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Solvent-free synthesis and oxidative aromatization of diethyl-2,6-dimethyl-4-(1-phenyl-3-aryl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylates using hypervalent iodine (III) reagents

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CHRONICLE	ABSTRACT
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1. Introduction

The exploration of privileged structures in drug discovery is rapidly emerging theme in medicinal chemistry¹. Pyrazoles and their derivatives are important class of compounds in organic and medicinal chemistry due to their biological properties ² including anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, analgesic, hypoglycaemic and non-nucleoside HIV-1 reverse transcriptase inhibitor properties. Pyridine and its derivatives are an important part of organic compounds that have significant place in medicinal chemistry³. Thus, the synthesis of highly substituted pyridines has attracted much attention, and a number of procedures have been developed⁴. Out of these trials, we selected the oxidative aromatization of 1,4-dihydropyridines (1,4-DHP's). The 1,4-DHP's and their oxidized derivatives belong to such immensely important class of heterocyclic systems, owing to their potent

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antihypertensive activity⁵ and other biological utilities⁶. These compounds generally undergo oxidative metabolism in the liver by the action of cytochrome p-450 to form the corresponding pyridine derivatives⁷. Due to the relevance of this oxidative event to the biological NADH redox process⁴⁻⁷, this transformation has attracted the attention of several research groups⁷⁻⁴².

Out of these numerous oxidative protocols, we selected the aromatization of pyrazole substituted-1,4-DHP with hypervalent iodine (III) reagents under solvent-free condition. Recently hypervalent iodine (III) reagents have gained much importance as an oxidizing reagent due to their environmentally benign properties and replacing the use of toxic transition metals involved in such processes ⁴³⁻⁴⁶. Hypervalent iodine (III) reagents are sparingly soluble in common organic solvents and therefore solvent free reactions are developed ⁴⁷. Solvent free reactions are of great importance in order to minimize pollution and toxic waste ⁴⁸⁻⁵⁰. Literature survey shows that many exothermic reactions can be accomplished in high yields by just grinding solids together using mortar and pestle, a technique known as 'Grindstone Chemistry' ⁵¹. Reactions are initiated by grinding, with the transfer of very small amount of energy through friction. It is not only advantageous from the environmental point of view but also offers rate enhancement, less waste products and higher yields⁵¹.

Encouraged by these observation and in continuation of our earlier studies on the oxidative aromatization of 1,4-DHP,s³⁹⁻⁴² and synthesis of biological active heterocyclic compounds⁵²⁻⁵³, we report herein, solvent free aromatization of diethyl 2,6-dimethyl-4-(1-phenyl-3-aryl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylates (**2a-g**) to diethyl 2,6-dimethyl-4-(1-phenyl-3-aryl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridine-3,5-dicarboxylates (**3a-g**) in presence of hypervalent iodine (III) reagents [iodobenzene diacetate (IBD) or phenyliodine bistrifluoroacetate (PIFA) or [hydroxy(tosyloxy)iodo]benzene (HTIB)] using grindstone chemistry (**Scheme 2**).

2. Results and Discussion

2.1 Synthesis of diethyl-2,6-dimethyl-4-(1-phenyl-3-aryl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylates (**2a-g**)

Compounds **2a-g** were synthesized by multi-components reactions of ammonium acetate, ethylacetoacetate, formyl pyrazole (**1a-g**) and silica without solvent at 90 °C (**Scheme 1**). To optimize the reaction condition for the synthesis of 1,4-DHP,s (**2a-g**), 3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde **1b** (1 mmol), ethylacetoacetate (2.1 mmol), ammonium acetate (1.1 mmol), and silica (10 mole%) were heated at 90 °C for 3 hrs afforded the corresponding 1,4-DHP **2b** in 85% yield. Then reaction was performed in ethanol at refluxed condition (**Table 1**) and it furnished **2b** in 75% yield. Without silica, time of reaction increased and yield of product decreased. Thus the reaction conditions were optimized (**Table 1**). Using optimized reaction condition, pyrazole substituted 1,4-DHP's were synthesized (80-90%). No electronic effect of substituents of formyl pyrazole was observed. Results are summarized in **Table 2**.

