# ヒドラゾンによるシクロプロパンの活性化を駆動力と する含窒素ヘテロ環合成法の開発

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# 略語表

| aqueous                                       |
|---|
| aromatic, aryl                                |
| <i>tert</i> -butoxycarbonyl                   |
| butyl   |
| benzyl  |
| ammonium cerium (IV) nitrate                  |
| 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole                      |
| concerted metallation-deprotonation           |
| concentrated                                  |
| cyclopentadienyl                              |
| cyclohexyl                                    |
| doublet                                       |
| dibenzylideneacetone                          |
| 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]-7-undecene            |
| N,N-dimethylacetamide                         |
| N,N-dimethyl-4-aminopyridine                  |
| density functional theory                     |
| N,N-dimethylformamide                         |
| dimethyl sulfoxide                            |
| 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide |
| electron-donating group                       |
| electron-withdrawing group                    |
| equivalent                                    |
| electrospray ionization                       |
| ethyl   |
| electron-withdrawing group                    |
| 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropan-2-ol             |
| high resolution mass spectrum                 |
| iso   |
| multiplet                                     |
| metal   |
| methyl  |
|   |

| MOM            | methoxymethyl                         |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mp             | melting point                         |
| Ms             | methanesulfonyl                       |
| MS             | molecular sieve                       |
| MW             | microwave                             |
| n              | normal                                |
| NBS            | N-bromosuccinimide                    |
| N.D.           | not detected                          |
| N.R.           | no reaction                           |
| NMR            | nuclear magnetic resonance            |
| Np             | naphthyl                              |
| p              | para                                  |
| Ph             | phenyl                                |
| PIDA           | (diacetoxyiodo)benzene                |
| Piv            | pivaloyl                              |
| Pr             | propyl                                |
| q              | quartet                               |
| quant.         | quantitative                          |
| rt             | room temperature                      |
| S              | singlet                               |
| t              | triplet                               |
| t, tert        | tertiary                              |
| <i>t</i> -Amyl | 2-methyl-2-butyl                      |
| TBS            | tributylsilyl                         |
| TFA            | trifluoroacetic acid                  |
| TfOH           | trifluoromethanesulfonic acid         |
| THF            | tetrahydrofuran                       |
| TMS            | trimethylsilyl                        |
| TLC            | thin-layer chromatography             |
| tol            | tolyl                                 |
| Ts             | toluenesulfonyl                       |
| <i>p</i> -TsOH | para toluenesulfonic acid             |
| PTLC           | preparative thin-layer chromatography |
| UV             | ultraviolet                           |

- 各化合物の命名は、原則として Chemical Abstracts の命名法に従ったが、スペクトル データの記載は、慣用的なものを使用した。
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含窒素ヘテロ環は医薬品の約6割に含まれている重要な骨格群であり、それらの短工程 合成法の開発は創薬研究や医薬品製造の効率を高めるために重要な課題である。含窒素へ テロ環の効率的な合成法として近年、シクロプロパンの開環反応を利用する手法が注目さ れている。<sup>1)</sup> シクロプロパンは 27.5 kcal/mol のひずみエネルギーを持ち、このひずみエネ ルギーを解消するシクロプロパンの C-C 結合切断を伴う開環反応は、熱力学的に有利であ る。<sup>2)</sup> そのため、シクロプロパンの開環は穏やかな反応条件で進行し、新たな活性中間体 が生成することで、骨格変換を伴う官能基化や環拡大反応に展開できる。<sup>3)</sup>このシクロプ ロパンの開環反応の特徴を利用することで、様々な含窒素へテロ環の効率的な合成法が報 告されている。4) シクロプロパンの開環反応を利用した含窒素へテロ環合成の代表例とし て、ドナー・アクセプター型シクロプロパンを用いる手法がある。<sup>5)</sup> ドナー・アクセプタ ー型シクロプロパンは電子供与基と電子求引基によって両置換基間の C-C 結合が大きく分 極し、ヘテロリティックに切断されやすくなっているため、シクロプロパンの C-C 結合を 位置選択的に切断することができる (Scheme 1、式 1)。<sup>6</sup> 分極の大きいドナー・アクセプ ター型シクロプロパンによる様々な含窒素へテロ環合成が報告されている。一方、比較的 分極の小さいシクロプロパンに対しては遷移金属を用いる手法があり、シクロプロパンの 開環に続く連続反応により含窒素へテロ環合成を達成した報告もある (式 2)。<sup>7)</sup> これら代 表的なシクロプロパンの開環反応では、一般にシクロプロパンを活性化するための官能基 を事前に導入する必要があり、また不要な官能基が目的物に残留する場合があるため、導 入や除去のための工程数の増大に伴う廃棄物・時間・労力の観点で課題がある。すなわち、 上述したドナー・アクセプター型シクロプロパンを用いる際には、一般にアクセプター部 位に2つの電子求引基が必要であり、多くの報告例において、これらの電子求引基が残さ れたまま環化生成物として得られる。5,8)また、遷移金属を用いる手法では、シクロプロパ ンの位置選択的な開環反応を実現するために配向基が必要であることから、配向基がその 後の変換に不要な官能基として残留することがほとんどである。<sup>9</sup>



Scheme 1. Synthesis of nitrogen containing heterocyclic compounds via ring opening reaction of cyclopropanes.

そのため、シクロプロパン活性化のための官能基を、さらなる連続反応に巧みに利用す ることで、含窒素ヘテロ環の一部として取り込む反応が開発されている<sup>10,11</sup>。例えば Banerjee らはシクロプロピルアルデヒド5とアリールヒドラジン6から生成するシクロプ ロピルヒドラゾンAのシクロプロパンの開環に伴う分子内環化反応、エナミンーイミン互 変異性化の連続反応によりテトラヒドロピロロ[1,2-b]ピリダジン7が合成できることを報 告している (Scheme 2)。<sup>12)</sup> この反応はルイス酸がヒドラゾンAのイミン部位へ配位し、イ ミンが強い電子求引性を示すことでシクロプロパンを活性化している。更にヒドラゾン部 位が含窒素ヘテロ環に取り込まれていることから、シクロプロパン活性化の官能基が更な る連続反応に巧みに利用された反応となっている。



Scheme 2. Lewis acid catalyzed annulation of cyclopropane carbaldehydes and arylhydrazines.

以上の背景から今回著者は、シクロプロパンの活性化に必要な官能基として、以下に示 すヒドラゾンの性質を利用することで、ヒドラゾンの窒素原子がヘテロ環内に取り込まれ る新たな連続反応が実現できると考えた。ヒドラゾンはカルボニル化合物とヒドラジンの 脱水縮合によって容易に合成可能な化学種で、イミン窒素にアミノ基が結合した構造を有 している。この構造に起因して、ヒドラゾンは複数の互変異性体を介して特異な反応性を 示す (Scheme 3)。ヒドラゾンのイミン構造に由来する互変異性体として、エンヒドラジン が存在する (イミンーエナミン互変異性) (8 → D)。エンヒドラジンに含まれる N-N 結合は C-C, C-H, C-O, C-N といった一般的な有機化合物中に含まれる結合に比べると結合エネル ギーが約 1/2 倍であるため、特定の条件下で容易に開裂する。<sup>13)</sup> さらに、ヒドラゾンのア ミノ窒素の孤立電子対が C=N 結合と共鳴することで、アゾ化合物との互変異性も存在する (アゾーヒドラゾン互変異性) (8 → E)。<sup>14)</sup> そのため、ヒドラゾンの C=N 結合は、一般的な イミンの C=N 結合よりも単結合に近い性質を有している。



Scheme 3. Tautomers of hydrazones.

このように、ヒドラゾンは特異な性質を有しているにもかかわらず、シクロプロパンの 活性化に利用された例は、前述したヒドラゾンを電子求引基として利用する例に限られて いた。そこで、ヒドラゾンの互変異性化を利用したシクロプロパンの新規活性化法を開拓 することで、工程数や原子効率の観点から優れた連続反応の開発、および含窒素ヘテロ環 合成を実現できると期待した。すなわち、エンヒドラジンへの互変異性化を利用する手法 では、N-N 結合の開裂を伴う連続反応が進行し、1 つの窒素原子が取り込まれた含窒素へ テロ環を合成できる。また、ジアゼンへの互変異性化を利用する連続反応では N-N 結合含 有ヘテロ環を合成することができると考えた。

以上の概念に基づき、ヒドラゾンを用いたシクロプロパンの活性化に続く連続反応によ る含窒素へテロ環の新規合成法の開発に取り組み、本論文を3章にまとめた。

第1章ではまず、ヒドラゾンのエンヒドラジンへの互変異性化に続いてシクロプロパン を活性化する含窒素ヘテロ環合成に取り組んだ (Scheme 4)。すなわち、アリールヒドラジ ン9とシクロプロピルアセタール 10をアセトニトリル還流中、ヨウ化水素発生源であるヨ ウ化 tert-ブチルで処理することで、3-アルキルインドール 13 が合成できることを見出した。 反応機構解析の結果、本反応では、まずアリールヒドラジン 9 とシクロプロピルアセター ル 10 からヒドラゾン F が生成する。続いてヒドラゾン F のエンヒドラジン F'への互変異 性化を介した Fischer インドール化反応により活性中間体であるスピロシクロプロピルイ ンドレニン 11 が生成すると考えている。その後ヨウ化物イオンのシクロプロパンへの求核 攻撃と開環に続く還元反応により 3-アルキルインドール 13 が生成する。本反応はヒドラゾ ンがシクロプロパンの活性化だけでなく目的のインドールに取り込まれていることが特徴 である。

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Scheme 4. Reductive indolization of *N*-aryl-*C*-cyclopropylhydrazone.

第2章ではヒドラゾンのアゾーヒドラゾン互変異性化する特徴と、イミン窒素の孤立電 子対を利用することで、シクロプロパンを活性化する連続反応の開発に取り組んだ (Scheme 5)。すなわち、N-シクロプロピルアシルヒドラゾン14を酢酸パラジウムで処理す ることでピラゾール16が生成することを見出した。本反応はシクロプロピルヒドラゾン14 が14'へ異性化したのちに、シクロプロパンのC(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H活性化が進行し、メタラサイクルG が生成する。さらに、メタラサイクルと縮環することで増大したシクロプロパン環のひず みエネルギーの解消を駆動力とすることで、シクロプロパンの開環に続く連続反応が進行 し、アジン15が生成する。最後に、環化異性化反応が進行して、ピラゾール16が生成す る。本反応ではアシルヒドラゾン構造がパラジウム触媒の配向基として機能し、シクロプ ロパンの開環反応が進行すると考えている。



Scheme 5. Pyrazole synthesis via C-H activation of N-cyclopropyl acylhydrazones.

第2章では様々な一置換ピラゾールの合成に成功したが、一方で二置換ピラゾールの 合成は、原料である二置換シクロプロパンの合成に多くの工程を要することからより効 率的な合成法への進化が必要である。そこで第3章では、本反応の中間体である共役ア ジンに Heck 反応で置換基を導入することで、二置換ピラゾールを簡便に合成できると考 え、連続反応の開発に取り組んだ (Scheme 6)。すなわち、シクロプロピルヒドラゾン14 と 2.0 当量のヨードアレーンをベンゾニトリル中、80°C で 10 mol%の Herrmann 触媒と 20 mol%の *n*-Bu4NI、2.0 当量の炭酸セシウムを用いて反応させた後、40 mol%のエチルキ サントゲン酸カリウムを加え、150°C で加熱攪拌することで1-アルキル-5-アリールピラ ゾール 18 を合成した。本反応は第2章の反応と同様にパラジウム触媒によるシクロプロ パンの開環が進行し、共役アジン15が生成する。続いて、アジン15へのHeck 反応が進 行し、5-アリール共役アジン17が生成し、最後に環化異性化反応が進行して1-アルキル -5-アリールピラゾール18 が生成する。本反応は1つの触媒が2つの反応サイクルを回転 させるオートタンデム型の反応であることが特徴である。また、合成した1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾールは位置選択的または化学選択的に合成するのが難しい化合物群であ ることから、その効率的な合成法になると期待される。



Scheme 6. Heck reaction of N-cyclopropyl acylhydrazones.

#### 本論

# 第1章 *N*-アリール-*C*-シクロプロピルヒドラゾンの無水ヨウ化水素に よる還元的 Fischer インドール合成法の開発

含窒素ヘテロ環は窒素原子と生体分子の活性水素との水素結合を容易に形成することが できるため、生物活性物質に多く含まれ、医薬品の約6割に含まれている重要な骨格群で ある。さらに、含窒素ヘテロ環は、メディシナルケミストリーの分野でも注目されており、 含窒素ヘテロ環を利用した新規医薬品候補化合物の創製に関する論文が多く報告されてい る。15) そのため、含窒素ヘテロ環の短工程合成法の開発は創薬研究や医薬品製造の効率を 高めるために重要な課題である。そのような含窒素ヘテロ環合成の効率的な合成法として 近年、シクロプロパンの開環反応を利用する手法が注目されている。<sup>1)</sup>シクロプロパンは 27.5 kcal/molのひずみエネルギーをもち、この高いひずみを利用することで、比較的温和な 条件で C-C 結合切断を伴う開環反応が進行する。2) シクロプロパンの開環反応によって骨 格変換を伴う官能基化や環拡大反応を可能にし、含窒素ヘテロ環を合成する際の3炭素ビ ルディングブロックとして用いられる。しかし、置換基をもたないものや、アルキル基が 置換しただけの単純なシクロプロパンは反応性に乏しく安定であるため、ひずみエネルギ ーを利用した開環反応に利用するには、シクロプロパンを適切に活性化する必要があ る。<sup>3,16)</sup> 中でもドナー・アクセプター型シクロプロパンを用いる手法が代表的であり、含 窒素ヘテロ環の合成例も多く報告されている (Scheme 7)。<sup>7)</sup> ドナー・アクセプター型シク ロプロパンは電子供与基と電子求引基によって両置換基間の C-C 結合が大きく分極し切断 されやすくなっているため、シクロプロパンの C-C 結合を位置選択的に切断することがで きる。の



Scheme 7. Synthesis of nitrogen containing heterocyclic compounds using donor-acceptor cyclopropanes.

一方でドナー・アクセプター型シクロプロパンのアクセプター部位には2つの電子求引 基を有する場合が多く、基質適用範囲に未だ課題があるうえに2つの電子求引基が合成上 不要な官能基として目的物に残留するため、導入や除去のための工程数の増大に伴う廃棄 物・時間・労力の観点でも課題があった。<sup>5,8)</sup>そこで、残留する電子求引基を有効に利用す る手法として、電子求引基をシクロプロパンの活性化だけでなく更なる連続反応に利用す ることで、含窒素ヘテロ環の一部に取り込む反応が開発されている。そのような電子求引 基の1つとして、ヒドラゾンが報告されている。Tomilovらはシクロプロピルケトン19と アリールヒドラジン塩酸塩9を加熱条件に付すことで、生物活性物質に多く含まれるトリ プタミン誘導体20が生成することを報告している(Scheme8、式1)。<sup>17)</sup>本反応はシクロプ ロピルヒドラゾンHの塩化物イオンによるシクロプロパンの開環とそれに続く環化反応に よりアリールアミノピロリンJが生成した後、Fischer型の転位反応が進行することで、ト リプタミン誘導体20が生成している。また、Banerjeeらはシクロプロピルアルデヒド5と アリールヒドラジン6から生成するシクロプロピルヒドラゾンAのシクロプロパンの開環 に伴う分子内環化反応、エナミンーイミン互変異性化の連続反応によりテトラヒドロピロ ロ[1,2-b]ピリダジン7が生成することを報告している(Scheme8、式2)。<sup>12)</sup>これらの反応 では、系中で生成するヒドラゾンが酸性条件で電子求引基として働き、シクロプロパンが 活性化されている。さらにヒドラゾンが含窒素へテロ環の一部として取り込まれており、 ヒドラゾンの性質を巧みに利用することで連続反応を進行させることに成功している。



Scheme 8. Ring opening reaction of C-cyclopropylhydrazones.

一方で、ヒドラゾンにはイミン構造に由来する互変異性体として、N-N 結合を含むエン ヒドラジンが存在する。N-N 結合は C-C, C-H, C-O, C-N といった一般的な有機化合物中に 含まれる結合に比べると結合エネルギーが約 1/2 倍であるので、特定の条件下で容易に開 裂する。<sup>13)</sup> このようにヒドラゾンがエンヒドラジンへ異性化する性質を利用することで、 前述とは異なる新たなシクロプロパンの活性化と連続反応の進行が期待できると考えた。 すなわち、イミン炭素上にシクロプロピル基をもつ N-アリールヒドラゾン 21 を酸性条件 で反応させると、エンヒドラジン K への異性化を介した Fischer インドール化が進行する ことで、活性中間体であるスピロシクロプロピルインドレニン L が生成する (Scheme 9)。 そして適切な求核剤によるスピロシクロプロピルインドレニンLへの求核攻撃により、シ クロプロパンの開環反応が実現できると考えた。このような Fischer インドール化によりス ピロシクロプロピルインドレニンが得られる反応は、Shaw らによって1例のみ報告されて いる。この報告では、N-アリール-C-シクロプロピルヒドラゾン 21a をエタノール還流中、 塩化水素で処理すると 3-(2-クロロエチル)-2-フェニル-1H-インドール 22 が得られている (Scheme 9、式 1)。<sup>18)</sup> 本反応では、Fischer インドール化が進行することで、スピロシクロプ ロピルインドレニン La が生成した後、塩化物イオンがシクロプロパン部位に求核攻撃す ることで、インドレニンの芳香族化を伴ってシクロプロパンが開環し、インドール 22 が生 成したと考えられている。しかし、本反応では、塩化物イオンがヒドラゾン 21a のシクロ プロパンへの求核攻撃によりシクロプロパンが開環し、クロロヒドラゾン M が生成する。 続いてヒドラゾンアミン窒素の塩化物イオンへの求核攻撃による環化反応が進行すること で、テトラヒドロピリダジン23が同時に生成しているため、収率や化学選択性に課題があ った (Scheme 9、式 2)。



Scheme 9. Reaction of N-aryl-C-cyclopropylhydrazone via spirocyclopropyl indolenine.

今回著者はヒドラゾンβ位にカルボニル基を導入したシクロプロピルヒドラゾンFをヨ ウ化水素と反応させることで3-アルキルインドール13の合成を計画した (Scheme 10)。本 反応はシクロプロピルヒドラゾンFのエンヒドラジンF'への異性化とFischerインドール 化反応が進行し、スピロシクロプロピルインドレニン中間体11が選択的に生成する。この とき、導入したカルボニル基の電子求引効果によって、C-C 結合の分極率の低下に伴うシ クロプロパンの開環反応の抑制が期待される。続いてヨウ化物イオンによる求核攻撃と、 芳香環であるインドール環の形成を伴いながらシクロプロパンの開環が進行し、α-ヨード カルボニル 12 が生成する。最後に α-ヨードカルボニル化合物の還元反応が進行して 2 位 に置換基を持たない 3-アルキルインドール 13 が生成すると期待した。



Scheme 10. Reductive Fischer indolization of N-aryl-C-cyclopropylhydrazone.

また本反応では含水中で不安定であると予想されるシクロプロピルヒドラゾン F やスピ ロシクロプロピルインドレニン 11 を経由するため、無水条件でヨウ化水素を発生させる条 件が適切であると考えた。無水条件でヨウ化水素を発生させる例として、ヨウ素をチオー ルで還元することでヨウ化水素が発生することが知られている (Scheme 11、式1)。<sup>19)</sup>ま た、ヨウ素をジフェニルホスフィンオキシドで還元すると、ヨウ化水素-ジフェニルホス フィンオキシド複合体が発生することも知られている (Scheme 11、式 2)。<sup>20)</sup>しかし、こ れらの手法では副生成物であるジスルフィドやジフェニルホスフィン酸の除去操作が必要 となる。<sup>21c)</sup>



Scheme 11. Methods for generation of anhydrous hydrogen iodide.

一方でヨウ化 tert-ブチルは加熱条件下で無水ヨウ化水素とイソブテンに分解する試薬で ある。そのため、脱水条件が必要な有機合成反応に利用することができるうえに、副生成 物のイソブテンは常温で気体であるために、その除去操作が不要である (Scheme 12、式 1)。<sup>21)</sup> ヨウ化 tert-ブチルの加熱により生じる無水ヨウ化水素を利用した有機合成反応とし て、当研究室では共役ヒドラゾンの還元的インドール合成法を報告している (Scheme 12、 式 2)。<sup>22)</sup> 本反応では共役ヒドラゾン 24 がヨウ化水素によって還元されてエンヒドラジン N が生成した後、Fischer インドール化反応が進行し、3-アルキルインドール 25 が生成す る。本反応はヨウ化 *tert*-ブチルの加熱により生じる無水ヨウ化水素の酸性度と還元力を利 用することで効率よく反応が進行している。そこで著者らはこのヨウ化 *tert*-ブチルの有用 性に期待し、N-アリール-C-シクロプロピルヒドラゾンの還元的インドール合成で用いる無 水ヨウ化水素の発生源として検討した。



Scheme 12. Generation of anhydrous hydrogen iodide from *tert*-butyl iodide and application reaction.

### 第1節 反応条件最適化の検討

はじめに、文献<sup>23)</sup>の方法を参考にシクロプロピルアルデヒド 29 の合成を行った (Scheme 13)。 まず、ブロモ酢酸エチル 26 とジメチルスルフィドの求核置換反応により、 ジメチルスルホニウムブロミド 27 を合成した。その後、水酸化ナトリウムと炭酸カリウム を用いてエステル α 位を脱プロトン化し、スルホニウムイリド 28 を合成した。最後に、ジ クロロメタン還流中、スルホニウムイリド 28 とアリルアルコールを二酸化マンガンで処理 することで、Corey-Chaykovsky 反応が進行し、シクロプロピルアルデヒド 29 を合成した。



Scheme 13. Preparation of cyclopropyl aldehyde.

続いて、アリールヒドラジン 9a とシクロプロピルアルデヒド 29 の縮合反応によってヒ ドラゾン Fa を合成する検討を行ったが、目的のヒドラゾンは不安定で単離することができ なかった (Scheme 14)。



Scheme 14. Preparation of cyclopropyl hydrazone.

そこでヒドラゾンの生成と、続く連続反応を同一反応系中で進行させることで、ヒドラ ゾンの単離精製工程が不要になると考え、反応条件を検討することとした (Scheme 15)。 まず、1.0 当量の4-メトキシフェニルヒドラジン9a とシクロプロピルアルデヒド29 をアセ トニトリル還流中、無水ヨウ化水素発生源として6.0 当量のヨウ化 tert-ブチルで処理した ところ、インドール13aa が32%の収率で得られた。





低収率に留まった原因について、不安定な29が系中で分解されていると考えた。そこで、

アルデヒドをアセタール保護したシクロプロピルアセタール 10a-d を用いて、還元的イン ドール合成を検討した (Table 1)。まず、ジメチルアセタール 10a や 1,3-ジオキサン 10b を 先述した条件に付すと、アルデヒド 29 を用いた時と比べて収率は低下した (entries 1 and 2)。次に、4,4,5,5,-テトラメチル-1,3-ジオキソラン 10c を用いた場合、反応は進行せず、原 料が回収された。この際、副生成物として 4-メトキシアニリンが 37%の収率で得られた。 続いて 1,3-ジオキソラン 10d を用いたときに収率が 54%に向上した (entry 4)。一方で、ヨ ウ化 tert-ブチルの代わりにヨウ化水素酸を用いた場合、目的物はほとんど得られなかった (entry 5)。このことから当初の想定通り、本反応は無水条件が必要であることが示唆された。 続いて、シクロプロピルアセタールのアセタール脱保護に続くヒドラジンとの縮合反応を 促進しながらヨウ化水素の生成が期待される試薬として、TMSCI/Nal を用いる条件につい て検討したが、収率は低下した (entry 6)。<sup>24)</sup> 次に様々な溶媒を検討した (entries 7-10)。そ の結果、アセトニトリルが最適であることが分かった。アセトニトリルはヨウ化 tert-ブチ ルのヨウ化水素への変換を促進することが報告されているため、本反応ではヨウ化水素の 速やかな生成が、収率よく反応を進行させるのに重要であることが示唆された。<sup>22)</sup>次に、 4-メトキシヒドラジンの当量について検討した。本反応では副生成物として、4-メトキシア ニリン 30 が確認された。これは原料の 4-メトキシフェニルヒドラジン 9a がヨウ化水素に よって、アンモニアの脱離を伴いながら求核置換反応が進行し、P が生成した後、さらに ヨウ化水素による還元反応が進行することで生成していると考えている (Scheme 16)。<sup>25)</sup> このことから鍵反応に利用される 4-メトキシフェニルヒドラジンが反応系中で減少するた め、シクロプロピルアセタールに対して 4-メトキシフェニルヒドラジンは過剰量必要であ ると考えた。そこで 6.0 当量のヨウ化 tert-ブチル存在下で 4-メトキシフェニルヒドラジン を 1.0 当量から 2.0 当量に増やす検討をした (entry 11)。この際、反応が途中で停止する傾 向が見られたので反応開始 15 分後に 3.0 当量のヨウ化 tert-ブチルを追加し、さらに 45 分 間反応させると、収率は 89%に向上した。次に、10d の立体異性体 10d'を用いた場合、収 率はわずかに低下した (entry 12)。このことからシクロプロパンの立体化学は本反応にほと んど影響を与えないことが示唆された。以上の検討の結果から、アセトニトリル還流中、 シクロプロピルアセタールとアリールヒドラジンを 2.0 当量、ヨウ化 tert-ブチルを 9.0 当量 用いる条件が最も良い結果を与えることが明らかになった。



Scheme 16. Proposed reaction mechanism of aniline generation.

| MeO              | •HCI<br>NHNH2 —               | R<br>10 (1.0 eq.)<br>HI source<br>MeCN, reflu | l₂Et<br>→<br>Ix | MeO<br>13aa | CO <sub>2</sub> Et |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| entry            | R                             | HI<br>source                                  | solvent         | time        | yield<br>(%)       |
| 1                | MeO<br>OMe <sup>(10a)</sup>   | <i>t</i> -Bul<br>(6.0 eq.)                    | MeCN            | 40 min      | 23                 |
| 2                | 0 (10b)                       | <i>t</i> -Bul<br>(6.0 eq.)                    | MeCN            | 30 min      | 20                 |
| 3 <mark>M</mark> |                               | <i>t</i> -Bul<br>(6.0 eq.)                    | MeCN            | 1 h         | N.R.               |
| 4 <sup>a)</sup>  | 0<br>0<br>(10d)               | <i>t-</i> Bul<br>(6.0 eq.)                    | MeCN            | 30 min      | 54                 |
| 5                | 0<br>0<br>0<br>(10d)          | aq. 57% HI<br>(6.0 eq.)                       | MeCN            | 1 h         | Trace              |
| 6                | 0<br>0<br>(10d)               | TMSCI/Nal<br>(6.0 eq.)                        | MeCN            | 1.5 h       | 20                 |
| 7                | 0<br>0<br>0<br>(10d)          | <i>t-</i> Bul<br>(6.0+3.0 eq.)                | EtOH            | 3 h         | 15                 |
| 8 <sup>b)</sup>  | 0<br>0<br>0<br>(10d)          | <i>t-</i> Bul<br>(6.0 eq.)                    | toluene         | 3 h         | N.D.               |
| 9 <sup>b)</sup>  | 0<br>0<br>0<br>(10d)          | <i>t-</i> Bul<br>(6.0 eq.)                    | DMSO            | 30 min      | N.D.               |
| 10 <sup>b)</sup> | 0<br>-0 (10d)                 | <i>t-</i> Bul<br>(6.0 eq.)                    | THF             | 2 h         | N.D.               |
| 11 <sup>c)</sup> | (10d)                         | <i>t-</i> Bul<br>(6.0+3.0 eq.)                | MeCN            | 1 h         | 89                 |
| 12 <sup>c)</sup> | 0, <sup>3</sup> 2<br>0 (10d') | <i>t</i> -Bul<br>(6.0+3.0 eq.)                | MeCN            | 1 h         | 83                 |

Table 1. Optimization of reductive indolization reaction.

a) MS3A was added. b)  $\boldsymbol{9a}$  (1.2 eq.) was used. c)  $\boldsymbol{9a}$  (2.0 eq.) was used.

#### 第2節 反応経路の考察

本反応の推定反応経路を Scheme 17 に示す。まず、アリールヒドラジン 9a とシクロプロ ピルアセタール 10d からヒドラゾン Fa が生成する。その後 Fischer インドール化反応が進 行し、スピロインドレニン 11a が生成する。ヨウ化物イオンが 11a のエステル β 位に求核 攻撃すると、ヨウ化アルキル 31a が生成する (path b)。31a は還元に対する反応性が低く、 スピロインドリン 11a への逆反応が進行する。一方、エステルの α 位に求核攻撃すると、 α-ヨードエステル 12a が生成し、不可逆的に還元されて目的のインドール 13aa が生成する と考えている (path a)。



Scheme 17. Proposed reaction pathway of reductive indolization.

次に、本反応の詳細について以下の段階に分けて詳しく説明する。

- 1. ヨードエステル中間体 31a, 12a が生成する反応経路 (9a, 10d → 31a, 12a)
- スピロシクロプロピルインドレニン 11a からインドール 13aa が生成する反応経路 (11a→13aa)
- 1. ヨードエステル中間体 31a, 12a が生成する反応経路

4-メトキシフェニルヒドラジン塩酸塩 9a とシクロプロピルアセタール 10d の等量混合物 をアセトニトリル還流中、3.0 当量のヨウ化 *tert-ブチル*と混合して 5 分後に反応を停止させ たところ、枝分かれ構造をもつ β-ヨードエステル 31a と直鎖型の α-ヨードエステル 12a が 5:1 の比で得られた (Scheme 18、式 1)。さらに、ヨードエステルの混合物をヨウ化 *tert-ブ* チルで処理すると、目的のインドール 13aa が 35%の収率で得られた (式 2)。以上のことか ら、β-ヨードエステル 31a と α-ヨードエステル 12a の混合物が本反応の中間体であること が示唆された。なお、β-ヨードエステル **31a** の生成比が α-ヨードエステル **12a** に比べて高かった理由について、ヨウ化物イオンがスピロシクロプロパンへ求核攻撃をする際に、立体障害の影響が小さいエステルの β 位での反応が優先したためであると考えている (Scheme 19)。



Scheme 18. Detection of iodinated indole intermediates.



Scheme 19. Iodide attack at less hindered position of cyclopropane.

続いて、スピロシクロプロピルインドレニン 11a が本反応の中間体であることを確認す るための実験を行った。まず本反応を5分で停止させて、NMR を確認したところ、ヨード エステルの混合物の他にスピロシクロプロピルインドレニン 11a が生成していることを確 認したが、痕跡量であったため、単離できなかった。そこで、スピロシクロプロピルイン ドレニン 11a を別法で合成した後に対照実験を検討することとした。まず、スピロシクロ プロピルインドレニンの合成を検討した。4-メトキシフェニルヒドラジン塩酸塩 9a とシク ロプロピルアセタール 10d をアセトニトリル還流中、10 mol%または 3.0 当量のトリフルオ ロメタンスルホン酸で処理したが、目的物は得られなかった (Scheme 20、式 1)。これは反応中間体であるヒドラゾンやエンヒドラジンと目的のスピロシクロプロピルインドレニンがトリフルオロメタンスルホン酸存在下の条件では不安定であったためであると考えている。次にヨードエステル中間体の混合物を 1.0 当量の炭酸銀で処理したところ、スピロインドレニン 11a'と 11a"がそれぞれ 19%と 48%の収率で得られた (式 2)。そこで、合成したスピロインドレニンのジアステレオマー混合物をアセトニトリル還流中、3.0 当量のヨウ化*tert*-ブチルで処理すると、目的のインドール 13aa が 36%の収率で得られた。この結果から、スピロシクロプロピルインドレニンが本反応の中間体であることが示唆された (式 3)。



Scheme 20. Synthesis of spiroindolenine and control experiments.

