

Supporting Information for

Dual behavior of isatin-based cyclic ketimines with dicarbomethoxy carbene: An expedient synthesis of highly functionalized spirooxindolyl oxazolidines and pyrrolines

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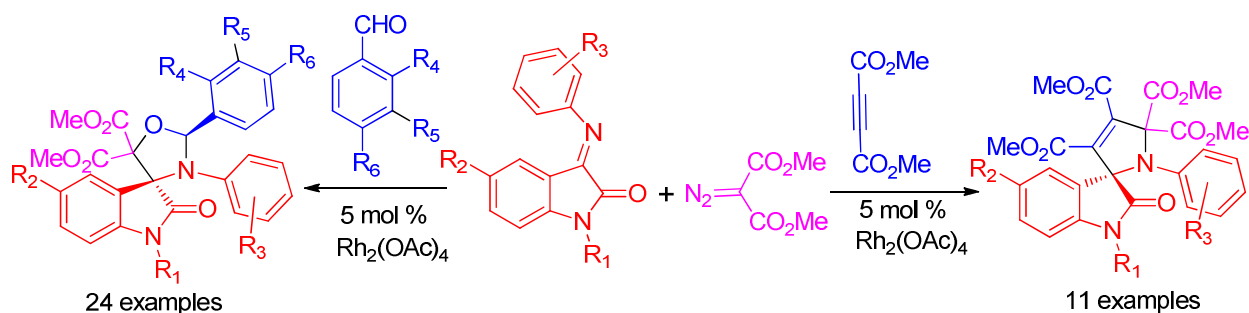


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1. General Information

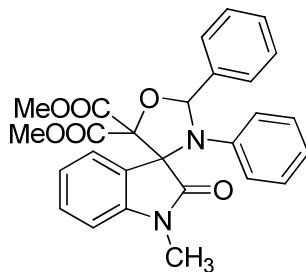
Unless otherwise noted, reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware under an atmosphere of dry argon. Benzene was dried over Na prior to use. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz, 300 MHz and ^{13}C NMR at 100 MHz. For ^1H NMR, tetramethylsilane (TMS) was used as internal standard ($\delta = 0$) and the values are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity, integration (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublet), and the coupling constants in Hz. For ^{13}C NMR, CDCl_3 ($\delta = 77.00$) was used as internal standard and spectra were obtained with complete proton decoupling. Low-resolution MS and HRMS data were obtained using ESI ionization. IR spectra were recorded on FT-IR spectrometer (KBr) and reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm^{-1}). Melting points were measured on micro melting point apparatus. The dimethyl diazomalonate¹, isatin-3-arylimines² and epoxide³ were prepared according to previously reported procedures.

General procedure for the three-component coupling of dimethyl diazomalonate, aldehyde and ketimine (3CC): To a solution of isatin-3-arylimine (1.2 equiv), aldehyde (1.0 equiv) and dimethyl diazomalonate (1.0 equiv) in dry benzene was added 5 mol % of $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$ and the mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for about 20 min under argon atmosphere. After complete consumption of diazomalonate, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting mixture was directly charged on silica gel column and eluted with *n*-hexane:ethyl acetate to afford the pure product.

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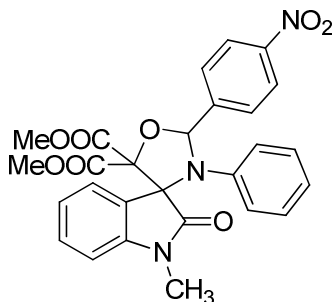
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Dimethyl 1-methyl-2-oxo-2',3'-diphenylspiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (4a):



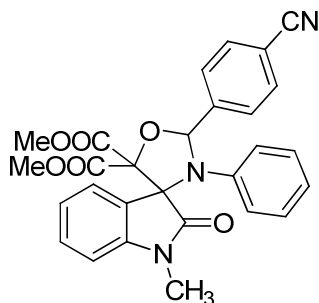
Colourless solid. mp: 188–189 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.39-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.11 (t, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.91 (t, 2H, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 6.85-6.67 (m, 4H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.06 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.1, 167.3, 167.1, 144.7, 140.5, 136.4, 130.7, 129.4, 129.1, 128.3, 128.1, 125.1, 124.3, 123.8, 122.5, 108.8, 94.1, 89.9, 75.4, 53.0, 52.8, 25.9; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3064, 2952, 2892, 1766, 1748, 1708, 1611, 1494, 1292, 1119, 766, 699 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 473 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$, 473.1712 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 473.1731.

Dimethyl 1-methyl-2'-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (4b):



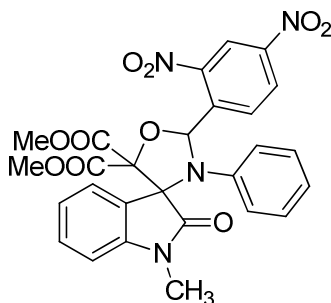
Colourless solid. mp: 201–202 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.17 (d, 2H, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 8.03 (d, 2H, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.45-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d, 1H, $J = 9\text{Hz}$), 6.99-6.86 (m, 3H), 6.79-6.72 (m, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.04 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.1, 167.1, 166.9, 148.5, 144.9, 143.7, 139.4, 131.0., 130.1, 128.6, 125.6, 125.0, 125.0, 123.1, 122.9, 122.5, 108.9, 92.4, 89.7, 75.5, 53.1, 52.9, 25.8; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3060, 2953, 1742, 1707, 1609, 1523, 1493, 1346, 1299, 1237, 1123, 1049, 769, 701 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 518 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_8\text{N}_3$ = 518.1557 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 518.1543.

Dimethyl 2'-(4-cyanophenyl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (4c):



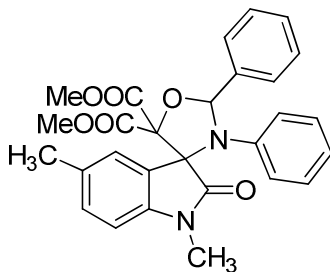
Colourless solid. mp: 196–197 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.60 (d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.44–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.98–6.86 (m, 3H), 6.77–6.71 (m, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.1, 167.1, 167.0, 144.9, 141.8, 139.5, 131.9, 131.0, 129.9, 128.6, 125.5, 125.1, 124.9, 123.1, 122.6, 113.1, 109.0, 92.9, 89.7, 75.6, 53.1, 53.0, 25.9; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3067, 2948, 2239, 1771, 1750, 1709, 1495, 1372, 1124, 1048, 765, 700 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 498 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_6\text{N}_3\text{Na}$ = 520.14791 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$; Found, 520.14727.