2.2. Oxidative aromatization of diethyl-2,6-dimethyl-4-(1-phenyl-3-aryl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1,4dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylates (**2a-g**)

The high oxidizing power of hypervalent iodine (III) reagents led us to hypothesis that these reagents can act as efficient oxidizing reagents for this protocol. Initially diethyl 2,6-dimethyl-4-(3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate **2b** has been used as a substrate to test the feasibility of hypervalent iodine (III) reagents as an oxidant (**Scheme 2**). To optimize the reaction condition, diethyl 2,6-dimethyl-4-(3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate **2b** (1.0 mmol) and HTIB (1.1 mmol) were ground in a mortar by pestle. After 3 min the reaction mixture became wet and then we carried out grinding till completion of reaction (TLC). After usual workup, diethyl 2,6-dimethyl-4-(3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-

phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (**3a**) was obtained in excellent yield (88%). Then we performed the reaction of **2b** with IBD and PIFA. The oxidative efficiency of IBD or PIFA at room temperature was investigated, and it was observed that oxidation of pyrazole substituted 1,4-DHP,s did not proceed effectively at room temperature. A better activity of IBD and PIFA was obtained when the preheated 1,4-DHP **2b** was ground with these reagents. To optimize the reaction condition for IBD, hantzch-1,4-DHP was taken in mortar and kept in an oven at 80 °C-90 °C for 5 min, then it was removed from the oven, added IBD (1.1 mmol), and ground with pestle. After some time, exothermic reaction occurred with liberation of acetic acid and reaction mass was ground till the completion of reaction (TLC). Same procedure was adopted for the oxidative aromatization of **2b** with PIFA apart from the temperature of the oven. For PIFA mediated oxidative aromatization, compound **2b** was heated in oven at 50 °C-60 °C for 5 min and then it was ground with PIFA by pestle.

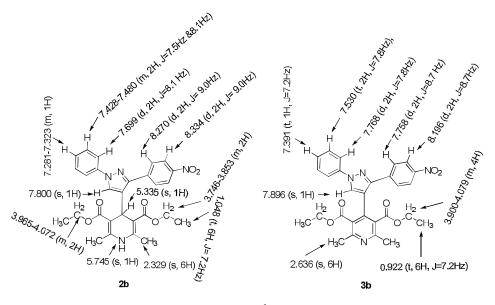


Fig.1. The hydrogen assignment in ¹H-NMR spectra of **2b** and **3b**

In ¹H-NMR spectra of **2b** the two separate multiplets appears at δ 3.746-3.853 and 3.965-4.072 for methylene protons but in ¹H-NMR spectra of **3b** these multiplets changes into a single multiplet at δ 3.900-4.079. Appearance of two multiplets in ¹H-NMR spectra of **2b** clearly indicates that both of the methylene groups are in different environment. This is further confirmed by finding most stable conformation of **2b** with ChemBio 3D ultra 11.0 (Chem Bio Office 2008) and by using MM2 force field method of energy minimization (**Fig. 2.**).

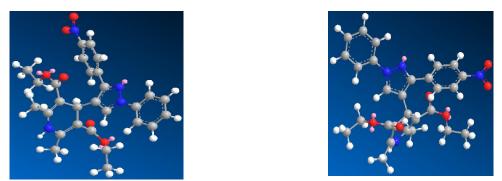


Fig. 2 Most stable conformation of 2b

The total energy of the resulting conformation found for 2b is 24.2179 kcal/mol. Appearance of one multiplet in ¹H-NMR spectra of 3b shows that both of the methylene group are in similar

environment (**Fig. 3.**). In ¹H-NMR spectra of **3b**, the protons of methyl group, pyrazolyl proton, and aromatic proton of N-phenyl ring resonate at down field in comparison to **2b** which evidently prove the electron withdrawing effect of sp^2 hybridized nitrogen i.e. pyridine nitrogen. However, three types of proton (six protons of methyl group of ester, *ortho* and *meta* protons of *p*-nitrophenyl ring) resonate at high field.