#### 2. スピロシクロプロピルインドレニンからインドールが生成する反応経路

前述した通り、本反応の最終段階では α-ヨードエステル 12a がヨウ化物イオンによって 還元されることでインドール 13aa が生成していると想定した。そこで、α-ヨードエステル のヨウ化 *tert-*ブチルに対する反応性を確認する目的で、モデル基質を用いて検証すること とした。文献<sup>26)</sup>の手法を参考に、シンナムアルデヒド 32 を THF 中、0 ℃でトリメチルシ リルシアニドと DBU、ヨウ素、メタノールで処理することで α-ヨードエステル 33 を合成 した (Scheme 21, 式 1)。この α-ヨードエステル 33 をアセトニトリル還流中、6.0 当量のヨ ウ化 *tert*-ブチルで処理すると、エステル **34** が 62%で得られた (式 2)。このことから、α-ヨ ードエステルはヨウ化 *tert*-ブチルから生成するヨウ化水素によって還元されることが明ら かになった。従って、本研究の還元的 Fischer インドール合成における中間体 **12a** も同様の 反応によって還元されていることが示唆された。



Scheme 21. Control experiment of reduction of α-iodoester.

なお、スピロシクロプロピルインドレニン 11a からインドール 13aa の生成経路として、 プロトン化された 11a から開環反応が進行し、カルボカチオン Q が生成した後、ヨウ化物 イオンによるカルボカチオン Q への求核付加とインドール 13aa への芳香族化を伴う還元 反応が進行する経路も完全に否定はできない (Scheme 22)。



Scheme 22. Another proposed pathway of the reduction of spiroindolenine.

#### 第3節 基質適用範囲に関する検討

次に著者は還元的インドール合成の基質適用範囲の 検討を行った。まず、第1章第3節第1項では原料合 成を行った。第1章第3節第2項ではアリールヒドラ ジン、第1章第3節第3項ではシクロプロピルアセタ ールの基質適用範囲について検討した。



第1項 アリールヒドラジンとシクロプロピルアセタールの合成

初めにヒドラジン塩酸塩 9c, 9u, 9q を以下のように合成した。まず市販のアニリン 35c, 35u, 35q を亜硝酸ナトリウム、塩化水素で処理することで *N*-ニトロソ化する。続いて、塩 化スズを用いて還元することで合成した (Table 2)。

| Ar              | ٦       | 1) NaNO <sub>2</sub> , HCl, H <sub>2</sub> O, 1 h     | Ar             |                     |
|-----------------|---------|---|----------------|---------------------|
| NH <sub>2</sub> |         | 2) SnCl <sub>2</sub> , HCl, H <sub>2</sub> O, 30 min  | NF<br>NF       | I <sub>2</sub> •HCI |
| 35c, 35u, 35q   |         |   | ⊓<br>9c, 9u, 9 | q                   |
| entry           | aniline | Ar  | hydrazine      | yield               |
| 1               | 35c     | 4-PhOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                    | 9c             | 46%                 |
| 2               | 35u     | 3,4-(OCH <sub>2</sub> O)C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> | 9u             | 13%                 |
| 3               | 35q     | $3-F-4-MeOC_6H_3$                                     | 9q             | 62%                 |

Table 2. Preparation of arylhydrazine hydrochlorides 9c, 9u, 9q.

また、市販のテトラヒドロキノリン 36 を亜硝酸ナトリウムと塩化水素で処理することで N-ニトロソ化した後、LiAlH4 で還元し、塩化水素 (4M、1,4-ジオキサン溶液) で処理するこ とでヒドラジン塩酸塩 9t を合成した (Scheme 23)。



Scheme 23. Preparation of 3,4-dihydroquinonyl (2H)-amine hydrochloride 9t.

*N*-メチル-4-メトキシアニリン 38 を亜硝酸ナトリウムと塩化水素で処理することで *N*-ニトロソ化した後、亜鉛と塩化アンモニウムで還元し、塩化水素 (4M、1,4-ジオキサン溶液) で処理することでヒドラジン塩酸塩 9v を合成した (Scheme 24)。



Scheme 24. Preparation of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylhydrazine hydrochloride 9v.

パラ位にアセトアミドを有するフェニルヒドラジン塩酸塩 9e は文献<sup>22)</sup>の方法を参考に して合成した。すなわち、ヨウ化銅を触媒として用いる *N*-(4-ヨードフェニル)アセトアミド 40 と *N*-Boc ヒドラジンのカップリング反応によりアリールヒドラジン 41 を得た。続いて 41 をジクロロメタン中、塩化水素 (4M、1,4-ジオキサン溶液)で処理することで、Boc 基の 脱保護を行い、ヒドラジン塩酸塩 9e を合成した (Scheme 25)。



Scheme 25. Preparation of N-(4-hydrazinylphenyl)acetamide hydrochloride 9e.

次に様々なシクロプロピルアセタールの基質合成を以下のように行った。まず、α,β-不飽 和エステルをもつシクロプロピルアセタール 10e の合成を行った (Scheme 26)。エステル 10d を THF 中、LiAlH4 で処理することで還元し、アルコール 42 を得た。続いてジクロロ メタン中、Dess-Martin 試薬で処理することでアルデヒド 43 へと酸化した。最後にトルエ ン中、ホスホニウムイリドで処理することで、Wittig 反応が進行し、α,β-不飽和エステル 10e を合成した。



Scheme 26. Preparation of cyclopropyl  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated ester **10e**.

次に、三置換シクロプロピルアセタール 10f を合成した (Scheme 27)。*trans*-クロチルア ルコール 44 をジクロロメタン還流中、スルホニウムイリドと二酸化マンガンで処理するこ とで Corey-Chaykovsky 反応が進行し、シクロプロピルアルデヒド 45 を合成した。続いて 45 をベンゼン還流中、エチレングリコールと *p*-トルエンスルホン酸で処理することでシク ロプロピルアセタール 10f を合成した。



Scheme 27. Preparation of trisubstituted cyclopropyl acetal 10f.

次に、アミドを有するシクロプロピルアセタール 10g, 10h とチオエステルを有する 10i を合成した (Scheme 28)。まずエステル 10d を水酸化リチウムで処理することで、加水分解 が進行し、カルボン酸 46 を得た。続いてジクロロメタン中、カルボン酸 46 とジエチルア ミンを EDC 存在下で縮合することでアミド 10g を合成した。次にジクロロメタン中、カル ボン酸 46 とピペリジンを EDC 存在下で縮合することでアミド 10h を合成した。さらにカ ルボン酸 46 とベンジルメルカプタンを THF 還流中、CDI 存在下で縮合することでチオエ ステル 10i を合成した。



Scheme 28. Preparation of amides 10g, 10h and thioester 10i.

最後に文献<sup>27)</sup>の手法を参考にWeinrebアミドを有するシクロプロピルアセタール10jの 合成を行った (Scheme 29)。2-クロロ-N-メトキシ-N-メチルアセトアミド47をジメチルスル フィド中で加熱攪拌することでジメチルスルホニウムクロリド48を合成した。その後、水 酸化ナトリウムと炭酸カリウムを用いてアミドα位を脱プロトン化し、スルホニウムイリ ド49を合成した。続いて49をトルエン中60℃でアクロレインと反応させることで、Corey-Chaykovsky 反応が進行し、シクロプロピルアルデヒド50が得られた。最後に、エチレング リコールを用いてアセタール保護することでシクロプロピルアセタール10jを合成した。



Scheme 29. Preparation of cyclopropyl Weinreb amide 10j.

#### 第2項 アリールヒドラジンの基質適用範囲に関する検討

第3節第1項で合成したヒドラジンと市販のヒドラジンを用いて還元的インドール合成 の基質一般性を検討した (Scheme 30)。まず、4位に置換基を有するフェニルヒドラジン 9b-」を検討したところ、電子供与性をもつもので収率が高い傾向にあることが分かった。また、 ニトロ基を有するヒドラジン 9m からはインドールは得られなかった。従って、一般的な Fischer インドール合成と類似した傾向であることが確認された。28)次に2位または3位に 置換基を有するフェニルヒドラジンを検討した。3 位にクロロ基をもつフェニルヒドラジ ン 9n からはインドール 13na、13na'の混合物が 26%で得られた。2 位にメトキシ基をもつ フェニルヒドラジン 9o からはインドール 13oa のほかにメトキシ基が脱離した 13ja が生成 した。また、2位にメチル基をもつフェニルヒドラジン 9p からは 13pa のみが得られた。3 位にフルオロ基、4 位にメトキシ基をもつフェニルヒドラジン 9g からはインドール 13ga が 67%で得られた。1-ナフチルヒドラジン 9r からは 13ra が 56%の収率で得られた一方で、 2-ナフチルヒドラジン9sからは13saが36%の収率で得られた。3,4-ジヒドロキノニル(2H)-アミン 9t からは三環性の 13ta が 37%で得られ、3.4-メチレンジオキシフェニルヒドラジン 9uからは13uaが53%の収率で得られた。最後に置換基R<sup>1</sup>にメチル基をもつフェニルヒド ラジンを検討したところ、4位にメトキシ基をもつヒドラジン 9v からは 13va が 69%で得 られたが、4位が水素のものは目的のインドール 13wa の収率が低下した。







以上のように、アリールヒドラジンの基質適用範囲について検討したところ、ベンゼン 環上に電子供与性の置換基を有する基質の方が電子求引性の置換基を有する基質よりも効 率的に反応が進行することが明らかになった。 第3項 シクロプロピルアセタールの基質適用範囲に関する検討

第3節第1項で合成したシクロプロピルアセタールを用いて還元的インドール合成のシ クロプロパン上の置換基に関する一般性を検討した (Scheme 31)。 $\alpha,\beta$ -不飽和エステルをも つシクロプロピルアセタール 10e からは、 $\beta,\gamma$ -不飽和エステルを有するインドール 13ab が 得られた。R<sup>3</sup>にメチル基をもつ 3 置換シクロプロピルアセタール 10f からは良好に反応が 進行し、インドール 13ac が 75%で得られた。続いて R<sup>2</sup>にアミドや Weinreb アミド、チオ エステルを有する 10g-j からも反応が良好に進行した。



a) t-Bul (12 eq.) was used. b) On a 1.0 mmol scale.

Scheme 31. Scope of cyclopropyl acetals.

以上のように、シクロプロピルアセタール上の置換基として、エステルだけでなく、共 役エステルやアミド、チオエステルも適用できることが分かり、カルボン酸誘体に関する 一般性が実証された。さらに三置換シクロプロピルアセタールも良好に反応が進行するこ とが分かった。

最後に今回合成したインドールの有用性を確認するために、Weinreb アミドを有するイン ドール 13af の官能基変換を行った (Scheme 32)。13af を 1-エチニル 4-メトキシベンゼンと *n*-ブチルリチウムで処理することで求核置換反応が進行し、イノン 51 が得られた。文献<sup>29)</sup> の手法を参考にイノン 51 をアセトニトリル中で 5 mol%の NaAuCl<sub>4</sub>で処理すると、三環性 のインドール 52 が得られた。一方、文献<sup>30)</sup> の手法を参考にイノン 51 をジクロロメタン 中、10 mol%の AgOTf で処理するとスピロインドレニン 53 が得られた。



Scheme 32. Transformations of 13af.

以上のように、著者はヨウ化 tert-ブチルから生成する無水ヨウ化水素を利用することで、 N-アリール-C-シクロプロピルヒドラゾンの還元的インドール合成法を確立した。本反応は N-アリール-C-シクロプロピルヒドラゾンのエンヒドラジンへの異性化を介した Fischer イ ンドール化により生成するスピロシクロプロピルインドレニンの開環反応が進行している。 本反応においてヒドラゾンはシクロプロパンの活性化だけでなく、インドール環に取り込 まれている反応であることが特徴である。また、ヨウ化 tert-ブチルが含水条件下で不安定 な中間体を経由する反応に適用できる有用な試薬であることを示すことができた。さらに 今回開発した 3-アルキルインドール誘導体は多環性の化合物へ誘導できる有用な原料であ ることも示せた。

## 第2章 N-シクロプロピルアシルヒドラゾンの開環反応を利用したピ ラゾール合成法の開発

第1章で述べたようにドナー・アクセプター型シクロプロパンは電子的に活性化されて いることから、シクロプロパン環の開環反応が容易に進行する。一方で置換基をもたない ものやアルキル基が置換しただけの単純なシクロプロパンは反応性に乏しく、開環しにく い。<sup>3)</sup>このような電子的に活性化されていないシクロプロパンの活性化として遷移金属を 用いる手法がある。一般的に遷移金属を用いてシクロプロパンを活性化すると、酸化的付 加やβ-炭素脱離を介して、開環反応が進行することが知られている (Scheme 33)。<sup>31-33)</sup>



Scheme 33. C-C bond activation of cyclopropane with transition metals.

また、シクロプロパンの C-H 活性化により段階的にシクロプロパンが開環する例も数例 報告されている。例えば Fagnou らはオルト位にブロモ基をもつ *N*-シクロプロピルアニリ ン 54 のパラジウム触媒を用いた C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H 活性化と、続く開環反応により、ジヒドロキノリ ン 55 が生成することを報告している (Scheme 34、式 1)。<sup>34)</sup> 本反応では炭素-臭素結合への 酸化的付加により生成する C-Pd 共有結合によりシクロプロパン環の近傍にパラジウム種 が接近することで、シクロプロパン環の C-H 活性化が進行し、メタラサイクル T が生成す る。その後、メタラサイクル中のシクロプロパンの開環、還元的脱離が連続的に進行する ことでジヒドロキノリン 55 が生成する。さらに類似の反応として、2013 年に Charette ら は、シクロプロピルベンズアミド 56 からベンゾ[c]アゼピン 57 の合成を報告している (式 2)。<sup>35)</sup> さらに Charette らは 2022 年にシクロプロピルアミド 59 からへキサヒドロアゼピノ ン誘導体 60 の合成に成功している (式 3)。<sup>36)</sup>



Scheme 34. Ring opening reaction via C-H activation of cyclopropane.

これらの反応ではシクロプロパンの C-H 活性化によりシクロプロパンの開環に続く連続 反応が進行することで、含窒素ヘテロ環の効率的な合成に成功している。しかし、目的の シクロプロパンの C-H 活性化を実現するためにあらかじめベンゼン環やシクロアルケン上 に合成上不要なハロゲン化物イオンを導入する必要があり、原子効率の観点から課題があ った。一方でシクロプロパンの C-H 活性化の別法として配向基を用いる手法が報告されて いる。<sup>37)</sup>配向基とは配位結合によって目的の基質と金属触媒を近づける官能基である。<sup>38)</sup> そこで今回著者は配向基を用いてシクロプロパンの C-H 活性化が進行した後、開環反応に 続く連続反応が進行し、配向基を含窒素ヘテロ環の一部として取り込むことができれば、 さらに原子効率に優れた合成法が実現できると考えた (Scheme 35)。このようなシクロプロ パンの C-H 活性化に続く連続反応の進行が期待できる配向基として、ヒドラゾンに着目し た。





ヒドラゾンはそれぞれの窒素原子に含まれる孤立電子対が遷移金属と相互作用するルイ ス塩基として働くことで、C-H 活性化の配向基として機能することが知られている。例え
ば 2006 年に稲本らは N-トシルヒドラゾン 63 を DMSO 中 50 ℃で酢酸パラジウムおよび酢 酸銅で処理することでインダゾール 64 の合成に成功している (Scheme 36)。<sup>39)</sup> 本反応では ヒドラゾンアミン窒素がパラジウム触媒のルイス塩基として働き、ヒドラゾンイミン炭素 上のアリール基の C-H 活性化をしたのちに還元的脱離が進行することで C-N 結合が形成さ れることでインダゾール 64 が生成している。この稲本らの例に始まりヒドラゾンを配向基 として用いた C-H 活性化が多く開発されている。<sup>40)</sup>



Scheme 36. C-H activation with hydrazone directing group.

ヒドラゾンは金属に対して配位性を示す一方で、アミノ窒素の孤立電子対が C=N 結合と 共鳴することで、アゾ化合物 E へ互変異性化する性質をもつ (Scheme 37)。<sup>14)</sup> そのため、 ヒドラゾンの C=N 結合は、一般的なイミンの C=N 結合よりも単結合に近い性質を有して いる。



以上のようなヒドラゾンの性質を利用することで、シクロプロパンの C-H 活性化に続く 連続反応が進行し、ヒドラゾンが取り込まれるような含窒素ヘテロ環の合成が期待できる と考えた。そこで、イミン炭素上にアシル基をもつ N-シクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14 を加 熱条件下、遷移金属触媒と反応させることでピラゾール 16 の合成を計画した (Scheme 38)。 ヒドラゾンのイミン炭素上にアシル基を導入することで、アゾーヒドラゾン互変異性を介 した C=N 二重結合の異性化の促進と、イミン窒素との二座配向基としての機能を期待し た。すなわちヒドラゾン 14 が 14'へ異性化したのちに、遷移金属触媒によるシクロプロパ ンの C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H 活性化が進行し、メタラサイクル G が生成する。さらに、メタラサイクルと 縮環することで増大したシクロプロパン環のひずみエネルギーの解消を駆動力とすること で、シクロプロパンの開環に続く連続反応が進行し、アジン 15 が生成する。最後に、加熱 による環化異性化反応が進行して、ピラゾール 16 が生成すると期待した。本反応はアシル ヒドラゾンがシクロプロパンの C-H 活性化を促進するだけでなく、環化異性化反応の促進 にも寄与する。さらにヒドラゾンが目的のピラゾールに取り込まれるため、原子効率の観 点から優れた含窒素ヘテロ環合成法を実現する。



Scheme 38. Pyrazole synthesis via C-H activation of *N*-cyclopropyl acylhydrazone.

## 第1節 反応条件最適化の検討

はじめに、基質となる N-シクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14aa の合成を行った。文献<sup>41)</sup>を参 考に、シクロプロピルボロン酸 65 をアゾジカルボン酸ジ-tert-ブチルと 10 mol%の酢酸銅で 処理すると、シクロプロピルボロン酸のアゾ基への触媒的付加反応が進行し、Boc 基をも つヒドラジン 66 が得られた。その後、アセトニトリル中 60 ℃で *p*-トルエンスルホン酸一 水和物を添加することで、脱 Boc 化が進行し、シクロプロピルヒドラジン-*p*-トルエンスル ホン酸塩 67 を合成した (Scheme 39)。次に 2-ブロモナフタレン 68 をマグネシウムで処理 することで 2-ナフチルマグネシウムブロミド 69 へ誘導する。続いてシュウ酸ジメチルと反 応させることで付加脱離反応が進行し、α-ケトエステル 70aa を合成した (Scheme 40)。合 成したケトエステル 70aa をピリジン存在下でシクロプロピルヒドラジン 67 と縮合するこ とで、シクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14aa を合成した。



Scheme 39. Preparation of cyclopropylhydrazine 67.



Scheme 40. Preparation of *N*-cyclopropylhydrazone 14aa.

次に合成したシクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14aa を用いてシクロプロパンの C-H 活性化と 開環反応の連続反応を検討した (Table 3)。まずシクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14aa をキシレ ン中モレキュラーシーブ 4A 存在下、C-H 活性化の進行を期待して、10 mol%のロジウム触 媒やニッケル触媒を用いて検討したところ、ピラゾール 16aa は効率よく生成しなかった (Table 3, entries 1 and 2)。<sup>42,43)</sup> 一方で 10 mol%の酢酸パラジウムを添加した際にピラゾール 16aa が 49%の収率で得られた (entry 3)。更なる反応効率の向上を期待し、トリフルオロ酢 酸パラジウム 10 mol%を添加したが、収率は向上しなかった (entry 4)。次に 0 価パラジウ ムから 2 価の酢酸パラジウムへの再生を促進することが期待できる添加剤として 2.0 当量 の酢酸銀を添加したところ、収率は向上しなかった (entry 5)。<sup>44)</sup> 一方で C-H 活性化を促進 することが期待できる添加剤として、2.0 当量の HFIP を添加したところ、収率は 69%に向 上した (entry 6)。<sup>45)</sup> また HFIP を溶媒として用いたが、ピラゾール 16aa は得られなかった (entry 7)。次に HFIP と類似の効果を期待して、*tert-ア*ミルアルコールを溶媒として用いた ところ、16aa の収率は 80%に向上した (entry 8)。<sup>46)</sup> 以上の結果から、*tert-ア*ミルアルコー ル還流中、酢酸パラジウム 10 mol%とモレキュラーシーブ 4A を添加する条件でピラゾー ルが高収率で得られることが明らかになった。

|       | /<br>1<br>!!                         | Catalys<br>NH a  | st (10 mol%)<br>MS4A<br>dditive |          | N N              |  |
|-------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|----------|------------------|--|
|       |                                      | O solve  | ent, reflux<br>me, air          |          | OMe              |  |
|       | 14aa                                 |  |                                 |          | 16aa             |  |
| entry | catalyst                             | additive (eq.)   | solvent                         | time (h) | yield (%)        |  |
| 1     | [RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> | Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (1.0)<br>K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1.0) | xylene                          | 16       | 13 <sup>a)</sup> |  |
| 2     | Ni(OTf) <sub>2</sub>                 | PivOH (1.0)  | xylene                          | 16       | N.D.             |  |
| 3     | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>                 | -  | xylene                          | 14       | 49 <sup>a)</sup> |  |
| 4     | Pd(OTFA) <sub>2</sub>                | _  | xylene                          | 16       | 42 <sup>a)</sup> |  |
| 5     | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>                 | AgOAc (2.0)  | xylene                          | 16       | 39 <sup>a)</sup> |  |
| 6     | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>                 | HFIP (2.0)   | xylene                          | 15       | 69               |  |
| 7     | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>                 | -  | HFIP                            | 21       | N.D.             |  |
| 8     | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>                 | -  | <i>t</i> -AmylOH                | 4        | 80               |  |

Table 3. Optimization of  $C(sp^3)$ -H activation of *N*-cyclopropyl acylhydrazone.

a) Yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using triphenylmethane as an internal standard.

### 第2節 基質適用範囲に関する検討

次に N-シクロプロピルアシルヒドラゾンのパラジウ ム触媒を用いたシクロプロパンの開環反応の基質適用 範囲を検討した。第2章第2節第1項では原料である ヒドラゾンの合成を行った。第2章第2節第2項では イミノ炭素上のアリール基とシクロプロパン上の (R<sup>2</sup>)、第2章第2節第3項ではイミノ炭素上の置換基 (R<sup>3</sup>) およびカルボニル上の置換基 (R<sup>4</sup>) について検討した。



第1項 N-シクロプロピルヒドラゾンの合成

第2章第2節第2項で用いるシクロプロピルヒドラゾンの合成を行った。まず、メタノ ール中室温で、α-ケトエステルとシクロプロピルヒドラジンをピリジン存在下で縮合させ ることでヒドラゾン **14ab-as** を合成した (Table 4)。

|       | Ar                   | 0 ▷<br>└────────────────────────────────────      | ← NHNH <sub>2</sub> •2 <i>p</i> -TsOH<br>67<br>pyridine (2.0 eq.) | Ar        | N-NH<br>U<br>CO <sub>2</sub> R' |                      |
|-------|----------------------|---|---|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
|       | ~ 7                  | 0ab-as  | MeOH, II  | <u> </u>  | 4ab-as                          |                      |
| entry | $\alpha$ -keto ester | R   | R'  | time (h)  | hydrazone                       | yield                |
| 1     | 70ab                 | Ph  | Me  | overnight | 14ab                            | 49%                  |
| 2     | 70ac                 | Ph  | Et  | overnight | 14ac                            | 7%, 3% <sup>a)</sup> |
| 3     | 70ad                 | $4-MeOC_6H_4$                                     | Et  | 4         | 14ad                            | 12%                  |
| 4     | 70ae                 | $4-\text{MeC}_6\text{H}_4$                        | Et  | 2         | 14ae                            | 49%                  |
| 5     | 70af                 | $4-FC_6H_4$                                       | Et  | 2         | 14af                            | 50%                  |
| 6     | 70ag                 | 4-CIC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                 | Et  | 5         | 14ag                            | 46%                  |
| 7     | 70ah                 | $4-BrC_6H_4$                                      | Et  | 5         | 14ah                            | 54%                  |
| 8     | 70ai                 | 4-MeO <sub>2</sub> CC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> | Me  | 3         | 14ai                            | 41%                  |
| 9     | 70aj                 | 4-NCC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                 | Et  | 5         | 14aj                            | 51%                  |
| 10    | 70ak                 | 2-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                 | Me  | 8         | 14ak                            | 14%                  |
| 11    | 70al                 | 2-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                | Me  | 17        | 14al                            | 8%                   |
| 12    | 70am                 | $3-MeC_6H_4$                                      | Me  | 22        | 14am                            | 65%                  |
| 13    | 70an                 | 3-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                | Me  | 21        | 14an                            | 25%                  |
| 14    | 70ao                 | 3-NCC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                 | Me  | 24        | 14ao                            | 45%                  |
| 15    | 70ap                 | 3,4-(OCH <sub>2</sub> O)C <sub>6</sub> H          | H <sub>3</sub> Me   | 17        | 14ap                            | 27%                  |
| 16    | 70aq                 | 2-thiophenyl                                      | Ме  | 22        | 14aq                            | 22%                  |
| 17    | 70ar                 | 3-benzofuranyl                                    | Et  | 3         | 14ar                            | 31%                  |
| 18    | 70as                 | 1-naphthyl  | Me  | 22        | 14as                            | 28%                  |

#### Table 4. Preparation of N-cyclopropylhydrazones.

a) E-isomer

上記のヒドラゾン合成の原料となる  $\alpha$ -ケトエステル 70ab-ah, 70aj は市販であるが、 $\alpha$ -ケトエステル 70ai, 70ak-as は以下のように合成した。まず文献<sup>47)</sup> を参考に、ケトン 71ai, 71ak-ap, 71as を二酸化セレンで酸化し、 $\alpha$ -ケトカルボン酸へと誘導する。続いて塩化チオニルとメタノールによりメチルエステルとした。この際、 $\alpha$ -ケトエステルのほかに  $\alpha,\alpha$ -ジメトキシエステルが生成している。最後に過塩素酸を用いて、 $\alpha,\alpha$ -ジメトキシエステルを加水分解することで $\alpha$ -ケトエステル 70ai, 70ak-ap, 70as を合成した (Table 5)。

| R                   | O<br>Me | <ol> <li>SeO<sub>2</sub>, pyridine,<br/>overnight</li> <li>MS4A, MeOH; SOCI<sub>2</sub>,<br/>overnight</li> </ol> |                            | ℃O <sub>2</sub> Me |  |
|---------------------|---------|---|----------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 71ai. 71ak-ap. 71as |         | 3) HClO <sub>4</sub> -MeCN,<br>30 min   | لان<br>70ai, 70ak-ap, 70as |                    |  |
| entry               | ketone  | R   | $\alpha$ -keto ester       | yield              |  |
| 1                   | 71ai    | 4-CO <sub>2</sub> Me  | 70ai                       | 11%                |  |
| 2                   | 71ak    | 2-Me  | 70ak                       | 56%                |  |
| 3                   | 71al    | 2-OMe   | 70al                       | 16%                |  |
| 4                   | 71am    | 3-Me  | 70am                       | 76%                |  |
| 5                   | 71an    | 3-OMe   | 70an                       | 9%                 |  |
| 6                   | 71ao    | 3-CN  | 70ao                       | 21%                |  |
| 7                   | 71ap    | 3,4-(OCH <sub>2</sub> O)  | 70ap                       | 52%                |  |
| 8                   | 71as    | 1-naphthyl  | 70as                       | 69%                |  |

Table 5. Preparation of α-keto esters 70ai, 70ak-ap, 70as.

α-ケトエステル **70aq** は 2-チオフェングリオキシル酸 **72** を DBU とヨウ化メチルを用い てメチル化することで合成した (Scheme 41)。



Scheme 41. Preparation of  $\alpha$ -keto ester **70aq**.

α-ケトエステル 70ar については文献<sup>48,49)</sup> を参考にクマラノン 73 をトルエン還流中、ト リフェニルホスホラニリデン酢酸エチルとの Wittig 反応により、ベンゾフラン-3-酢酸エチ ル 74 を合成し、さらに二酸化セレンで酸化することで合成した (Scheme 42)。



Scheme 42. Preparation of  $\alpha$ -keto ester 70ar.

次にシクロプロパン上にフェニル基を有するシクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14at の合成を行った (Scheme 43)。文献<sup>50)</sup>を参考にトランス-2-フェニルビニルボロン酸ピナコールエステル 75 をジエチル亜鉛とジヨードメタン、TFA で処理することで Simmons-Smith 反応が進行し、シクロプロピルボロン酸ピナコールエステル 76 が生成した。続いて 76 を過ヨウ素酸

ナトリウムと塩化水素で処理することで、ピナコールエステルを脱保護し、シクロプロピルボロン酸 77 を得た。次に得られたシクロプロピルボロン酸 77 をアゾジカルボン酸ジtert-ブチルと 10 mol%の酢酸銅で処理すると、シクロプロピルボロン酸のアゾ基への触媒的 付加反応が進行し、Boc 基をもつヒドラジン 78 が得られた。その後アセトニトリル中 60 ℃ で *p*-トルエンスルホン酸一水和物を添加することで、脱 Boc 化が進行し、シクロプロピル ヒドラジン-*p*-トルエンスルホン酸塩 79 を合成した。最後にメタノール中室温でシクロプ ロピルヒドラジン 79 とベンゾイルギ酸エチルをピリジン存在下で縮合させることでヒド ラゾン 14at を合成した。



Scheme 43. Preparation of cyclopropylhydrazone 14at.

次に、第2章第2節第3項で用いるシクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14au-az, 14ba-bc, 14ca の 合成を行った。まず、イミノ炭素上に水素を有するシクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14au の合成 を行った。メタノール中室温で市販の 2-ヒドロキシ-2-メトキシ酢酸メチル 80 とシクロプ ロピルヒドラジン 67 を酢酸ナトリウム存在下で縮合することで合成した (Scheme 44)。



Scheme 44. Preparation of cyclopropylhydrazone 14au.

次に、前述と同じくメタノール中室温でシクロプロピルヒドラジン 67 と α-ケトカルボ ニル化合物 81av-az, 81ba-bc, 81ca をピリジン存在下で縮合させることで合成した (Table 6)。

|       |                             | O<br>↓ _ R'   | NHNH <sub>2</sub> •2<br>67<br>pyridine (2 | 2 <i>р</i> -ТsОН<br>0 eq.) | N <sup>2</sup> NH |                           |
|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
|       | R´                          |               | MeOH,                                     | rt 🗡                       | R COR'            |                           |
|       | 81av-az, 8                  | 31ba-bc, 81ca |   | 14a                        | v-az, 14ba-bc, 1  | 4ca                       |
| entry | α-keto carbonyl<br>compound | R             | R'  | time (h)                   | hydrazone         | yield                     |
| 1     | 81av                        | Ме            | OEt                                       | 9                          | 14av              | 88% ( <i>E</i> -isomer)   |
| 2     | 81aw                        | benzyl        | OMe                                       | 4                          | 14aw              | 40% ( <i>E</i> -isomer)   |
| 3     | 81ax                        | cyclopentyl   | OEt                                       | 7                          | 14ax              | 49% (Z-isomer)            |
| 4     | 81ay                        | <i>t</i> -Bu  | OMe                                       | 4                          | 14ay              | 53% (Z-isomer)            |
| 5     | 81az                        | Me<br>Me      | یر<br>منبہ<br>0                           | 2                          | 14az              | 67% ( <i>E</i> -isomer)   |
| 6     | 81ba                        | Ph            | Ph  | 4                          | 14ba              | 24% ( <i>E/Z</i> mixture) |
| 7     | 81bb                        | Ме            | Ph  | 7                          | 14bb              | 69% ( <i>E</i> -isomer)   |
| 8     | 81bc                        | Me            | Me  | 9                          | 14bc              | 18% ( <i>E/Z</i> mixture) |
| 9     | 81ca                        | 4-nitrophenyl | N   | overnight                  | 14ca              | 34% ( <i>E</i> -isomer)   |

Table 6. Preparation of cyclopropylhydrazones 14av-az, 14ba-bc, 14ca.