Dimethyl 2'-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (4d):



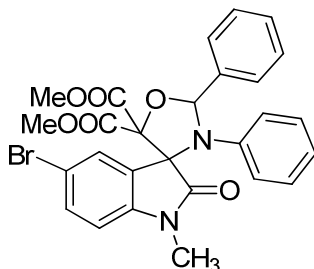
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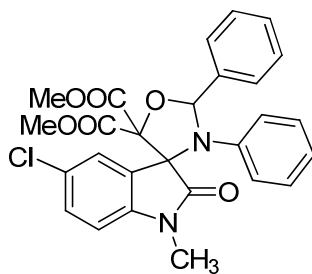
Colourless solid. mp: 151–152 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.82 (dd, 2H, $J = 1.9, 7.7$ Hz), 7.37–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.16 (d, 1H, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.91 (t, 2H, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 6.81 (t, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 6.66 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.9, 167.2, 167.1, 142.3, 140.5, 136.3, 131.9, 130.9, 129.3, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 125.6, 124.1, 124.0, 123.5, 108.5, 93.9, 89.7, 75.3, 52.9, 52.7, 25.9, 20.97; IR (neat) ν_{max} 2952, 1747, 1710, 1601, 1501, 1433, 1232, 1118, 1046, 696 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 487 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_6\text{N}_2$, 487.1863 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 487.1846.

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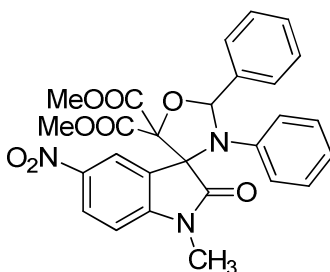
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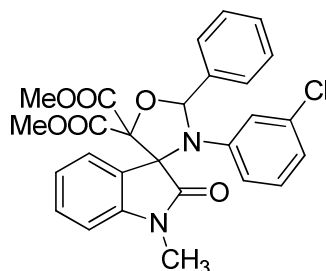
Colourless solid. mp: 157–158 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (dd 2H, $J = 2.3, 7.9$ Hz), 7.45 (d, 1H, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 7.35–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.95 (t, 2H, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 6.85 (t, 1H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 6.75 (d, 2H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 6.66 (d, 1H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.02 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.8, 167.1, 166.9, 143.3, 140.0, 136.0, 130.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 125.4, 124.9, 124.4, 109.8, 94.2, 89.7, 75.2, 53.0, 52.9, 25.9; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3034, 2892, 1764, 1742, 1712, 1611, 1473, 1230, 1117, 1047, 767, 696 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 507 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_6\text{N}_2\text{Cl} = 507.13174$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 507.12988.

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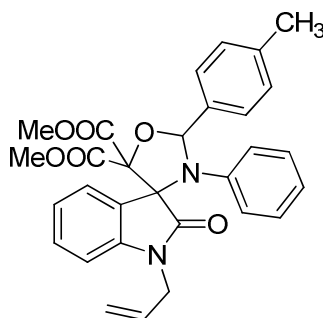
Colourless solid. mp: 178–179 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.36–8.28 (m, 2H), 7.82 (dd, 2H, $J = 2.3, 8.3$ Hz), 7.36–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.99–6.88 (m, 3H), 6.83–6.78 (m, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.10 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.8, 167.2, 167.0, 150.3, 143.3, 139.4, 135.6, 129.7, 129.2, 128.7, 128.2, 127.6, 125.9, 125.4, 124.6, 121.1, 108.5, 94.5, 89.8, 74.9, 53.3, 53.2, 26.3; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3066, 2887, 1767, 1745, 1721, 1615, 1522, 1495, 1344, 1295, 1231, 1120, 1046, 760, 738, 696 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 518 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_8\text{N}_3 = 518.15579$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 518.15445.

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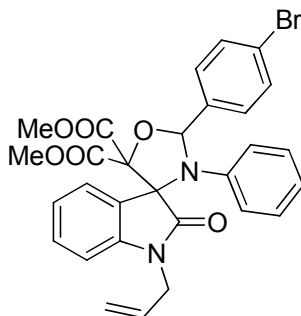
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Dimethyl 1-allyl-2-oxo-3'-phenyl-2'-(*p*-tolyl)spiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (4j):



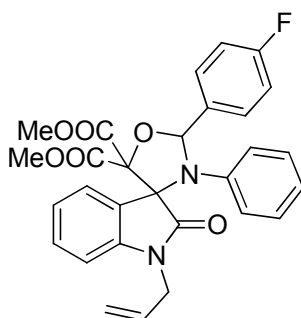
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Dimethyl 1-allyl-2'-(4-bromophenyl)-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (4k):



Colourless solid. mp: 197–198 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, 2H, $J = 8.3\text{ Hz}$), 7.48–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.31 (t, 1H, $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$), 7.11 (t, 1H, $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.96–6.84 (m, 3H), 6.75–6.67 (m, 3H), 5.58–5.44 (m, 1H), 4.95 (d, 1H, $J = 10.6\text{ Hz}$), 4.63 (d, 1H, $J = 17.4\text{ Hz}$), 4.27 (dd, 1H, $J = 4.5, 18.9\text{ Hz}$), 4.06 (dd, 1H, $J = 4.5, 16.6\text{ Hz}$), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.7, 167.21, 167.16, 144.1, 144.1, 139.9, 135.6, 131.3, 131.0, 130.7, 130.3, 128.5, 125.2, 125.1, 124.8, 123.7, 123.6, 122.5, 117.1, 109.9, 93.1, 89.6, 75.5, 53.1, 53.0, 42.0; IR (neat) ν_{max} 2952, 2902, 1742, 1699, 1608, 1491, 1370, 1303, 1236, 1122, 1049, 783 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 577 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_6\text{N}_2\text{Br} = 577.09688$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$); Found, 577.09543.