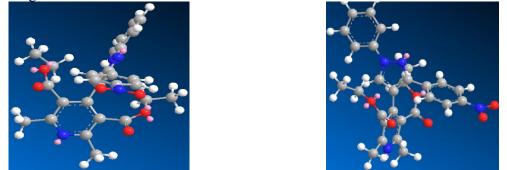


Fig. 3 Most stable conformation of 3b

Under similar reaction conditions, various pyrazole substituted 1,4-dihydropyridines **2a-g** were efficiently aromatized to the pyridine derivatives **3a-g** and the results are given in **Table 1**. No electronic effect of 1,4-DHP's were observed.

Table 1. Silica-catalyzed synthesis of diethyl 4-(1,3-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)-2,6-dimethyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (**2a**) under different conditions.

S. No.	Solvent	Amount of silica, mol%	Reaction temperature, °C	Yield, %	
1	None	None	80	55	
2	None	5	80	65	
3	None	10	80	91	
4	None	15	80	90	
5	None	10	50	60	
6	Ethanol	None	80	50	
7	Ethanol	10	80	85	

Table 2. Silica-catalyzed synthesis of diethyl 4-(1-phenyl-3-aryl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)-2,6-dimethyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylates (**2a-g**).

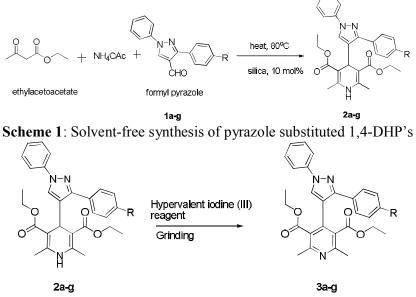
Entry	R	Time, h	Yield, %	m.p., °C	Lit. m.p., °C	
2a	-H	3.0	90	167-169	169-171 ⁵⁴	
2b	-NO ₂	3.5	85	123-125	124-126 54	
2c	-OCH ₃	4.0	91	129-131	128-130 54	
2d	-CH ₃	3.0	87	192-193	194-195 ⁵⁴	
2e	-Br	4.0	92	181-182	174 55	
2f	-Cl	4.0	90	166-168	167-168 54	
2g	-F	4.0	90	176-177	175 55	

Table 3. Solvent less oxidative aromatization	of 4-(1-phenyl-3-aryl-1 <i>H</i> -pyrazol-4-yl)-2,6-dimethyl-
1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylates (2a-g).	

Entry	R	Reaction with IBD		Reaction with PIFA		Reaction with HTIB		m.p., °C	Lit m.p., ℃
-		Time, ^a min	Yield, %	Time, ^b min	Yield, %	Time, ^c min	Yield, %		_
3a	-H	20	70	15	77	10	90	114-116	11155
3b	-NO ₂	22	65	16	65	15	88	173-175	17255
3c	-OCH ₃	23	67	18	69	15	90	138-139	13655
3d	-CH ₃	20	70	15	70	13	92	110-112	10555
3e	-Br	25	72	18	70	14	87	116-118	11555
3f	-Cl	20	71	20	72	13	85	100-102	101-10255
3g	-F	20	73	18	74	15	90	125-126	12155

^a 1,4-DHP's were heated in an oven for 5 min at 80-90 °C. ^b 1,4-DHP's were heated in an oven for 5 min at 50-60 °C.

^c 1,4-DHP's were not heated, reaction was carried out at room temperature.



Scheme 2: Solvent-free oxidative aromatization of pyrazole substituted 1,4-DHP's.

3. Conclusions

In conclusion, in the present experiment, oxidation of 1,4-dihydropyridines with hypervalent iodine (III) reagents were performed efficiently. The hydroxy(tosyloxy)iodo]benzene (HTIB) was found more efficient reagent in comparison of IBD or PIFA. Literature survey³⁰ and our present protocol also illustrate that efficiency of hypervalent iodine (III) reagents in studied oxidative aromatization of 1,4-DHP's is rose following HTIB > PIFA> IBD.

Acknowledgements

4. Experimental

4.1. Materials and Methods

All chemicals used in this study were of the highest purity available and purchased from local vendors. Melting points were determined on a Buchi oil heated melting apparatus and are uncorrected. ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ on a Bruker-300 MHz spectrometer using TMS as an internal standard (chemical shift in δ). IR spectra were taken on a Perkin Elmer FTIR spectrophotometer using KBr pellets and peaks are reported in cm⁻¹.