α-ケトカルボニル化合物 81av, 81az, 81ba-bc は市販であるが、α-ケトカルボニル化合物 81aw, 81ax, 81ay, 81ca は以下のように合成した。まずイミン炭素上にベンジル基をもつ α-ケトエステル 81aw と *tert*-ブチル基をもつ α-ケトエステル 81ay の合成については、α-ケト カルボン酸 82aw, 82ay を DBU とヨウ化メチルを用いてメチル化することで合成した (Table 7)。

|       | U<br>II .                 | DBU, Mel     |      | O<br>II              |        |  |
|-------|---------------------------|--------------|------|----------------------|--------|--|
|       | R ́⊂СООН                  | THF, rt      | -    | R <sup>∕</sup> CO₂Me |        |  |
|       | 82aw, 82ay                |              |      | 81aw, 81ay           |        |  |
| entry | α-keto<br>carboxylic acid | R            | time | $\alpha$ -keto ester | yield  |  |
| 1     | 82aw                      | benzyl       | 22 h | 81aw                 | 48%    |  |
| 2     | 82ay                      | <i>t-</i> Bu | 4 h  | 81ay                 | quant. |  |

Table 7. Preparation of α-keto esters **81aw**, **81ay**.

続いてシクロペンチルマグネシウムブロミド 83 を用い、シュウ酸ジエチルへ付加脱離反応を進行させることで、シクロペンチル基をもつ α-ケトエステル 81ax を合成した (Scheme 45)。



Scheme 45. Preparation of  $\alpha$ -keto ester 81ax.

次に α-ケトアミド 81ca は文献 <sup>51)</sup>を参考にケトン 84 をトルエン中 65 ℃で酸素雰囲気 下、ピペリジンと 10 mol%のヨウ化銅で処理することで合成した (Scheme 46)。



Scheme 46. Preparation of  $\alpha$ -keto amide **81ca**.

## 第2項 イミノ炭素上にアリール基を有するシクロプロピルヒドラゾ ンの基質適用範囲に関する検討

第2節第1項で合成したシクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14ab-at を用いて、パラジウム触媒 を用いたシクロプロパンの開環反応を検討した (Scheme 47)。まず、ヒドラゾンイミン炭素 上のアリール基の置換基効果について検討した。14ab, 14ac のようにフェニル基をもつヒ ドラゾンからはピラゾール 16ab (64%), 16ac (55%) が得られた。また、14ac の幾何異性体 を用いた場合も目的のピラゾール 16ac が 54%の収率で得られた。そのため、本反応では原 料のヒドラゾンの幾何異性が反応に影響しないことが示唆された。14ad-ajのように4位に 置換基をもつアリール基でも反応が進行したが、ブロモ基をもつ14ahからは収率が大幅に 低下し、ピラゾール 16ah が 9%で得られた。ブロモ基を有する 16ah の収率が大幅に低下 した原因について、反応途中で生成する0価パラジウムが炭素-臭素結合に酸化的付加する ことで副反応が進行したと考えている。また、2 位や3 位に置換基をもつ 14ak-ao からはピ ラゾール 16ak-ao が得られたが、3,4-メチレンジオキシ基を有する 14ap は反応速度が遅か ったため、反応開始19時間後に150 ℃まで昇温しさらに9時間攪拌したところ、原料は 消失し、ピラゾール 16ap が 33%の収率で得られた。アリール基としてチオフェンを有する 14ag やベンゾフランを有する 14ar、1-ナフチルを有する 14as からはピラゾール 16ag (74%), 16ar (60%), 16as (62%) がそれぞれ得られた。最後にシクロプロパン上の置換基 R<sup>2</sup> にフェ ニル基を有する基質 14at も適応できたが、シールドチューブを用いて 140 °C に昇温して 21 時間攪拌した後、さらに 10 mol%の酢酸パラジウムを追加し、4 時間攪拌することでピ ラゾール 16at を 38%の収率で得ることができた。



a) (*E*)-isomer was used. b) After 19 h, stirred at 150 °C in a sealed tube for 9 h. c) After stirred at 140 °C in a sealed tube for 21 h,  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (10 mol%) was added and stirred for 4 h.

Scheme 47. Screening of aryl groups and substituent on cyclopropane.

# 第3項 イミノ炭素上にアルキル基や様々なアシル基を有するシクロ プロピルヒドラゾンの基質適用範囲に関する検討

第2節第1項で合成したシクロプロピルヒドラゾンを用いてイミノ炭素上の置換基とカ ルボニル基上の置換基について基質適用範囲を検討した (Scheme 48)。置換基 R<sup>3</sup>が水素、 メチル、ベンジル、シクロペンチルをもつ 14au-ax で反応は進行したが、*tert-*ブチル基をも つ 14ay は 20 mol%の酢酸パラジウムと高い反応温度が必要であった。次にカルボニル上の 置換基について検討した。環状ラクトンをもつヒドラゾン 14az を用いると 86%の収率でピ ラゾール 16az が得られた。また、ケトンをもつヒドラゾン 14ba や 14bb を用いて検討した ところ、ピラゾール 16ba (38%) および 16bb (44%) が得られた。環状ケトンをもつヒドラ ゾン 14bc からはピラゾール 16bc が 59%の収率で得られた。最後にアミドを有するヒドラ ゾン 14ca を用いると、ピラゾール 16ca が 54%の収率で得られた。



a) After stirred at 130 °C in a sealed tube for 13 h, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%) was added and stirred for 11 h.

Scheme 48. Screening of alkyl groups and acyl groups.

本反応の推定反応経路を Scheme 49 に示す。まず、ヒドラゾン 14 の C=N 二重結合が異 性化した後に、酢酸パラジウムが配位して中間体 X が生成する。次に、協奏的なメタル化 ー脱プロトン化、すなわち CMD (Concerted Metallation-Deprotonation) 機構により、シクロ プロパンの C-H 結合が切断されてパラダサイクル G が生成する。次に酢酸によりプロトン 化されて Y となり、続いてシクロプロパンの開環により Z が生成する。その後、β-ヒドリ ド脱離が進行して、0 価パラジウムが配位した共役アジン AA となる (path b)。一方で、パ ラダサイクル G からシクロプロパンの開環とパラジウム触媒の還元を伴う脱離反応が協奏 的に進行し、0 価パラジウムが配位したアジン AA となる経路も考えられる (path a)。その 後、AA の 0 価パラジウムが酸素と酢酸により酢酸パラジウム種へと変換され、遊離のアジ ン 15 が生成する。最後に、15 の環化異性化反応により中間体 AB と AC と AD を経由し て、ピラゾール 16 が生成する。



Scheme 49. Proposed reaction pathway.

そこで、本反応を以下の段階に分けて詳しく考察した。

- 1. ヒドラゾンから共役アジンの生成経路 (14→15)
- 2. 0 価パラジウムから酢酸パラジウムが再生する反応経路について
- 3. 共役アジンからピラゾールが生成する経路 (15→16)

#### 1. ヒドラゾンから共役アジンの生成経路

本反応を最適条件下で反応開始後、30分、1時間、2時間で反応を停止させ NMR 測定を 行ったところ、それぞれの時間でピラゾール 16ac の生成とともにアジン 15ac が低収率で 生成していることが確認された (Scheme 50)。さらに、17時間後ではアジン 15ac が消失し、 目的のピラゾール 16ac のみが確認された。このことから共役アジンが中間体であることが 推定された。



Scheme 50. Synthesis of conjugated azine and control experiments.

次に*N*-シクロプロピルヒドラゾンから共役アジンの生成経路について考察した。本反応 は前述のようにパラジウム触媒によるシクロプロパンの C-H 活性化が進行し、シクロプロ パンの開環反応に続く連続反応が進行してアジンが生成したと推定した。そこで C-H 活性 化が進行していることを実験的に示すためにシクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14ab を tert-アミ ルアルコール還流中、10 mol%の塩化パラジウムで処理したところ、目的のピラゾール 16ab とアジン 15ab は全く得られなかった (Scheme 51)。これは本反応において、パラジウム触 媒の配位子として酢酸アニオンが重要であることを示しており、CMD 機構にて C-H 活性 化が進行していることが示唆された。



Scheme 51. Control experiment of C-H activation.

続いて DFT 計算を用いて、C-H 活性化を経由する反応経路について考察した (Scheme 52)。汎関数には M06 を適用し、基底関数としてパラジウムに対し Lanl2DZ、その他の原子 に対しては 6-31G+(d, p)を用いた。まず、酢酸パラジウムの配位子交換が進行し、酢酸の脱 離を伴ってヒドラゾンにパラジウムが配位した中間体 X が生成する。その後、中間体 X から CMD 機構による C-H 活性化が進行してパラダサイクル G が生成する反応の活性化エネ ルギーを計算したところ 23.1 kcal/mol であることが分かった。続いて、path b のように 23.2 kcal/mol の活性化エネルギーを伴い、酢酸の配位とともにヒドラゾンがプロトン化され、パラダサイクル Y になる (Scheme 52、式 1)。次に 29.7 kcal/mol の活性化エネルギーを伴いシクロプロパンが開環、14.1 kcal/mol の活性化エネルギーを伴い β-ヒドリド脱離が進行して アジン AA が生成すると計算した。一方で path a のようにパラダサイクル G からシクロプロパンの開環とパラジウムの還元が協奏的に進行してアジン AA が生成する経路では活性 化エネルギーが 10.3 kcal/mol と計算された (Scheme 52、式 2)。この値はシクロプロパンの開環とβ-ヒドリド脱離が段階的に進行する path b と比較して 12.8 kcal/mol 低いので、シクロプロパンの開環とパラジウムの還元が協奏的に進行する path a が主経路であると考えた。



Scheme 52. Gibbs free energy profile of C-H activation pathway. ( $R^1 = Me, R^2 = OMe$ )

ここまでで C-H 活性化の経路について検討した。一方で本反応のシクロプロパンの開環 反応の別経路も考えられる。すなわち、酢酸パラジウムの配位子交換が進行し、酢酸の脱 離を伴ってパラジウムが配位し、6 員環のパラジウム錯体 AE が生成する (Scheme 53)。そ の後、β-炭素脱離が進行し、シクロプロパンの C-C 結合が直接切断される反応経路である。 そこで、本反応経路についても汎関数として M06 を適用し、基底関数としてパラジウムに 対し Lanl2DZ、その他の原子に対しては 6-31G+(d, p)を用いた DFT 計算を行った。



Scheme 53. Reaction mechanism of  $\beta$ -carbon elimination.

まず 6 員環の錯体 AE は C-H 活性化の前駆体である 5 員環のパラジウム錯体 X よりも 22.8 kcal/mol 安定であることが計算された (Scheme 54)。続いて AE から 19.4 kcal/mol の活 性化エネルギーを伴い、 $\beta$ -炭素脱離が進行し、5 員環のパラダサイクル AF が生成する。次 に AF から  $\beta$ -ヒドリド脱離が進行して共役アジンが生成する経路について計算を行ったが、 パラダサイクル AF は非常に安定な錯体であり、 $\beta$ -ヒドリド脱離が進行するような遷移状 態を見つけることはできなかった。このことからパラダサイクル AF からは  $\beta$ -ヒドリド脱離が進行しないと考えている。



Scheme 54. Gibbs free energy profile of  $\beta$ -carbon elimination pathway. (R<sup>1</sup> = Me, R<sup>2</sup> = OMe)

そこで、パラダサイクル AF から互変異性化が進行し、エナミン構造を有する AG となる。続いてアミン窒素上の水素脱離が進行し、共役アジン 15'とパラジウムヒドリドが生成する経路を考案した (Scheme 55)。本経路について種々検討した結果、汎関数として分散力補正が行われた B97D、基底関数としてパラジウムに対し Lanl2DZ、その他の原子に対して 6-31G+(d,p)-def2TZV を用いた DFT 計算を行った場合、中間体 AF から 10.5 kcal/mol の活性化エネルギーを伴い、エナミン中間体 AG が生成する (Scheme 56)。続いて 18 kcal/mol の活性化エネルギーを伴い共役アジン 15'が生成することが計算された。



Scheme 55. Another pathway of generating conjugated azine from 5-membered palladacycle AF.



Scheme 56. Gibbs free energy profile of generating conjugated azine from 5-membered palladacycle AF. ( $R^1 = Me$ ,  $R^2 = OMe$ )

以上のように、β-炭素脱離を介したシクロプロパンの開環反応は C-H 活性化を経由する 開環反応よりも活性化エネルギーが低いことが分かり、本反応は β-炭素脱離を介したシク ロプロパンの開環反応が主経路であると考えた。すなわち、ヒドラゾン 14 に酢酸パラジウ ムが配位して 6 員環パラダサイクル AE が生成した後、β-炭素脱離を介したシクロプロパ ンの開環反応が進行し、5 員環パラダサイクル AF が生成する (Scheme 57)。AF から互変 異性化が進行し、エナミン構造を有する中間体 AG となる。続いてアミン窒素上の水素脱 離が進行し、共役アジン 15'とパラジウムヒドリドが生成する。パラジウムヒドリドは還元 的脱離により 0 価のパラジウム種となり、その後酸素と酢酸により酢酸パラジウム種へと 変換される。最後に共役アジン 15'の環化異性化反応によりピラゾール 16 が生成する。



Scheme 57. Main reaction pathway.

#### 2. 0価パラジウムから酢酸パラジウムが再生する反応経路について

本反応を最適条件の空気存在下ではなく、アルゴン雰囲気化で検討したところ、ピラゾ ール 16ab の収率は 34%に低下した (Scheme 58)。ここから本反応に酸素が必要であること が示唆された。この理由について、0 価パラジウムが酸化され 2 価の酢酸パラジウムが再 生する際に空気中の酸素が必要であることが考えられる。<sup>52,53)</sup>



Scheme 58. The reaction mechanism of regenerating Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>.

#### 3. 共役アジンからピラゾールが生成する経路

本反応途中で共役アジン 15ac が生成することを確認したが、低収率であった (Scheme 50)。そこで、アジン 15ac を別途合成した後に対照実験を検討することとした。まず α-ケトエステル 70ac をヒドラジン水和物と縮合することでヒドラゾン 85 を合成した (Scheme 59、式1)。得られたヒドラゾン 85 をアクロレインと縮合することで、アジン 15ac を 29%の収率で合成した。次に、合成したアジン 15ac を最適条件に付すと、ピラゾール 16ac が 72%の収率で得られた (式 2)。以上のことから共役アジンが本反応の中間体であることが示唆された。共役アジン 15ac をパラジウム触媒非存在下で加熱すると、ピラゾール 16ac が 78%の収率で得られ、パラジウム触媒存在下よりもわずかに高い収率となった (式 3)。そのため、共役アジンの環化異性化反応によりピラゾールが生成する過程においてパラジウム触媒は関与せず、わずかに反応を阻害していることが示唆された。なお、報告されて いる類似の環化異性化反応でも加熱のみで反応が進行しており、本検討でも同様の結果が 確認された (式 4)。<sup>54</sup>



Scheme 59. Cycloisomerization of conjugated azine without Pd catalyst.

以上のように著者は*N*-シクロプロピルアシルヒドラゾンのパラジウム触媒によるシクロ プロパンの C-C 結合切断に続く連続反応によりピラゾールの合成に成功した。本反応にお いて、アシルヒドラゾンはシクロプロパン活性化の配向基としての役割だけでなく、その 後の環化異性化反応の促進にも関与し、目的のピラゾールに取り込まれているため、原子 効率の観点から優れた合成法が実現できる配向基である。

# 第3章 N-シクロプロピルアシルヒドラゾンの開環反応と Heck 反応の 連続反応による 1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾール合成法の開 発

第2章で*N*-シクロプロピルアシルヒドラゾンをパラジウム触媒で処理することでアミノ 基上のシクロプロパンの C-C 結合切断を起点とする連続反応の開発に成功した。しかし、 合成できるピラゾールのほとんどが一置換ピラゾールに限られており、二置換ピラゾール の合成は、原料である二置換シクロプロパンの合成に多くの工程を要することから実用的 でなかった。この問題の解決案として、著者は本反応の共役アジン中間体に Heck 反応で置 換基導入ができれば、二置換ピラゾールを簡便に合成できると考えた。すなわち、加熱条 件下で *N*-シクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14 とヨードアレーンをパラジウム触媒と反応させる ことで1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾール 18 が合成できると考えた (Scheme 60)。本反応は 第2章の反応と同様にパラジウム触媒によるシクロプロパンの開環反応が進行し、共役ア ジン 15 が生成する。続いて Heck 反応が進行し、アリール化されたアジン 17 が生成し、最 後に加熱による環化異性化が進行することで、1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾール 18 が生成 する。



Scheme 60. 1-Alkyl-5-aryl pyrazole synthesis via C-C bond cleavage of cyclopropane, Heck arylation and cycloisomerization.

今回合成する1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾールはこれまでに様々な手法が報告されてい るが、効率的な合成法は未だ報告されていない。1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾール合成の 最も単純な例として、1,3-ジカルボニル化合物等価体とヒドラジンを用いた縮合反応がある。 Reedjik らはビニロガスアミド 88 とメチルヒドラジンを縮合させることで1-アルキル-5-ア リールピラゾール 89 を合成できることを報告している (Scheme 61)。<sup>55)</sup> しかし、同時に1-アルキル-3-アリールピラゾール 90 が副生することから、位置選択性に課題があった。



Scheme 61. Pyrazole synthesis via condensation of hydrazine and 1,3-dicarbonyl isostere.

また、一置換ピラゾールを用いて N1 位にアルキル基を導入する手法が報告されている。 Jurberg らはアリールジアゾアセテート 91 を UV 照射下、3.0 当量の 3-アリールピラゾール 92 と 10 mol%のリン酸カリウムで処理することで、N-H 挿入反応が進行し、1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾール 93 の合成に成功している (Scheme 62、式 1)。<sup>56)</sup> また、Thomson らは シリルエノールエーテル 95 を CAN 存在下で 3.0 当量の 3-アリールピラゾール 96 と 5.0 当 量の炭酸水素ナトリウムで処理することで、酸化的カップリングが進行し、1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾール 97 の合成に成功している (式 2)。<sup>57)</sup> しかし、これら 2 つの N1 位アル キル化反応でも同様に、1-アルキル-3-アリールピラゾール 94 や 98 が副生するために、位 置選択性に課題があった。



Scheme 62. N-H insertion of pyrazoles.

さらに N1 位一置換ピラゾールを用い、5 位にアリール基を導入する手法も報告されている。Manzini らは *N*-メチルピラゾール 99 を 5 mol%の酢酸パラジウム触媒存在下、4-ブロモトルエンと *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NOAc で処理することで、5-アリールピラゾール 100 の合成に成功している (Scheme 63)。<sup>58)</sup> しかし、アリール化がさらに進行した三置換ピラゾール 101 も同時に生成しているため、本手法は化学選択性に課題があった。



Scheme 63. C-H arylation of pyrazoles.

以上のような位置選択性または化学選択性の課題を解決する合成法として、カップリン グ反応を利用する手法がある。例えば Fu らは 1-アルキルピラゾールボロン酸 102 とフェ ニルブロミドを鈴木クロスカップリングの条件に付すことで、位置選択的に 1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾール 103 の合成に成功している (Scheme 64)。<sup>59)</sup> しかし、原料の 1-アルキ ルピラゾールボロン酸 102 の合成において、強塩基である *n*-BuLi を用いた条件を利用して いるため、合成できる 1-アルキルピラゾールボロン酸が制限されている。



Scheme 64. Cross coupling reaction of pyrazoleboronic acid with arylbromide.

以上のように1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾールはこれまでに様々な手法が報告されているが、主に位置選択性や化学選択性に課題があった。著者が開発する*N*-シクロプロピルヒドラゾンの C-C 結合切断、Heck 反応、環化異性化の連続反応は1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾールを単一生成物として提供することができ、位置選択性や化学選択性の課題を解決する合成法になることが期待できる。

## 第1節 反応条件最適化の検討

シクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14ac を用いて *N*-シクロプロピルアシルヒドラゾンのシクロ プロパンの C-C 結合切断と Heck 反応による 1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾールの合成を検 討した (Scheme 65)。まずシクロプロパンの開環により共役アジンが生成した後、Heck 反 応が進行することで、5-アリール共役アジン 17aa が生成する反応の条件を探索した。前章 で、共役アジンは100 ℃の条件下において速やかに環化異性化が進行し、一置換ピラゾー ルへ変換されることが分かっているため、反応温度を下げることで共役アジンの環化異性 化を抑制し、Heck 反応を優先して進行させることで、5-アリール共役アジンが選択的に得 られると考えた。そこで、Heck 反応の条件を参考にし、tert-アミルアルコール中、80℃で シクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14ac と 2.0 当量の p-ヨードトルエンを 20 mol%の酢酸パラジウ ムと 40 mol%の(o-Tol)<sub>3</sub>P、および塩基として 2.0 当量の炭酸セシウムを用いて 13 時間攪拌 すると、期待通り、5-アリール共役アジン 17aa が生成した。60,61) 5-アリール共役アジン 17aa は80 ℃の条件において環化異性化反応が進行しないため、続いて昇温することとした。 また、第2章第3節での対照実験の結果から、パラジウム触媒は環化異性化を阻害するこ とが分かっていた。そこで、パラジウム捕捉剤としての機能を期待して、系中に 40 mol% のエチルキサントゲン酸カリウムを加えて 150 ℃で加熱攪拌したところ、ピラゾール 18aa は全く得られなかった。これは tert-アミルアルコール中 150 ℃ の条件では、5-アリール共 役アジン 17aa またはピラゾール 18aa が分解したためだと考えている。



Scheme 65. Heck reaction of N-cyclopropyl acylhydrazone.

そこでシクロプロパンの開環、Heck 反応、および環化異性化反応に最適な溶媒について 種々検討した (Table 8、entries 1-4)。アセトニトリルまたは DMF を溶媒に用いた場合、ピ ラゾール 18aa は全く得られなかったが、キシレンを溶媒として用いると、ピラゾール 18aa が 35%の収率で得られた。続いてベンゾニトリルを溶媒に用いた際にピラゾール 18aa の収 率が 56%に向上し、ベンゾニトリルが本反応を効率よく進行させる溶媒であることが分か った (entry 4)。次に、環化異性化反応の際にエチルキサントゲン酸カリウムを添加しなか ったところ、ピラゾール 18aa の収率は 46%に低下した (entry 5)。これによりエチルキサン トゲン酸カリウムがパラジウム捕捉剤として有用であることが明らかになった。続いて更 なる収率の向上を目指し、様々な配位子について検討した (entries 6-8)。その結果、(o-Tol)<sub>3</sub>P が最も良い結果を与えることが分かった。次に Heck 反応の促進が期待できるパラジウム触 媒として Herrmann 触媒を 10 mol%用いたところ、同様の収率でピラゾール 18aa が得られた (entry 9)。<sup>62)</sup> さらに、反応系中で生成するパラジウムヒドリドの還元的脱離を促進する 添加剤を検討した (entries 10-12)。塩化リチウムを 20 mol%添加した場合、収率は向上しな かったが、*n*-Bu4NOAc または *n*-Bu4NI を 20 mol%添加したところ、いずれの場合も収率は 61%に向上した (entries 11 and 12)。<sup>63)</sup> 最後に、塩基の検討を行った (entries 13-15)。有機塩 基としてトリエチルアミン、無機塩基として水酸化カリウムや炭酸カリウムも検討したが、 それぞれ収率の向上は見られなかった。以上の検討の結果、シクロプロピルヒドラゾンを ベンゾニトリル中 80 ℃ で 2.0 当量のヨードアレーンと 10 mol%の Herrmann 触媒、塩基と して 2.0 当量の炭酸セシウム、添加剤として 20 mol%のエチルキサントゲン酸カリウムを添加し、150 ℃ で加熱攪拌する条件が最適であることが明らかになった。

| ۲<br>لر         | 1. p-Tol-I (2.0 ed<br>[Pd] (X mol%)           .NH         ligand (2X mol%)           Cs2CO3 (2.0) | q.)              )              >l%)     N       eq.)     - |   | 2. S<br>Et_O_S^K^+<br>(40 mol%)     | √/<br>N、<br>►      | p-Tol            |
|-----------------|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Ph <sup>2</sup> | `CO <sub>2</sub> Et solvent, 80 °C,<br>I <b>4ac</b>   | time Ph <sup>^</sup>  | <sup>°</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> Et<br>17aa | solvent, 150 °C<br>2-5 h            | Ph <sup>-/</sup> 1 | `CO₂Et<br>8aa    |
| entry           | [Pd] (mol%) / ligand  | base  | solvent                                 | additive (mol%)                     | time (h)           | yield (%)        |
| 1               | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (20) / (o-Tol) <sub>3</sub> P  | $Cs_2CO_3$  | MeCN                                    | -                                   | 14                 | N.D.             |
| 2               | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (20) / (o-Tol) <sub>3</sub> P  | $Cs_2CO_3$  | DMF                                     | -                                   | 2                  | N.D.             |
| 3               | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (20) / (o-Tol) <sub>3</sub> P  | $Cs_2CO_3$  | Xylene                                  | _                                   | 17                 | 35               |
| 4               | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (20) / (o-Tol) <sub>3</sub> P  | $Cs_2CO_3$  | PhCN                                    | _                                   | 5                  | 56               |
| 5 <sup>b)</sup> | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (20) / (o-Tol) <sub>3</sub> P  | $Cs_2CO_3$  | PhCN                                    | _                                   | 12                 | 46               |
| 6               | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (20) / Ph <sub>3</sub> P   | $Cs_2CO_3$  | PhCN                                    | _                                   | 2                  | 36 <sup>a)</sup> |
| 7               | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (20) / ( <i>t</i> -Bu) <sub>3</sub> P  | $Cs_2CO_3$  | PhCN                                    | _                                   | 17                 | 10 <sup>a)</sup> |
| 8               | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (20) / JohnPhos  | $Cs_2CO_3$  | PhCN                                    | _                                   | 17                 | 5 <sup>a)</sup>  |
| 9               | Herrmann cat. (10)  | $Cs_2CO_3$  | PhCN                                    | _                                   | 12                 | 57               |
| 10              | Herrmann cat. (10)  | $Cs_2CO_3$  | PhCN                                    | LiCI (20)                           | 21                 | 54               |
| 11              | Herrmann cat. (10)  | $Cs_2CO_3$  | PhCN                                    | <i>п</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NOAc (20) | 19                 | 61               |
| 12              | Herrmann cat. (10)  | $Cs_2CO_3$  | PhCN                                    | <i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NI (20)   | 7                  | 61               |
| 13              | Herrmann cat. (10)  | Et <sub>3</sub> N   | PhCN                                    | <i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NOAc (20) | 36                 | 4 <sup>a)</sup>  |
| 14              | Herrmann cat. (10)  | КОН   | PhCN                                    | <i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NOAc (20) | 65                 | 51               |
| 15              | Herrmann cat. (10)  | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>                              | PhCN                                    | <i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NOAc (20) | 67                 | 58               |

Table 8. Reaction optimization for synthesis of 1-alkyl-5-arylpyrazole.

a) Yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using triphenyl methane as an internal standard.

b) Without potassium ethyl xanthate.



### 第2節 反応経路の考察

本反応の推定反応経路を Scheme 66 に示す。Herrmann 触媒から生じる 0 価のパラジウム 種について、ヨードアレーンへの酸化的付加と酢酸の配位子交換が進行し、アリール基の 結合したパラジウムアセテート種が生成する。その後ヒドラゾン 14ac ヘパラジウムアセテ ート種が配位し中間体 AH になる。次に、パラジウムが近傍のシクロプロパン C-H 結合を 切断し、パラダサイクル AI が生成する。続いて、パラダサイクル AI におけるシクロプロ パンの開環反応が進行し、AJになる。その後、β-ヒドリド脱離が進行して、アジン15acと パラジウムヒドリドが生成する。パラジウムヒドリドは還元的脱離の進行により0価パラ ジウムへと変換される。 その後、0 価パラジウムのヨードアレーンへの酸化的付加から生じ たアリールパラジウム種がオレフィンへ挿入することで AL となり、β-ヒドリド脱離の進 行により 5-アリール共役アジン 17aa が生成する。17aa は加熱による環化異性化反応が進 行して目的のピラゾールへ18aaと変換されたと考えている。また、パラジウムアセテート 種がヒドラゾンに配位して中間体 AH になる反応において、第2章ではヒドラゾンの脱プ ロトン化を伴う酢酸アニオンとの配位子置換が進行したが、本反応ではパラジウムアセテ ート種のトリル基のシグマ供与性が高いので、ヒドラゾンのパラジウムへの配位が弱くな っていると考えられる。そのため、パラジウム上の酢酸アニオンの脱離が起こりにくく、 塩基存在下でもヒドラゾンの脱プロトン化を伴う配位子置換は進行しにくいと考えてい る。<sup>64)</sup> また、Scheme 66 のシクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14ac から開環反応が進行し、共役ア ジン 15ac が生成する過程では B-炭素脱離が進行する経路も考えられるが、パラジウム種が 異なるため、暫定的な反応機構を提唱している。



Scheme 66. Proposed reaction mechanism.

次に、本反応の詳細について以下の段階に分けて詳しく説明する。

1. シクロプロピルヒドラゾンから 5-アリール共役アジンの生成経路 (14ac → 17aa)

2. 5-アリール共役アジンからピラゾールの生成経路 (17aa → 18aa)

1. シクロプロピルヒドラゾンから 5-アリール共役アジンの生成経路

本反応をエチルキサントゲン酸カリウムの添加前に反応を停止させると、5-アリール共 役アジン 17aa が 71%の収率で得られた (Scheme 67)。次に共役アジン 15ac を最適条件下 に付したところ、5-アリール共役アジン 17aa は全く得られなかった。この理由について、 Herrmann 触媒は 2 価のパラジウム触媒であるためにヨードアレーンへの酸化的付加が進行 しないため、Heck 反応が進行しなかったことが考えられる。



Scheme 67. Generation of 5-aryl conjugated azine.

そこで、第2章で得た知見から、Herrmann 触媒が出発原料によって0価のパラジウム種 に還元されれば、反応は進行すると考えた。すなわち、シクロプロピルヒドラゾン 14ac を 触媒量添加することで、二核錯体と平衡状態にある Herrmann 触媒の単核錯体がシクロピル ヒドラゾン 14ac に配位して、中間体 AM が生成する。その後、シクロプロパンの C-H 活 性化と開環反応が進行し、AO となる。続いてβ-ヒドリド脱離が進行して、アジン 15ac と パラジウムヒドリド AP が生成する。次に、還元的脱離の進行により、AP から 0 価の (*o*-Tol)<sub>3</sub>PPd AQ が生成することで、反応が触媒的に進行すると期待した (Scheme 68)。



Scheme 68. Reduction of Herrmann catalyst.

そこで、共役アジン 15ac を基質として用い、最適条件に対してシクロプロピルヒドラゾ ン 14ac を 22 mol%添加した条件に付すと、5-アリール共役アジン 17aa が 58%の収率で得 られた (Scheme 69、式 1)。また、反応系中で生成する 0 価パラジウムを利用することで、 共役アジンへのHeck反応が進行し、5-アリール共役アジンが生成すると期待した。そこで、 アジン 15ac と 2.0 当量の *p*-ヨードトルエンをベンゾニトリル中、80 ℃で 20 mol%の酢酸パ ラジウムと 40 mol%の (*o*-Tol)<sub>3</sub>P、および塩基として 2.0 当量の炭酸セシウムを用いた場合、 5-アリール共役アジン 17aa が 20%の収率で生成した (式 2)。これらの検討で共役アジン 15ac の Heck 反応が進行したことから、本反応でも同様に、共役アジンから 5-アリール共 役アジンが生成することが明らかになった。



Scheme 69. Heck reaction of conjugated azine.

2 5-アリール共役アジンからピラゾールの生成経路

5-アリール共役アジン 17aa をベンゾニトリル中、150 °C で加熱攪拌すると、ピラ ゾール 18aa が 63%の収率で得られた (Scheme 70)。このことから 5-アリール共役ア ジンから環化異性化反応が進行してピラゾールが生成する経路では、パラジウム触媒 が不要であることが示唆された。



Scheme 70. Cycloisomerization of 5-aryl conjugated azine.

