(1)	30(1)

**Table 3.** Bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [ $^\circ$ ] for **5c**.

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Cl(1)-C(7)	1.7439(14)
N(1)-C(1)	1.3142(18)
N(1)-C(3)	1.3835(17)
N(2)-C(1)	1.3751(17)
N(2)-C(2)	1.3953(17)
N(2)-C(10)	1.4357(17)
C(1)-C(4)	1.4765(18)
C(2)-C(3)	1.3800(19)
C(2)-C(16)	1.4755(18)
C(3)-C(22)	1.4764(19)
C(4)-C(5)	1.397(2)
C(4)-C(9)	1.399(2)
C(5)-C(6)	1.390(2)
C(5)-H(5)	0.9500
C(6)-C(7)	1.384(2)
C(6)-H(6)	0.9500
C(7)-C(8)	1.383(2)
C(8)-C(9)	1.389(2)
C(8)-H(8)	0.9500
C(9)-H(9)	0.9500
C(10)-C(15)	1.386(2)
C(10)-C(11)	1.389(2)
C(11)-C(12)	1.392(2)
C(11)-H(11)	0.9500
C(12)-C(13)	1.383(3)
C(12)-H(12)	0.9500
C(13)-C(14)	1.386(3)
C(13)-H(13)	0.9500
C(14)-C(15)	1.389(2)
C(14)-H(14)	0.9500
C(15)-H(15)	0.9500
C(16)-C(21)	1.3997(19)
C(16)-C(17)	1.4015(19)
C(17)-C(18)	1.3866(19)
C(17)-H(17)	0.9500
C(18)-C(19)	1.390(2)

C(18)-H(18)	0.9500
C(19)-C(20)	1.386(2)
C(19)-H(19)	0.9500
C(20)-C(21)	1.384(2)
C(20)-H(20)	0.9500
C(21)-H(21)	0.9500
C(22)-C(23)	1.396(2)
C(22)-C(27)	1.3987(19)
C(23)-C(24)	1.387(2)
C(23)-H(23)	0.9500
C(24)-C(25)	1.381(2)
C(24)-H(24)	0.9500
C(25)-C(26)	1.387(2)
C(25)-H(25)	0.9500
C(26)-C(27)	1.387(2)
C(26)-H(26)	0.9500
C(27)-H(27)	0.9500
C(1)-N(1)-C(3)	106.16(11)
C(1)-N(2)-C(2)	107.08(11)
C(1)-N(2)-C(10)	126.14(11)
C(2)-N(2)-C(10)	126.51(11)
N(1)-C(1)-N(2)	111.43(12)
N(1)-C(1)-C(4)	124.22(12)
N(2)-C(1)-C(4)	124.35(12)
C(3)-C(2)-N(2)	105.03(11)
C(3)-C(2)-C(16)	132.79(12)
N(2)-C(2)-C(16)	122.13(12)
C(2)-C(3)-N(1)	110.30(12)
C(2)-C(3)-C(22)	130.80(12)
N(1)-C(3)-C(22)	118.82(12)
C(5)-C(4)-C(9)	118.97(13)
C(5)-C(4)-C(1)	118.61(13)
C(9)-C(4)-C(1)	122.42(13)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	120.76(14)
C(6)-C(5)-H(5)	119.6
C(4)-C(5)-H(5)	119.6
C(7)-C(6)-C(5)	118.84(14)
C(7)-C(6)-H(6)	120.6