4.2.1. General procedure for the synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridines 2a-g

A mixture of pyrazole aldehyde (5 mmol), ethyl acetoacetate (10 mmol), ammonium acetate (7.5 mmol) and silica (10 mol %) was heated at 90 °C for 3 hrs. Progress of reaction was monitored on TLC. After cooling, the reaction mixture was extracted with chloroform. Organic solvent was removed under vacuum. Then a yellowish colored solid mass was obtained and it was recrystallized with ethanol to get pure diethyl 1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-4-(3-aryl-1-phenyl-4-pyrazolyl)pyridine-3,5-dicarboxylates (**2a-g**).

4.2.2. General procedure for the oxidation of 1,4-dihydropyridines (2a-g) with HTIB

A mixture of 1,4-dihydropyridine (**2a-g**) (2 mmol) and HTIB (2.2 mmol) was blended thoroughly in a mortar by pestle. The resulting homogeneous mixture was ground at room temperature for 5-10

min. The completion of reaction was indicated by wetting of the reaction mixture. Progress of reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, saturated solution of aq. sodium bicarbonate (20 mL) was added to quench the reaction and filtered the product. The resulting crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (using different ratios of ethyl acetate and n-hexane as eluent according to different products).

4.2.3. General procedure for the oxidation of 1,4-dihydropyridines (2a-g) with IBD or PIFA

1,4-Dihdropydine was taken in mortar and heated in an oven by maintain the temperature of oven at 80-90°C. After heating, mortar was taken off from the oven and IBD was added to it. Then the reaction mass was blended with pestle till the completion of reaction. Progress of reaction was monitored on TLC. If starting compound was observed on TLC then again the reaction mass was kept in oven for 2-3 min. After completion of reaction, saturated solution of aq. sodium bicarbonate (20 mL) was added to quench the reaction and filtered the product. The resulting crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (using different ratios of ethyl acetate and n-hexane as eluent according to different products).

The same procedure was adopted for oxidative aromatization of 1,4-DHP with PIFA except the temperature of oven which was kept 50-60 °C.

4.3.1. Spectral Data of diethyl-2,6-dimethyl-4-(3-aryl-1-phenyl-4-pyrazolyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylates (**2a-g**)

2a: IR (KBr): 3355, 3035, 2986, 1697, 1689, 1602, 1465, 1213, 750.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 1.092 (t, J= 6.9Hz, 6H), 2.234 (s, 6H), 3.744-3.848 (m, 2H), 3.986-4.068 (m, 2H), 5.307 (s, 1H), 5.537 (s, 1H), 7.221-7.279 (m, 2H), 7.353-7.377 (2H, d, J= 7.2Hz), 7.424-7.447 (2H, d, J= 6.9Hz) 7.760 (s, 1H), 7.681-7.706 (d, 2H, J= 7.5Hz); 7.844-7.868 (d, 2H, J=7.2Hz).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₉N₃O₄. C, 71.32; H, 6.20; N, 8.91; Found: C, 71.45; H, 6.26; N 9.03.

2b: IR (KBr): 3385, 3077, 2991, 1696, 1681, 1623, 1543, 1467, 1338, 1235, 852, 720.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 1.048 (t, 6H, J= 7.2Hz), 2.329 (s, 6H), 3.746-3.853 (m, 2H), 3.965-4.072 (m, 2H), 5.335 (s, 1H), 5.745 (s, 1H), 7.281-7.323 (m, 1H), 7.428-7.480 (m, 2H, J=7.5Hz & 8.1Hz), 7.699 (d, 2H, J=8.1 Hz), 7.800 (s, 1H), 8.270 (d, 2H, J= 9.0Hz); 8.334 (d, 2H, J= 9.0Hz).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₈N₄O₆. C, 65.11; H, 5.46; N, 10.85; Found: C, 65.29; H, 5.58; N 10.99.