## 第3節 基質適用範囲に関する検討

次に、著者は*N*-シクロプロピルアシルヒドラゾンのシクロプ ロパンの C-C 結合切断と Heck 反応による 1-アルキル-5-アリー ルピラゾール合成の基質適用範囲に関して検討した。第3節第 1 項では原料合成について説明する。第3節第2項ではヨード アレーンやシクロプロピルヒドラゾンの基質適用範囲について検討した。

## 第1項 シクロプロピルヒドラゾンとヨードアレーンの合成

まず、基質となるヨードアレーンとシクロプロピルヒドラゾンの合成を行った。 メタノール中室温で、ケトエステル 70at, 70au とシクロプロピルヒドラジン 67 をピリジン 存在下で縮合させることでヒドラゾン 14da, 14db を合成した (Table 9)。



Table 9. Preparation of cyclopropylhydrazones.

また、上記のヒドラゾン合成の原料となる α-ケトエステル 70at, 70au は以下のように合成した (Table 10)。すなわちケトン 71at, 71au をピリジン還流中、二酸化セレンで α-ケトカ ルボン酸に酸化した後、硫酸存在下でエタノールと縮合することで合成した。



Table 10. Preparation of  $\alpha$ -keto ester **70at**, **70au**.

次に市販されていないヨードアレーン 105af, 105ag の合成を行った。 4-ヨードフェノール 104 を水素化ナトリウム存在下でクロロメチルメチルエーテルを用い、 ヒドロキシ基を MOM 保護することで、105af を合成した (Scheme 71)。



Scheme 71. Preparation of iodoarene 105af.

次に 4-ヨードアニリン 106 をトリエチルアミン存在下で塩化ピバロイルを用い、アミノ 基を保護することで、アミド 105ag を合成した (Scheme 72)。



Scheme 72. Preparation of iodoarene 105ag.

## 第2項 シクロプロピルヒドラゾンとヨードアレーンの基質適用範囲 に関する検討

合成したヨードアレーン 105af, 105ag と市販のヨードアレーン 105ab-ae, 105ah-ak, 105at を用いて、*N*-シクロプロピルアシルヒドラゾンのシクロプロパンの C-C 結合切断と Heck 反応による 1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾールの合成を検討した (Scheme 73)。105ab, 105ac のようにアルキル基を有するアレーンを用いた場合、良好に反応が進行し、ピラゾール 18ab (60%), 18ac (56%) が得られた。オルト位にメチル基をもつヨードアレーン 105ac がパラ位 にメチル基をもつヨードアレーンの収率とほぼ同程度であることから、本反応ではヨード アレーンの立体障害が反応に影響しないことが示唆された。また、ヨードベンゼン 105at からは 16at が 57%の収率で得られた。フェニル基や電子供与基のメトキシ基、2,4-ジメトキ シ基を有するアレーン 105ad, 105ae からも反応が進行し、さらに MOM 基で保護されたフェノール 105af からは 63%の収率でピラゾール 18af が得られた。アミドを有するアレーン 105ag や、モルホリンを有するアレーン 105ah からは収率は低下したもののピラゾール 18ag (38%), 18ah (37%) が得られた。また、ジフェニルを有するアレーン 105aj, 105ak も適用できたが、ニトロ基を有するアレーン 105al からはピラゾールは得られなかった。

続いて 4-ヨードトルエン 105aa をアリール化剤として用い、シクロプロピルヒドラゾンの イミン炭素上の置換基について検討した。置換基 R に 4-メトキシフェニル基をもつヒドラ ゾン 14ad からは 49%の収率でピラゾール 18ba が得られたが、R に 4-エトキシカルボニル フェニル基を有するヒドラゾン 14db からはピラゾール 18ca の収率が低下した。また、R にナフチル基を有するヒドラゾン 14da からも反応が進行し、目的のピラゾール 18da が 33%の収率で得られた。



a) *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NOAc was used instead of *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI. b) 2.0 mmol scale.

Scheme 73. Scope of iodoarenes and cyclopropylhydrazones.

次に合成したピラゾール 16at の官能基変換を試みた (Scheme 74)。まず、16at をジクロ ロメタン還流中、NBS で処理すると、4 位がブロモ化されたピラゾール 107 が 57%の収率 で得られた。次に 16at を DMSO 中、塩化リチウムを用いて 150 ℃で処理すると、Krapcho 脱炭酸が進行し、ピラゾール 108 が 58%の収率で得られた。また、ピラゾール 16at を THF 中、室温で LiAlH₄によってエステルの還元反応が進行し、ピラゾール 109 が 61%の収率で 得られた。



Scheme 74. Transformations of 16at.

以上のように著者は N-シクロプロピルヒドラゾンのシクロプロパンの C-C 結合切断、 Heck 反応、環化異性化反応の連続反応の開発に成功し、1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾール の合成に成功した。本反応は1つの触媒が2つの反応サイクルを回転させるオートタンデ ム型の反応であることが特徴である。また、1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾールの合成はこ れまで様々な手法が報告されているにもかかわらず、それらの合成法では位置選択性や化 学選択性に課題があった。一方、本研究では1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾールを単一の生 成物として合成することに成功しており、位置選択性や化学選択性の課題を解決した。さ らに、今回合成した1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾールを官能基変換することができ、本手 法は様々なピラゾール誘導体の合成にも有用であることが示された。また、第2章、3章で 合成したピラゾール誘導体はα-ピラゾールカルボニル骨格を有しており、生物活性物質と して有用であることが期待される (Figure 1)。例えば、JAK 阻害能や殺虫作用を示すα-ピラ ゾールケトン化合物がこれまでに報告されている。<sup>65,661</sup>また、α-ピラゾールカルボニル骨 格はカルボニルα位にアミノ基を有しており今後、不斉合成を達成することができれば、 新規アミノ酸誘導体の開発が期待できる。



Figure 1. Examples of bioactive molecules containing α-pyrazole carbonyl unit.

## 結論

ヒドラゾンによるシクロプロパンの活性化に続く連続反応が進行することで、ヒドラゾンの窒素原子が含窒素へテロ環に取り込まれるような合成法の開発研究を行った結果、以下のようにインドールやピラゾールの新規合成法を見出した。

① アリールヒドラジンとシクロプロピルアセタールをヨウ化水素発生源としてヨウ化 tert-ブチルと反応させることで、Fischer インドール化反応によりスピロシクロプロピル インドレニンが生成する。続いてヨウ化水素による還元反応が進行し、3-アルキルイン ドールが生成することを見出した。本反応はヒドラゾンがシクロプロパンの活性化だけ でなく、インドール環に取り込まれる反応であることが特徴である。



② N-シクロプロピルアシルヒドラゾンを触媒として酢酸パラジウムで処理することで、シ クロプロパンの開環反応により共役アジンが生成する。続いて環化異性化反応が進行し、 ピラゾールが生成することを見出した。本反応において、アシルヒドラゾンはシクロプ ロパン活性化の配向基としての役割だけでなく、その後の環化異性化反応の促進にも関 与し、目的のピラゾールに取り込まれている。このことから本反応は原子効率に優れた 反応であるといえる。



③ N-シクロプロピルアシルヒドラゾンを Herrmann 触媒存在下、ヨードアレーンと反応させるとシクロプロパンの開環反応により共役アジンが生成した後に Heck 反応が進行し、 5-アリール共役アジンが生成する。続いて環化異性化反応が進行することで、1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾールが生成することを見出した。本反応は1つの触媒が2つの反応サイクルを回転させるオートタンデム型の反応であることが特徴である。また、1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾールの合成はこれまで様々な手法が報告されているにもかか
わらず、それらの合成法では位置選択性や化学選択性に課題があった。一方、本研究では 1-アルキル-5-アリールピラゾールを単一の生成物として合成することに成功しており、位置選択性や化学選択性の課題を解決した。



以上をまとめると、著者はヒドラゾンの互変異性化を利用することで、シクロプロパン の開環に続く連続反応に成功し、ヒドラゾンが含窒素ヘテロ環の一部に取り込まれる合成 法を開発した。エンヒドラジンを介した反応では N-N 結合の開裂を伴う連続反応が進行す ることで、1 つの窒素原子が取り込まれた 3-アルキルインドールの合成に成功した。また、 ジアゼンへの互変異性化を利用する連続反応では 2 つの連続する窒素原子が取り込まれた ピラゾールの合成に成功した。

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# 第4章 実験の部

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 MHz, 400 MHz JNM-ECZ400S, a Varian VNS AS 500 MHz or a Bruker AVANCE III HD 600 MHz operating at 300 MHz/75 MHz, 400 MHz/100 MHz, 500 MHz/125 MHz, or 600 MHz/150 MHz for  $^1\mathrm{H}$  and  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ acquisitions, respectively. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with the solvent resonance or TMS as the internal standard. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on a 376 MHz JNM-ECZ400S. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with CFCl<sub>3</sub> as the standard in machine setting. Multiplicities are indicated by (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, sext = sextet, sept = septet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, dq = doublet of quartets, td = triplet of doublets, qd = quartet of doublets, qt = quartet of triplets, qq = quartet of quartets, septd = septet of doublets, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets, ddt = doublet of doublet of triplets, m = multiplet, br = broad). Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer SpectrumOne A spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained by ESI method on Thermo Fisher Scientific Exactive Instrument. Melting points (uncorrected) were determined on BÜCHI M-565 apparatus. Flash column chromatography were performed using Silicycle silica gel (SiliaFlash<sup>®</sup> F60, 40-63 µm) or performed on Yamazen Automated Liquid Chromatography System Smart Flash EPCLC-AI-580S using ULTRAPACK SI-40B or Biotage Automated Liquid Chromatography System Isolera One using Santai Science Inc. SepaFlash iLOK-SL 10g or 20g flash cartridges. Preparative thin-layer chromatography (preparative TLC) separations were carried out on 0.25 or 0.50 mm E. Merck silica gel plates (60 F<sub>254</sub>).

### 第1節 第1章第1節の実験

(Ethoxycarbonylmethyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide (27) [Scheme 13]. To a solution of methyl 2-bromoacetate (6.6 mL, 59.9 mmol) in acetone (10 mL) was added dimethyl sulfide (5.3 mL, 71.8 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Then the mixture was filtered with Kiriyama funnel and dried under vaccum. (Ethoxycarbonylmethyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide (9.77 g) was obtained as a white solid without purification. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature.<sup>67)</sup>

**Dimethylsulfonium ethoxycarbonylmethylide (28)** [Scheme 13]. To a solution of (Ethoxycarbonylmethyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide 27 (9.77 g, 42.7 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (42.6 mL) were added saturated K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> aq. (21 mL) and 12.5 M NaOH aq. (4.4 mL). The mixture was stirred for 15 min, then stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The top of organic layer was decanted, dried over K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, filtered and evaporated to afford dimethylsulfonium ethoxycarbonylmethylide (5.51 g) **28** as yellow oil without purification. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>68)</sup>

**2-Formylcyclopropane carboxylic acid ethyl ester (29) [Scheme 13].** To a solution of allyl alcohol (1.62 g, 27.8 mmol) in dichloromethane (100 mL) were added powdered 4 Å molecular sieves (28 g), (ethoxycarbonylmethylene) dimethylsulfarane (6.19 g, 41.8 mmol) and manganese dioxide (24.2 g, 278 mmol). The mixture was heated at reflux for overnight, and then cooled to room temperature. The crude mixture was then filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and the residue was washed with dichloromethane to give a pale yellow solution. After removal of the solvent in vacuo, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 5 : 1) to give cyclopropyl aldehyde **29** (307 mg, 8%, trans/cis = 6 : 1) as a colorless oil. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>23)</sup>

#### One pot reaction of reductive indolization from cyclopropyl aldehyde and arylhydrazine.

Ethyl 3-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13aa) [Scheme 15]. To a solution of cyclopropyl aldehyde 29 (25.4 mg, 0.178 mmol) in MeCN (5 mL) were added 4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9a (31.2 mg, 0.178 mmol) and *t*-BuI (63.7  $\mu$ L, 0.534 mmol). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 5 h. Then *t*-BuI (63.7  $\mu$ L, 0.534 mmol) was added and stirred for 2 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC (toluene : EtOAc = 19 : 1) to afford the indole 13aa (15.2 mg, 32%) as a brown solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (s, 1H), 7.25

(d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.07 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.4, 154.0, 131.4, 127.6, 122.1, 114.8, 112.3, 111.8, 100.5, 60.4, 55.9, 34.8, 20.6, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 248.1281, found 248.1283.

|       | $\triangle$ alcohol, <i>p</i> -TsOH $\triangle$ |   |                                 |       |       |  |
|-------|---|---|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--|
|       | OHC <sup></sup> 29                              | <sup>'</sup> 'CO <sub>2</sub> Et benzene, | reflux R <sup>(''</sup> C<br>10 | C₀₂Et |       |  |
| entry | alcohol   | R   | cyclopropyl acetal              | time  | yield |  |
| 1     | MeOH<br>(6.0 eq.)                               | MeO<br>OMe                                | 10a                             | 9 h   | 2%    |  |
| 2     | HO OH<br>(1.5 eq.)                              |   | 10b                             | 4 h   | 41%   |  |
| 3     | Me Me<br>HO OH<br>Me Me<br>(1.7 eq.)            | Me<br>Me<br>Me<br>Me                      | 10c                             | 4 h   | 42%   |  |
| 4     | HO OH<br>(2.4 eq.)                              |   | 2 10d + 10d'                    | 1 h   | 47%   |  |

Table S1. Synthesis of cyclopropyl acetals.

Ethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-2-(dimethoxymethyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (10a) [Table S1, entry 1]. To a solution of cyclopropyl aldehyde 29 (1.61 g, 11.3 mmol) in benzene (20 mL) were added methanol (1.01 g, 33.9 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (133 mg, 0.700 mmol). The mixture was heated at reflux with Dean-Stark trap for 2 h. Then methanol (1.01 g, 33.9 mmol) was added to the mixture, stirred at reflux for 8 h and then cooled to room temperature. The resulting mixture was diluted with ether and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford cyclopropyl acetal **10a** (40.6 mg, 2%) as a yellow oil. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>69</sup>

Ethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-2-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (10b) [Table S1, entry 2] To a solution of aldehyde 29 (3.00 g, 21.0 mmol) in benzene (20 mL) were added 1,3-propanediol (2.17 mL, 30.0 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (238 mg, 1.25 mmol). The mixture was heated at reflux with Dean-Stark trap for 3 h and then cooled to room temperature. The resulting mixture was diluted with ether and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. and brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography

(hexane/EtOAc = 3 : 1) to afford cyclopropyl acetal **10b** (1.71 g, 41%) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.47 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.21-4.05 (m, 4H), 3.86-3.63 (m, 2H), 2.14-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.29 (m, 1H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.17-1.10 (m, 1H), 1.10-0.98 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.6, 100.3, 66.9, 60.5, 25.6, 24.8, 16.3, 14.2, 10.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 201.1121, found 201.1123.

Ethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (10c) [Table S1, entry 3] To a solution of aldehyde 29 (3.00 g, 21.0 mmol) in benzene (20 mL) were added pinacol (3.54 g, 30.0 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (238 mg, 1.25 mmol). The mixture was heated at reflux with Dean-Stark trap for overnight and then cooled to room temperature. The resulting mixture was diluted with ether and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 5 : 1) to afford mixture of cyclopropyl acetals **10c** (2.15 g, 42%) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.58 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.18-4.05 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.19 (m, 16H), 1.0-0.91 (m, 1H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.4, 101.8, 82.2, 82.1, 60.6, 25.6, 24.1, 23.9, 21.9, 17.0, 14.2, 11.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 243.1591, found 243.1592.

[Table S1, entry 4] To a solution of aldehyde 29 (5.39 g, 37.9 mmol) in benzene (50 mL) were added ethyleneglycol (5.72 g, 92.2 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (730 mg, 3.84 mmol). The mixture was heated at reflux with Dean-Stark trap for 1.5 h and then cooled to room temperature. The resulting mixture was diluted with ether and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/acetone = 5 : 1) to afford mixture of cyclopropyl acetals 10d and 10d' (3.35 g, 47%).

#### Ethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (10d)

Physical state: colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.73 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.19-4.06 (m, 2H), 4.03-3.92 (m, 2H), 3.92-3.80 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.23-1.15 (m, 1H), 1.07-0.95 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.4, 103.8, 65.1, 65.1, 60.7, 23.8, 16.5, 14.2, 10.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 187.0965, found 187.0963.

#### Ethyl (1*R*,2*S*)-2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (10d')

Physical state: colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.86 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, J = 14.4, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 4.07-3.95 (m, 2H), 3.92-3.79 (m, 2H), 1.94-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.39 (m, 1H), 1.34-1.24 (m, 4H), 1.21-1.13 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.1, 103.6, 65.1, 65.0, 60.8, 22.9, 17.1, 14.2, 10.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 187.0965, found 187.0965.

**[Table 1, entry 1].** To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal **10a** (27.1 mg, 0.14 mmol) in MeCN (5.0 mL) were added 4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride **9a** (25.2 mg, 0.14 mmol) and *t*-BuI (100  $\mu$ L, 0.84 mmol) at room temparature. Then, the mixture was stirred at reflux for 0.5 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC (toluene/EtOAc = 19 : 1) to afford the indole **13aa** (8.1 mg, 23%).

**[Table 1, entry 2].** To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal **10b** (31.6 mg, 0.16 mmol) in MeCN (5.0 mL) were added 4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride **9a** (27.6 mg, 0.16 mmol) and *t*-BuI (113  $\mu$ L, 0.95 mmol) at room temperature. Then the mixture was stirred at reflux for 0.5 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC (toluene/EtOAc = 19 : 1) to afford the indole **13aa** (7.7 mg, 20%).

**[Table 1, entry 3].** To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal **10c** (33.5 mg, 0.138 mmol) in MeCN (5.0 mL) were added 4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride **9a** (24.1 mg, 0.138 mmol) and *t*-BuI (98.7  $\mu$ L, 0.828 mmol) at room temperature. Then the mixture was stirred at reflux for 1 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC (toluene/EtOAc = 19 : 1) to afford the 4-methoxyaniline (7.0 mg, 37%) and cyclopropyl acetal **10c** (18.7 mg, 56%).

**[Table 1, entry 4].** To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal **10d** (30.3 mg, 0.16 mmol) in MeCN (5.0 mL) were added 4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride **9a** (28.4 mg, 0.16 mmol) and *t*-BuI (114  $\mu$ L, 0.96 mmol) at room temperature. Then the mixture was stirred at reflux for 30 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC (toluene/EtOAc = 19 : 1) to afford the indole **13aa** (21.4 mg, 54%).

[Table 1, entry 6]. To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal 10d (37.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) in MeCN (12 mL) were added 4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9a (34.9 mg, 0.20 mmol), NaI (180 mg, 1.20 mmol) and TMSCl (151  $\mu$ L, 1.20 mmol) at room temperature. Then the mixture was stirred at reflux for 1.5 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous

 $Na_2S_2O_3$  and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford the indole **13aa** (10.0 mg, 20%).

**[Table 1, entry 7].** To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal **10d** (27.7 mg, 0.15 mmol) in EtOH (5.0 mL) were added 4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride **9a** (25.8 mg, 0.15 mmol) and *t*-BuI (106  $\mu$ L, 0.89 mmol) at room temperature. Then the mixture was stirred at reflux for 1 h. Then *t*-BuI (53  $\mu$ L, 0.45 mmol) was added to the mixture and stirred for 2 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated at room temperature. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC (toluene/EtOAc = 19 : 1) to afford the indole **13aa** (5.6 mg, 15%).

**[Table 1, entry 11].** To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal **10d** (36.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) in MeCN (12 mL) were added 4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride **9a** (69.1 mg, 0.40 mmol) and *t*-BuI (142  $\mu$ L, 1.19 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred for 15 min, *t*-BuI (61  $\mu$ L, 0.59 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 45 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated at room temperature. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford the indole **13aa** (43.3 mg, 89%).

**[Table 1, entry 12].** To a solution of 4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride **9a** (114 mg, 0.65 mmol) and *t*-BuI (233  $\mu$ L, 1.96 mmol) in MeCN (14 mL) was added cyclopropyl acetal **10d'** (60.7 mg, 0.33 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL) at reflux. After being stirred for 15 min, *t*-BuI (117  $\mu$ L, 0.98 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 50 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated at room temperature. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford the indole **13aa** (66.7 mg, 83%).

Ethyl 3-iodo-2-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (31a) and Ethyl *a*-iodo-5-methoxy-1*H*-indole-3-propanoate (12a) [Scheme 18, eq 1] To a solution of cyclopropylacetal 10d (142 mg, 0.76 mmol) in MeCN (20 mL) were added 4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride (133 mg, 0.76 mmol) and *t*-BuI (420 mg, 2.28 mmol). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 5 min followed by cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography (toluene/EtOAc = 19 : 1) to afford the mixture of iodinated indoles **31a** and **12a** (151 mg, 53%, **31a** : **12a** = 5 : 1) as a yellow oil.

#### Ethyl 3-iodo-2-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (31a)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.06 (s, br, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.28-4.22 (m, 2H), 4.20-4.13 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.77 (t, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.45-3.43 (m, 1H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.3, 154.6, 131.3, 126.2, 123.0, 113.3, 113.2, 112.3, 100.7, 61.5, 56.1, 47.0, 14.5, 5.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NI [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 374.0250, found 374.0248.

#### Ethyl 2-iodo-3-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (12a)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91-8.01 (s, br, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.22-4.09 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.62 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.5, 154.3, 131.1, 127.2, 123.8, 113.3, 112.5, 112.0, 100.4, 61.8, 56.0, 32.6, 20.6, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NI [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 374.0250, found 374.0248.

Ethyl 3-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13aa) [Scheme 18, eq 2] To a solution of mixture of iodinated indoles 31a and 12a (4.7 mg, 0.0130 mmol) in MeCN (5.0 mL) was added *t*-BuI (46.8 mg, 0.0570 mmol). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 30 min followed by cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated aqueous  $Na_2S_2O_3$  and saturated aqueous  $NaHCO_3$ . The mixture was extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography (toluene/EtOAc = 19 : 1) to afford indole 13aa (1.1 mg, 35%)

Ethyl (1*R*,2*R*)-5'-methoxyspiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indole]-2-carboxylate (11a') and Ethyl (1*R*,2*S*)-5'-methoxyspiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indole]-2-carboxylate (11a'') [Scheme 20, eq 2]. To a solution of mixture of iodinated indoles 31a and 12a (59.6 mg, 0.160 mmol) in MeCN (5.0 mL) was added Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (46.8 mg, 0.170 mmol). The mixture was stirred in the absence of light at room temperature for 3 h. Then the resulting mixture was concentrated in vacuo and diluted with toluene. The mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> followed by washed with toluene. After removal of the solvent in vacuo, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford spiroindolenines 11a' (7.4 mg, 19%) and 11a'' (18.8 mg, 48%).

Ethyl (1*R*,2*R*)-5'-methoxyspiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indole]-2-carboxylate (11a'). Physical state: brown solid; m.p.: 79 °C (decomposed); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.27-4.01 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.34-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.21 (m, 1H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.9, 168.3, 158.2, 150.4, 136.2, 121.7, 113.5, 107.7, 61.5, 55.7, 42.4, 28.0, 17.5, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>246.1125, found 246.1125.

Ethyl (1*R*,2*S*)-5'-methoxyspiro[cyclopropane-1,3'-indole]-2-carboxylate (11a"). Physical state: colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.17 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.31-4.16 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.82-2.78 (m, 1H), 2.64-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.3, 168.2, 158.5, 149.4, 139.2, 122.0, 112.8, 104.2, 61.6, 55.8, 42.5, 30.6, 20.2, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 246.1125, found 246.1124

Ethyl 3-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13aa) [Scheme 20, eq 3]. To a solution of mixture of indolenines 11a' and 11a" (13.1 mg, 0.053 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL) was added *t*-BuI (29.5 mg, 0.16 mmol). The mixture was stirred at reflux. The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 30 min followed by cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography (toluene/EtOAc = 19 : 1) to afford indole 13aa (4.7 mg, 36%).

Methyl 2-iodo-3-phenylpropanoate (33) [Scheme 21, eq 1]. To a stirred solution of cinnamaldehyde 32 (131 mg, 0.990 mmol) in THF (5.0 mL) at 0 °C were added trimethylsilyl cyanide (188  $\mu$ L, 1.49 mmol) and DBU (30.0  $\mu$ L, 0.198 mmol). After stirring for 20 min at 0 °C, was added iodide (380 mg, 2.97 mmol) to the reaction mixture. After stirring for 10 min, was added methanol (410  $\mu$ L, 9.90 mmol) to the reaction mixture and stirred for 20 min at 0 °C. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and diluted with EtOAc. The organic phase was collected and the

aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc two times. The combined organic extract was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. Iodoester **33** (211 mg, 74%) was obtained after purification with flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7:3). The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature.<sup>70</sup>

Methyl 3-phenylpropanoate (34) [Scheme 21, eq 2]. To a solution of iodoester 33 (63.6 mg, 0.22 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) was added *t*-BuI (121 mg, 0.66 mmol). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 10 min. Then *t*-BuI (121 mg, 0.66 mmol) was added to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 30 min followed by cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford methyl 3-phenylpropanoate 34 (22.4 mg, 62%). The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>71)</sup>

### 第3節 第1章第3節の実験

**4-Phenoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride (9c) [Table 2. Entry 1].** To a solution of 4phenoxyaniline **35c** (741 mg, 4.00 mmol) in EtOH (14 mL) was added NaNO<sub>2</sub> (290 mg, 42.0 mmol) solution in H<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mL) at 0 °C. Then conc. HCl (14 mL) was dropwised for 10 min and stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The resulting mixture was added  $SnCl_2 \cdot H_2O$  in conc. HCl (4 mL) and stirred for additional 30 min. Then precipitates were filtered, and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. Then 1M NaOH aq. was added to precipitates. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc three times. The organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. Then the oil was dissolved in HCl in dioxane and the precipitates were filtered, washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O. 4-Phenoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride **9c** (439 mg, 46%) was obtained as a brown solid after and dried in desiccator in vacuo. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature.<sup>72</sup>

**3,4-Methylenedioxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride (9u) [Table 2. Entry 2].** To a solution of 3,4methylenedioxyaniline **35u** (686 mg, 5.00 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mL) were added NaNO<sub>2</sub> (414 mg, 6.00 mmol) solution in H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL) and conc. HCl (5.2 mL) at 0 °C. Then the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The resulting mixture was added  $SnCl_2 \cdot H_2O$  in conc. HCl (6.4 mL) and stirred for additional 30 min. Then precipitates were filtered and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. 3,4-Methylenedioxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride **9u** (118 mg, 13%) was obtained as a brown solid after and dried in desiccator in vacuo. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>73)</sup>

**3-Fluoro-4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride (9q) [Table 2. Entry 3].** To a solution of 3-fluoro-4-methoxyaniline **35q** (565 mg, 4.00 mmol) in EtOH (14 mL) was added NaNO<sub>2</sub> (290 mg, 42.0 mmol) solution in H<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mL) at 0 °C. Then conc. HCl (14 mL) was dropwised for 10 min and stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The resulting mixture was added  $SnCl_2 \cdot H_2O$  in conc. HCl (4.0 mL) and stirred for additional 30 min. Then precipitates were filtered and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. Then 1 M NaOH aq. was added to precipitates. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc three times. The organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. Then the oil was dissolved in HCl in dioxane and the precipitates were filtered, washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O. 3-Fluoro-4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride **9q** (493 mg, 64%) was obtained as a purple solid after drying in desiccator in vacuo. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>74</sup>

**1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-1-nitrosoquinoline** (37) [Scheme 23]. To a solution of 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline 36 (628  $\mu$ L, 5.00 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mL) were added NaNO<sub>2</sub> (414 mg, 6.0 mmol) solution in H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL) and conc. HCl (5.2 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. Then the resulting mixture was diluted with water and extracted with toluene three times. The

combined organic layer was washed with water, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated. 1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-1-nitrosoquinoline **37** was obtained as a crude mixture. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>75)</sup>

**3,4-Dihydroquinonyl (2***H***)-amine hydrochloride (9t) [Scheme 23].** To a solution of 1,2,3,4tetrahydro-1-nitrosoquinoline (810 mg, 5.00 mmol) in THF (5.00 mL) was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (380 mg, 10.0 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min. Then the resulting mixture was quenched with water at 0 °C and filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and the residue was washed with water, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to afford 3,4-dihydroquinonyl (2*H*)-amine. To a solution of 3,4-dihydroquinonyl (2*H*)-amine (433 mg, 2.90 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added HCl (4M in dioxane, 3.60 mL) and stirred at rt for 1 h. The precipitates were filtered and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The residue was dried in desiccator in vacuo to obtain 3,4-dihydroquinonyl (2*H*)-amine hydrochloride **9t** (491 mg, 53%, 3 steps from **36**) as a white solid; Mp: 179 °C (decomp.); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.57 (s, 2H), 7.19-7.07 (m, 3H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.01-1.98 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  144.1, 129.5, 126.7, 125.7, 122.1, 115.1, 50.6, 25.8, 21.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>149.1073, found 149.1074.

**4-Methoxy-***N***-nitroso-***N***-methylaniline (39) [Scheme 24].** To a solution of 4-methoxy-*N*-methylaniline **38** (1.95 g, 14.2 mmol) in MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O = 1 : 2 solution (42.6 mL) were added NaNO<sub>2</sub> (1.96 g, 68.3 mmol) solution in H<sub>2</sub>O (14.2 mL) and conc. HCl (5.70 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. Then the resulting mixture was diluted with EtOAc and extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. 4-methoxy-*N*-nitroso-*N*-methylaniline **39** (1.83 g, 79%) was obtained after purification with flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3). The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>75)</sup>

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methylhydrazine hydrochloride (9v) [Scheme 24]. To a solution of 4methoxy-*N*-nitroso-N-methylaniline **39** (1.83 g, 11.0 mmol) in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O = 1 : 1 solution (50 mL) were added NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (707 mg, 13.2 mmol) and Zn (1.44 g, 22.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 5 h. Then the resulting mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. 1-(4-methoxypheny)-1methylhydrazine was obtained after purification with flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 3 : 1). Then 1-(4-methoxypheny)-1-methylhydrazine was dissolved in HCl (4 M in dioxane) and the precipitates were filtered and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O. 1-(4-Methoxypheny)-1-methylhydrazine hydrochloride **9v** (603 mg, 29%) was obtained as a white solid after drying in desiccator in vacuo; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.29 (s, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  156.4, 141.7, 120.4, 114.4, 55.4, 43.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ON<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>153.1022, found 153.1023.