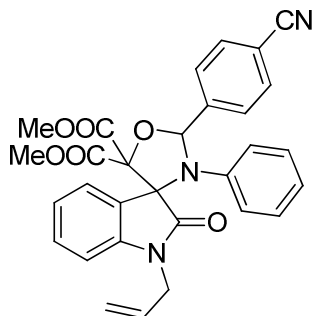
Dimethyl 1-allyl-2'-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (4l):



Colourless solid. mp: 146–147 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (dd, 2H, $J = 5, 8\text{ Hz}$), 7.43 (d, 1H, $J = 7\text{ Hz}$), 7.27 (t, 1H, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$), 7.06 (t, 1H, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$), 7.00 (s, 1H), 7.10–6.81 (m, 6H), 6.71–6.62 (m, 3H), 5.58–5.45 (m, 1H), 4.96 (d, $J = 10\text{ Hz}$), 4.68 (d, 1H, $J = 17\text{ Hz}$), 4.22 (dd, 1H, $J = 5, 17\text{ Hz}$), 4.06 (dd, 1H, $J = 5, 17\text{ Hz}$), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.8, 167.4, 167.3, 164.7, 162.2, 144.2, 140.1, 131.3, 131.2, 130.7, 130.4, 128.5,

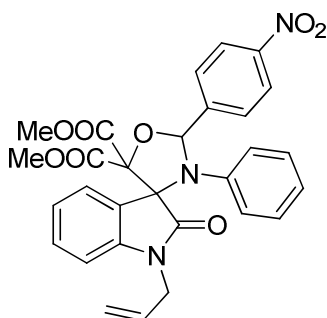
125.3, 125.0, 122.5, 117.1, 115.3, 115.0, 109.9, 93.1, 89.5, 75.6, 53.1, 53.0, 42.0; IR (neat) $\nu_{\max}$ 2954, 1747, 1711, 1608, 1493, 1369, 1301, 1232, 1114, 788, 701 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 517 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_6\text{N}_2\text{F}$ = 517.1769 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺; Found, 517.1751.

Dimethyl 1-allyl-2'-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (4m):



Colourless solid. mp: 181–182 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.60 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 7.31 (t, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.14-09 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.87 (m, 3H), 6.75 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 6.69 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 5.58-5.45 (m, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 10 Hz), 4.64 (d, 1H, J = 18 Hz), 4.27 (dd, 1H, J = 5, 17 Hz), 4.06 (dd, 1H, J = 5, 17 Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.7, 167.2, 166.9, 144.2, 141.7, 139.4, 131.9, 130.9, 130.2, 130.0, 128.6, 125.6, 125.1, 123.1, 122.5, 118.5, 117.1, 113.1, 110.0, 92.6, 89.6, 75.6, 53.1, 53.0, 41.9; IR (neat) $\nu_{\max}$ 3068, 2955, 2229, 1747, 1702, 1611, 1305, 1238, 1120, 782 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 524 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_6\text{N}_3\text{Na}$ = 546.16356 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$)⁺; Found, 546.16252.

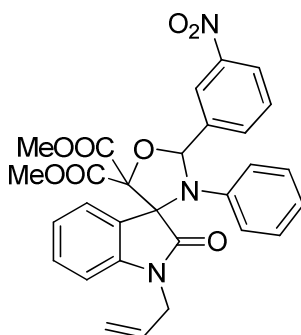
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Colourless solid. mp: 179–180 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.17 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 8.04 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.46 (d, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 7.32 (t, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.12 (t, 1H, J = 8

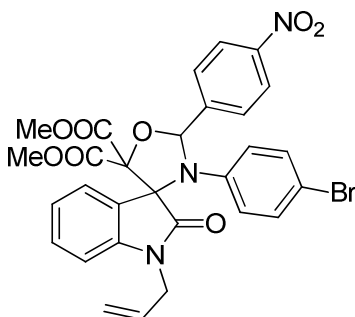
Hz), 6.98-6.89 (m, 3H), 6.77 (d, 2H, $J = 7$ Hz), 6.69 (d, 1H, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 5.58-5.45 (m, 1H), 4.96 (d, $J = 10$ Hz), 4.63 (d, 1H, $J = 17$ Hz), 4.27 (dd, 1H, $J = 5, 17$ Hz), 4.06 (dd, 1H, $J = 5, 17$ Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.7, 167.2, 167.0, 148.6, 144.2, 143.6, 139.3, 130.3, 130.2, 128.6, 125.3, 125.2, 123.3, 122.6, 117.1, 110.0, 92.3, 89.6, 75.7, 53.2, 53.1, 42.0; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3010, 2957, 1760, 1752, 1713, 1608, 1537, 1347, 1240, 1119, 1061, 786, 697 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 544 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^{+}$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_8\text{N}_3\text{Na} = 566.1533$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^{+}$; Found, 566.1521.

Dimethyl 1-allyl-2'-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (4o):



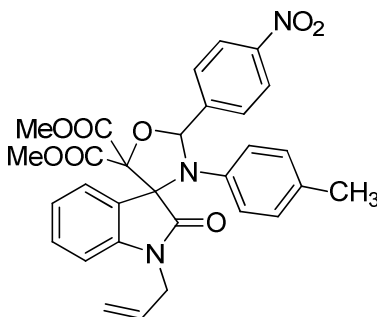
Colourless solid. mp: 167–168 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 8.09 (d, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.46 (t, 2H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.28 (t, 1H, $J = 7$ Hz), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 6.95-6.86 (m, 3H), 6.79 (d, 2H, $J = 8$ Hz), 6.64 (d, 1H, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 5.54-5.47 (m, 1H), 4.96 (d, 1H, $J = 11$ Hz), 4.66 (d, 1H, $J = 17$ Hz), 4.21 (dd, 1H, $J = 5, 16$ Hz), 4.06 (dd, 1H, $J = 5, 17$ Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.5, 167.1, 166.7, 148.0, 144.0, 139.0, 138.7, 135.3, 130.7, 130.0, 128.9, 128.4, 125.7, 125.3, 125.0, 124.2, 124.1, 122.5, 122.4, 116.8, 109.8, 92.1, 89.3, 75.5, 52.9, 52.9, 41.6; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3110, 2957, 1767, 1746, 1713, 1608, 1537, 1347, 1240, 1119, 1061, 786, 697 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 544 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^{+}$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_8\text{N}_3 = 544.17144$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^{+}$; Found, 544.17072.

Dimethyl 1-allyl-3'-(4-bromophenyl)-2'-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxospiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (4p):



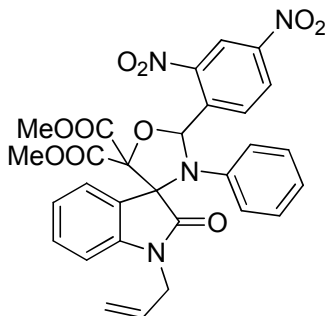
Colourless solid. mp: 207-208 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 8.02 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, $J = 7$ Hz), 7.35 (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.16-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.73 (d, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 6.64 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 5.64-5.51 (m, 1H), 5.04 (d, 1H, $J = 11$ Hz), 4.17 (d, 1H, $J = 17$ Hz), 4.30-4.08 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.4, 167.0, 166.8, 148.7, 144.2, 143.2, 138.6, 131.8, 131.2, 130.3, 130.2, 126.7, 125.1, 123.4, 122.7, 119.2, 117.3, 110.2, 92.2, 89.6, 75.5, 53.3, 53.1, 42.0; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3082, 3002, 2953, 1750, 1705, 1611, 1525, 1346, 1243, 1120, 822, 761 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 622 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_8$, 622.08195 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 622.0811.