C(5)-C(6)-H(6)	120.6
C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	121.75(13)
C(8)-C(7)-Cl(1)	118.52(12)
C(6)-C(7)-Cl(1)	119.71(12)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	119.01(14)
C(7)-C(8)-H(8)	120.5
C(9)-C(8)-H(8)	120.5
C(8)-C(9)-C(4)	120.63(13)
C(8)-C(9)-H(9)	119.7
C(4)-C(9)-H(9)	119.7
C(15)-C(10)-C(11)	121.75(13)
C(15)-C(10)-N(2)	118.91(12)
C(11)-C(10)-N(2)	119.26(12)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	118.49(15)
C(10)-C(11)-H(11)	120.8
C(12)-C(11)-H(11)	120.8
C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	120.19(15)
C(13)-C(12)-H(12)	119.9
C(11)-C(12)-H(12)	119.9
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	120.71(15)
C(12)-C(13)-H(13)	119.6
C(14)-C(13)-H(13)	119.6
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	119.81(16)
C(13)-C(14)-H(14)	120.1
C(15)-C(14)-H(14)	120.1
C(10)-C(15)-C(14)	119.01(15)
C(10)-C(15)-H(15)	120.5
C(14)-C(15)-H(15)	120.5
C(21)-C(16)-C(17)	118.34(12)
C(21)-C(16)-C(2)	120.45(12)
C(17)-C(16)-C(2)	121.20(12)
C(18)-C(17)-C(16)	120.80(13)
C(18)-C(17)-H(17)	119.6
C(16)-C(17)-H(17)	119.6
C(17)-C(18)-C(19)	120.17(14)
C(17)-C(18)-H(18)	119.9
C(19)-C(18)-H(18)	119.9
C(20)-C(19)-C(18)	119.45(13)

C(20)-C(19)-H(19)	120.3
C(18)-C(19)-H(19)	120.3
C(21)-C(20)-C(19)	120.69(14)
C(21)-C(20)-H(20)	119.7
C(19)-C(20)-H(20)	119.7
C(20)-C(21)-C(16)	120.52(14)
C(20)-C(21)-H(21)	119.7
C(16)-C(21)-H(21)	119.7
C(23)-C(22)-C(27)	118.18(13)
C(23)-C(22)-C(3)	123.45(12)
C(27)-C(22)-C(3)	118.37(12)
C(24)-C(23)-C(22)	120.74(13)
C(24)-C(23)-H(23)	119.6
C(22)-C(23)-H(23)	119.6
C(25)-C(24)-C(23)	120.54(14)
C(25)-C(24)-H(24)	119.7
C(23)-C(24)-H(24)	119.7
C(24)-C(25)-C(26)	119.41(14)
C(24)-C(25)-H(25)	120.3
C(26)-C(25)-H(25)	120.3
C(25)-C(26)-C(27)	120.36(14)
C(25)-C(26)-H(26)	119.8
C(27)-C(26)-H(26)	119.8
C(26)-C(27)-C(22)	120.76(14)
C(26)-C(27)-H(27)	119.6
C(22)-C(27)-H(27)	119.6

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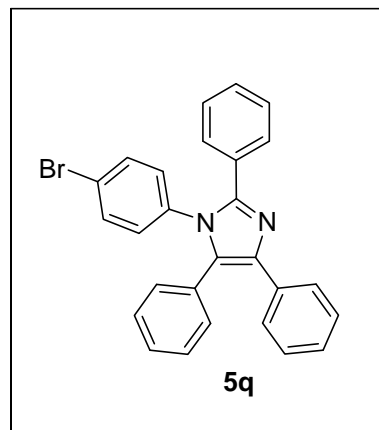
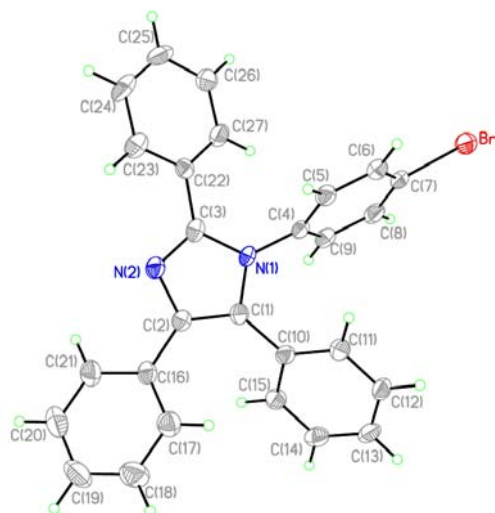
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

**Table 4.** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **5c**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12}]$