**1,1-Dimethylethyl 1-[4-(acetylamino)phenyl]hydrazinecarboxylate (41) [Scheme 25]** To a solution of *N*-(4-iodophenyl)acetamide **40** (1.50 g, 5.75 mmol) in DMSO (6 mL) were added *tert*-butyl carbazate (900 mg, 6.90 mmol), CuI (55.0 mg, 0.290 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.80 g, 8.65 mmol). After being stirred at 50 °C for 22 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. Hydrazine **41** (740 mg, 49%) was obtained after purification with flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3). The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>22)</sup>

*N*-(4-Hydrazinylphenyl)acetamide hydrochloride (9e) [Scheme 25] To a solution of 1,1dimethylethyl 1-[4-(acetylamino)phenyl]hydrazinecarboxylate 41 (740 mg, 2.74 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (14 mL) was added HCl (4 M in dioxane, 12 mL) at 0 °C. After being stirred at room temperature for 15 h, the resulting pale brown solid was filtered and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O to give *N*-(4hydrazinylphenyl)acetamide hydrochloride 9e (690 mg, quant.). The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>22)</sup>

((1*S*,2*S*)-2-(1,3-Dioxolan-2-yl)cyclopropyl)methanol (42) [Scheme 26] To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal 10d (214 mg, 1.15 mmol) in THF (6.2 mL) was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (87.0 mg, 2.30 mmol) slowly and stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Then the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and quenched with 1 M HCl aq. and extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated to afford crude cyclopropanemethanol 42; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.51 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04-3.95 (m, 2H), 3.90-3.81 (m, 2H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.28-1.18 (m, 1H), 1.05-1.01 (m, 1H), 0.72-0.70 (m, 1H), 0.58-0.55 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  106.1, 65.8, 64.9, 19.2, 17.5, 6.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 167.0679, found 167.0680.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2-(1,3-Dioxolan-2-yl)cyclopropane-1-carbaldehyde (43) [Scheme 26] To a solution of Dess-Martin periodinane (537 mg, 1.27 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (6.0 mL) was added crude cyclopropyl methanol 42. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> were added to the mixture and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  three times. The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated to afford cyclopropanecarboxaldehyde 43 as a colorless oil without purification. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>76</sup>

Ethyl (*E*)-3-((1*R*,2*S*)-2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)cyclopropyl)acrylate (10e) [Scheme 26] To a solution of ethyl(triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetate (998 mg, 2.87 mmol) in toluene (11 mL) was added

crude cyclopropanecarboxaldehyde **43** (81.5 mg, 0.573 mmmol). The mixture was stirred at 100 °C overnight. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature and washed with water and brine. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford cyclopropyl α,β-saturated ester **10e** (59.6 mg, 23%, 3 steps from **10d**) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.46 (dd, J = 15.2, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.05-3.93 (m, 2H), 3.92-3.82 (m, 2H), 1.75-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.43-1.35 (m, 1H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.12-1.04 (m, 1H), 0.94-0.85 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.5, 151.0, 119.4, 104.7, 65.1, 60.1, 24.3, 17.9, 14.3, 11.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 213.1121, found 213.1120

Ethyl 2-formyl-3-methylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate (45) [Scheme 27] To a solution of (*E*)-but-2-en-1-ol (472 mg, 6.55 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (65 mL) were added powdered 4Å molecular sieves (5.00 g), (ethoxycarbonylmethylene)dimethylsulfarane 44 (1.33 g, 13.1 mmol) and manganese dioxide (5.67 g, 65.5 mmol). The mixture was heated at reflux for 4 h, and then cooled to room temperature. The crude mixture was then filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and the residue was washed with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . After removal of the solvent in vacuo, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford crude cyclopropyl aldehyde 45. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>77)</sup>

Ethyl 2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-3-methylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate (10f) [Scheme 27] To a solution of cyclopropyl aldehyde 45 in benzene (5.0 mL) were added ethylene glycol (52.5 mg, 0.845 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (6.60 mg, 0.0347 mmol). The mixture was heated at reflux with Dean-Stark trap overnight and then cooled to room temperature. The resulting mixture was diluted with ether, washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford cyclopropyl acetal **10f** (52.7 mg, 4%, from **44**) as a diastereomeric mixture (dr = ca. 50 : 35 : 15, 52.7 mg). The cyclopropyl acetal **10f** was colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.15H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 0.50H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 0.35H), 4.22-4.07 (m, 2H), 4.06-3.93 (m, 2H), 3.92-3.78 (m, 2H), 1.80 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 4.8 Hz, 0.50H), 1.75-1.53 (m, 1.5H), 1.49-1.38 (m, 0.5H), 1.35-1.20 (m, 6H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 0.5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.1, 172.0, 171.5, 104.0, 103.4, 103.3, 65.0, 64.9, 64.9, 60.7, 60.6, 60.4, 31.2, 29.7, 28.7, 25.1, 25.0, 22.0, 19.8, 19.8, 18.6, 17.1, 14.2, 14.2, 12.4, 11.3; One carbon peak of diastereomers could not be detected probably due to overlapping; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 201.1121, found 201.1123.

2-(1,3-Dioxolan-2-yl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylic acid (46) [Scheme 28] To a solution of

cyclopropyl acetal **10d** (303 mg, 1.63 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O-THF (1:3, 6.07 mL) was added LiOH (54.6 mg, 2.28 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and then cooled to 0 °C, diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>, and quenched with 1 M HCl. The mixture was extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated to afford cyclopropane carboxylic acid **46** without purification.; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.78 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.01-3.93 (m, 2H), 3.91-3.83 (m, 2H), 1.85-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.23 (m, 1H), 1.13-1.08 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  179.3, 103.3, 65.1, 65.1, 24.7, 16.2, 11.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 159.0652, found 159.0654.

(1*S*,2*S*)-2-(1,3-Dioxolan-2-yl)-*N*,*N*-diethylcyclopropane-1-carboxamide (10g) [Scheme 28] To a solution of crude cyclopropane carboxylic acid 46 (80.5 mg, 0.509 mmol) and EDC·HCl (117 mg, 0.611 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) were added diethylamine (64  $\mu$ L, 0.611 mmol) and DMAP (12.4 mg, 0.102 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Then the mixture was quenched with 10% citric acid and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1 : 2) to afford cyclopropyl amide 10g (63.5 mg, 18%, 2 steps from 10d) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.75 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.04-3.92 (m, 2H), 3.92-3.81 (m, 2H), 3.58-3.32 (m, 4H), 1.87-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.27-1.22 (m, 1H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.97-0.87 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.9, 104.5, 65.0, 65.0, 42.1, 40.9, 23.1, 15.1, 14.7, 13.2, 9.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 214.1437, found 214.1438.

(2-(1,3-Dioxolan-2-yl)cyclopropyl)-(piperidine-1-yl)methanone (10h) [Scheme 28] To a solution of crude cyclopropane carboxylic acid 46 (73.8 mg, 0.467 mmol) and EDC·HCl (108 mg, 0.564 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) were added piperidine (56  $\mu$ L, 0.564 mmol) and DMAP (11.4 mg, 0.0930 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Then the mixture was quenched with 10% citric acid and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford cyclopropyl amide 10h (37.7 mg, 6%, 2 steps from 10d) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.77 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 0.1H), 4.75 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 0.9H), 4.06-3.92 (m, 2H), 3.92-3.79 (m, 2H), 3.71-3.47 (m, 4H), 1.93-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.47 (m, 7H), 1.33-1.19 (m, 1H), 1.12-1.04 (m, 0.1H), 0.96-0.86 (m, 0.9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, trans isomer)  $\delta$  170.1, 104.6, 65.2, 65.1, 46.8, 43.4, 26.6, 25.6, 24.8, 22.8, 15.2, 9.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 226.1438, found 226.1438.

*S*-Benzyl (1*S*,2*S*)-2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)cyclopropane-1-carbothioate (10i) [Scheme 28] To a solution of cyclopropane carboxylic acid 46 (71.0 mg, 0.448 mmol) in THF (2.0 mL) was added 1,1'-

carbonylimidazole (87.3 mg, 0.539 mmol). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 1 h. After cooling to room temperature, was added benzyl mercaptan (55.6 mg, 0.448 mmol). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 15 h. Then the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  three times. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Then the mixture was quenched with 10% citric acid and extracted with  $CHCl_3$  three times. The organic layers were washed with brine, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford cyclopropyl thioester **10i** (71.2 mg, 10%, 2 steps from **10d**) as a pale orange oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  7.35-7.20 (m, 5H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 20.8, 14.0 Hz, 2H), 4.00-3.90 (m, 2H), 3.89-3.80 (m, 2H), 2.17-2.09 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.41-1.32 (m, 1H), 1.17-1.08 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  197.1, 137.4, 128.8, 128.6, 127.2, 103.1, 65.1, 33.3, 26.0, 25.5, 12.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for  $C_{14}H_{17}O_3S$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 265.0893, found 265.0893.

(2-(Methoxy(methyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)dimethylsulfonium chloride (48) [Scheme 29] To 2chloro-*N*-methoxy-*N*-methylethanamide 47 (2.56 g, 18.8mmol) was added dimethyl sulfide (6.90 mL, 94 mmol). The mixture was heated at 50 °C overnight. The excess dimethyl sulfide was decanted and the remaining clear gel was rinsed with EtOAc to afford sulfonium chloride 48 as a colorless oil without purification. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>78)</sup>

(2-(Methoxy(methyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)dimethylsulfonium inner salt (49) [Scheme 29] To a crude mixture of Weinreb amide sulfur ylide chloride salt 48 was added CHCl<sub>3</sub> (6.0 mL). After the starting materials had dissolved, the solution was cooled in ice-bath. To the solution were added saturated aqueous  $K_2CO_3$  (3.0 mL) and aqueous NaOH (12.5 M, 0.4 mL). The ice bath was removed, and the mixture was stirred 20 min. The solution was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and eluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The filtrate was dried with  $K_2CO_3$ , filtered and concentrated under vacuum to yield ylide 49 as a crude mixture.

**2-Formyl-***N***-methoxy-***N***-methylcyclopropanecarboxamide (50) [Scheme 29]** To a crude mixture of ylide 49 (1.56 g) were added toluene (10 mL) and acrolein (747  $\mu$ L, 11.2 mmol). The solution was heated at 60 °C for 90 min and concentrated in vacuo to afford crude cyclopropyl aldehyde 50. This crude was used next reaction without purification. The spectral data of cyclopropyl aldehyde 50 were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>78)</sup>

rel-(1R,2R)-2-(1,3-Dioxolan-2-yl)-N-methoxy-N-methylcyclopropanecarboxamide(10j)[Scheme 29] To the crude mixture of cyclopropyl aldehyde 50 were added benzene (10 mL), ethyleneglycol (474 μL, 8.40 mmol) and p-toluenesulfonic acid (68.4 mg, 0.360 mmol). The mixture washeated at reflux with Dean-Stark trap overnight. The resulting mixture was cooled to room

temperature, diluted with ether and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1 : 1) to afford cyclopropyl acetal **10j** (201 mg, 5%, 4 steps from 2-chloro-*N*-methoxy-*N*-methylethanamide) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.75 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.04-3.93 (m, 2H), 3.93-3.82 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, br, 1H), 1.78-1.69 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.21 (m, 1H), 1.04-0.96 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.9, 104.4, 65.1, 65.0, 61.6, 32.5, 23.6, 13.6, 10.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 202.1074, found 202.1075.

Ethyl 3-(5-benzyloxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13ba) [Scheme 30] To a solution of 4benzyloxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9b (162 mg, 0.646 mmol) and *t*-BuI (231 µL, 1.94 mmol) in MeCN (14 mL) was added cyclopropyl acetal 10d (60.1 mg, 0.323 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL) at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 25 min, *t*-BuI (116 µL, 0.97 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 15 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13ba (55.9 mg, 54%) as a black oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 (s, br, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.5, 153.1, 137.6, 131.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 122.2, 114.7, 112.8, 111.8, 102.2, 71.0, 60.3, 34.8, 20.6, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 324.1594, found 324.1597.

Ethyl 3-(5-phenoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13ca) [Scheme 30] To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal 10d (34.9 mg, 0.188 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) were added 4-phenoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9c (88.8 mg, 0.375 mmol) and *t*-BuI (134  $\mu$ L, 1.13 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 17 min, *t*-BuI (67  $\mu$ L, 0.565 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 30 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13ca (34.4 mg, 59%) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (s, br, 1H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.06-6.92 (m, 5H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.3, 159.4, 149.5, 133.2, 129.5, 127.9, 122.7, 121.8, 117.1, 115.9, 115.2, 112.0, 109.6, 60.4, 34.8, 20.5, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 310.1438, found 310.1436.

Ethyl 3-(5-methylthio-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13da) [Scheme 30] To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal 10d (33.3 mg, 0.179 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) were added 4-(methylthio)phenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9d (68.1 mg, 0.357 mmol) and *t*-BuI (128  $\mu$ L, 1.07 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 15 min, *t*-BuI (64  $\mu$ L, 0.537 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 35 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13da (32.3 mg, 69%) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 (s, br, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.3, 135.0, 128.0, 127.4, 124.2, 122.2, 119.8, 114.8, 111.7, 60.4, 34.9, 20.5, 19.0, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>264.1053, found 264.1052.

Ethyl 3-(5-acetylamino-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13ea) [Scheme 30] To a solution of *N*-(4-hydrazinylphenyl)acetamide hydrochloride 9e (114 mg, 0.568 mmol) and *t*-BuI (203 µL, 1.70 mmol) in MeCN (14 mL) was added cyclopropyl acetal 10d (52.9 mg, 0.284 mmol) in MeCN (1.7 mL) at reflux. After being stirred for 15 min, *t*-BuI (102 µL, 0.852 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 45 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>CN = 3 : 1) to afford indole 13ea (48.0 mg, 62%) as a gray oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.32 (s, br, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.63 (s, br, 1H), 7.17 (s, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.5, 168.8, 133.8, 129.8, 127.2, 122.5, 116.8, 114.8, 111.3, 111.2, 60.4, 34.8, 24.2, 20.5, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 275.1390, found 275.1392.

Ethyl 3-(5-(*tert*-butyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13fa) [Scheme 30] To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal 10d (40.2 mg, 0.216 mmol) in MeCN (14 mL) were added 4-(*tert*-butyl)phenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9f (86.6 mg, 0.431 mmol) and *t*-BuI (155  $\mu$ L, 1.30 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 12 min, *t*-BuI (78.0  $\mu$ L, 0.648 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 48 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted

with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole **13fa** (29.4 mg, 50%) as a white solid; Mp: 67 °C (decomposed); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (s, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.5, 142.2, 134.4, 126.9, 121.4, 120.4, 115.1, 114.3, 110.6, 60.3, 34.9, 34.6, 32.0, 20.5, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 274.1802, found 274.1780.

Ethyl 3-(5-(isopropyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13ga) [Scheme 30] To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal 10d (43.8 mg, 0.235 mmol) in MeCN (16 mL) were added 4-(*iso*-propyl)phenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9g (87.7 mg, 0.470 mmol) and *t*-BuI (168  $\mu$ L, 1.41 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 20 min, *t*-BuI (84.0  $\mu$ L, 0.705 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 45 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7:3) to afford indole 13ga (28.2 mg, 46%) as a yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87 (s, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.06-2.97 (m, 1H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.5, 140.1, 134.8, 127.2, 121.5, 121.2, 115.6, 114.8, 110.9, 60.3, 35.0, 34.3, 24.7, 20.6, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 260.1645, found 260.1644.

Ethyl 3-(5-ethyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13ha) [Scheme 30] To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal 10d (55.2 mg, 0.296 mmol) in MeCN (16 mL) were added 4-ethylphenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9h (102 mg, 0.592 mmol) and *t*-BuI (212  $\mu$ L, 1.78 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 15 min, *t*-BuI (106  $\mu$ L, 0.890 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 45 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13ha (40.8 mg, 56%) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 (s, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.81-2.67 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.22 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.5, 135.3, 134.7, 127.4, 122.6, 121.5, 117.2, 114.7, 110.9, 60.3, 35.0, 29.1, 20.6, 16.6, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 246.1489, found 246.1490.

Ethyl 3-(5-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13ia) [Scheme 30] To a solution of *p*-tolylhydrazine hydrochloride 9i (92.9 mg, 0.585 mmol) and *t*-BuI (210  $\mu$ L, 1.76 mmol) in MeCN (14 mL) was added cyclopropyl acetal 10d (54.5 mg, 0.293 mmol) in MeCN (1.6 mL) at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 32 min, *t*-BuI (105  $\mu$ L, 0.879 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 28 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13ia (28.3 mg, 42%) as a black oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87 (s, br, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.07 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.5, 134.6, 128.5, 127.4, 123.6, 121.5, 118.4, 114.5, 110.7, 60.3, 35.0, 21.5, 20.6, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 232.1332, found 232.1332.

Ethyl 3-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13ja) [Scheme 30] To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal 10d (30.0 mg, 0.161 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) were added phenylhydrazine 9j (31.7  $\mu$ L, 0.322 mmol) and *t*-BuI (115  $\mu$ L, 0.966 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred at reflux for 7 min, *t*-BuI (57.5  $\mu$ L, 0.483 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 53 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13ja (11.4 mg, 33%) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.4, 136.2, 127.2, 122.0, 121.4, 119.3, 118.7, 115.1, 111.1, 60.3, 35.0, 20.6, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 218.1176, found 218.1175.

Ethyl 3-(5-fluoro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13ka) [Scheme 30] To a solution of 4fluorophenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9k (101 mg, 0.622 mmol) and *t*-BuI (222  $\mu$ L, 1.87 mmol) in MeCN (14 mL) was added cyclopropyl acetal 10d (57.9 mg, 0.311 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL) at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 32 min, *t*-BuI (111  $\mu$ L, 0.933 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 28 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13ka (30.8 mg, 42%) as a brown solid; Mp: 41-46 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.03 (s, br, 1H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.90 (m, 1H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.3, 157.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 234.1$  Hz), 132.7, 127.5 (d,  $J_{C-C-C-F} = 9.6$  Hz), 123.2, 115.1 (d,  $J_{C-C-C-F} = 4.8$  Hz), 111.7 (d,  $J_{C-C-C-F} = 9.6$  Hz), 110.3 (d,  $J_{C-C-F} = 27.0$  Hz), 103.6 (d,  $J_{C-C-F} = 23.1$  Hz), 60.4, 34.8, 20.5, 14.2; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -124.7; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NF [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 236.1081, found 236.1081.

Ethyl 3-(5-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (131a) [Scheme 30] To a solution of 4chlorophenylhydrazine hydrochloride 91 (117 mg, 0.654 mmol) and *t*-BuI (234 µL, 1.96 mmol) in MeCN (14 mL) was added cyclopropyl acetal 10d (60.9 mg, 0.327 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL) at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 12 min, *t*-BuI (117 µL, 0.981 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 45 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13la (24.7 mg, 30%) as a brown solid; Mp: 63-68 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.2, 134.6, 128.3, 125.1, 122.8, 122.3, 118.3, 114.9, 112.1, 60.4, 34.9, 20.4, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sup>35</sup>C1 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 252.0786, found 252.0787, C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sup>37</sup>C1 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 254.0756, found 254.0757.

Ethyl 3-(6-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13na) and Ethyl 3-(4-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13na'), [Scheme 30] To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal 10d+10d' (37.0 mg, 0.199 mmol) in MeCN (12 mL) were added 3-chlorophenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9n (71.2 mg, 0.398 mmol) and *t*-BuI (142  $\mu$ L, 1.19 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 10 min, *t*-BuI (71.0  $\mu$ L, 0.595 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 50 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13na (7.7 mg, 15%) and indole 13na' (5.4 mg, 11%)

**Ethyl 3-(6-chloro-1***H***-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13na)**. Physical state: white solid; Mp: 82-85 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 (s, br, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H),

2.68 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.2, 136.5, 128.0, 125.8, 122.0, 120.1, 119.6, 115.3, 111.0, 60.4, 34.9, 20.5, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sup>35</sup>Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 252.0786, found 252.0785, C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sup>37</sup>Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 254.0756, found 254.0755.

Ethyl 3-(4-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13na'). Physical state: white solid; Mp: 78-83 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.06 (s, br, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J*=4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 3H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.4, 137.8, 126.3, 124.1, 123.2, 122.5, 120.4, 115.5, 109.8, 60.2, 36.3, 21.8, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sup>35</sup>Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 252.0786, found 252.0786, C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sup>37</sup>Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 254.0756, found 254.0755.

Ethyl 3-(7-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13oa) and Ethyl 3-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13ja) [Scheme 30] To a solution of 2-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride 90 (104 mg, 0.597 mmol) and *t*-BuI (213  $\mu$ L, 1.79 mmol) in MeCN (14 mL) was added cyclopropyl acetal 10d (55.6 mg, 0.298 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL) at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 20 min, *t*-BuI (107  $\mu$ L, 0.894 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. After being stirred at reflux for 28 min, *t*-BuI (107  $\mu$ L, 0.894 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 10 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13oa (18.8 mg, 26%) and indole 13ja (10.6 mg, 16%).

Ethyl 3-(7-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13oa). Physical state: Pale orange oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.18 (s, br, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.4, 146.2, 128.5, 126.7, 121.0, 119.7, 115.4, 111.5, 101.9, 60.3, 55.3, 35.1, 20.8, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 248.1281, found 248.1280.

Ethyl 3-(7-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13pa) [Scheme 30] To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal 10d (41.1 mg, 0.221 mmol) in MeCN (16 mL) were added 2-methylphenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9p (70.1 mg, 0.442 mmol) and *t*-BuI (158  $\mu$ L, 1.33 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 12 min, *t*-BuI (79.0  $\mu$ L, 0.663 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 50 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and

concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole **13pa** (17.6 mg, 34%) as a white solid; Mp: 45 °C (decomposed); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12-6.91 (m, 3H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.0, 136.4, 127.2, 123.1, 121.6, 120.8, 120.1, 117.0, 116.1, 60.9, 35.5, 21.3, 17.1, 14.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>232.1332, found 232.1322.

**Ethyl 3-(6-fluoro-5-methoxy-1***H***-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13qa) [Scheme 30]** To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal **10d+10d'** (31.5 mg, 0.169 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) were added 3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride **9q** (65.1 mg, 0.338 mmol) and *t*-BuI (121 µL, 1.01 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 12 min, *t*-BuI (61 µL, 0.505 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 50 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole **13qa** (30.2 mg, 67%) as a white solid; Mp: 98-103 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.05 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.4, 150.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 23.9 Hz), 114.9, 102.0, 98.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-C-F</sub> = 23.1 Hz), 60.4, 56.9, 34.8, 20.5, 14.2; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -140.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NF [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 266.1187, found 266.1186.

Ethyl 3-(1*H*-benzo[g]indol-3-yl)propanoate (13ra) [Scheme 30] To a solution of 1naphthylhydrazine hydrochloride 9r (123 mg, 0.630 mmol) and *t*-BuI (225  $\mu$ L, 1.89 mmol) in MeCN (14 mL) was added cyclopropyl acetal 10d (58.6 mg, 0.315 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL) at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 15 min, *t*-BuI (113  $\mu$ L, 0.945 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 40 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/acetone= 25 : 1) to afford indole 13ra (47.2 mg, 56%) as a white solid; Mp: 152-155 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.74 (s, br, 1H), 7.97-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.4, 130.8, 130.4, 128.8, 125.4, 123.9, 122.9, 121.8, 120.2, 119.6, 119.4, 118.8, 116.8, 60.4, 35.3, 20.7, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 268.1332, found 268.1333. Ethyl 3-(*3H*-benz[*e*]indole-3-yl)propanoate (13sa) [Scheme 30] To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal 10d (37.4 mg, 0.200 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) were added 2-naphthylhydrazine hydrochloride 9s (78.1 mg, 0.401 mmol) and *t*-BuI (143  $\mu$ L, 1.20 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 15 min, *t*-BuI (72  $\mu$ L, 0.600 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 45 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13sa (19.0 mg, 36%) as a white solid; Mp: 91-96 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.39 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.4, 133.3, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 125.9, 123.5, 123.1, 122.9, 119.9, 117.8, 112.9, 60.4, 34.6, 23.5, 14.2; One carbon peak could not be detected probably due to overlapping; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 268.1332, found 268.1332.

Ethyl 3-(5,6-dihydro-4*H*-pyrrolo[3,2,1-*ij*]quinolin-1-yl)propanoate (13ta) [Scheme 30] To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal 10d (44.3 mg, 0.238 mmol) in MeCN (14 mL) were added 3,4-dihydroquinonyl (2*H*)-amine hydrochloride 9u (87.9 mg, 0.476 mmol) and *t*-BuI (170  $\mu$ L, 1.43 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 15 min, *t*-BuI (85  $\mu$ L, 0.715 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 45 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13ta (22.5 mg, 37%) as a yellow solid; Mp: 45-50 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.19-4.06 (m, 4H), 3.08 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.27-2.15 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.5, 125.0, 123.6, 121.7, 119.1, 118.4, 116.4, 113.5, 60.3, 43.8, 35.4, 24.7, 22.9, 21.0, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 258.1489, found 258.1488.

Ethyl 3-(5*H*-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*f*]indol-7-yl)propanoate (13ua) [Scheme 30] To a solution of cyclopropyl acetal 10d (42.7 mg, 0.229 mmol) in MeCN (14 mL) were added 1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl hydrazine hydrochloride 9u (86.4 mg, 0.458 mmol) and *t*-BuI (164  $\mu$ L, 1.37 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 15 min, *t*-BuI (82  $\mu$ L, 0.685 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 45

min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole **13ua** (31.7 mg, 53%) as a brown oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (s, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.4, 145.0, 142.8, 131.0, 121.1, 120.0, 115.3, 100.6, 97.4, 92.0, 60.4, 34.9, 20.7, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 262.1074, found 262.1073.

Ethyl 3-(5-methoxy-1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13va) [Scheme 30] To a solution of *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)methylhydrazine hydrochloride 9v (119 mg, 0.631 mmol) and *t*-BuI (225 µL, 1.89 mmol) in MeCN (14 mL) was added cyclopropyl acetal 10d' (58.7 mg, 0.315 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL) at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 37 min, *t*-BuI (117 µL, 0.945 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 1 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13va (56.6 mg, 69%) as a brown solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.4, 153.6, 132.3, 127.8, 126.8, 112.9, 111.7, 109.9, 100.6, 60.3, 55.9, 35.0, 32.7, 20.5, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 262.1438, found 262.1438.

Ethyl 3-(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanoate (13wa) [Scheme 30] To a solution of 1-methyl-1phenylhydrazine 9w (70 µL, 0.593 mmol) and *t*-BuI (212 µL, 1.78 mmol) in MeCN (14 mL) was added cyclopropyl acetal 10d' (55.2 mg, 0.297 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL) at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 17 min, *t*-BuI (106 µL, 0.891 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 50 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13wa (19.9 mg, 29%) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.09 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.4, 136.9, 127.5, 126.3, 121.5, 118.8, 118.7, 113.5, 109.2, 60.3, 35.2, 32.6, 20.5, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>232.1332, found 232.1333. Ethyl 5-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-3-pentenoate (13ab) [Scheme 31] To a solution of cyclopropyl  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -saturated ester 10e (35.9 mg, 0.169 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) were added 4methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9a (59.0 mg, 0.338 mmol) and t-BuI (121 µL, 1.01 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 15 min, t-BuI (61  $\mu$ L, 0.505 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 45 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13ab (dr = 1.7 : 1, 20.3 mg, 44%) as a yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.05-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.98-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.74 (m, 1H), 5.98-5.64 (m, 2H), 4.30-4.07 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 1.1H), 3.85 (s, 1.9H), 3.50-3.45 (m, 2H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 0.7H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 0.9 Hz, 1.3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1.1H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1.9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.2, 172.1, 154.0, 154.0, 133.1, 131.7, 131.5, 127.8, 127.7, 122.7, 122.6, 122.4, 121.7, 114.3, 114.3, 112.3, 112.2, 111.9, 111.9, 101.0, 100.8, 60.8, 60.7, 56.0, 38.1, 33.1, 28.7, 23.6, 14.3; Three carbon peaks of diastereomers could not be detected probably due to overlapping; HRMS (ESI) (E/Z mixture) m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>274.1438, found 274.1436.

Ethyl 3-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)butanoate (13ac) [Scheme 31] To a solution of 4methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9a (42.6 mg, 0.243 mmol) and *t*-BuI (87.0 µL, 0.732 mmol) in MeCN (8.0 mL) was added cyclopropyl acetal 10f (24.4 mg, 0.122 mmol) in MeCN (1.0 mL) at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 17 min, *t*-BuI (44 µL, 0.366 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. After being stirred at reflux for 35 min, *t*-BuI (44 µL, 0.366 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 20 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford indole 13ac (23.8 mg, 75%) as an orange oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (s, br, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.63-3.51 (m, 1H), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.9, 153.8, 131.6, 126.7, 120.8, 120.6, 112.1, 111.8, 101.1, 60.3, 56.0, 42.3, 27.9, 21.0, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 262.1438, found 262.1439.

*N*,*N*-Diethyl-3-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanamide (13ad) [Scheme 31]. To a solution of cyclopropyl amide 10g (42.2 mg, 0.198 mmol) in MeCN (12 mL) were added 4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9a (69.1 mg, 0.396 mmol) and *t*-BuI (142  $\mu$ L, 1.19 mmol) at

room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 15 min, *t*-BuI (71  $\mu$ L, 0.595 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 45 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1 : 2) to afford indole **13ad** (33.1 mg, 61%) as a white solid; Mp: 101-105°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.15 (br, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.40 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.70-2.60 (m, 2H), 1.14-1.07 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.9, 153.8, 131.4, 127.6, 122.4, 115.2, 112.1, 111.9, 100.5, 55.9, 41.9, 40.1, 33.8, 21.1, 14.2, 13.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>275.1754, found 275.1754.

**3-(5-Methoxy-1***H***-indol-3-yl)-1-(1-piperidinyl)-1-propanone (13ae) [Scheme 31].** To a solution of cyclopropyl amide **10h** (30.7 mg, 0.136 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) were added 4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride **9a** (47.6 mg, 0.272 mmol) and *t*-BuI (97  $\mu$ L, 0.816 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 12 min, *t*-BuI (49  $\mu$ L, 0.408 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 33 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1 : 2) to afford indole **13ae** (19.6 mg, 50%) as a pale orange oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.05 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.8 Hz), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.57-3.55 (m, 2H), 3.31 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.10-3.06 (m, 2H), 2.75-2.65 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.37 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 153.9, 131.4, 127.6, 122.3, 115.3, 112.1, 111.8, 100.5, 55.9, 46.6, 42.7, 33.9, 26.3, 25.5, 24.5, 21.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>287.1754, found 287.1755.

*N*-Methoxy-3-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-*N*-methylpropanamide (13af) [Scheme 31] To a solution of cyclopropyl amide 10j (206 mg, 1.02 mmol) in MeCN (50 mL) were added 4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9a (358 mg, 2.05 mmol) and *t*-BuI (730  $\mu$ L, 6.12 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 15 min, *t*-BuI (365  $\mu$ L, 3.06 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 35 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1 : 3) to afford indole 13af (139 mg, 52%) as a pale orange oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.17 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H),

6.83 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 3.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.2, 153.7, 131.4, 127.5, 122.4, 115.0, 112.0, 111.9, 100.4, 61.1, 55.9, 32.5, 32.1, 20.2; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 263.1391, found 263.1390.

*S*-Benzyl 3-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propanethioate (13ag) [Scheme 31] To a solution of cyclopropyl thioester 10i (38.1 mg, 0.144 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) were added 4-methoxyphenylhydrazine hydrochloride 9a (50.3 mg, 0.288 mmol) and *t*-BuI (103 μL, 0.864 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred at reflux for 18 min, *t*-BuI (365 μL, 3.06 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred at reflux for additional 42 min. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford the indole 13ag (34.4 mg, 74%) as a yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.16 (m, 6H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.11 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 6.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 198.5, 154.0, 137.6, 131.3, 128.8, 128.6, 127.4, 127.2, 122.3, 114.1, 112.3, 111.9, 100.4, 55.9, 44.2, 33.2, 21.1; One carbon peak could not be detected probably due to overlapping; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 348.1029, found 348.1026.

**5-(5-Methoxy-1***H***-indol-3-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-1-yn-3-one (51) [Scheme 32].** To a solution of 4-ethynylanisole (116 mg, 0.874 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (46.8 mg, 0.73 mmol) at -78 °C. After stirred at -78 °C for 30 min, the mixture was transferred through cannula to cooled (-78 °C) solution of indole **13af** (76.5 mg, 0.29 mmol) in THF (1 mL) and stirred for 5 min at -78 °C. Then the mixture was stirred for further 1 h at -10 °C followed by cooled to -78 °C, quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and warm to room temperature. The resulting mixture was diluted with water, extracted with ethyl acetate three times, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford ynone **51** (57.8 mg, 59%) as a brown solid; Mp: 76-80 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 (s, br, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.83 (m, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.19-3.15 (m, 2H), 3.08-3.04 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  187.7, 161.6, 154.0, 135.1, 131.4, 127.5, 122.3, 114.4, 114.3, 112.2, 111.9, 111.7, 100.5, 92.3, 87.8, 55.9, 55.4, 45.7, 19.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 334.1438, found 334.1440.

**2-Methoxy-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9,10-dihydrocyclohepta**[*b*]**indol-8(5***H*)**-one (52)** [Scheme 32]. To a solution of ynone **51** (21.8 mg, 0.065 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) was added NaAuCl<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (1.30

mg, 0.003 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h and then, diluted with EtOAc. The mixture was washed with water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford **52** (22.1 mg, quant.) as a yellow solid; Mp: 188-191 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 (s, br, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08-6.96 (m, 3H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 3.883 (s, 3H), 3.876 (s, 3H), 3.21-3.08 (m, 2H), 2.97-2.84 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  200.8, 160.6, 154.5, 145.1, 132.2, 131.8, 131.0, 130.2, 127.4, 127.2, 120.7, 115.8, 114.3, 112.3, 99.9, 55.8, 55.4, 42.7, 18.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 334.1438, found 334.1434.