Dimethyl 1-allyl-2'-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxo-3'-(*p*-tolyl)spiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (4q):



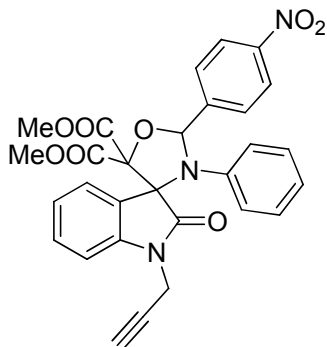
Colourless solid. mp: 196–197°C ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.16 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 8.01 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 7.40 (d, 1H, $J = 7$ Hz), 7.27 (t, 1H, 8 Hz), 7.10-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.62 (m, 5H), 5.62-5.48 (m, 1H), 4.96 (d, 1H, $J = 9$ Hz), 4.64 (d, 1H, $J = 17$ Hz), 4.25-4.05 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.6, 167.3, 167.1, 144.0, 140.5, 139.1, 130.5, 130.4, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3, 124.0, 122.4, 117.0, 109.8, 93.7, 89.7, 75.4, 53.0, 52.8, 42.0, 21.2; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3010, 2950, 1762, 1750, 1710, 1608, 1537, 1347, 1240, 1119, 1061, 786, 697 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 558 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_8\text{N}_3$ = 558.18709 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 558.18494.

Dimethyl 1-allyl-2'-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (4r):



Colourless solid. mp: 167–168°C ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.93 (d, 1H, $J = 8.7$ Hz), 8.59 (d, 1H, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 8.44 (dd, 1H, $J = 2.1, 8.7$ Hz), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.28 (t, 1H, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 7.06 (t, 1H, $J = 7$ Hz), 6.76–6.62 (m, 6H), 5.62–5.49 (m, 1H), 4.97 (d, 1H, $J = 10.4$ Hz), 4.68 (d, 1H, $J = 17.8$ Hz), 4.25–4.06 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.2, 167.2, 166.4, 150.5, 148.0, 144.4, 137.9, 133.4, 131.1, 130.2, 128.9, 126.9, 125.9, 125.0, 124.8, 122.5, 119.3, 117.3, 110.2, 89.9, 86.5, 75.4, 53.3, 53.1, 42.1; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3110, 2957, 1749, 1714, 1608, 1537, 1349, 1241, 1120, 697 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 589 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{Na} = 611.1384$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$; Found, 611.1372.

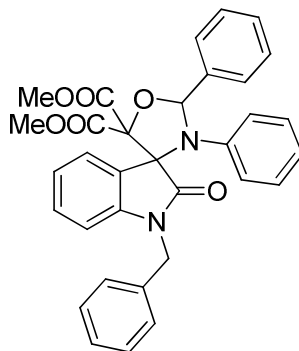
Dimethyl 2'-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxo-3'-phenyl-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)spiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (4s):



Colourless solid. mp: 188–189 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.17 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 8.02 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 7.45 (d, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.38 (t, 1H, $J = 7$ Hz), 7.16 (t, 1H, $J = 7\text{Hz}$), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.97–6.86 (m, 4H), 6.74 (d, 2H, $J = 8$ Hz), 4.41–4.27 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.12 (t, 1H, $J = 3\text{Hz}$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.1, 167.1, 166.8, 148.6, 143.6, 143.0, 139.1, 131.0, 130.3, 128.7, 125.8, 125.3, 125.0, 123.4, 123.1, 123.0, 110.0, 92.5, 89.5, 75.9, 75.5,

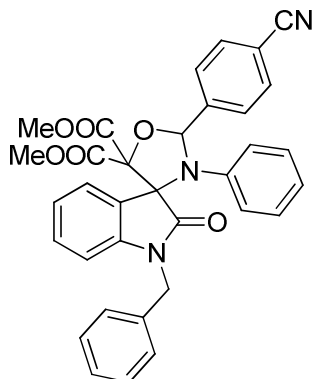
72.2, 53.3, 53.2, 28.9; IR (neat) $\nu_{\max}$ 3072, 2956, 1751, 1711, 1610, 1527, 1347, 1304, 1242, 1121, 1056, 782 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 542 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_8\text{N}_3$ = 542.15579 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺; Found, 542.15339.

Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-oxo-2',3'-diphenylspiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (compound 4t):



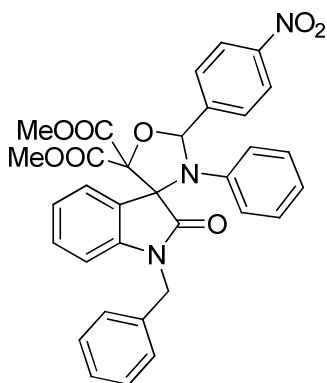
Colourless solid. mp: 169–170 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (d, 2H, J = 7 Hz), 7.51 (d, 1H, J = 7 Hz), 7.34–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.22–7.07 (m, 6H), 6.95–6.88 (m, 3H), 6.76 (d, 2H, J = 7 Hz), 6.73 (d, 2H, J = 7 Hz), 6.53 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 5.01 (d, 1H, J = 16 Hz), 4.55 (d, 1H, J = 16 Hz), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.9, 167.3, 167.0, 143.9, 140.4, 136.2, 134.7, 130.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.1, 126.6, 125.1, 124.3, 123.9, 122.5, 110.0, 93.8, 89.9, 75.5, 53.0, 52.8, 43.5; IR (neat) $\nu_{\max}$ 3063, 2953, 1762, 1740, 1711, 1607, 1493, 1233, 1106, 765 696 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 549 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_6\text{N}_2$ = 549.2020 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺; Found, 549.2013.

Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2'-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (compound 4u):



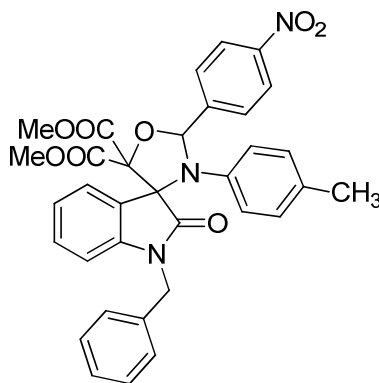
Colourless solid. mp: 170–171 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, 2H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.61 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 7.47 (d, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.23–7.08 (m, 7H), 6.98–6.96 (m, 3H), 6.76–6.76 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, 2H, $J = 8$ Hz), 6.52 (d, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 5.01 (d, 1H, $J = 16$ Hz), 4.52 (d, 1H, $J = 16$ Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.8, 167.0, 166.9, 144.0, 141.5, 139.5, 134.4, 131.9, 130.9, 129.9, 128.7, 128.4, 127.1, 126.4, 125.4, 125.0, 124.8, 123.0, 122.5, 118.4, 112.9, 110.1, 92.5, 89.6, 75.6, 53.1, 53.0, 43.3; IR (neat) ν_{max} 2952, 2916, 2229, 1746, 1710, 1611, 1366, 1253, 1122, 747, 696 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 574 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6\text{N}_3 = 574.19726$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 574.19582.

Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2'-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxo-3'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (compound 4v):



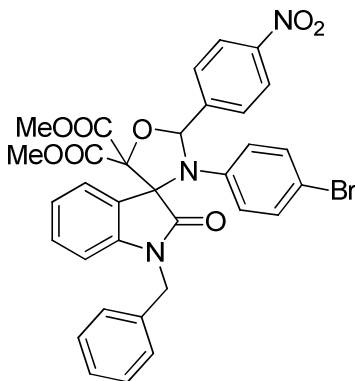
Colourless solid. mp: 206–207 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (d, 2H, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 8.03 (d, 1H, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.23–7.04 (m, 6H), 6.94–6.98 (m, 3H), 6.78–6.67 (m, 4H), 6.47 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 4.95 (d, 1H, $J = 15.9$ Hz), 4.53 (d, 1H, $J = 15.9$ Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.0, 167.2, 167.0, 148.6, 144.2, 143.6, 139.5, 134.5, 131.0, 130.4, 128.9, 128.6, 127.3, 126.5, 125.7, 125.2, 125.1, 123.4, 123.0, 122.7, 110.3, 92.3, 89.8, 75.8, 53.3, 53.2, 43.5; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3033, 2955, 1749, 1721, 1610, 1521, 1347, 1233, 1121, 744, 697 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 594 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_8\text{N}_3 = 594.18709$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 594.18700

Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2'-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxo-3'-(p-tolyl)spiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (compound 4w):



Colourless solid. mp: 200–201 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.17 (d, 2H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 8.07 (d, 2H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 7.48 (d, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.24–7.06 (m, 6H), 6.49 (d, 1H, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 5.07 (d, 1H, $J = 16.2$ Hz), 4.49 (d, 1H, $J = 16.1$ Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 174.2, 167.4, 167.2, 148.6, 144.3, 143.7, 135.7, 134.6, 130.9, 130.4, 129.5, 128.4, 127.3, 126.6, 125.6, 125.3, 123.3, 122.6, 110.3, 92.4, 89.7, 75.9, 53.3, 53.2, 43.5, 20.8; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3031, 2956, 1752, 1723, 1610, 1517, 1346, 1253, 1122, 754 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 608 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_8\text{N}_3 = 608.20274$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 608.20291.

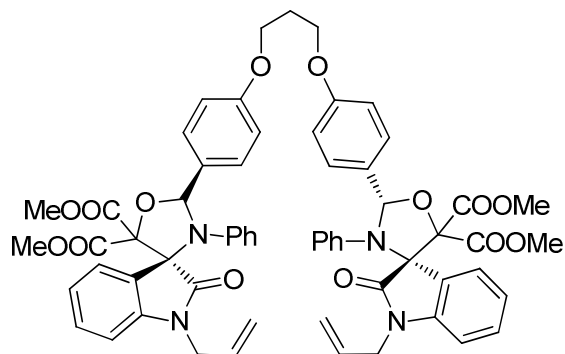
Dimethyl 1-benzyl-3'-(4-bromophenyl)-2'-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxospiro[indoline-3,4'-oxazolidine]-5',5'-dicarboxylate (compound 4x):



Colourless solid. mp: 198–199 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19 (d, 2H, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 8.04 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 7.47 (d, 1H, $J = 9$ Hz), 7.29–7.05 (m, 8H), 6.74–6.69 (m, 2H), 6.65 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 6.57 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 5.06 (d, 1H, $J = 16.6$ Hz), 4.51 (d, 1H, $J = 15.9$ Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.6, 167.1, 166.9, 148.7, 144.2, 143.1, 138.7, 134.4, 131.9, 131.3, 130.3, 128.6, 127.5, 126.6, 126.5, 125.2, 123.4, 122.8, 122.7, 119.2, 110.4, 92.2, 89.8, 75.6, 53.3, 53.2, 43.6; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3066, 2955, 1755, 1721, 1608, 1524, 1492,

1347, 1262, 1119, 749 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 694 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^{+}$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_8\text{N}_3\text{BrNa}$ = 694.07955 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^{+}$; Found, 694.07982.

Bis adduct: (compound 6)

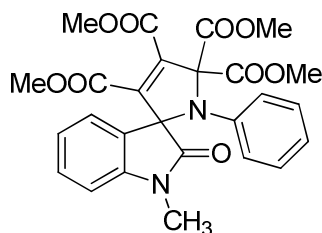


Colourless solid. mp: 140–141 °C ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 7.48 (d, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 7.10 (t, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.94–6.8 (m, 5H), 6.69 (d, 3H, J = 8 Hz), 5.58–5.45 (m, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 10 Hz), 4.68 (d, 1H, J = 17 Hz), 4.26 (dd, 1H, J = 5, 17 Hz), 4.11–4.02 (m, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.16 (t, 1H, J = 6 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.8, 167.4, 167.3, 159.7, 144.0, 140.4, 130.6, 130.4, 128.4, 125.2, 124.6, 124.4, 124.2, 122.5, 117.0, 114.1, 109.8, 93.6, 89.5, 75.4, 64.2, 53.1, 53.0, 41.9, 29.0; IR (neat) ν_{max} 2950, 1748, 1720, 1610, 1496, 1240, 1121, 1047, 753, 697 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 1069 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^{+}$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{61}\text{H}_{57}\text{O}_{14}\text{N}_4$ = 1069.38658 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^{+}$; Found, 1069.38305.