	U <sup>11</sup>	U <sup>22</sup>	U <sup>33</sup>	U <sup>23</sup>	U <sup>13</sup>	U <sup>12</sup>
Cl(1)	35(1)	44(1)	29(1)	0(1)	11(1)	-9(1)
N(1)	24(1)	27(1)	24(1)	-2(1)	0(1)	-11(1)
N(2)	22(1)	24(1)	20(1)	-2(1)	1(1)	-9(1)
C(1)	22(1)	23(1)	25(1)	0(1)	0(1)	-9(1)
C(2)	25(1)	20(1)	20(1)	-1(1)	1(1)	-8(1)
C(3)	23(1)	22(1)	23(1)	0(1)	0(1)	-8(1)
C(4)	21(1)	26(1)	23(1)	0(1)	0(1)	-8(1)
C(5)	30(1)	35(1)	31(1)	-7(1)	3(1)	-16(1)
C(6)	31(1)	38(1)	37(1)	-2(1)	6(1)	-19(1)
C(7)	23(1)	34(1)	23(1)	1(1)	3(1)	-6(1)
C(8)	26(1)	26(1)	26(1)	-2(1)	0(1)	-5(1)
C(9)	23(1)	24(1)	29(1)	0(1)	2(1)	-8(1)
C(10)	19(1)	24(1)	27(1)	-7(1)	0(1)	-6(1)
C(11)	28(1)	30(1)	27(1)	-3(1)	-2(1)	-7(1)
C(12)	38(1)	46(1)	29(1)	-10(1)	-7(1)	-8(1)
C(13)	41(1)	50(1)	46(1)	-24(1)	-4(1)	-16(1)
C(14)	38(1)	37(1)	50(1)	-19(1)	5(1)	-19(1)
C(15)	27(1)	28(1)	33(1)	-7(1)	4(1)	-10(1)
C(16)	24(1)	19(1)	24(1)	-4(1)	2(1)	-9(1)
C(17)	24(1)	22(1)	27(1)	-4(1)	1(1)	-10(1)
C(18)	24(1)	25(1)	39(1)	-6(1)	-1(1)	-10(1)
C(19)	27(1)	30(1)	43(1)	-9(1)	11(1)	-14(1)
C(20)	38(1)	28(1)	30(1)	-6(1)	12(1)	-17(1)
C(21)	32(1)	22(1)	26(1)	-3(1)	2(1)	-12(1)
C(22)	26(1)	24(1)	23(1)	-1(1)	-1(1)	-13(1)
C(23)	26(1)	28(1)	30(1)	-5(1)	-2(1)	-10(1)
C(24)	35(1)	34(1)	33(1)	-11(1)	5(1)	-15(1)
C(25)	44(1)	43(1)	25(1)	-8(1)	-1(1)	-21(1)
C(26)	33(1)	45(1)	32(1)	-3(1)	-9(1)	-15(1)
C(27)	24(1)	35(1)	29(1)	-4(1)	0(1)	-11(1)

**Table 5.** Hydrogen coordinates (  $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^{-3}$ ) for **5c**.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(5)	10776	3544	-1102	37
H(6)	12417	2921	-2730	41
H(8)	11287	-396	-3156	33
H(9)	9684	196	-1504	32
H(11)	7069	3368	-2325	35
H(12)	6287	2350	-3755	47
H(13)	5751	336	-3187	53
H(14)	5975	-689	-1202	48
H(15)	6855	248	219	36
H(17)	4620	3969	-267	29
H(18)	2244	4377	321	35
H(19)	1685	3755	2311	39
H(20)	3529	2682	3692	38
H(21)	5910	2244	3111	31
H(23)	5926	5012	2905	33
H(24)	6032	5650	4806	40
H(25)	8207	4688	5811	43
H(26)	10292	3070	4900	44
H(27)	10192	2390	3014	36



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**Table 1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **5q**.

Identification code	<b>5q</b>	
Empirical formula	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>19</sub> Br N <sub>2</sub>	
Formula weight	451.35	
Temperature	123(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	C 2/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 26.4141(14) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 8.1117(5) Å	β = 114.919(6)°.
	c = 21.4876(10) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	4175.4(4) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.436 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	1.985 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1840	
Crystal size	0.36 x 0.22 x 0.08 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	2.98 to 29.27°.	
Index ranges	-33 ≤ h ≤ 34, -10 ≤ k ≤ 6, -28 ≤ l ≤ 16	
Reflections collected	10244	
Independent reflections	4827 [R(int) = 0.0419]	
Completeness to theta = 26.00°	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	

Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.83927
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	4827 / 0 / 271
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.019
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0531, wR2 = 0.0976
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1029, wR2 = 0.1186
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.877 and -0.623 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table 2.** Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **5q**.  $U(\text{eq})$  is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U_{ij}$  tensor.

	x	y	z	$U(\text{eq})$
Br	156(1)	139(1)	1694(1)	42(1)
N(1)	2284(1)	-2(3)	4326(1)	23(1)
N(2)	2848(1)	44(3)	5436(1)	25(1)
C(1)	2826(1)	26(4)	4372(2)	22(1)
C(2)	3168(1)	82(4)	5067(2)	23(1)
C(3)	2324(1)	3(4)	4989(2)	25(1)
C(4)	1785(1)	37(4)	3700(2)	22(1)
C(5)	1455(1)	1448(4)	3529(2)	25(1)
C(6)	973(1)	1466(4)	2928(2)	28(1)
C(7)	832(1)	105(4)	2506(2)	27(1)
C(8)	1162(1)	-1289(4)	2664(2)	29(1)
C(9)	1643(1)	-1328(4)	3270(2)	25(1)
C(10)	2943(1)	-72(4)	3759(2)	22(1)
C(11)	2665(1)	895(4)	3172(2)	25(1)
C(12)	2787(1)	752(4)	2610(2)	28(1)
C(13)	3190(1)	-343(4)	2616(2)	30(1)
C(14)	3466(1)	-1315(4)	3190(2)	31(1)
C(15)	3344(1)	-1200(4)	3754(2)	26(1)
C(16)	3780(1)	173(4)	5428(2)	25(1)
C(17)	4108(1)	913(4)	5146(2)	33(1)
C(18)	4683(2)	946(5)	5503(2)	45(1)
C(19)	4942(2)	253(5)	6144(2)	48(1)
C(20)	4621(2)	-468(5)	6438(2)	44(1)
C(21)	4047(2)	-495(4)	6088(2)	34(1)
C(22)	1842(1)	-31(4)	5182(2)	21(1)
C(23)	1926(2)	587(4)	5808(2)	32(1)
C(24)	1498(2)	589(4)	6020(2)	38(1)
C(25)	980(2)	-52(4)	5600(2)	38(1)
C(26)	901(2)	-722(5)	4976(2)	36(1)
C(27)	1327(1)	-722(4)	4761(2)	31(1)

**Table 3.** Bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [ $^\circ$ ] for **5q**.

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Br-C(7)	1.900(3)
N(1)-C(3)	1.383(4)
N(1)-C(1)	1.393(4)
N(1)-C(4)	1.432(4)
N(2)-C(3)	1.309(4)
N(2)-C(2)	1.385(4)
C(1)-C(2)	1.382(4)
C(1)-C(10)	1.477(4)
C(2)-C(16)	1.471(4)
C(3)-C(22)	1.498(4)
C(4)-C(5)	1.390(4)
C(4)-C(9)	1.389(4)
C(5)-C(6)	1.380(4)
C(5)-H(5A)	0.9500
C(6)-C(7)	1.376(4)
C(6)-H(6A)	0.9500
C(7)-C(8)	1.379(5)
C(8)-C(9)	1.386(4)
C(8)-H(8A)	0.9500
C(9)-H(9A)	0.9500
C(10)-C(11)	1.402(4)
C(10)-C(15)	1.403(4)
C(11)-C(12)	1.378(4)
C(11)-H(11A)	0.9500
C(12)-C(13)	1.383(5)
C(12)-H(12A)	0.9500
C(13)-C(14)	1.383(4)
C(13)-H(13A)	0.9500
C(14)-C(15)	1.382(4)
C(14)-H(14A)	0.9500
C(15)-H(15A)	0.9500
C(16)-C(17)	1.386(4)
C(16)-C(21)	1.399(4)
C(17)-C(18)	1.383(5)
C(17)-H(17A)	0.9500
C(18)-C(19)	1.374(5)