#### 1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)spiro[(4-methoxyphenyl)-cyclohex[6]ene-2,3'-indol]-5-one (53)

[Scheme 32]. To a solution of ynone 51 (20.9 mg, 0.063 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) was added AgOTf (1.67 mg, 0.0065 mmol). After stirred at room temperature for 3 h, the mixture was concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford 53 (18 mg, 86%) as a brown oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.05 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.70-6.64 (m, 2H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.95-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.76-2.62 (m, 1H), 2.61-2.48 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.74 (m, 1H), 0.96-0.82 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.9, 174.0, 161.0, 159.1, 157.4, 148.3, 142.6, 129.7, 128.2, 127.4, 122.9, 114.0, 113.8, 109.3, 61.5, 60.4, 55.8, 55.2, 34.1, 32.2, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 334.1438, found 334.1438.

### 第4節 第2章第1節の実験

**Di***tert*-**butyl 1-cyclopropylhydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (66) [Scheme 39].** To a solution of cyclopropylboronic acid **65** (8.59 g, 100 mmol) in DMF (60 mL) were added di*-tert*-butyl azodicarboxylate (7.41 g, 32.0 mmol) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (908 mg, 5.00 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 8 h, and then cooled to room temperature. After the mixture was cooled to 0 °C, H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (200 mL) were added. The organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and brine, and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Then, the mixture was filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 9 : 1) to afford protected *N*-cyclopropylhydrazine **66** (5.75 g, 21% yield) as a yellow oil. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>41</sup>

**Cyclopropylhydrazine ditosylate** (67) [Scheme 39]. To a solution of protected *N*-cyclopropyl hydrazine 66 (5.75g, 21.0 mmol) in MeCN (105 mL) was added *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (16.0 g, 84.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 1 h, and then cooled to room temperature, filtered with KIRIYAMA funnel to afford *N*-cyclopropylhydrazine tosylate 67 (6.26 g, 71% yield) as a white solid. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>41)</sup>

**Methyl 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoacetate (70aa) [Scheme 40].** To a suspension of magnesium (703 mg, 28.9 mmol) in THF (7.30 mL), was added I<sub>2</sub> slowly. To the resulted mixture was added the solution of 2-bromonaphthalene **68** (5.00 g, 24.1 mmol) in THF (12 mL). After cooled to -78 °C, dimethyloxalate (1.90 g, 15.9 mmol) solution in THF was added to the reaction mixture and stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. Then, the mixture was quenched with 1 M HCl and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate and the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated. 2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoacetate **70aa** (571 mg, 11%) was obtained after purification by flash column chlomatography (hexane/EtOAc); The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature.<sup>79</sup>

Methyl (*Z*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetate (14aa) [Scheme 40]. To a solution of methyl 2-(naphthalene-2-yl)-2-oxoacetate 70aa (571 mg, 2.66 mmol) in MeOH (120 mL) were added cyclopropylhydrazine ditosylate 67 (1.11 g, 2.66 mmol) and pyridine (430  $\mu$ L, 5.33 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h, and then evaporated. 14aa (320 mg, 45%) was obtained as a white solid after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); Mp: 72-77 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.69 (s, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.84-7.78 (m, 3H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.12-3.07 (m, 1H), 0.85-0.79 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.1, 134.4, 133.2, 132.5, 128.2, 127.5, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 126.0, 125.8,

125.7, 51.4, 31.9, 6.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 269.1285, found 269.1284.

**[Table 3, entry 1]** *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone **14aa** (42.4 mg, 0.158 mmol), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (9.8 mg, 0.0158 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (28.7 mg, 0.158 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (21.8 mg, 0.158 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were dissolved in xylene (1.60 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 16 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>). Pyrazole **16aa** was calculated as 13% NMR yield.

Methyl 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)acetate (16aa). Physical state: yellow solid; Mp: 97-99 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.89-7.84 (m, 4H), 7.61 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 6.27 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.5, 140.0, 133.4, 133.1, 131.0, 129.3, 129.1, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.0, 126.7, 125.5, 106.1, 67.9, 52.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 267.1128, found 267.1127.

[**Table 3, entry 3**] *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone **14aa** (30.7 mg, 0.110 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.4 mg, 0.011 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were dissolved in xylene (1.00 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 14 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>). Pyrazole **16aa** was calculated as 49% NMR yield.

**[Table 3, entry 4]** *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone **14aa** (46.8 mg, 0.175 mmol), Pd(TFA)<sub>2</sub> (5.8 mg, 0.017 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were dissolved in xylene (1.70 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 16 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>). Pyrazole **16aa** was calculated as 42% NMR yield.

[**Table 3, entry 5**] *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone **14aa** (35.1 mg, 0.130 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.9 mg, 0.013 mmol), AgOAc (43.4 mg, 0.260 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were dissolved in xylene (1.30 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 16 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>). Pyrazole **16aa** was calculated as 39% NMR yield.

[Table 3, entry 6] *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14aa (38.6 mg, 0.144 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (3.2 mg, 0.014 mmol), HFIP (48.4 mg, 0.288 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were dissolved in xylene (1.40 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 15 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford pyrazole 16aa (26.4 mg, 69%).

[Table 3, entry 8] *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14aa (32.1 mg, 0.120 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2.7 mg, 0.012 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (1.20 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 4 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford pyrazole 16aa (25.6 mg, 80%).

### 第5節 第2章第2節の実験

General procedure for preparation of cyclopropylhydrazones [Table 4]. To a solution of  $\alpha$ -keto esters in MeOH were added cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (1.0 eq.) and pyridine (2.0 eq.). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for several hours, and then evaporated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford cyclopropylhydrazones 14ab-as.

Methyl (*Z*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-phenylacetate (14ab) [Table 4, entry 1]. Following to the general procedure using commercially available methyl benzoylformate 70ab (1.20 g, 7.20 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (3.00 g, 7.20 mmol) and pyridine (1.20 mL, 14 mmol), 14ab (775 mg, 49%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10 : 1); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.62 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.07-3.03 (m, 1H), 0.82-0.75 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.9, 137.0, 128.4, 127.8, 127.0, 126.1, 51.3, 31.8, 6.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 219.1128, found 219.1128.

Ethyl 2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-phenylacetate (14ac) [Table 4, entry 2]. Following to the general procedure using commercially available ethyl benzoylformate 70ac (534 mg, 3.00 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (1.25 mg, 3.00 mmol) and pyridine (484  $\mu$ L, 6.00 mmol), 14ac (45.6 mg, 7%) and 14ac' (*E*-isomer of 14ac, 21.0 mg, 3%) were obtained after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 4 : 1);

**Ethyl (***Z***)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-phenylacetate (14ac).** Physical state: yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.62 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.07-3.02 (m, 1H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.81-0.76 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.6, 137.1, 128.3, 127.8, 126.9, 126.3, 60.4, 31.8, 14.2, 6.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 233.1285, found 233.1286.

**Ethyl (***E***)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-phenylacetate (14ac')**. Physical state: yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.48-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 4.32-4.26 (m, 2H), 2.90-2.87 (m, 1H), 1.33-1.29 (m, 3H), 0.73-0.63 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.4, 133.6, 130.5, 129.2, 129.0, 129.0, 61.1, 31.1, 14.3, 6.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 233.1285, found 233.1284.

Ethyl (*Z*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetate (14ad) [Table 4, entry 3]. Following to the general procedure, commercially available ethyl 4-methoxybenzoylformate 70ad

(208 mg, 1.00 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine **67** (417 mg, 1.00 mmol) and pyridine (161  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 4 h. **14ad** (128 mg, 12%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.85 (m, 2H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.05-2.99 (m, 1H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.79-0.74 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.6, 158.7, 129.8, 129.5, 126.3, 113.2, 60.4, 55.3, 31.7, 14.2, 6.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 263.1390, found 263.1388.

Ethyl (*Z*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-(*p*-tolyl)acetate (14ae) [Table 4, entry 4]. Following to the general procedure, commercially available ethyl 4-methylbenzoylformate **70ae** (326 mg, 1.70 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine **67** (700 mg, 1.68 mmol) and pyridine (270 μL, 3.40 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 2 h. **14ae** (207 mg, 49%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.54 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.28-4.23 (m, 2H), 3.05-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.32-1.29 (m, 3H), 0.79-0.75 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.6, 136.7, 134.3, 128.5, 128.2, 126.5, 60.3, 31.8, 21.2, 14.2, 6.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 247.1441, found 247.1441.

Ethyl (*Z*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)acetate (14af) [Table 4, entry 5]. Following to the general procedure, commercially available ethyl-(4-fluorobenzoyl)formate 70af (334 mg, 1.70 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (700 mg, 1.68 mmol) and pyridine (270 μL, 3.40 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 2 h. 14af (212 mg, 50%) was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); Mp: 35-40 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.63 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.06-3.01 (m, 1H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.78 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 245.6 Hz), 160.8, 133.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-C-C-F</sub> = 2.89 Hz), 130.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-C-C-F</sub> = 7.71 Hz), 125.3, 114.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-C-F</sub> = 21.2 Hz), 60.5, 31.8, 14.2, 6.2; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -115.7; HRMS (ESI) *m*/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 251.1190, found 251.1192.

Ethyl (*Z*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)acetate (14ag) [Table 4, entry 6]. Following to the general procedure, commercially available ethyl-(4-chlorobenzoyl)formate 70ag (360 mg, 1.70 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (700 mg, 1.68 mmol) and pyridine (270 μL, 3.40 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 5 h. 14ag (207 mg, 46%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.69 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 4.26 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.07-3.01 (m, 1H), 1.31 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.80-0.77 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.3, 135.6, 132.6, 129.5, 127.9, 125.0, 60.5, 31.9, 14.2, 6.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>35</sup>Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 267.0895, found 267.0895, C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>37</sup>Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 269.0865, found 269.0866. Ethyl (*Z*)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)acetate (14ah) [Table 4, entry 7]. Following to the general procedure, commercially available ethyl-(4-bromobenzoyl)formate 70ah (617 mg, 2.40 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (1.00 g, 2.40 mmol) and pyridine (400 μL, 4.80 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 5 h. 14ah (403 mg, 54%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.71 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 4H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.07-3.01 (m, 1H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.80-0.77 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.3, 136.0, 130.8, 129.9, 124.9, 120.9, 60.5, 31.9, 14.2, 6.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>79</sup>Br [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 311.0390, found 311.0391, C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>81</sup>Br [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 313.0369, found 313.0371.

Methyl (*Z*)-4-(1-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)benzoate (14ai) [Table 4, entry 8]. Following to the general procedure, methyl-(4-methoxycarbonyl)benzoylformate 70ai (165 mg, 0.743 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (291 mg, 0.700 mmol) and pyridine (113  $\mu$ L, 1.40 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 3 h. 14ai (79.7 mg, 41%) was obtained as a white solid after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); Mp: 75 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.83 (s, 1H), 8.00-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.11-3.06 (m, 1H), 0.84-0.80 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.1, 163.8, 141.5, 129.1, 128.2, 127.9, 124.6, 52.0, 51.4, 32.1, 6.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 277.1183, found 277.1182.

Ethyl (*Z*)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)acetate (14aj) [Table 4, entry 9]. Following to the general procedure, commercially available ethyl 4-cyanobenzoylformate 70aj (203 mg, 1.00 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (416 mg, 1.00 mmol) and pyridine (161  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 5 h. 14aj (133 mg, 51%) was obtained as a white solid after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); Mp: 66-70 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.96 (s, 1H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.12-3.06 (m, 1H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.84-0.81 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.1, 141.6, 131.6, 128.4, 123.8, 119.3, 109.7, 60.7, 32.2, 14.2, 6.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 258.1237, found 258.1239.

Methyl (*Z*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-(*o*-tolyl)acetate (14ak) [Table 4, entry 10]. Following to the general procedure, methyl 2-methylbenzoylformate 70ak (115 mg, 0.645 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (268 mg, 0.643 mmol) and pyridine (103  $\mu$ L, 1.28 mmol) were used. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. Then the mixture was heated up to 50 °C and stirred for 8 h. After the same work-up as the general procedure, **14ak** (20.2 mg, 14%) was obtained as a white solid after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.63 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 4H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.04-2.99 (m, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 0.77-0.75 (m, 4H);
<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.0, 137.2, 136.4, 130.2, 130.0, 127.8, 126.1, 125.6, 51.3, 31.6, 19.8, 6.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 233.1285, found 233.1286.

Methyl (*Z*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)acetate (14al) [Table 4, entry 11]. Following to the general procedure, 2-methoxybenzoylformate 70al (159 mg, 0.819 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (342 mg, 0.821 mmol) and pyridine (132  $\mu$ L, 1.64 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 17 h. 14al (16.7 mg, 8%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.25 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.02-2.97 (m, 1H), 0.77-0.72 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.0, 157.8, 130.5, 129.2, 126.8, 125.3, 120.7, 110.8, 55.6, 51.2, 31.4, 6.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 249.1234, found 249.1231.

Methyl (*Z*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-(*m*-tolyl)acetate (14am) [Table 4, entry 12]. Following to the general procedure, 3-methylbenzoylformate 70am (132 mg, 0.741 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (309 mg, 0.742 mmol) and pyridine (119  $\mu$ L, 1.48 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 22 h. 14am (112 mg, 65%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.58 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.06-3.03 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 0.80-0.76 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.0, 137.4, 136.9, 129.0, 128.0, 127.7, 126.3, 125.6, 51.3, 31.8, 21.5, 6.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 233.1285, found 233.1284.

Methyl (*Z*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)acetate (14an) [Table 4, entry 13]. Following to the general procedure, 3-methoxybenzoylformate 70an (84.2 mg, 0.433 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (181 mg, 0.434 mmol) and pyridine (69.0  $\mu$ L, 0.86 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 21 h. 14an (26.5 mg, 25%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.63 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.81 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.07-3.02 (m, 1H), 0.81-0.76 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.9, 159.1, 138.3, 128.7, 125.7, 121.0, 114.2, 112.5, 55.2, 51.3, 31.9, 6.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 249.1233, found 249.1234.

Methyl (*Z*)-2-(3-cyanophenyl)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)acetate (14ao) [Table 4, entry 14]. Following to the general procedure, 3-cyanobenzoylformate 70ao (189 mg, 1.00 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (416 mg, 1.00 mmol) and pyridine (161  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 24 h. 14ao (110 mg, 45%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.88 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.11-3.05 (m, 1H), 0.83 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.4, 138.2, 132.4,

131.8, 130.1, 128.6, 123.2, 119.2, 111.9, 51.5, 32.2, 6.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 244.1081, found 244.1079.

(Methyl (*Z*)-2-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)acetate (14ap) [Table 4, entry 15]. Following to the general procedure, 3,4-methylenedioxybenzoylformate 70ap (400 mg, 1.67 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (696 mg, 1.67 mmol) and pyridine (270  $\mu$ L, 3.34 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 17 h. 14ap (117 mg, 27%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.51 (s, 1H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.05-3.00 (m, 1H), 0.79-0.75 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.8, 147.1, 146.7, 131.1, 125.7, 122.1, 109.1, 107.8, 100.9, 51.3, 31.8, 6.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 263.1026, found 263.1027.

Methyl (*Z*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)acetate (14aq) [Table 4, entry 16]. Following to the general procedure, methyl 2-oxo-2-(thiophen-2-yl)acetate 70aq (181 mg, 1.06 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (443 mg, 1.06 mmol) and pyridine (171  $\mu$ L, 2.12 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 22 h. 14aq (52.8 mg, 22%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.67 (s, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.08-3.04 (m, 1H), 0.86-0.76 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.1, 141.1, 127.0, 124.0, 123.8, 121.3, 51.4, 32.1, 6.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 225.0692, found 225.0691.

Methyl (*Z*)-2-(benzofuran-3-yl)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)acetate (14ar) [Table 4, entry 17]. Following to the general procedure, ethyl 2-(benzofuran-3-yl)-2-oxoacetate 70ar (207 mg, 0.948 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (396 mg, 0.948 mmol) and pyridine (153  $\mu$ L, 1.90 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 3 h. 14ar (79.0 mg, 31%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.79 (s, 1H), 8.25-8.23 (m, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.25 (m, 2H), 4.35 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.15-3.09 (m, 1H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.88-0.83 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.2, 154.9, 143.0, 126.2, 124.3, 123.3, 122.7, 120.1, 117.1, 111.0, 60.7, 31.9, 14.2, 6.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 273.1234, found 273.1234.

Methyl (*Z*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)acetate (14as) [Table 4, entry 18]. Following to the general procedure, ethyl 2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-oxoacetate 70as (175 mg, 0.815 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (339 mg, 0.815 mmol) and pyridine (132  $\mu$ L, 1.63 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 22 h. 14as (60.3 mg, 28%) was obtained as a brown solid after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); Mp: 87-90 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.84 (s, 1H), 7.85-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.41 (m, 4H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H), 3.09-3.03

(m, 1H), 0.83-0.74 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.5, 134.4, 133.7, 132.8, 128.3, 127.8, 125.8, 125.5, 125.3, 125.1, 51.3, 31.7, 6.4; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 269.1285, found 269.1287.

General procedure for preparation of  $\alpha$ -keto esters 70ak-70ap, 70as [Table 5]. To a solution of ketone (1.0 eq.) in pyridine (c = 2.0 M) was added SeO<sub>2</sub> (1.5 eq.) and stirred at 100 °C under argon overnight. The mixture was cooled in an ice bath and then MS4A and MeOH were added (1.8 eq.). After the mixture was stirred for 10 min, SOCl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 eq.) was added slowly and stirred at room temperature overnight. Then, 60% HClO<sub>4</sub> aq. (2.70 mL) and MeCN (27.3 mL) were poured into the flask and stirred for 30 min. Excess acid was neutralized by saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup>. Then, the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chlomatography (hexane/EtOAc) to afford  $\alpha$ -keto esters.

**Methyl 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxoacetyl)benzoate (70ai) [Table 5, entry 1].** Following to the general procedure using 4-methoxycarbonylacetophenone **71ai** (1.78 g, 10.0 mmol), SeO<sub>2</sub> (1.66 g, 15.0 mmol), pyridine (5.00 mL), MS4A (60 mg), MeOH (7.50 mL), SOCl<sub>2</sub> (3.75 mL), 60% HClO<sub>4</sub> aq. (2.70 mL) and MeCN (27.3 mL), methyl 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxoacetyl)benzoate **70ai** (242 mg, 11%) was obtained as a white solid after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc); Mp: 96-101 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.17 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.11-8.09 (m, 2H), 4.00 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.2, 165.9, 163.3, 135.6, 135.4, 130.0, 129.9, 53.0, 52.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 245.0420, found 245.0423.

Methyl 2-oxo-2-(*o*-tolyl)acetate (70ak) [Table 5, entry 2]. Following to the general procedure using 2-methylacetophenone 71ak (1.34 g, 10.0 mmol), SeO<sub>2</sub> (1.66 g, 15.0 mmol), pyridine (5.00 mL), MS4A (60 mg), MeOH (7.50 mL), SOCl<sub>2</sub>(3.75 mL), 60% HClO<sub>4</sub> aq. (2.70 mL) and MeCN (27.3 mL), methyl 2- methyl 2-oxo-2-(*o*-tolyl)acetate 70ak (755 mg, 56%) was obtained after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc); The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>80</sup>

Methyl 2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoacetate (70al) [Table 5, entry 3]. Following to the general procedure using 2-methoxyacetophenone 71al (751 mg, 5.00 mmol), SeO<sub>2</sub> (832 mg, 7.50 mmol), pyridine (2.50 mL), MS4A (300 mg), MeOH (3.60 mL), SOCl<sub>2</sub> (1.89 mL), 60% HClO<sub>4</sub> aq. (1.30 mL) and MeCN (13.7 mL), methyl 2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoacetate 70al (159 mg, 16%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* 

= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 3H), 3.87 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  186.3, 165.6, 160.3, 136.4, 130.6, 122.7, 121.3, 112.0, 56.2, 52.4; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 195.0652, found 195.0654.

**Methyl 2-oxo-2-(***m***-tolyl)acetate (70am) [Table 5, entry 4].** Following to the general procedure using 3-methylacetophenone **71am** (537 mg, 4.00 mmol), SeO<sub>2</sub> (666 mg, 6.00 mmol), pyridine (2.00 mL), MS4A (50 mg), MeOH (3.00 mL), SOCl<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mL), 60% HClO<sub>4</sub> aq. (1.20 mL) and MeCN (12.1 mL), 3- methyl 2-oxo-2-(*m*-tolyl)acetate **70am** (544 mg, 76%) was obtained after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc); The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>80</sup>

**Methyl 2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoacetate (70an) [Table 5, entry 5].** Following to the general procedure using 3-methoxyacetophenone **71an** (751 mg, 5.00 mmol), SeO<sub>2</sub> (832 mg, 7.50 mmol), pyridine (2.50 mL), MS4A (300 mg), MeOH (3.60 mL), SOCl<sub>2</sub> (1.89 mL), 60% HClO<sub>4</sub> aq. (1.30 mL) and MeCN (13.7 mL), methyl 2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoacetate **70an** (84.2 mg, 9%) was obtained after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc); The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>81)</sup>

**Methyl 2-(3-cyanophenyl)-2-oxoacetate (70ao) [Table 5, entry 6].** Following to the general procedure using 3-cyanoacetophenone **70ao** (728 mg, 5.00 mmol), SeO<sub>2</sub> (832 mg, 7.50 mmol), pyridine (2.50 mL), MS4A (300 mg), MeOH (3.60 mL), SOCl<sub>2</sub> (1.89 mL), 60% HClO<sub>4</sub> aq. (1.30 mL) and MeCN (13.7 mL), methyl 2-(3-cyanophenyl)-2-oxoacetate **70ao** (198 mg, 21%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.38 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  183.3, 162.5, 137.5, 133.9, 133.8, 133.4, 129.9, 117.4, 113.6, 53.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 212.0318, found 212.0321.

Methyl 2-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-oxoacetate (70ap) [Table 5, entry 7]. Following to the general procedure using 3,4-methylenedioxyacetophenone 71ap (1.64 g, 10.0 mmol), SeO<sub>2</sub> (1.66 g, 15.0 mmol), pyridine (5.00 mL), MS4A (60 mg), MeOH (7.50 mL), SOCl<sub>2</sub> (3.75 mL), 60% HClO<sub>4</sub> aq. (2.70 mL) and MeCN (27.3 mL), methyl 2-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-oxoacetate 70ap (1.08 g, 52%) was obtained after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc); The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>82)</sup>

Methyl 2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-oxoacetate (70as) [Table 5, entry 8]. Following to the general procedure using 1-acetonaphthone 71as (681 mg, 4.00 mmol), SeO<sub>2</sub> (666 mg, 6.00 mmol), pyridine

(2.00 mL), MS4A (50 mg), MeOH (3.00 mL), SOCl<sub>2</sub> (1.50 mL), 60% HClO<sub>4</sub> aq. (1.20 mL) and MeCN (12.1 mL), methyl 2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-oxoacetate **70as** (594 mg, 69%) was obtained after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc); The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>79</sup>

Methyl 2-oxo-2-(thiophen-2-yl)acetate (70aq) [Scheme 41]. To a solution of thiopheneglyoxylic acid 72 (625 mg, 4.00 mmol) in THF (20 mL) were added DBU (657  $\mu$ L, 4.40 mmol) and MeI (1.20 mL, 20 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, and then quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O three times and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated. Methyl 2-oxo-2-(thiophen-2-yl)acetate 70aq (664 mg, 97%) was obtained after purification by flash column chlomatography (hexane/EtOAc); The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>80</sup>

Ethyl 2-(benzofuran-3-yl)acetate (74) [Scheme 42]. To a solution of coumaranone 73 (671 mg, 5.00 mmol) in toluene (50 mL) was added ethyl triphenylphosphoranylidene acetate (2.61 g, 7.50 mmol) and stirred at reflux for 17 h. Then, the mixture was evaporated. Ethyl 2-(benzofuran-3-yl)acetate 74 (888 mg, 87%) was obtained after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc); The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>48)</sup>

Ethyl 2-(benzofuran-3-yl)-2-oxoacetate (70ar) [Scheme 42] To a solution of ethyl 2-(benzofuran-3-yl)acetate 74 (888 mg, 4.35 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (6.00 mL) was added SeO<sub>2</sub> (965 mg, 8.70 mmol) and stirred at reflux for 4 h. Then, the resulting mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and the solution was evaporated. Ethyl 2-(benzofuran-3-yl)-2-oxoacetate 70ar (682 mg, 72%) was obtained after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc); The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>49)</sup>

**4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-2-(2-phenylcyclopropyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (76) [Scheme 43].** Et<sub>2</sub>Zn (1M in hexane, 8.69 mL, 8.69 mmol) was added to  $CH_2Cl_2$  (6.7 mL) at 0 °C. To the solution was added a solution of TFA (0.67 mL) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (6.7 mL) slowly. Then, the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Next, a solution of diiodomethane (700 µL, 8.69 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (6.7 mL) was added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 20 min at 0 °C. To the resulting solution was added *trans*-2-phenylvinylboronic acid pinacol ester **75** in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (6.7 mL), and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 12 h. Then, the mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The collected organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated to afford crude cyclopropylboronate **76**. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>83)</sup>

(2-Phenylcyclopropyl)boronic acid (77) [Scheme 43]. To a solution of the crude cyclopropylboronate 76 in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 25 mL) was added NaIO<sub>4</sub> (1.28 g, 6.00 mmol) and stirred at room temperature for 15 min. Then, 1.0 M HCl aq. (5.1 mL) was added to the mixture and stirred for 14 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc three times. The collected organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to afford crude cyclopropylboronic acid 77. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>50</sup> The residue was dissolved in DMF (5.0 mL).

**Di-***tert*-**butyl 1-(2-phenylcyclopropyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (78) [Scheme 43].** To the crude cyclopropylboronic acid 77 (736 mg) were added di-*tert*-butyl azodicarboxylate (523 mg, 2.27 mmol) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (41.0 mg, 0.23 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 15 h, and then cooled to 0 °C and diluted with water and Et<sub>2</sub>O. The organic layer was collected and washed with water and brine. The resulting solution was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc) to afford di-*tert*-butyl 1-(2-phenylcyclopropyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate 78 as a yellow oil (357 mg, 24% from 75); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, mixture of rotamers)  $\delta$  7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.43 (s, 0.7H), 6.16 (s, 0.2H), 3.13 (s, 0.6H), 3.05 (s, 0.08H), 2.28 (s, 1H), 1.46 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 18H), 1.37 (s, 0.3H), 1.19 (s, 0.9H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.7, 140.6, 128.2, 126.5, 125.9, 81.5, 81.2, 41.0, 28.2, 28.2, 16.3; Two carbon peak could not be detected probably due to overlapping; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 371.1941, found 371.1943.

*N*-(2-Phenyl)cyclopropylhydrazine tosylate (79) [Scheme 43]. To a solution of di-*tert*-butyl 1-(2-phenylcyclopropyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate 78 (5.75 g, 21.0 mmol) in MeCN (105 mL) was added *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (16.0 g, 84.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 1 h, and then cooled to room temperature, filtered with KIRIYAMA funnel to afford *N*-(2-phenyl)cyclopropyl hydrazinetosylate 79 (206 mg, 64%) as a white solid; Mp: 148 °C (decomp.); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.51-8.66 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.08 (m, 5H), 2.67 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 1H), 1.17-1.09 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  145.5, 140.5, 137.8, 128.2, 128.2, 126.1, 125.8, 125.5, 40.4, 23.5, 20.8, 15.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 149.1073, found 149.1074.

Ethyl (Z)-2-phenyl-2-(2-(2-phenylcyclopropyl)hydrazineylidene)acetate (14at) [Scheme 43]. To a solution of ethyl benzoylformate 70ac (114 mg, 0.640 mmol) in MeOH (6.4 mL), were added cyclopropylhydrazine 79 (315 mg, 0.983 mmol) and pyridine (103  $\mu$ L, 1.28 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 13 h, and then evaporated. The crude product was purified by flash column chlomatography (hexane/EtOAc) to afford cyclopropylhydrazone 14at (94 mg, 48%) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.80 (s, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 2H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.25-3.21 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.27 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.29-1.26 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.6, 140.8, 137.0, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.0, 126.5, 126.0, 125.9, 60.5, 41.8, 24.7, 15.4, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 309.1598, found 309.1598.

Methyl (*E*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)acetate (14au) [Scheme 44]. To a solution of commercially available methyl 2-hydroxy-2-methoxy acetate 84 (100 mg, 0.831 mmol) in MeOH (3.00 mL) were added cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (346 mg, 0.831 mmol) and AcONa (136 mg, 1.66 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The mixture was evaporated and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. Then, the mixture was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated. Methyl (*E*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)acetate 14au (84.2 mg, 65%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.16 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.49-2.46 (m, 1H), 0.87-0.82 (m, 2H), 0.65-0.61 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.3, 122.5, 51.8, 26.5, 6.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 143.0815, found 143.0815.

General procedure for preparation of cyclopropylhydrazones [Table 6]. To a solution of  $\alpha$ -keto esters in MeOH were added cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (1.0 eq.) and pyridine (2.0 eq.). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for several hours and then evaporated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford cyclopropylhydrazones 14av-az, 14ba-bc, 14ca.

Ethyl (*E*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazinylidene)propanoate (14av) [Table 6, entry 1]. Following to the general procedure, commercially available ethyl pyruvate **81av** (116 mg, 1.00 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (416 mg, 1.00 mmol) and pyridine (161  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 9 h. **14av** (150 mg, 88%) was obtained as a white solid after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); Mp: 54-58 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.92 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.09-2.87 (m, 1H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 3H), 0.82-0.68 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.1, 132.6, 61.1, 31.3, 14.5, 10.2, 6.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 171.1128, found 171.1127.

Methyl (*E*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazinylidene)-3-phenylpropanoate (14aw) [Table 6, entry 2]. Following to the general procedure, methyl-2-oxo-3-phenylpropanoate **81aw** (125 mg, 0.701 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine **67** (291 mg, 0.699 mmol) and pyridine (113  $\mu$ L, 1.40 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 4 h. **14aw** (65.7 mg, 40%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 2.89-2.83 (m, 1H), 0.690.64 (m, 2H), 0.55-0.51 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.7, 135.0, 133.2, 128.9, 127.8, 126.8, 52.4, 31.3, 30.8, 6.6; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 233.1285, found 233.1285.

Ethyl (*Z*)-2-cyclopentyl-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)acetate (14ax) [Table 6, entry 3]. Following to the general procedure, ethyl-2-cyclopentyl-2-oxo acetate 81ax (170 mg, 1.00 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (416 mg, 1.00 mmol) and pyridine (161  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 7 h. 14ax (110 mg, 49%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.05 (s, 1H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.99-2.91 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.84 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.69-1.54 (m, 6H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.68-0.66 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.7, 129.5, 59.8, 42.6, 31.3, 31.0, 25.3, 14.2, 5.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 225.1598, found 225.1599.

Methyl (*Z*)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazinylidene)-2-*tert*-butylacetate (14ay) [Table 6, entry 4]. Following to the general procedure, methyl 2-oxo-2-*tert*-butyl acetate **81ay** (132 mg, 0.915 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (383 mg, 0.915 mmol) and pyridine (149  $\mu$ L, 1.84 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 4 h. **14ay** (97.3 mg, 53%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.51 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.87-2.82 (m, 1H), 1.18 (s, 9H), 0.69-0.64 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.3, 133.9, 50.6, 36.3, 31.4, 29.0, 5.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 199.1441, found 199.1442.

(*E*)-3-(2-Cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-4,4-dimethyldihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one (14az) [Table 6, entry 5]. Following to the general procedure, commercially available 2-keto pantoyl lactone 81az (100 mg, 0.780 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (325 mg, 0.780 mmol) and pyridine (126  $\mu$ L, 1.56 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 2 h. Hydrazone 14az (95.0 mg, 67%) was obtained as a white solid after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); Mp: 96 °C (decomp.); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.68 (s, 1H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.00-2.95 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 6H), 0.78-0.73 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.3, 133.7, 77.6, 37.2, 31.9, 22.6, 6.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 183.1128, found 183.1128.