Three-component coupling of dimethyl diazomalonate, ketimine and DMAD:

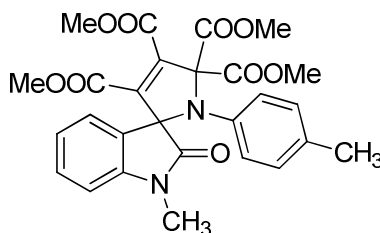
General procedure: To a solution of isatin-3-arylimine (1.2 equiv), dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (1.2 equiv) and dimethyl diazomalonate (1.0 equiv) in dry benzene was added 5 mol % of $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$ and the resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C for about 15 min under argon atmosphere. After complete consumption of diazomalonate, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using *n*-hexane-ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the pure product.

Tetramethyl 1-methyl-2-oxo-1'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrole]-3',4',5',5'(1'H)-tetracarboxylate (10a):



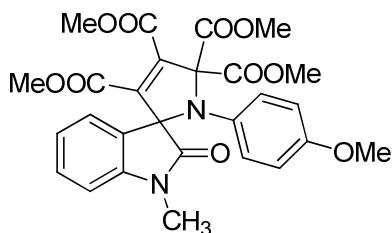
Colourless solid. mp: 162–163 °C ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 (d, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 7.30 (t, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 7.01 - 6.94 (m, 3H), 6.83 (d, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 6.72 (t, 1H, J = 7 Hz), 6.34 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ; 172.6, 168.0, 166.4, 162.1, 160.5, 143.5, 140.7, 138.6, 137.7, 130.5, 128.6, 125.3, 124.8, 123.4, 120.6, 116.4, 108.5, 80.8, 77.6, 53.9, 53.3, 52.8, 52.5, 26.8; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3021, 2961, 1757, 1732, 1606, 1319, 1241, 1037, 753 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 509 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_9\text{N}_2$ = 509.15546 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 509.15402.

Tetramethyl 1-methyl-2-oxo-1'-(*p*-tolyl)spiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrole]-3',4',5',5'(1'*H*)-tetracarboxylate (10b):



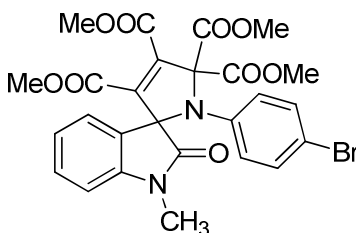
Colourless solid. mp: 198–199°C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.31 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 7.00 (t, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 6.82 (t, 3H, J = 8.3, 7.6 Hz), 6.41 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.8, 168.1, 166.5, 162.0, 160.5, 143.5, 138.7, 137.9, 137.8, 130.3, 129.0, 125.2, 124.9, 123.1, 118.3, 108.3, 80.9, 77.7, 53.6, 52.7, 52.6, 52.3, 26.5, 20.1; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3018, 2961, 1756, 1730, 1605, 1320, 1241, 1037, 753 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 523 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_9\text{N}_2$ = 523.17111 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 523.16937.

Tetramethyl 1'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2-oxospiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrole]-3',4',5',5'(1'*H*)-tetracarboxylate (10c):



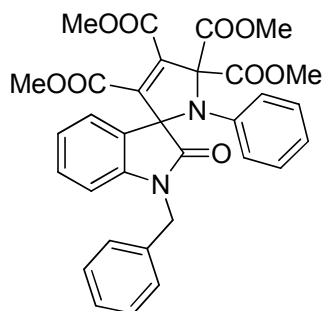
Colourless solid. mp: 174–175 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.25 (t, 1H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 7.02 (t, 1H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 6.79 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 6.71 (d, 1H, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 6.58 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz) 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.6, 168.5, 167.2, 162.3, 160.9, 156.3, 143.8, 139.1, 138.8, 132.9, 130.3, 126.7, 125.5, 123.0, 113.7, 108.2, 81.9, 78.9, 55.1, 53.6, 52.9, 52.7, 52.5, 26.5; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3020, 2961, 1757, 1732, 1606, 1319, 1241, 1037, 753, 685 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 539 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_{10}\text{N}_2 = 539.16602$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 539.16467.

Tetramethyl 1'-(4-bromophenyl)-1-methyl-2-oxospiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrole]-3',4',5',5'(1'H)-tetracarboxylate (10d):



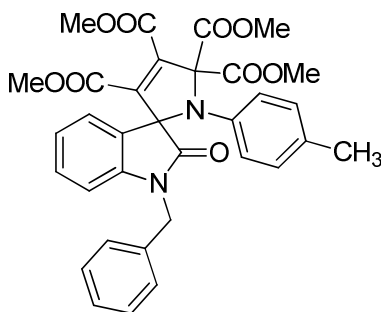
Colourless solid. mp: 179–180 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 (d, 1H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 7.35 (t, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.10 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 7.03 (t, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 6.89 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 6.28 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.33 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ; 172.3, 167.8, 166.2, 162.0, 160.5, 143.5, 139.9, 138.4, 137.6, 131.5, 130.8, 125.4, 124.4, 123.6, 118.4, 113.0, 108.7, 80.9, 77.7, 54.1, 53.5, 52.9, 52.7, 26.9; IR (neat) ν_{max} 3020, 2961, 1757, 1732, 1606, 1319, 1241, 1037, 753, 685 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 587 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_9\text{N}_2\text{Br} = 587.06597$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 587.06512.

Tetramethyl 1-benzyl-2-oxo-1'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrole]-3',4',5',5'(1'H)-tetracarboxylate (10e):



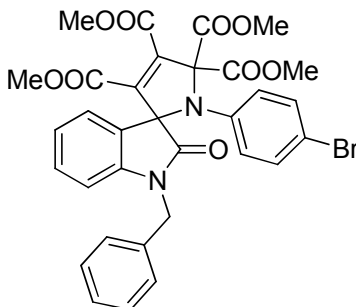
Colourless solid. mp: 150–151 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47–7.19 (m, 7H), 7.00–6.93 (m, 3H), 6.83 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 6.46 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 5.14 (d, 1H, J = 15 Hz), 4.82 (d, 1H, J = 15 Hz), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.6, 168.0, 166.4, 162.1, 160.6, 142.8, 140.5, 138.6, 138.0, 135.3, 130.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 125.4, 125.1, 123.4, 120.6, 117.6, 109.4, 80.9, 77.6, 53.9, 53.3, 52.8, 52.4, 44.7; IR (neat) ν_{max} 2955, 1731, 1605, 1313, 1240, 1183, 754 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 585 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_9\text{N}_2$ = 585.18676 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 585.18606.