2c: IR (KBr): 3322, 3033, 2981, 1696, 1683, 1621, 1451, 1220, 810.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 1.103 (t, 6H, J= 7.2Hz), 2.784 (s, 6H), 3.777-3.836 (m, 2H), 3.866 (s, 3H), 3.995-4.100 (m, 2H), 5.288 (s, 1H), 5.561 (s, 1H), 6.977 (d, 2H, J=8.7 Hz), 7.252 (t, 1H, J= 7.5 Hz), 7.388-7.440 (m, 2H, J=7.5Hz & J=7.8Hz), 7.683 (d, 2H, J= 7.8 Hz), 7.743 (s, 1H), 7.800 (d, 2H, J= 8.7 Hz).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₃₁N₃O₅. C, 69.44; H, 6.23; N, 8.38; Found: C, 69.66; H, 6.39; N, 8.55.

2d: IR (KBr): 3347, 3066, 2992, 1695, 1685, 1610, 1597, 1442, 1211, 817, 720.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 1.087 (t, 6H, J= 7.2Hz), 2.223 (s, 6H), 2.403 (s, 3H), 3.753-3.827 (m, 2H), 3.952-4.072 (m, 2H), 5.311 (s, 1H), 5.724 (s, 1H), 7.175-7.201 (d, 2H, J=7.8 Hz), 7.211 (t, 1H, J= 7.5 Hz), 7.379-7.449 (m, 2H), 7.678 (d, 2H, J= 8.4 Hz), 7.761 (s, 1H), 7.832-7.858 (d, 2H, J= 7.8 Hz).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₃₁N₃O₄. C, 71.73; H, 6.43; N, 8.65; Found: C, 71.98; H, 6.55; N 8.72.

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2e: IR (KBr): 3399, 3063, 2981, 1695, 1683, 1612, 1466, 1208, 842.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 1.096 (t, 6H, J=7.2Hz), 2.277 (s, 6H), 3.763-3.870 (m, 2H), 3.998-4.103(m, 2H), 5.281 (s, 1H), 5.584 (s, 1H), 7.257 (t, 1H, J=7.2Hz), 7.400-7.451 (m, 2H, J= 7.5Hz & 7.8Hz); 7.575 (d, 2H, J=8.1 Hz), 7.678 (d, 2H, J= 7.8 Hz) 7.753 (s, 1H), 7.820 (d, 2H, J= 8.4 Hz).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₈BrN₃O₄. C, 61.10; H, 5.13; N, 7.63; Found: C, 61.22; H, 5.27; N, 7.72.

2f: IR (KBr): 3344, 3074, 2979, 1697, 1682, 1603, 1470, 1222, 837.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 1.096 (t, 6H, J= 7.2Hz), 2.278 (s, 6H), 3.766-3.837 (m,2H); 3.997-4.104 (m, 2H), 5.285 (s, 1H), 5.558 (s, 1H), 7.235-7.260 (d, 1H, J=7.5Hz), 7.406-7.454 (m, 4H,) 7.668-7.75 (m, 2H, J=7.8 Hz & 6.9 Hz), 7.814 (s, 1H), 7.863-7.891 (d, 2H, J= 8.4 Hz).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₈N₃O₄Cl. C, 66.47; H, 5.54; N, 8.31; Found: C, 66.47; H, 5.55; N, 8.31.

2g: IR (KBr): 3357, 3051, 2989, 1694, 1680, 1609, 1466, 1219, 831; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 1.040 (t, 6H, J=7.2Hz), 2.519 (s, 6H), 3.748-3.854 (m, 2H), 3.964-4.070 (m, 2H), 5.170 (s, 1H), 5.559 (s, 1H), 7.293 (d, 2H, J=7.5 Hz), 7.334-7.361 (m, 1H), 7.490-7.513 (m, 4H), 7.747 (d, 2H, J=7.5 Hz), 7.920 (s, 1H).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₈N₃O₄F. C, 68.70; H, 5.77; N, 8.58; Found: C, 68.88; H, 5.92; N 8.68. *4.3.2. Characterization data of dimethyl 2,6-dimethyl-4-pyrazolylpyridine-3,5-dicarboxylates (3a-g)*

3a: IR (KBr): 3053, 3021, 2988, 1735, 1621, 1598, 1471, 1220, 745.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 0.943 (t, 6H, J=7.2), 2.621 (s, 6H), 3.912-4.081 (m, 4H), 7.108-7.309 (m, 4H), 7.816 (s, 1H), 7.582-7.689 (m, 6H).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₇N₃O₄: C, 71.62; H, 5.80; N, 8.95. Found: C, 71.84; H, 6.04; N 9.11.