C(18)-H(18A)	0.9500
C(19)-C(20)	1.385(6)
C(19)-H(19A)	0.9500
C(20)-C(21)	1.380(5)
C(20)-H(20A)	0.9500
C(21)-H(21A)	0.9500
C(22)-C(23)	1.364(4)
C(22)-C(27)	1.394(5)
C(23)-C(24)	1.386(5)
C(23)-H(23A)	0.9500
C(24)-C(25)	1.383(5)
C(24)-H(24A)	0.9500
C(25)-C(26)	1.380(5)
C(25)-H(25A)	0.9500
C(26)-C(27)	1.384(4)
C(26)-H(26A)	0.9500
C(27)-H(27A)	0.9500
C(3)-N(1)-C(1)	107.1(3)
C(3)-N(1)-C(4)	127.5(3)
C(1)-N(1)-C(4)	125.3(3)
C(3)-N(2)-C(2)	106.9(3)
C(2)-C(1)-N(1)	105.3(3)
C(2)-C(1)-C(10)	132.6(3)
N(1)-C(1)-C(10)	122.1(3)
C(1)-C(2)-N(2)	109.8(3)
C(1)-C(2)-C(16)	130.2(3)
N(2)-C(2)-C(16)	120.0(3)
N(2)-C(3)-N(1)	110.9(3)
N(2)-C(3)-C(22)	123.7(3)
N(1)-C(3)-C(22)	125.4(3)
C(5)-C(4)-C(9)	121.1(3)
C(5)-C(4)-N(1)	119.5(3)
C(9)-C(4)-N(1)	119.3(3)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	119.0(3)
C(4)-C(5)-H(5A)	120.5
C(6)-C(5)-H(5A)	120.5
C(7)-C(6)-C(5)	119.6(3)
C(7)-C(6)-H(6A)	120.2

C(5)-C(6)-H(6A)	120.2
C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	121.9(3)
C(8)-C(7)-Br	119.3(3)
C(6)-C(7)-Br	118.8(3)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	118.9(3)
C(7)-C(8)-H(8A)	120.5
C(9)-C(8)-H(8A)	120.5
C(4)-C(9)-C(8)	119.4(3)
C(4)-C(9)-H(9A)	120.3
C(8)-C(9)-H(9A)	120.3
C(11)-C(10)-C(15)	117.9(3)
C(11)-C(10)-C(1)	123.1(3)
C(15)-C(10)-C(1)	119.0(3)
C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	120.9(3)
C(12)-C(11)-H(11A)	119.5
C(10)-C(11)-H(11A)	119.5
C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	120.6(3)
C(13)-C(12)-H(12A)	119.7
C(11)-C(12)-H(12A)	119.7
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	119.2(3)
C(12)-C(13)-H(13A)	120.4
C(14)-C(13)-H(13A)	120.4
C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	120.9(3)
C(15)-C(14)-H(14A)	119.6
C(13)-C(14)-H(14A)	119.6
C(14)-C(15)-C(10)	120.4(3)
C(14)-C(15)-H(15A)	119.8
C(10)-C(15)-H(15A)	119.8
C(17)-C(16)-C(21)	118.1(3)
C(17)-C(16)-C(2)	122.7(3)
C(21)-C(16)-C(2)	119.2(3)
C(16)-C(17)-C(18)	120.5(3)
C(16)-C(17)-H(17A)	119.7
C(18)-C(17)-H(17A)	119.7
C(19)-C(18)-C(17)	121.0(4)
C(19)-C(18)-H(18A)	119.5
C(17)-C(18)-H(18A)	119.5
C(18)-C(19)-C(20)	119.2(4)

C(18)-C(19)-H(19A)	120.4
C(20)-C(19)-H(19A)	120.4
C(21)-C(20)-C(19)	120.1(4)
C(21)-C(20)-H(20A)	119.9
C(19)-C(20)-H(20A)	119.9
C(20)-C(21)-C(16)	121.0(3)
C(20)-C(21)-H(21A)	119.5
C(16)-C(21)-H(21A)	119.5
C(23)-C(22)-C(27)	119.8(3)
C(23)-C(22)-C(3)	117.5(3)
C(27)-C(22)-C(3)	122.6(3)
C(22)-C(23)-C(24)	120.5(4)
C(22)-C(23)-H(23A)	119.7
C(24)-C(23)-H(23A)	119.7
C(25)-C(24)-C(23)	120.3(3)
C(25)-C(24)-H(24A)	119.8
C(23)-C(24)-H(24A)	119.8
C(26)-C(25)-C(24)	119.0(3)
C(26)-C(25)-H(25A)	120.5
C(24)-C(25)-H(25A)	120.5
C(25)-C(26)-C(27)	120.8(4)
C(25)-C(26)-H(26A)	119.6
C(27)-C(26)-H(26A)	119.6
C(26)-C(27)-C(22)	119.5(3)
C(26)-C(27)-H(27A)	120.3
C(22)-C(27)-H(27A)	120.3