Tetramethyl 1-benzyl-2-oxo-1'-(*p*-tolyl)spiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrole]-3',4',5',5'(1'*H*)-tetracarboxylate (10f):



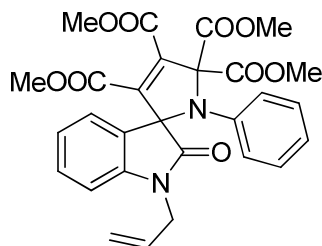
Colourless solid. mp: 168–169 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.33–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.18 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.97 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.79 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 6.72 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 6.50 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 5.09 (d, 1H, J = 15 Hz), 4.79 (d, 1H, J = 15 Hz), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.0, 168.3, 166.7, 162.2, 160.7, 142.9, 138.8, 138.4, 137.8, 135.3, 131.4, 130.2, 129.2, 128.6, 127.9, 127.7, 125.5, 125.5, 123.3, 120.3, 109.3, 81.3, 78.1, 53.7, 53.2, 52.8, 52.4, 44.5, 20.4; IR (neat) ν_{max} 2950, 1738, 1679, 1607, 1501, 1327, 1292, 1265, 1236, 1201, 1176, 758 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 599 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_9\text{N}_2$ = 599.20241 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 599.20123

Tetramethyl 1-benzyl-1'-(4-bromophenyl)-2-oxospiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrole]-3',4',5',5' (1'*H*)-tetracarboxylate (10g):



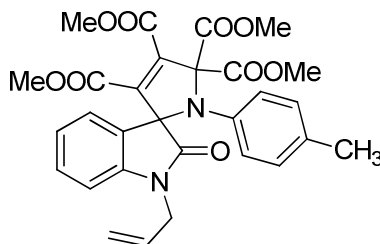
Colourless solid. mp: 151–152 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45–7.31 (m, 6H), 7.22 (d, 1H, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 7.04 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 6.98 (d, 2H, $J = 7$ Hz), 6.82 (d, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 6.34 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 5.12 (d, 1H, $J = 15.3$ Hz), 4.80 (d, 1H, $J = 15.3$ Hz), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.1, 167.7, 166.1, 161.9, 160.3, 142.6, 139.6, 138.4, 137.7, 135.1, 131.3, 130.5, 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 125.3, 124.4, 123.4, 119.3, 113.3, 109.5, 80.8, 77.6, 53.9, 53.3, 52.8, 52.4, 44.6; IR (neat) ν_{max} 2954, 1741, 1679, 1607, 1501, 1327, 1292, 1265, 1236, 1201, 1176, 758 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 663 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_9\text{N}_2\text{Br} = 663.09727$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 663.09747.

Tetramethyl 1-allyl-2-oxo-1'-phenylspiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrole]-3',4',5',5' (1'*H*)-tetracarboxylate (10h):



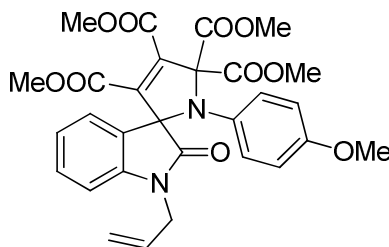
Colourless solid. mp: 142–143°C ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 (d, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.28 (t, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.00 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 6.88 (d, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 6.75 (t, 1H, $J = 7$ Hz), 6.47 (d, 2H, $J = 8$ Hz), 5.93– 5.86 (m, 1H), 5.37–5.27 (m, 2H), 4.43 (d, 2H, $J = 4$ Hz), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ; 172.3, 168.0, 166.5, 162.1, 160.6, 142.8, 140.6, 138.7, 137.9, 131.0, 130.3, 128.6, 125.5, 125.0, 123.3, 120.7, 118.5, 117.6, 109.4, 80.9, 77.7, 53.8, 53.3, 52.8, 52.5, 43.2; IR (neat) ν_{max} 2956, 1759, 1732, 1610, 1308, 1235, 1196, 774 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 535 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_9\text{N}_2 = 535.17111$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 535.17006.

Tetramethyl 1-allyl-2-oxo-1'-(*p*-tolyl)spiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrole]-3',4',5',5'-(1'*H*)-tetracarboxylate (10i):



Colourless solid. mp: 136–137 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 (d, 1H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 7.27 (t, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.00 (t, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 6.81 (d, 3H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 6.48 (d, 2H, $J = 8.7$ Hz), 5.92–5.79 (m, 1H), 5.30–5.22 (m, 2H), 4.47–4.32 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 172.7, 168.2, 166.7, 162.2, 160.7, 142.9, 138.8, 138.2, 137.9, 131.2, 131.0, 130.2, 129.2, 125.5, 125.3, 123.2, 119.8, 118.3, 109.3, 81.2, 78.0, 53.8, 53.2, 52.8, 52.5, 43.0, 20.3; IR (neat) ν_{max} 2957, 1760, 1733, 1714, 1612, 1520, 1327, 1301, 1244, 1196, 1037, 804 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 549 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_9\text{N}_2 = 549.18676$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$; Found, 549.18579.

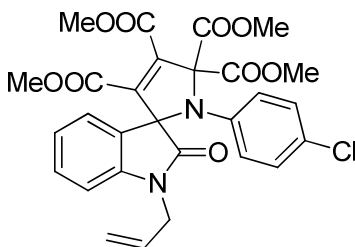
Tetramethyl 1-allyl-1'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxospiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrole]-3',4',5',5'-(1'*H*)-tetracarboxylate (10j):



Colourless solid. mp: 130 –131 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57 (d, 1H, $J = 6$ Hz), 7.20 (t, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 7.01 (t, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 6.86 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 6.68 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 6.57 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz), 5.81–5.68 (m, 1H), 5.16–5.00 (dd, 2H, $J = 11, 26$ Hz), 4.39–4.20 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 173.4, 168.5, 167.3, 162.3, 160.9, 156.88, 143.0, 139.1, 139.0, 132.6, 130.7, 130.1, 128.3, 125.8, 125.6, 122.9, 117.6, 113.6, 109.1, 82.0, 79.0, 55.0, 53.5, 52.8, 52.7, 52.4, 42.6; IR (neat) ν_{max}

2959, 1729, 1605, 1513, 1315, 1242, 1192, 1032, 772 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 565 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_{10}\text{N}_2$ = 565.18167 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺; Found, 565.18067.

Tetramethyl 1-allyl-1'-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxospiro[indoline-3,2'-pyrrole]-3',4',5',5' (1'*H*)-tetracarboxylate (107k):



Colourless solid. mp: 149–150 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 (d, 1H, J = 7 Hz), 7.30 (t, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 7.02 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.96 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 6.87 (d, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 6.43 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 5.95–5.81 (m, 1H), 5.37–5.28 (m, 2H), 4.42 (d, 2H, J = 6 Hz), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 172.1, 167.9, 166.4, 162.0, 160.5, 142.8, 139.2, 138.6, 137.8, 130.9, 130.6, 128.6, 126.3, 125.5, 124.6, 123.5, 119.5, 118.7, 109.5, 81.04, 77.8, 54.0, 53.4, 52.9, 52.6, 43.22; IR (neat) ν_{max} 2950, 1730, 1607, 1510, 1315, 1238, 1190, 1030, 758 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 569 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_9\text{N}_2\text{Cl}$ = 569.13213 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺; Found, 569.13098.