**2-(2-Cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-1,2-diphenylethan-1-one** (14ba) [Table 6, entry 6]. Following to the general procedure, commercially available benzil **81ba** (147 mg, 0.699 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (291 mg, 0.699 mmol) and pyridine (113  $\mu$ L, 1.40 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 2 h. **14ba** (dr = 3.2 : 1, 62.7 mg, 24%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.98 (s, 1H), 8.01-7.97 (m, 6H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 12H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 10H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 10H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.67 (s, 3H), 3.11-3.06 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.84 (m, 3H), 0.87-0.77 (m, 4H), 0.71-0.67 (m, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  190.7, 141.3, 138.5, 131.9, 131.2, 130.6, 130.5, 129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 127.0, 32.3, 31.5, 6.4, 6.3; Five carbon peaks of diastereomers could not be detected probably due to overlapping; HRMS (ESI) (*E/Z* mixture) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ON<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 265.1335, found 265.1336.

(*E*)-2-(2-Cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (14bb) [Table 6, entry 7]. Following to the general procedure, commercially available 1-phenyl-1,2-propanedione **81bb** (104 mg, 0.700 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine **67** (291 mg, 0.700 mmol) and pyridine (161  $\mu$ L, 1.40 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 10 h. **14bb** (97.9 mg, 69%) was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); Mp: 60 °C (decomp.); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 2.95-2.90 (m, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 0.74-0.71 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  191.4, 139.9, 137.9, 131.1, 130.6, 127.5, 31.5, 8.8, 6.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ON<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 203.1179, found 203.1180.

(1*R*,4*S*)-3-(2-Cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one (14bc) [Table 6, entry 8]. Following to the general procedure, commercially available camphorquinone 81bc (166 mg, 1.00 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (416 mg, 1.00 mmol) and pyridine (161  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 9 h. 14bc (*E*/*Z* = 100:7, 40.6 mg, 18%) was obtained as a white solid after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); Mp: 87-93 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.91 (s, 1H), 2.90-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 0.07H), 1.97-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.42-1.34 (m, 1H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.89-0.91 (s, 0.19H), 0.83 (s, 3H), 0.69-0.64 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  204.1, 203.5, 146.5, 141.7, 59.3, 57.8, 50.7, 47.7, 45.7, 45.3, 31.4, 31.1, 30.9, 30.1, 26.0, 23.6, 20.4, 18.5, 18.1, 9.1, 8.7, 6.9, 6.7, 6.3, 6.2; One carbon peak could not be detected probably due to overlapping; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>ON<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 221.1648, found 221.1648.

(*E*)-2-(2-Cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(piperidin-1-yl)ethan-1-one (14ca) [Table 6, entry 9]. To a solution of 1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione 81ca (127 mg, 0.569 mmol) in EtOH (5.70 mL), cyclopropylhydrazine 67 (237 mg, 0.569 mmol) and pyridine (92.0  $\mu$ L, 1.14 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, then heated 70 °C and stirred overnight. The mixture was evaporated. Hydrazone 14ca (61.4 mg, 34%) was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); Mp: 99 °C (decomp.); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.19 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.18 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.95-2.89 (m, 1H), 1.66 (s, 4H), 1.42 (s, 2H), 0.76-0.67 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.1, 146.9, 140.7, 136.9, 125.1, 124.0, 47.2, 42.2, 31.5, 26.8, 25.7, 24.3, 6.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 317.1608, found 317.1607. Methyl-2-oxo-3-phenylpropanoate (81aw) [Table 7, entry 1]. To a solution of phenylpyruvic acid 82aw (657 mg, 4.00 mmol) in THF (20 mL) were added DBU (657  $\mu$ L, 4.40 mmol) and MeI (1.20 mL, 20 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, and then quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O three times and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated. Methyl-2-oxo-3-phenylpropanoate 81aw (342 mg, 48%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by flash column chlomatography (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 3.92 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.7, 139.0, 134.0, 129.9, 128.5, 128.0, 111.2, 53.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 179.0703, found 179.0703.

Methyl 2-oxo-2-*tert*-butylacetate (81ay) [Table 7, entry 2]. To a solution of 3,3-dimethyl-2oxobutanoic acid 82ay (1.30 g, 10.0 mmol) in THF (50 mL) were added DBU (1.64 mL, 11.0 mmol) and MeI (3.11 mL, 50.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, and then quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O three times and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated. Methyl 2-oxo-2-*tert*-butylacetate 81ay (1.54 g, quant.) was obtained after purification by flash column chlomatography (hexane/EtOAc); The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>84</sup>

Ethyl-2-cyclopentyl-2-oxoacetate (81ax) [Scheme 45]. To a solution of diethyloxalate (466  $\mu$ L, 3.00 mmol) in THF (5.00 mL), was added cyclopropylmagnesium bromide 83 solution in THF (3.00 mL, 3.00 mmol). The mixture was stirred at -78 °C. Then, the mixture warmed up to -10 °C and quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O three times and the combined organic extracts were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated. Ethyl-2-cyclopentyl-2-oxo acetate 81ax (245 mg, 48%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chlomatography (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.36-4.30 (m, 2H), 3.54-3.46 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.81 (m, 4H), 1.65-1.64 (m, 4H), 1.39-1.35 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.7, 161.9, 62.2, 47.4, 28.3, 26.0, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 193.0835, found 193.0837.

1-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (81ca) [Scheme 46]. To a solution of 4nitroacetophenone 84 (330 mg, 2.00 mmol) in toluene (5.0 mL) were added piperidine (218  $\mu$ L, 2.20 mmol) and CuI (38.0 mg, 0.200 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 65 °C under O<sub>2</sub> for 5 h. After H<sub>2</sub>O was added into the resulting mixture, the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc three times and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated. 1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione 81ca (286 mg, 55%) was obtained after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc); The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>51)</sup>

General Procedure for ring opening reaction of *N*-cyclopropylhydrazones [Scheme 47]. *N*-cyclopropylhydrazone (1.0 eq.),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.10 eq.) and MS4A were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (c = 0.10 M). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 5-28 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by PTLC to afford pyrazole.

**Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(1***H***-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16ab) [Scheme 47].** Following to the general procedure, hydrazone **14ab** (32.2 mg, 0.148 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (3.3 mg, 0.015 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were used and the reaction time was 23 h. Pyrazole **16ab** (20.2 mg, 64%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 6H), 6.26 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.4, 139.9, 133.8, 129.4, 129.2, 129.2, 128.4, 106.1, 67.8, 52.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 217.0972, found 217.0973.

Ethyl 2-phenyl-2-(1*H*-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16ac) [Scheme 47]. Following to the general procedure, 14ac (22.8 mg, 0.0982 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2.2 mg, 0.0098 mmol) and MS4A (86.0 mg) were used and the reaction time was 7 h. Pyrazole 16ac (12.5 mg, 55%) was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 3 : 1);

Following to the general procedure, **14ac'** (21.0 mg, 0.0904 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mg, 0.0090 mmol) and MS4A (79.0 mg) were used and the reaction time was 6 h. **16ac** (11.1 mg, 54%) was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 3 : 1); Mp: 43-47 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 6H), 6.26 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 4.33-4.20 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.0, 139.8, 134.0, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 106.0, 67.9, 62.1, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 231.1128, found 231.1130.

**Ethyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(1***H***-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16ad) [Scheme 47].** Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14ad (34.2 mg, 0.130 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.9 mg, 0.013 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were used and the reaction time was 5 h. Pyrazole 16ad (15.8 mg, 47%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 3H), 6.95-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.25 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 4.33-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 160.3, 139.8, 129.9, 129.1, 125.8, 114.5, 105.9, 67.3, 62.0, 55.3, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 261.1234, found 261.1232.

**Ethyl 2-(4-methylphenyl)-2-(1***H***-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16ae) [Scheme 47]. Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14ae (35.4 mg, 0.140 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (3.2 mg, 0.014 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were used and the reaction time was 24 h. Pyrazole 16ae (22.4 mg, 64%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.57 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 4.34-4.20 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.1, 139.8, 139.3, 130.8, 129.8, 129.1, 128.4, 105.9, 67.6, 62.0, 21.2, 14.0; HRMS (ESI)** *m/z* **calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 245.1285, found 245.1284.** 

**Ethyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(1***H***-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16af) [Scheme 47].** Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14af (32.0 mg, 0.128 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.9 mg, 0.013 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were used and the reaction time was 6 h. Pyrazole 16af (18.5 mg, 58%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.58 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.29 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 4.34-4.21 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.8, 163.1 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 249.5$  Hz), 140.0, 130.3 (d,  $J_{C-C-C-F} = 8.67$  Hz), 129.9 (d,  $J_{C-C-C-F} = 2.89$  Hz), 129.1, 116.2 (d,  $J_{C-C-F} = 22.2$  Hz), 106.2, 67.1, 62.2, 14.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -111.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 249.1034, found 249.1035.

**Ethyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(1***H***-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16ag) [Scheme 47].** Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14ag (37.9 mg, 0.142 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (3.2 mg, 0.014 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were used and the reaction time was 12 h. Pyrazole 16ag (26.9 mg, 72%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.58 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 2H), 6.29 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 4.34-4.21 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.5, 140.0, 135.4, 132.6, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 106.3, 67.1, 62.3, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>35</sup>Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 265.0738, found 265.0738, C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>37</sup>Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 267.0709, found 267.0708.

Ethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(1*H*-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16ah) [Scheme 47]. Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14ah (40.6 mg, 0.130 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.9 mg, 0.013 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were used and the reaction time was 24 h. Pyrazole 16ah (3.5 mg, 9%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.28 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 4.33-4.20 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.5, 140.0, 133.1, 132.3, 129.9, 129.2, 123.6, 106.3, 67.2, 62.3, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>79</sup>Br [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

309.0233, found 309.0232, C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>81</sup>Br [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 311.0213, found 311.0211.

**Methyl 2-(4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)-2-(1***H***-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16ai) [Scheme 47]. Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14ai (26.6 mg, 0.0962 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.3 mg, 0.010 mmol) and MS4A (82.0 mg) were used and the reaction time was 24 h. Pyrazole 16ai (15.9 mg, 60%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 8.09-8.07 (m, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 3H), 6.31 (d,** *J* **= 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.83 (t,** *J* **= 0.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 168.8, 166.3, 140.1, 138.7, 131.0, 130.3, 129.4, 128.3, 106.5, 67.4, 53.1, 52.3; HRMS (ESI)** *m/z* **calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 275.1026, found 275.1025.** 

**Ethyl 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-(1***H***-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16aj) [Scheme 47].** Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14aj (42.6 mg, 0.165 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (3.7 mg, 0.017 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were used and the reaction time was 24 h. Pyrazole 16aj (15.6 mg, 37%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 4.37-4.25 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.7, 140.3, 139.5, 132.7, 129.5, 128.8, 118.1, 113.1, 106.8, 67.2, 62.6, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 256.1081, found 256.1081.

**Methyl 2-(2-methylphenyl)-2-(1***H***-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16ak) [Scheme 47].** Following to the general procedure, hydrazone **14ak** (20.2 mg, 0.0873 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mg, 0.0089 mmol) and MS4A (74.0 mg) were used and the reaction time was 18 h. Pyrazole **16ak** (11.7 mg, 58%) was obtained as a white solid after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); Mp: 80-82 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 6.23 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.1, 139.9, 138.0, 132.0, 131.3, 129.5, 129.1, 127.6, 126.6, 106.0, 65.0, 52.8, 19.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 231.1128, found 231.1126.

**Methyl 2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-(1***H***-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16al) [Scheme 47].** Following to the general procedure, **14al** (16.7 mg, 0.0673 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mg, 0.0067 mmol) and MS4A (60.0 mg) were used and the reaction time was 9 h. **16al** (10.0 mg, 60%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.02-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 6.26 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.0, 157.0, 139.7, 130.7, 129.5, 129.2, 122.9, 121.0, 111.2, 105.8, 62.6, 55.7, 52.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 247.1077, found 247.1075.

Methyl 2-(3-methylphenyl)-2-(1*H*-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16am) [Scheme 47]. Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14am (26.8 mg, 0.115 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.6 mg, 0.012 mmol) and MS4A (98.0 mg) were used and the reaction time was 9 h. Pyrazole 16am (10.3 mg, 39%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.27 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.6, 139.9, 139.1, 133.5, 130.2, 129.2, 129.1, 129.1, 125.4, 106.0, 67.8, 52.9, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 231.1128, found 231.1128.

Methyl 2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-(1*H*-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16an) [Scheme 47]. Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14an (26.3 mg, 0.110 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.4 mg, 0.011 mmol) and MS4A (95.0 mg) were used and the reaction time was 6 h. Pyrazole 16an (16.1 mg, 62%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.92 (m, 3H), 6.28 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.3, 160.1, 139.9, 135.1, 130.2, 129.3, 120.5, 114.8, 114.2, 106.1, 67.7, 55.3, 52.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 247.1077, found 247.1076.

Methyl 2-(3-cyanophenyl)-2-(1*H*-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16ao) [Scheme 47]. Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14ao (48.0 mg, 0.200 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (4.5 mg, 0.020 mmol) and MS4A (168 mg) were used and the reaction time was 24 h. Pyrazole 16ao (32.1 mg, 68%) was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); Mp: 101-103 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70-7.51 (m, 6H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.2, 140.5, 136.1, 132.7, 132.4, 131.6, 129.9, 129.4, 118.0, 113.4, 106.9, 66.8, 53.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 242.0924, found 242.0922.

Methyl 2-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-2-(1*H*-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16ap) [Scheme 47]. *N*-cyclopropylhydrazone 14ap (33.8 mg, 0.129 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.9 mg, 0.013 mmol) and MS4A (110 mg) were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (1.29 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 19 h. Then the mixture was transferred to sealed tube and stirred at 150 °C for 9 h. After the same work-up as general procedure, pyrazole 16ap (11.0 mg, 33%) was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); Mp: 49- 52 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.82 (m, 1H), 6.28 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.5, 148.5, 148.3, 140.0, 129.1, 127.2, 122.5, 108.8, 108.7, 106.0, 101.6, 67.4, 52.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 283.0689, found 283.0687.

Methyl 2-(1*H*-pyrazole-1yl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)acetate (16aq) [Scheme 47]. Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14aq (25.5 mg, 0.114 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mg, 0.011 mmol) and MS4A (97.0 mg) were used and the reaction time was 18 h. Pyrazole 16aq (18.8 mg, 74%) was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); Mp: 41-45 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 0.8 Hz 1H), 7.19-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 6.30 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.6, 140.1, 135.1, 129.0, 128.5, 127.7, 127.1, 106.3, 62.9, 53.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 223.0536, found 223.0533.

**Ethyl 2-(benzofuran-3-yl)-2-(1***H***-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16ar) [Scheme 47].** Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14ar (26.1 mg, 0.0958 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.010 mmol) and MS4A (86.0 mg) were used and the reaction time was 10 h. Pyrazole 16ar (15.5 mg, 60%) was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); Mp: 49-52 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36-4.24 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.2, 155.4, 144.3, 140.0, 129.2, 125.7, 125.3, 123.4, 120.0, 114.5, 111.8, 106.3, 62.4, 59.7, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 271.1077, found 271.1075.

Methyl 2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-(1*H*-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16as) [Scheme 47]. Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14as (24.7 mg, 0.0921 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.1 mg, 0.0092 mmol) and MS4A (77.0 mg) were used and the reaction time was 10 h. Pyrazole 16as (15.3 mg, 62%) was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); Mp: 81-86 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94-7.87 (m, 3H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.19 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.1, 140.1, 134.0, 131.5, 130.5, 129.4, 128.9, 127.5, 126.4, 126.1, 125.1, 122.7, 106.1, 64.9, 52.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 267.1128, found 267.1130.

Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(5-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazole-1yl)acetate (16at) [Scheme 47]. *N*-cyclopropylhydrazone 14at (30.2 mg, 0.0980 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.0098 mmol) and MS4A (87.0 mg) were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (980  $\mu$ L). After the mixture was stirred at 140 °C in a sealed tube for 21 h, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.0098 mmol) was added and stirred for 4 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford pyrazole 16at as a yellow oil (11.4 mg, 38%); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.35 (s, 7H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.6, 144.6, 139.8, 135.1,

130.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 106.4, 64.6, 62.0, 14.0; One carbon peak could not be detected probably due to overlapping; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{19}H_{19}O_2N_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 307.1441, found 307.1439.

General procedure for ring opening reaction of *N*-cyclopropylhydrazones [Scheme 48]. *N*-cyclopropylhydrazone (1.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.10 eq.) and MS4A were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (c = 0.10 M). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 5-32 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by PTLC to afford pyrazole.

**Methyl 2-(1***H***-pyrazol-1-yl)acetate (16au) [Scheme 48].** Following to the general procedure, hydrazone **14au** (12.0 mg, 0.0844 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.9 mg, 0.0085 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were used and the reaction time was 32 h. Pyrazole **16au** (4.1 mg, 35%) was obtained as a brown oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 1 : 1); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.3, 140.2, 130.6, 106.6, 52.9, 52.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 141.0659, found 141.0658.

Ethyl 2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)propanoate (16av) [Scheme 48]. Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14av (20.0 mg, 0.117 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.6 mg, 0.012 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were used and the reaction time was 8 h. Pyrazole 16av (15.3 mg, 78%) was obtained as a brown oil after purification of silica gel short column (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (t, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.17 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.79 (m, 3H), 1.27-1.23 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.6, 139.5, 128.1, 106.0, 61.7, 59.5, 17.5, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 169.0972, found 169.0970.

**Methyl 3-phenyl-2-(1***H***-pyrazol-1-yl)propanoate (16aw) [Scheme 48].** Following to the general procedure, hydrazone **14aw** (23.7 mg, 0.102 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.3 mg, 0.010 mmol) and MS4A (83.0 mg) were used and the reaction time was 5 h. Pyrazole **16aw** (10.3 mg, 44%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.8, 139.8, 136.1, 129.5, 128.9, 128.5, 127.0, 105.9, 65.6, 52.7, 38.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 231.1126, found 231.1128.

Ethyl 2-cyclopentyl-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)acetate (16ax) [Scheme 48]. Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14ax (24.3 mg, 0.109 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.4 mg, 0.011 mmol) and MS4A (93.0

mg) were used and the reaction time was 12 h. Pyrazole **16ax** (16.5 mg, 68%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.26-4.13 (m, 2H), 2.77-2.67 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.51 (m, 6H), 1.45-1.35 (m, 1H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.0, 139.0, 128.3, 106.1, 69.0, 61.5, 42.7, 29.6, 29.6, 25.3, 24.8, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 223.1441, found 223.1442.

Methyl 3,3-dimethyl-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)butanoate (16ay) [Scheme 48]. *N*-cyclopropylhydrazone 14ay (21.0 mg, 0.106 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.4 mg, 0.011 mmol) and MS4A (91.0 mg) were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (1.06 mL). After the mixture was stirred at 130 °C in a sealed tube for 13 h, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.4 mg, 0.011 mmol) was added and stirred for 11 h. After the same work-up as general procedure, pyrazole 16ay (3.8 mg, 18%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.6, 138.4, 129.7, 105.8, 73.0, 52.0, 36.0, 26.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 197.1284, found 197.1285.

**4,4-Dimethyl-3-(1***H***-pyrazol-1-yl)dihydrofuran-2(3***H***)-one (16az) [Scheme 48]. Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14az (32.1 mg, 0.175 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (3.9 mg, 0.017 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were used and the reaction time was 13 h. Pyrazole 16az (27.0 mg, 86%) was obtained as a white solid after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); Mp: 78-81 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 7.59 (d,** *J* **= 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,** *J* **= 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (t,** *J* **= 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.25 (d,** *J* **= 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d,** *J* **= 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 0.80 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 171.9, 140.6, 130.2, 106.0, 69.0, 41.9, 24.3, 20.0; HRMS (ESI)** *m/z* **calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 181.0972, found 181.0970.** 

**1,2-Diphenyl-2-(1***H***-pyrazol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (16ba) [Scheme 48].** Following to the general procedure, hydrazone **14ba** (17.9 mg, 0.0680 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mg, 0.0067 mmol) and MS4A (60.0 mg) were used and the reaction time was 17 h. Pyrazole **16ba** (6.8 mg, 38%) was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); Mp: 95-98 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 8H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 6.30 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.6, 139.6, 134.7, 134.1, 133.8, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 106.0, 70.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ON<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 263.1179, found 263.1178.

1-Phenyl-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)propan-1-one (16bb) [Scheme 48]. Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14bb (26.9 mg, 0.134 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (3.0 mg, 0.013 mmol) and MS4A (118

mg) were used and the reaction time was 7 h. Pyrazole **16bb** (11.8 mg, 44%) was obtained as a brown solid after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); Mp: 79 °C (decomp); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 6.08 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  195.6, 139.4, 134.6, 133.8, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 106.4, 60.9, 18.0; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ON<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 201.1022, found 201.1023.

(1*R*,4*S*)-1,7,7-Trimethyl-3-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one (16bc) [Scheme 48]. Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14bc (19.1 mg, 0.0867 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mg, 0.0089 mmol) and MS4A (74.0 mg) were used and the reaction time was 5 h. Pyrazole 16bc (11.3 mg, 59%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.27-6.26 (m, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.85-1.49 (m, 4H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  212.4, 139.9, 129.1, 105.3, 67.4, 59.2, 49.5, 43.9, 30.8, 19.8, 19.7, 19.1, 9.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ON<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 219.1492, found 219.1490.

**2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-1-(piperidin-1-yl)-2-(1***H***-pyrazol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (16ca) [Scheme 48]. Following to the general procedure, hydrazone 14ca (26.5 mg, 0.0838 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.9 mg, 0.0084 mmol) and MS4A (75 mg) were used and the reaction time was 9 h. Pyrazole 16ca (14.3 mg, 54%) was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); Mp: 93-98 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 8.25-8.21 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d,** *J* **= 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,** *J* **= 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.42 (m, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.34 (t,** *J* **= 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.71-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.45-3.29 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.54 (m, 4H), 1.36-1.25 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 164.7, 148.0, 142.7, 140.0, 129.7, 129.0, 124.1, 106.9, 64.9, 47.0, 43.8, 26.1, 25.4, 24.2; HRMS (ESI)** *m/z* **calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>315.1452, found 315.1450.** 

## 第6節 第2章第3節の実験

Ethyl 2-(((*E*)-allylidene)hydrazineylidene)-2-phenylacetate (15ac) and ethyl 2-phenyl-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)acetate (16ac) [Scheme 50]. *N*-cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac (23.6 mg, 0.102 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2.3 mg, 0.010 mmol) and MS4A (92.0 mg) were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (1.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux under air for 30 min. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) using triphenyl methane (21.5 mg, 0.0880 mmol) as internal standard. The azine 15ac was calculated as 22% NMR yield, pyrazole 16ac as 4% and *N*-cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac as 43%.

*N*-cyclopropylhydrazone **14ac** (26.5 mg, 0.114 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2.6 mg, 0.012 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (1.1 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux under air for 1 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) using triphenyl methane (22.1mg, 0.0904 mmol) as internal standard. The azine **15ac** was calculated as 26% NMR yield, pyrazole **16ac** as 19% and *N*-cyclopropylhydrazone **14ac** as 17%.

*N*-cyclopropylhydrazone **14ac** (26.1 mg, 0.112 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2.5 mg, 0.011 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (1.1 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux under air for 2 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) using triphenyl methane (23.0 mg, 0.0941 mmol) as internal standard. The azine **15ac** was calculated as 15% NMR yield, pyrazole **16ac** as 42% and *N*-cyclopropylhydrazone **14ac** as 2%.

*N*-cyclopropylhydrazone **14ac** (26.6 mg, 0.115 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2.6 mg, 0.012 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (1.2 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux under air for 17 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) using triphenyl methane (24.0 mg, 0.0982 mmol) as internal standard. The pyrazole **16ac** as 44% NMR yield.

Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)acetate (16ab) [Scheme 58]. *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14ab (25.9 mg, 0.120 mmol) and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.6 mg, 0.012 mmol) were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (1.2 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux under Ar for 15 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) using triphenyl methane as internal standard. The pyrazole **16ab** was calculated as 34% NMR yield.

**Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(1***H***-pyrazol-1-yl)acetate (16ab) [Scheme 58].** *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14ab (26.1 mg, 0.120 mmol) and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.6 mg, 0.012 mmol) were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (1.2 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux under air for 15 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) using triphenyl methane as internal standard. The pyrazole **16ab** was calculated as 60% NMR yield.

Ethyl 2-hydrazineylidene-2-phenylacetate (85) [Scheme 59, eq. 1]. To a solution of hydrazine monohydrate (600  $\mu$ L, 10.0 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O/AcOH = 1 : 1 (800  $\mu$ L), ethylbenzoylformate 70ac (795  $\mu$ L, 5.00 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The resulting mixture was diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc three times. The collected organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to afford crude ethyl phenylglyoxylate hydrazone **85**. The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>85)</sup>

**Ethyl 2-((allylidene)hydrazineylidene)-2-phenylacetate (15ac) [Scheme 59, eq. 1].** To a solution of crude hydrazone **85** in Et<sub>2</sub>O (5.0 mL) were added acrolein (67.0 μL, 1.00 mmol) and AcOH (20 μL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h, and then evaporated. Azine **15ac** (66.0 mg, 29%, from **70ac**) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification with flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.42 (m, 4H), 6.71-6.61 (m, 1H), 5.89-5.85 (m, 2H), 4.46 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.6, 164.3, 161.7, 134.3, 131.6, 131.5, 129.4, 128.8, 127.5, 61.6, 14.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for  $C_{13}H_{15}O_2N_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>231.1128, found 231.1127.

Ethyl 2-phenyl-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)acetate (16ac) [Scheme 59, eq. 2]. Azine 15ac (24.8 mg, 0.108 mmol) and  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2.4 mg, 0.011 mmol), MS4A (92.0 mg) were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (1.1 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux under air for 8 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford pyrazole 16ac (17.8 mg, 72%).

Ethyl 2-phenyl-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)acetate (16ac) [Scheme 59, eq. 3]. Azine 15ac (27.2 mg, 0.118 mmol) and MS4A (100 mg) were dissolved in *t*-AmylOH (1.2 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux under air for 7 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7:3) to afford pyrazole 16ac (21.1 mg, 78%).

## DFT calculations [Scheme 52].

The molecular geometries for each transition states were first estimated with the *Reaction plus* software package, based on the nudged elastic band method, <sup>86)</sup> and were subsequently re-optimized using the Gaussian 16 software package. <sup>87)</sup> Once the stationary points were obtained at M06/6-31g+(d,p)/Lanl2DZ level, <sup>88–90)</sup> the harmonic vibrational frequencies were calculated at the same level to estimate the Gibbs free energy. The nature of the stationary points was characterized *via* vibrational analysis. All of the Gibbs free energy values reported in this paper were calculated for a temperature of 298.15 K. The transition structure reported was optimized without constraints and the intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) route was calculated in both directions toward the corresponding minima for each transition-state structure. The IRC calculation failed to reach the energy minima on the potential energy surface for the transition states, and we therefore carried out geometry optimizations as a continuation of the IRC path. For each optimized structure (potential energy minimum or transition state computed at M06/6-31g+(d,p)/Lanl2DZ level of theory), additional single-point energy calculations were performed at M06/6-31g+(d,p)/Lanl2DZ (PhCl or benzonitrile) level of theory. <sup>91)</sup> The 3D optimized structural figures in this paper were displayed by the CYLview visualization program. <sup>92)</sup>





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| С | -2.00478600 | -0.44399100 | -0.15071600 |

| 0  | -0.16045700 | 1.51408500  | 1.46146100  |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 0  | -3.32229700 | -0.50642300 | 0.11963500  |
| С  | -4.23235600 | 0.10766200  | -0.84235200 |
| Н  | -4.15336500 | -0.39959300 | -1.80637300 |
| Н  | -5.22231500 | -0.02005900 | -0.40945300 |
| Н  | -3.98603700 | 1.16468600  | -0.96745700 |
| Pd | 0.73019700  | -0.07577600 | -1.06614100 |
| 0  | -1.57865100 | 0.09142300  | -1.20811500 |
| С  | 0.43320700  | 2.36577700  | 0.67250300  |
| 0  | 0.93972100  | 2.12115300  | -0.47097600 |
| С  | 0.51917600  | 3.76809100  | 1.21018000  |
| Н  | -0.49125900 | 4.16501900  | 1.35603300  |
| Н  | 1.07413700  | 4.40801700  | 0.52288600  |
| Н  | 1.00471700  | 3.75539700  | 2.19147400  |

V Calculation Method = RM06Formula = C9H14N2O4Pd Basis Set = 6-31g+(d,p)/Lanl2DZCharge = 0Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -887.79844 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 5.099e-06 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = 0Dipole Moment = 8.3631561 Debye Polarizability (?) = 153.37267 a.u. Point Group = C1Molecular Mass = 319.99884 amu Job cpu time: 0 days 0 hours 19 minutes 10.4 seconds.