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

**Table 4.** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **5q**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12}]$

	U <sup>11</sup>	U <sup>22</sup>	U <sup>33</sup>	U <sup>23</sup>	U <sup>13</sup>	U <sup>12</sup>
Br	24(1)	76(1)	23(1)	-4(1)	8(1)	-2(1)
N(1)	25(2)	29(2)	14(1)	-2(1)	10(1)	0(1)
N(2)	26(2)	28(2)	20(1)	-3(1)	9(1)	-2(1)
C(1)	24(2)	21(2)	21(2)	1(1)	8(1)	0(1)
C(2)	26(2)	22(2)	22(2)	0(1)	11(1)	0(1)
C(3)	33(2)	24(2)	20(2)	-2(1)	11(2)	0(2)
C(4)	22(2)	30(2)	18(2)	-1(2)	11(1)	-2(2)
C(5)	26(2)	30(2)	21(2)	-4(2)	12(2)	-1(2)
C(6)	28(2)	33(2)	25(2)	4(2)	15(2)	2(2)
C(7)	23(2)	43(2)	19(2)	3(2)	12(1)	-2(2)
C(8)	31(2)	37(2)	24(2)	-6(2)	16(2)	-6(2)
C(9)	31(2)	24(2)	24(2)	-2(2)	16(2)	0(1)
C(10)	21(2)	27(2)	20(2)	-2(2)	10(1)	-4(1)
C(11)	27(2)	24(2)	24(2)	1(2)	11(2)	0(2)
C(12)	29(2)	34(2)	21(2)	5(2)	11(2)	-6(2)
C(13)	32(2)	37(2)	29(2)	-2(2)	19(2)	-7(2)
C(14)	30(2)	33(2)	35(2)	-5(2)	18(2)	0(2)
C(15)	26(2)	25(2)	27(2)	1(2)	12(2)	3(2)
C(16)	28(2)	24(2)	20(2)	-2(1)	8(1)	2(1)
C(17)	34(2)	33(2)	31(2)	0(2)	12(2)	-2(2)
C(18)	34(2)	50(3)	49(2)	-6(2)	17(2)	-11(2)
C(19)	25(2)	63(3)	45(2)	-9(2)	3(2)	0(2)
C(20)	41(2)	50(3)	30(2)	0(2)	2(2)	6(2)
C(21)	36(2)	37(2)	25(2)	-4(2)	9(2)	-3(2)
C(22)	22(2)	19(2)	22(2)	4(1)	8(1)	4(1)
C(23)	43(2)	29(2)	30(2)	-3(2)	20(2)	-1(2)
C(24)	60(3)	36(2)	31(2)	-2(2)	31(2)	5(2)
C(25)	45(2)	41(2)	42(2)	16(2)	33(2)	17(2)
C(26)	32(2)	47(2)	31(2)	14(2)	15(2)	7(2)
C(27)	37(2)	37(2)	23(2)	5(2)	16(2)	5(2)

**Table 5.** Hydrogen coordinates (  $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^{-3}$ ) for **5q**.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(5A)	1560	2385	3821	30
H(6A)	740	2413	2806	33
H(8A)	1060	-2207	2361	35
H(9A)	1874	-2280	3391	30
H(11A)	2389	1660	3161	30
H(12A)	2592	1412	2216	33
H(13A)	3277	-426	2231	36
H(14A)	3742	-2071	3196	37
H(15A)	3532	-1890	4140	31
H(17A)	3936	1400	4703	40
H(18A)	4902	1456	5301	54
H(19A)	5338	269	6382	58
H(20A)	4796	-946	6882	53
H(21A)	3829	-973	6298	41
H(23A)	2281	1018	6102	39
H(24A)	1560	1033	6455	46
H(25A)	684	-32	5740	45
H(26A)	550	-1189	4689	43
H(27A)	1269	-1189	4331	38