3b: Yield- 68%; IR (KBr): 1728, 1234, 1034.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 0.922 (t, 6H, J=7.2Hz), 2.636 (s, 6H), 3.900-4.079 (m, 4H), 7.391 (t, 1H, J=7.2Hz), 7.530 (t, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.758 (d, 2H, J=8.4 Hz), 7.768 (d, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.896 (s, 1H), 8.196 (d, 2H, J=8.7Hz).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₆N₄O₆: C, 65.36; H, 5.09; N, 10.89. Found: C, 65.55; H, 5.21; N 11.02.

3c: IR (KBr): 3051, 2994, 1737, 1611, 1588, 1452, 832.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 0.948 (t, 6H, J=7.2Hz), 2.784 (s, 6H), 3.832 (s, 3H), 3.917-4.049(m, 4H), 6.876 (d, 2H, J= 9.0 Hz), 7.350 (t, 1H, J=7.2Hz), 7.425 (d, 2H, J= 9.0 Hz); 7.475-7.528 (m, 2H, J=7.5Hz & 7.8 Hz); 7.755 (dd, 2H, J=2.4Hz & J=7.5 Hz) 7.945 (s, 1H).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₂₉N₃O₅: C, 69.72; H, 5.85; N, 8.41. Found: C, 69.86; H, 5.99; N 8.51.

3d: IR (KBr): 3067, 3008, 2991, 1741, 1617, 1590, 1445, 851, 719.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 0.937 (t, 6H, J= 7.2Hz), 2.389 (s, 3H), 2.531 (s, 6H), 3.921-4.070 (m, 4H), 7.256 (d, 2H, J=7.8 Hz), 7.323-7.449 (m, 3H), 7.715 (d, 2H, J= 8.2 Hz), 7.858 (d, 2H, J= 7.8 Hz), 7.931 (s, 1H).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₂₉N₃O₄: C, 72.03; H, 6.04; N, 8.69. Found: C, 71.91; H, 5.98; N 8.81.

3e: IR (KBr): 3036, 2982, 2899, 1745, 1601, 1559, 1502, 1441, 1379, 1339, 1296, 1238, 1205, 1091, 1039, 1007, 956, 863, 831, 754, 730, 691 cm⁻¹.

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¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 0.938 (t, 6H, J=7.2Hz), 2.615 (s, 6H), 3.990-4.098 (m, 4H), 7.310-7.372 (m, 2H); 7.474-7.524 (m, 4H), 7.745 (d, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.922 (s, 1H).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₆N₃O₄Br: C, 61.42; H, 4.75; N, 7.68. Found: C, 61.31; H 4.79; N 7.69

3f: IR(KBr): 3065, 2994, 2899, 1742, 1611, 1595, 1498, 1464, 1371, 1319, 1208, 1088, 1012, 957, 857, 833, 693 cm⁻¹.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 0.940 (t, 6H, J=7.2Hz), 2.620 (s, 6H), 3.898-4.118 (m, 4H), 7.310-7.370 (m, 2H); 7.487-7.513 (m, 4H), 7.746 (d, 2H, J=7.8Hz), 7.923 (s, 1H).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₆ClN₃O₄: C, 66.73; H, 5.20; N, 8.34. Found: C, 61.88; H, 5.31; N 8.49.

3g: IR (KBr): 3072, 3018, 2987, 1742, 1615, 1581, 1461, 1212, 1021, 838, 720.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 0.947 (t, 6H, J=7.2Hz), 2.617 (s, 6H), 3.899-4.110 (m, 4H), 7.015 (t, 2H, J=8.4Hz), 7.341 (t, 1H, J= 7.2Hz), 7.472 (d, 2H, J= 7.8Hz), 7.537 (d, 2H, J= 8.4Hz), 7.746 (d, 2H, J=7.8 Hz), 7.924 (s, 1H).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₆FN₃O₄: C, 68.98; H, 5.38; N, 8.62. Found: C, 69.08; H, 5.51; N 8.74.

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