5. X-ray crystal structures of product 4q and 10e

The structure and stereochemistry of the product **4q** was confirmed by single crystal X-ray crystallography as shown in figure 1. X-ray data was collected at room temperature using a Bruker Smart Apex CCD diffractometer with graphite monochromated $\text{MoK}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda=0.71073\text{\AA}$) with ω -scan method. Preliminary lattice parameters and orientation matrices were obtained from four sets of frames. Unit cell dimensions were determined using 6946 reflections in the range of $2.31 < \theta < 25.20^\circ$. Integration and scaling of intensity data was accomplished using SAINT program. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS97 and refinement was carried out by full-matrix least-squares technique using SHELXL97. Anisotropic displacement parameters were included for all non-hydrogen atoms. All H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding on their parent C atoms [$\text{C}-\text{H}$ = 0.93–0.97 $\text{\AA}$ and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$ = $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for methyl H or $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for other H atoms].

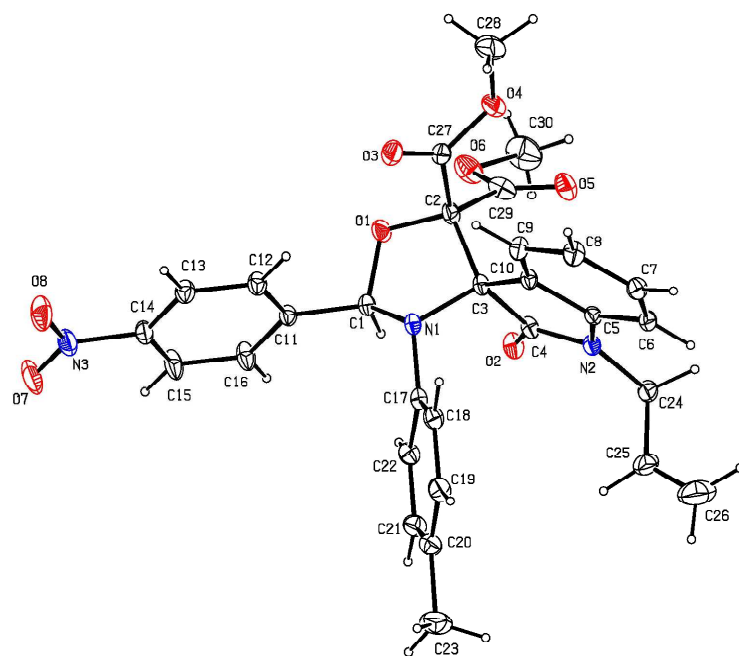
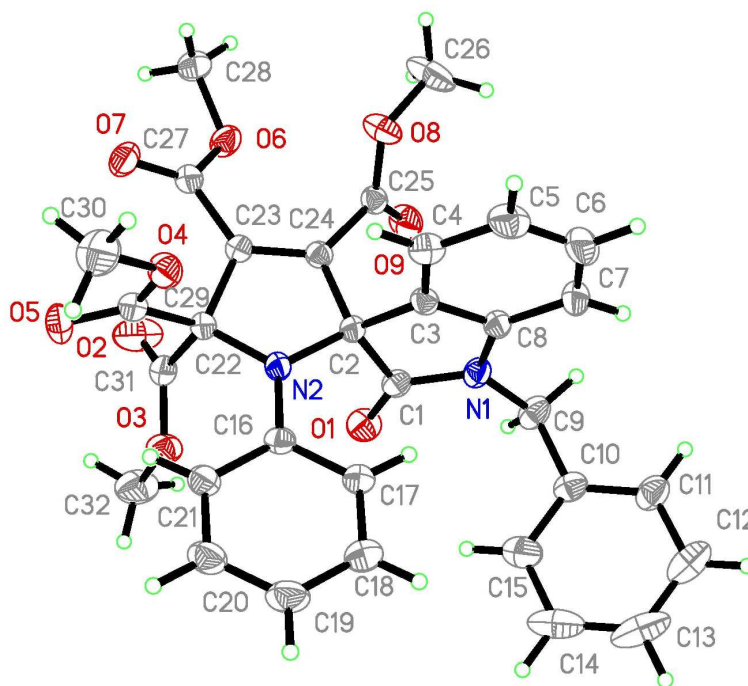


Figure 1

Crystal data: $C_{30}H_{27}N_3O_8$, $M = 557.55$, monoclinic, space group $C2/c$, $a = 22.5171(11) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 13.1220(6) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 21.6558(10) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 118.366(1)^\circ$, $V = 5630.3(5) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 8$, $D_{\text{calcd}} = 1.315 \text{ mg m}^{-3}$, $T = 294(2) \text{ K}$, $\mu = 0.097 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, $F(000) = 2336$, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$. Data collection yielded 26585 reflections resulting in 4955 unique, averaged reflection, 4001 with $I > 2\sigma(I)$. Full-matrix least-squares refinement led to a final $R = 0.0704$, $wR = 0.2073$ and $GOF = 1.017$. Intensity data were measured on Bruker Smart Apex with CCD area detector. CCDC 837874 contains supplementary Crystallographic data for the structure **4q**.



Crystal data for **10e**: C₃₂H₂₈N₂O₉, MW = 584.56, colorless block, 0.19 × 0.17 × 0.13 mm³, monoclinic, space group *P*2₁/*n* (No. 14), *a* = 7.9805(11), *b* = 19.764(3), *c* = 17.862(3) Å, β = 99.901(2)°, *V* = 2775.4(7) Å³, *Z* = 4, *D*_c = 1.399 g/cm³, *F*₀₀₀ = 1224, CCD Area Detector, MoKα radiation, λ = 0.71073 Å, *T* = 294(2)K, 2θ_{max} = 50.0°, 22205 reflections collected, 4878 unique (*R*_{int} = 0.0488). Final *GooF* = 1.070, *R*1 = 0.0408, *wR*2 = 0.0981, *R* indices based on 3520 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*) (refinement on *F*²), 392 parameters, 0 restraints, μ = 0.103 mm⁻¹. CCDC 901999 contains supplementary Crystallographic data for the structure