Thermo Tab Data Section: Imaginary Freq = 0 Temperature = 298.15 Kelvin

| Pressure = 1 atm   |
|--|
| Frequencies scaled by $= 1$                              |
| Electronic Energy (EE) = -887.79844 Hartree              |
| Zero-point Energy Correction = 0.233387 Hartree          |
| Thermal Correction to Energy = 0.251501 Hartree          |
| Thermal Correction to Enthalpy = $0.252445$ Hartree      |
| Thermal Correction to Free Energy = 0.184618 Hartree     |
| EE + Zero-point Energy = -887.56505 Hartree              |
| EE + Thermal Energy Correction = -887.54694 Hartree      |
| EE + Thermal Enthalpy Correction = -887.54599 Hartree    |
| EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -887.61382 Hartree |
| E (Thermal) = 157.819 kcal/mol                           |
| Heat Capacity (Cv) = 63.63 cal/mol-kelvin                |
| Entropy (S) = 142.755 cal/mol-kelvin                     |
|  |

Basis Set = 6-31g+(d,p)/ Lanl2DZ Solvation = scrf=solvent=chlorobenzene E(RM06) = -887.81686 Hartree

01

| С | -1.32995000 | 2.45515100  | 1.27936800  |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Н | -0.77907600 | 2.03187300  | 2.11558900  |
| Н | -2.09425400 | 3.17403800  | 1.56664600  |
| С | -1.50369200 | 1.66741000  | 0.02996600  |
| Н | 3.04048300  | 1.24948500  | 0.74696800  |
| Н | -2.43223200 | 1.67865700  | -0.53156300 |
| С | -0.50273400 | 2.82792700  | 0.02655000  |
| Н | -0.70561900 | 3.78509000  | -0.43851800 |
| Ν | 0.87976500  | 2.48970600  | 0.00166400  |
| Ν | 1.06814100  | 1.23035600  | -0.01452900 |
| С | 2.47325600  | 0.77413800  | -0.06399500 |
| С | 3.09139400  | 1.14035500  | -1.41777500 |
| Н | 3.05882800  | 2.22671100  | -1.53905100 |
| Н | 2.51754700  | 0.67650600  | -2.22848200 |
| Н | 4.12829300  | 0.79675000  | -1.46409100 |
| С | 2.48012100  | -0.71976300 | 0.13784600  |
| 0 | -3.80857800 | -0.09334000 | -0.50079300 |

| 0  | 3.73345600  | -1.18027400 | 0.29923800  |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| С  | 3.90385200  | -2.62374600 | 0.47372600  |
| Н  | 3.52578500  | -3.14969800 | -0.40565000 |
| Н  | 4.97571200  | -2.76507100 | 0.59103400  |
| Н  | 3.35831600  | -2.95520700 | 1.35989800  |
| Pd | -0.48510000 | -0.05760900 | 0.01699000  |
| 0  | 1.48719700  | -1.46171100 | 0.13362400  |
| С  | -3.27910500 | -1.18868300 | -0.23233400 |
| 0  | -1.99594800 | -1.38192900 | 0.03620200  |
| С  | -4.07635600 | -2.47023200 | -0.18365800 |
| Н  | -3.97179000 | -2.93572100 | 0.80198300  |
| Н  | -3.68463900 | -3.17923900 | -0.92079100 |
| Н  | -5.12783600 | -2.26190000 | -0.38978200 |
|    |             |             |             |

TS of Y to ZCalculation Method = RM06

Formula = C9H14N2O4PdBasis Set = 6-31g+(d,p)/Lanl2DZCharge = 0Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -887.74807 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 1.21e-06 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = 1Dipole Moment = 3.5163017 Debye Polarizability (?) = 165.46 a.u. Point Group = C1Molecular Mass = 319.99884 amu Job cpu time: 0 days 0 hours 22 minutes 25.3 seconds. Thermo Tab Data Section: Imaginary Freq = 1

Temperature = 298.15 Kelvin

Pressure = 1 atm

Frequencies scaled by = 1 Electronic Energy (EE) = -887.74807 Hartree Zero-point Energy Correction = 0.229215 Hartree Thermal Correction to Energy = 0.247756 Hartree Thermal Correction to Enthalpy = 0.2487 Hartree Thermal Correction to Free Energy = 0.179023 Hartree EE + Zero-point Energy = -887.51885 Hartree EE + Thermal Energy Correction = -887.50031 Hartree EE + Thermal Enthalpy Correction = -887.49937 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -887.56904 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -887.56904 Hartree E (Thermal) = 155.469 kcal/mol Heat Capacity (Cv) = 64.244 cal/mol-kelvin Entropy (S) = 146.647 cal/mol-kelvin

Basis Set = 6-31g+(d,p)/ Lanl2DZ Solvation = scrf=solvent=chlorobenzene E(RM06) = -887.76401 Hartree

01

| С | 0.75081100  | 2.98226400  | -0.72367900 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Н | 1.26366800  | 2.60775500  | -1.60902000 |
| Н | 0.20680600  | 3.91967600  | -0.85104700 |
| С | 0.73206700  | 2.27716200  | 0.51396100  |
| Н | 1.40611900  | 2.38407900  | 1.37126100  |
| Н | -1.14740400 | -1.76314800 | -0.31194900 |
| С | -0.76926900 | 2.41568000  | 0.61644600  |
| Н | -1.26779800 | 3.35672900  | 0.81702000  |
| Ν | -1.50971200 | 1.31810600  | 0.50787600  |
| Ν | -0.89311500 | 0.23138900  | 0.12185500  |
| С | -1.58691700 | -1.04423000 | 0.39121000  |
| С | -1.35917000 | -1.48065800 | 1.82993000  |
| Н | -0.28500000 | -1.58154400 | 2.02262600  |
| Н | -1.84343300 | -2.44395700 | 2.01681700  |
| Н | -1.79034900 | -0.74238700 | 2.51494000  |
| С | -3.06389100 | -0.91108400 | 0.07392100  |
| 0 | -3.98154900 | -1.09084100 | 0.86960700  |
| 0 | -3.25643400 | -0.59857800 | -1.23417600 |

| С  | -4.63472500 | -0.40881000 | -1.66220800 |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Н  | -4.57217700 | -0.17113700 | -2.72226000 |
| Н  | -5.09078400 | 0.41041700  | -1.10029000 |
| Н  | -5.21072200 | -1.32299900 | -1.49624000 |
| Pd | 1.10535400  | 0.29041700  | 0.05640000  |
| 0  | 3.24700500  | 0.11400800  | -0.16378800 |
| С  | 3.17342200  | -1.17677500 | -0.32290900 |
| 0  | 2.01792600  | -1.74650500 | -0.27296800 |
| С  | 4.41105200  | -1.95964400 | -0.58914600 |
| Н  | 4.67207500  | -1.88206000 | -1.65133200 |
| Н  | 4.25158400  | -3.01213200 | -0.34639300 |
| Н  | 5.24508300  | -1.55304600 | -0.01121000 |
|    |             |             |             |



Calculation Method = RM06Formula = C9H14N2O4PdBasis Set = 6-31g+(d,p)/Lanl2DZCharge = 0Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -887.8072 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 3.581e-06 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = 0Dipole Moment = 2.4575257 Debye Polarizability (?) = 161.44167 a.u. Point Group = C1Molecular Mass = 319.99884 amu Job cpu time: 0 days 0 hours 20 minutes 18.3 seconds. Thermo Tab Data Section:

Imaginary Freq = 0 Temperature = 298.15 Kelvin Pressure = 1 atm Frequencies scaled by = 1 Electronic Energy (EE) = -887.8072 Hartree Zero-point Energy Correction = 0.231918 Hartree Thermal Correction to Energy = 0.250728 Hartree Thermal Correction to Enthalpy = 0.251672 Hartree Thermal Correction to Free Energy = 0.182309 Hartree EE + Zero-point Energy = -887.57528 Hartree EE + Thermal Energy Correction = -887.55647 Hartree EE + Thermal Enthalpy Correction = -887.55552 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -887.62489 Hartree E (Thermal) = 157.334 kcal/mol Heat Capacity (Cv) = 65.258 cal/mol-kelvin Entropy (S) = 145.987 cal/mol-kelvin

Basis Set = 6-31g+(d,p)/ Lanl2DZ Charge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = scrf=solvent=chlorobenzene E(RM06) = -887.82237 Hartree

01

| С | 1.39599200  | 2.52865100  | -0.86117800 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Н | 2.48179300  | 2.57120400  | -0.92293600 |
| Н | 0.84200800  | 2.59491200  | -1.79560200 |
| С | 0.74352800  | 2.58002400  | 0.35512000  |
| Н | 1.32218200  | 2.71302200  | 1.27276000  |
| Н | -0.96007900 | -1.61095400 | 0.09816900  |
| С | -0.74251500 | 2.65822600  | 0.45143600  |
| Н | -1.23529700 | 3.61334900  | 0.59712800  |
| Ν | -1.47157600 | 1.59601500  | 0.35703000  |
| Ν | -0.87857700 | 0.44133100  | -0.01182400 |
| С | -1.47451300 | -0.77223800 | 0.58393600  |
| С | -1.31859200 | -0.83403300 | 2.09378000  |
| Н | -0.25431400 | -0.81947900 | 2.35616500  |
| Н | -1.76553800 | -1.74969800 | 2.49359000  |
| Н | -1.82442400 | 0.01919500  | 2.55909700  |
| С | -2.93900200 | -0.83034300 | 0.18031900  |

| 0  | -3.88476100 | -0.86977600 | 0.96375900  |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 0  | -3.08649800 | -0.87220500 | -1.16849900 |
| С  | -4.45209000 | -0.89864500 | -1.67067800 |
| Н  | -4.35471100 | -0.92633800 | -2.75417600 |
| Н  | -4.98748200 | -0.00264400 | -1.34590100 |
| Н  | -4.97531900 | -1.78361900 | -1.29857300 |
| Pd | 1.12930500  | 0.41492200  | -0.10205300 |
| 0  | 3.23915600  | -0.33151400 | -0.31391400 |
| С  | 2.79708500  | -1.52681300 | -0.12963800 |
| 0  | 1.51431800  | -1.68855500 | 0.06117400  |
| С  | 3.69479000  | -2.70924700 | -0.14571500 |
| Н  | 3.48878500  | -3.31509500 | -1.03538600 |
| Н  | 3.50100200  | -3.33786600 | 0.72874900  |
| Н  | 4.73860700  | -2.39091700 | -0.15953300 |

TS of Z to AA

Calculation Method = RM06 Formula = C9H14N2O4Pd Basis Set = 6-31g+(d,p)/Lanl2DZCharge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -887.7798 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 8.375e-06 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = 1 Dipole Moment = 4.2448469 Debye Polarizability (?) = 163.79933 a.u. Point Group = C1 Molecular Mass = 319.99884 amu Job cpu time: 0 days 0 hours 26 minutes 9.3 seconds.

Thermo Tab Data Section: Imaginary Freq = 1
Temperature = 298.15 Kelvin Pressure = 1 atm Frequencies scaled by = 1 Electronic Energy (EE) = -887.7798 Hartree Zero-point Energy Correction = 0.225962 Hartree Thermal Correction to Energy = 0.244582 Hartree Thermal Correction to Enthalpy = 0.245527 Hartree Thermal Correction to Free Energy = 0.177354 Hartree EE + Zero-point Energy = -887.55384 Hartree EE + Thermal Energy Correction = -887.53522 Hartree EE + Thermal Enthalpy Correction = -887.53428 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -887.60245 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -887.60245 Hartree E (Thermal) = 153.478 kcal/mol Heat Capacity (Cv) = 64.804 cal/mol-kelvin Entropy (S) = 143.481 cal/mol-kelvin

Basis Set = 6-31g+(d,p)/ Lanl2DZ Solvation = scrf=solvent=chlorobenzene E(RM06) = -887.79501 Hartree

01

| -0.13338400 | 1.95272500  | -1.42000300  |
|-------------|---|--|
| 0.49707300  | 2.31849100  | -2.22817800  |
| -0.79897600 | 1.12300700  | -1.66730100  |
| -0.40128500 | 2.76876800  | -0.30497100  |
| -0.03751100 | 3.79493800  | -0.29036800  |
| 0.09336700  | -1.31992800   | -0.04302500  |
| -1.49024100 | 2.44252500  | 0.61090100   |
| -2.21624300 | 3.19030900  | 0.91292900   |
| -1.65452000 | 1.23685100  | 1.06630600   |
| -0.63696700 | 0.38198100  | 1.08990700   |
| -0.83503200 | -0.98404000   | 0.83036000   |
| -0.39388400 | -1.87781800   | 1.98105200   |
| 0.58384700  | -1.54369900   | 2.34677200   |
| -0.31438600 | -2.91263300   | 1.63565000   |
| -1.11469900 | -1.83612200   | 2.80605700   |
| -2.08604600 | -1.39039000   | 0.15063100   |
|             | $\begin{array}{c} -0.13338400\\ 0.49707300\\ -0.79897600\\ -0.40128500\\ -0.03751100\\ 0.09336700\\ -1.49024100\\ -2.21624300\\ -1.65452000\\ -0.63696700\\ -0.63696700\\ -0.83503200\\ -0.39388400\\ 0.58384700\\ -0.31438600\\ -1.11469900\\ -2.08604600\\ \end{array}$ | -0.133384001.952725000.497073002.31849100-0.798976001.12300700-0.401285002.76876800-0.037511003.794938000.09336700-1.31992800-1.490241002.44252500-2.216243003.19030900-1.654520001.23685100-0.636967000.38198100-0.83503200-0.98404000-0.39388400-1.877818000.58384700-1.54369900-0.31438600-2.91263300-1.11469900-1.83612200-2.08604600-1.39039000 |

| 0  | -2.75585100 | -2.38821600 | 0.41821500  |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 0  | -2.38633100 | -0.56347500 | -0.90578700 |
| С  | -3.59027500 | -0.89248700 | -1.65246400 |
| Н  | -3.66533000 | -0.13069300 | -2.42662200 |
| Н  | -4.46138400 | -0.86864400 | -0.99269900 |
| Н  | -3.49984100 | -1.89011600 | -2.08986000 |
| Pd | 1.13431900  | 1.15635700  | 0.10358500  |
| 0  | 2.62141800  | -0.42601700 | -0.06047300 |
| С  | 2.26936400  | -1.58891300 | -0.46383800 |
| 0  | 1.04382800  | -1.92481200 | -0.71793400 |
| С  | 3.31489900  | -2.64316500 | -0.66008300 |
| Н  | 3.20107800  | -3.09508400 | -1.65026800 |
| Н  | 3.17302600  | -3.44142200 | 0.07714100  |
| Н  | 4.31248700  | -2.21571900 | -0.55029800 |
|    |             |             |             |

AA containing Pd Calculation Method = RM06 Formula = C9H14N2O4Pd Basis Set = 6-31g+(d,p)/Lanl2DZCharge = 0Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -887.81479 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 8.16e-06 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = 0Dipole Moment = 2.8441742 Debye Polarizability (?) = 158.77767 a.u. Point Group = C1Molecular Mass = 319.99884 amu Job cpu time: 0 days 0 hours 24 minutes 23.0 seconds.

Thermo Tab Data Section: Imaginary Freq = 0 Temperature = 298.15 Kelvin Pressure = 1 atm Frequencies scaled by = 1 Electronic Energy (EE) = -887.81479 Hartree Zero-point Energy Correction = 0.231184 Hartree Thermal Correction to Energy = 0.250709 Hartree Thermal Correction to Enthalpy = 0.251653 Hartree Thermal Correction to Free Energy = 0.179842 Hartree EE + Zero-point Energy = -887.5836 Hartree EE + Thermal Energy Correction = -887.56408 Hartree EE + Thermal Enthalpy Correction = -887.56313 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -887.63494 Hartree E (Thermal) = 157.322 kcal/mol Heat Capacity (Cv) = 66.478 cal/mol-kelvin Entropy (S) = 151.14 cal/mol-kelvin

Basis Set = 6-31g+(d,p)/ Lanl2DZ Solvation = scrf=solvent=chlorobenzene E(RM06) = -887.82831 Hartree

01

| С | -0.23829800 | -1.60680700 | 1.42524800  |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Н | 0.26062800  | -1.94428900 | 2.33177900  |
| Н | -0.90438900 | -0.75225500 | 1.54537100  |
| С | -0.43315100 | -2.50422200 | 0.36225800  |
| Н | -0.07043800 | -3.52639600 | 0.47045800  |
| Н | 1.40944500  | 0.70573000  | 1.33947700  |
| С | -1.43639100 | -2.31302400 | -0.68466600 |
| Н | -1.99853400 | -3.18023100 | -1.02381500 |
| Ν | -1.74297600 | -1.20304300 | -1.27758000 |
| Ν | -0.95951300 | -0.11318300 | -1.19708800 |
| С | -1.33036300 | 1.07179200  | -0.81441400 |
| С | -0.41700500 | 2.22295900  | -1.08778400 |
| Н | 0.46195700  | 1.86258100  | -1.63043800 |
| Н | -0.10145800 | 2.71426000  | -0.15754300 |
| Н | -0.92838800 | 2.98501900  | -1.68830300 |
| С | -2.58652100 | 1.39572900  | -0.10973200 |
| 0 | -3.03738200 | 2.54077300  | -0.00094400 |

| 0  | -3.19027600 | 0.30936300  | 0.45293500  |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| С  | -4.46008200 | 0.54915100  | 1.12162000  |
| Н  | -4.77264600 | -0.42463100 | 1.49335100  |
| Н  | -5.18698700 | 0.95125600  | 0.41129200  |
| Н  | -4.32737500 | 1.26290700  | 1.93907600  |
| Pd | 1.26591400  | -1.16061300 | -0.05920000 |
| 0  | 2.93701600  | 0.32536900  | -0.40345800 |
| С  | 2.91138500  | 1.35077000  | 0.30476300  |
| 0  | 2.01442300  | 1.50295900  | 1.29989600  |
| С  | 3.81701500  | 2.51323700  | 0.13759300  |
| Н  | 4.26506200  | 2.78566800  | 1.09755200  |
| Н  | 3.23699500  | 3.37765000  | -0.20661300 |
| Н  | 4.59171600  | 2.27929100  | -0.59251100 |
|    |             |             |             |

**AA** without Pd Calculation Method = 6-31g+(d,p)/Lanl2DZFormula = C7H10N2O2 Basis Set = 6-31+G(d,p)Charge = 0Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -532.33693 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 2.1995e-05 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = 0Dipole Moment = 2.4582131 Debye Polarizability (?) = 111.21333 a.u. Point Group = C1Molecular Mass = 154.07423 amu Job cpu time: 0 days 0 hours 41 minutes 40.6 seconds.

Thermo Tab Data Section: Imaginary Freq = 0 Temperature = 298.15 Kelvin Pressure = 1 atm Frequencies scaled by = 1 Electronic Energy (EE) = -532.33693 Hartree Zero-point Energy Correction = 0.165952 Hartree Thermal Correction to Energy = 0.178043 Hartree Thermal Correction to Enthalpy = 0.178987 Hartree Thermal Correction to Free Energy = 0.126916 Hartree EE + Zero-point Energy = -532.17098 Hartree EE + Thermal Energy Correction = -532.15889 Hartree EE + Thermal Enthalpy Correction = -532.15794 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -532.21001 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -532.21001 Hartree E (Thermal) = 111.724 kcal/mol Heat Capacity (Cv) = 42.069 cal/mol-kelvin Entropy (S) = 109.595 cal/mol-kelvin

Opt Tab Data Section: Step number = 1 Maximum force = 3.9e-05 Converged RMS force = 1.2e-05 Converged Maximum displacement = 0.001532 Converged RMS displacement = 0.000337 Converged Predicted energy change = -3.728526e-08 Hartree

Basis Set = 6-31+G(d,p) Solvation = scrf=solvent=chlorobenzene E(RM06) = -532.34408 Hartree

01

| С | -1.96735300 | -1.75352200 | 0.88658300  |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Н | -2.20485300 | -2.58110200 | 1.55051200  |
| Н | -0.93070000 | -1.64006700 | 0.58288900  |
| С | -2.94549300 | -0.94649300 | 0.44928200  |
| Н | -3.96494400 | -1.13519700 | 0.78763700  |
| С | -2.83029900 | 0.16488800  | -0.49010700 |
| Н | -3.76341200 | 0.62869300  | -0.81230300 |
| Ν | -1.77850300 | 0.69269700  | -1.00765200 |
| Ν | -0.56892200 | 0.17649600  | -0.77971400 |
| С | 0.25643500  | 0.85641000  | -0.06590300 |
| С | -0.08408800 | 2.13395300  | 0.62206900  |
| Н | -0.63457600 | 2.78316600  | -0.07011600 |

| Н | 0.81459400  | 2.63670300  | 0.98337600  |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Н | -0.74914400 | 1.94514200  | 1.47527200  |
| С | 1.64173900  | 0.31876200  | 0.08473400  |
| 0 | 2.53682300  | 0.94527100  | 0.61082800  |
| 0 | 1.78399400  | -0.91901200 | -0.39777200 |
| С | 3.09999300  | -1.46047300 | -0.29661300 |
| Н | 3.04396000  | -2.45937100 | -0.72977800 |
| Н | 3.41609900  | -1.51131000 | 0.74975000  |
| Н | 3.81281300  | -0.84223000 | -0.85040500 |
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TS of AA to AC Calculation Method = RM06 Formula = C7H10N2O2 Basis Set = 6-31+G(d,p)Charge = 0Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -532.30381 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 8.272e-06 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = 1Dipole Moment = 3.1603977 Debye Polarizability (?) = 120.82133 a.u. Point Group = C1Molecular Mass = 154.07423 amu Job cpu time: 0 days 0 hours 32 minutes 13.4 seconds.

Thermo Tab Data Section: Imaginary Freq = 1 Temperature = 298.15 Kelvin Pressure = 1 atm Frequencies scaled by = 1 Electronic Energy (EE) = -532.30381 Hartree Zero-point Energy Correction = 0.165385 Hartree Thermal Correction to Energy = 0.176443 Hartree Thermal Correction to Enthalpy = 0.177388 Hartree Thermal Correction to Free Energy = 0.128113 Hartree EE + Zero-point Energy = -532.13843 Hartree EE + Thermal Energy Correction = -532.12737 Hartree EE + Thermal Enthalpy Correction = -532.12642 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -532.1757 Hartree E (Thermal) = 110.72 kcal/mol Heat Capacity (Cv) = 39.569 cal/mol-kelvin Entropy (S) = 103.707 cal/mol-kelvin

Basis Set = 6-31+G(d,p) Solvation = scrf=solvent=chlorobenzene E(RM06) = -532.31074 Hartree

01 С 1.36565900 -1.47777100 -0.59554500 Η 0.83727400 -2.40111600 -0.35427700 Η 0.98299500 -0.98660300 -1.48599800 С 2.70175600 -1.30216700 -0.21001500 Η 3.33571100 -2.13093400 0.09557400 С 2.99751000 -0.01300600 0.21704200 Η 3.98186300 0.31501100 0.54059200 Ν 1.98597800 0.82650900 0.45951800 Ν 0.81321600 0.25936800 0.25099800 С -0.24861200 0.97443600 0.00723600 С -0.17082900 2.43869200 -0.26050000 Η 0.17178100 2.97542200 0.63311400 Η -1.14743200 2.82547800 -0.55788000 Η 0.56770600 2.64161500 -1.04557900 С -1.56614900 0.31620100 0.00857000 0 -2.61164300 0.91124300 -0.16126600 0 -1.50585900 -1.01658800 0.19662800 С -2.76951200 -1.67673300 0.21089000 Η -2.55297000 -2.73335000 0.37353700 Η -3.29240000 -1.53361600 -0.73965700 Η -3.39780400 -1.28819500 1.01800200



Calculation Method = RM06 Formula = C7H10N2O2 Basis Set = 6-31+G(d,p)Charge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -532.33931 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 8.033e-06 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = 0 Dipole Moment = 3.8677899 Debye Polarizability (?) = 120.143 a.u. Point Group = C1 Molecular Mass = 154.07423 amu Job cpu time: 0 days 0 hours 39 minutes 27.2 seconds.

Thermo Tab Data Section: Imaginary Freq = 0Temperature = 298.15 Kelvin Pressure = 1 atm Frequencies scaled by = 1Electronic Energy (EE) = -532.33931 Hartree Zero-point Energy Correction = 0.168121 Hartree Thermal Correction to Energy = 0.178846 Hartree Thermal Correction to Enthalpy = 0.17979 Hartree Thermal Correction to Free Energy = 0.131803 Hartree EE + Zero-point Energy = -532.17119 Hartree EE + Thermal Energy Correction = -532.16046 Hartree EE + Thermal Enthalpy Correction = -532.15952 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -532.2075 Hartree E (Thermal) = 112.228 kcal/mol Heat Capacity (Cv) = 39.607 cal/mol-kelvin

#### Entropy (S) = 100.997 cal/mol-kelvin

Basis Set = 6-31+G(d,p) Solvation = scrf=solvent=chlorobenzene E(RM06) = -532.34663 Hartree

01 С -1.08322300 -1.28660600 -0.00001900 Η -0.57260600 -1.69287800 -0.87996500 Η -0.57298400-1.692684000.88027300С -2.55814300 -1.44122800 -0.00019200 Η -3.07976900 -2.38791100 -0.00029600 С -3.06996600 -0.19602300 0.00008400 Η -4.11070200 0.10533600 0.00006800 Ν 0.80785800 -2.11957200 0.00014500 Ν -0.94062300 0.20251200 0.00003800 С 0.18679700 0.92665800 0.00000900 С 0.03308000 2.40178400 -0.00005000 Η -0.54291300 2.73245100 -0.87491500 Η 1.01588400 2.87483600 -0.00056900 Η -0.54184200 2.73268000 0.87545600 С 1.52258200 0.35505800 -0.00006900 0 2.53876500 1.02663000 -0.00008300 0 1.56126600 -1.00258900 -0.00008200 С -1.56068800 0.00014000 2.87417300 Η 2.73847100 -2.64319300 0.00007300 Η 3.42772900 -1.243667000.88879500 Η 3.42804500 -1.24362800 -0.88830100

TS of AC to AD Calculation Method = RM06 Formula = C7H10N2O2 Basis Set = 6-31+G(d,p) Charge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -532.30972 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 5.406e-06 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = 1 Dipole Moment = 1.3925487 Debye Polarizability (?) = 118.89733 a.u. Point Group = C1 Molecular Mass = 154.07423 amu Job cpu time: 0 days 0 hours 30 minutes 55.2 seconds. Thermo Tab Data Section: Imaginary Freq = 1

Temperature = 298.15 Kelvin Pressure = 1 atm Frequencies scaled by = 1 Electronic Energy (EE) = -532.30972 Hartree Zero-point Energy Correction = 0.163737 Hartree Thermal Correction to Energy = 0.173972 Hartree Thermal Correction to Enthalpy = 0.174916 Hartree Thermal Correction to Free Energy = 0.128093 Hartree EE + Zero-point Energy = -532.14598 Hartree EE + Thermal Energy Correction = -532.13574 Hartree EE + Thermal Enthalpy Correction = -532.1348 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -532.18162 Hartree E (Thermal) = 109.169 kcal/mol Heat Capacity (Cv) = 38.125 cal/mol-kelvin Entropy (S) = 98.548 cal/mol-kelvin

Basis Set = 6-31+G(d,p) Solvation = scrf=solvent=chlorobenzene E(RM06) = -532.31463 Hartree

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| С | 1.35975000 | -1.13161400 | 0.37095200 |
|---|------------|-------------|------------|
| Н | 1.09804200 | -1.52351600 | 1.36051000 |

| Н | 0.22190800  | -1.57979400 | -0.11119300 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| С | 2.73328200  | -1.20669400 | -0.04857800 |
| Н | 3.35145900  | -2.09381700 | -0.03855100 |
| С | 3.09315900  | 0.06620300  | -0.39216900 |
| Н | 4.04444800  | 0.43484300  | -0.75402300 |
| Ν | 2.06058900  | 0.95602400  | -0.25110300 |
| Ν | 1.05080700  | 0.25766800  | 0.20911900  |
| С | -0.23274900 | 0.77044600  | 0.28249400  |
| С | -0.39356700 | 2.24225500  | 0.14623300  |
| Н | 0.24125000  | 2.76785700  | 0.86936100  |
| Н | -1.43380400 | 2.52392200  | 0.32034500  |
| Н | -0.09436800 | 2.59723100  | -0.85028800 |
| С | -1.24852800 | -0.16827700 | 0.08438900  |
| 0 | -1.07191000 | -1.43080200 | -0.01397500 |
| 0 | -2.48564400 | 0.32847800  | -0.07238100 |
| С | -3.53247100 | -0.61764300 | -0.25887200 |
| Н | -4.45304000 | -0.03307500 | -0.28767300 |
| Н | -3.56375000 | -1.33475100 | 0.56765100  |
| Н | -3.40472500 | -1.16421500 | -1.19810600 |

Calculation Method = RM06 Formula = C7H10N2O2 Basis Set = 6-31+G(d,p)Charge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -532.3638 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 1.518e-06 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = 0 Dipole Moment = 0.90591136 Debye Polarizability (?) = 110.10333 a.u.

Point Group = C1

Molecular Mass = 154.07423 amu Job cpu time: 0 days 0 hours 35 minutes 25.4 seconds.

Thermo Tab Data Section: Imaginary Freq = 0Temperature = 298.15 Kelvin Pressure = 1 atm Frequencies scaled by = 1Electronic Energy (EE) = -532.3638 Hartree Zero-point Energy Correction = 0.169294 Hartree Thermal Correction to Energy = 0.180003 Hartree Thermal Correction to Enthalpy = 0.180947 Hartree Thermal Correction to Free Energy = 0.131843 Hartree EE + Zero-point Energy = -532.1945 Hartree EE + Thermal Energy Correction = -532.18379 Hartree EE + Thermal Enthalpy Correction = -532.18285 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -532.23195 Hartree E (Thermal) = 112.953 kcal/mol Heat Capacity (Cv) = 39.159 cal/mol-kelvin Entropy (S) = 103.348 cal/mol-kelvin

Basis Set = 6-31+G(d,p) Charge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = scrf=solvent=chlorobenzene E(RM06) = -532.3677 Hartree

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| С | -2.25712600 | 0.90275200  | -0.00577300 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Н | -2.26387800 | 1.98328900  | -0.01953300 |
| Н | 0.26250800  | -1.71201500 | -0.01824300 |
| С | -3.29649600 | -0.01250800 | 0.00573300  |
| Н | -4.35530300 | 0.20263000  | 0.00440300  |
| С | -2.66695300 | -1.26029100 | 0.01890900  |
| Н | -3.10611100 | -2.24960600 | 0.02992500  |
| Ν | -1.33850800 | -1.13114100 | 0.01738600  |
| Ν | -1.09782100 | 0.19995900  | 0.00126000  |

| С | 0.22695100  | 0.71925000  | -0.00114000 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| С | 0.35436000  | 2.20186900  | 0.01921400  |
| Н | -0.09485100 | 2.66996500  | -0.86912900 |
| Н | 1.40979300  | 2.47918200  | 0.03918800  |
| Н | -0.12447400 | 2.64339400  | 0.90537900  |
| С | 1.28428500  | -0.13111500 | -0.03681200 |
| 0 | 1.22691500  | -1.45898900 | -0.04771200 |
| 0 | 2.52840800  | 0.37737200  | -0.07589300 |
| С | 3.61603200  | -0.52486700 | 0.07464200  |
| Н | 4.51297000  | 0.09573800  | 0.04506400  |
| Н | 3.64253400  | -1.25650200 | -0.73882300 |
| Н | 3.56220600  | -1.05541000 | 1.03144400  |
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Calculation Method = RM06 Formula = C7H10N2O2 Basis Set = 6-31+G(d,p)Charge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -532.39087 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 7.07e-06 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = 0 Dipole Moment = 1.8247174 Debye Polarizability (?) = 98.595667 a.u. Point Group = C1 Molecular Mass = 154.07423 amu Job cpu time: 0 days 0 hours 30 minutes 44.0 seconds.

Thermo Tab Data Section: Imaginary Freq = 0 Temperature = 298.15 Kelvin Pressure = 1 atm Frequencies scaled by = 1 Electronic Energy (EE) = -532.39087 Hartree Zero-point Energy Correction = 0.16991 Hartree Thermal Correction to Energy = 0.180671 Hartree Thermal Correction to Enthalpy = 0.181615 Hartree Thermal Correction to Free Energy = 0.131783 Hartree EE + Zero-point Energy = -532.22096 Hartree EE + Thermal Energy Correction = -532.2102 Hartree EE + Thermal Enthalpy Correction = -532.20926 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -532.25909 Hartree E (Thermal) = 113.373 kcal/mol Heat Capacity (Cv) = 38.569 cal/mol-kelvin Entropy (S) = 104.88 cal/mol-kelvin

Basis Set = 6-31+G(d,p) Charge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = scrf=solvent=chlorobenzene E(RM06) = -532.39914 Hartree

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| С | -2.04915400 | -0.27029600 | 0.96610000  |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Н | -1.98630400 | -0.28592900 | 2.04671800  |
| Н | 0.10677300  | 0.93401000  | 1.75935000  |
| С | -2.99161200 | -0.75957700 | 0.08852200  |
| Н | -3.91650900 | -1.26324800 | 0.33128800  |
| С | -2.47291600 | -0.44992000 | -1.18426300 |
| Н | -2.90240200 | -0.65855700 | -2.15656200 |
| Ν | -1.30655300 | 0.18243200  | -1.10650400 |
| Ν | -1.07399800 | 0.29859900  | 0.21493500  |
| С | 0.19687300  | 0.84183300  | 0.66834000  |
| С | 0.47920800  | 2.19051600  | 0.04050800  |
| Н | 0.53743200  | 2.10168900  | -1.04703400 |
| Н | 1.42598800  | 2.59487800  | 0.40986700  |
| Н | -0.32718200 | 2.88676000  | 0.29119500  |
| С | 1.25722100  | -0.23582200 | 0.44411500  |

| 0 | 1.20870400 | -1.31824200 | 0.97797000  |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 0 | 2.22319300 | 0.14948900  | -0.39163200 |
| С | 3.22251800 | -0.83530500 | -0.66678000 |
| Н | 3.72756900 | -1.13453100 | 0.25615600  |
| Н | 3.92406500 | -0.36367700 | -1.35484200 |
| Н | 2.76642100 | -1.71715800 | -1.12510400 |
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TS of G to AA

Calculation Method = RM06 Formula = C9H14N2O4Pd Basis Set = 6-31g+(d,p)/Lanl2DZCharge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -887.7756 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 9.05e-07 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = 1 Dipole Moment = 3.1007483 Debye Polarizability (?) = 177.836 a.u. Point Group = C1 Molecular Mass = 319.99884 amu Job cpu time: 0 days 0 hours 19 minutes 4.7 seconds.

Thermo Tab Data Section: Imaginary Freq = 1 Temperature = 298.15 Kelvin Pressure = 1 atm Frequencies scaled by = 1 Electronic Energy (EE) = -887.7756 Hartree Zero-point Energy Correction = 0.229774 Hartree Thermal Correction to Energy = 0.248133 Hartree Thermal Correction to Enthalpy = 0.249077 Hartree Thermal Correction to Free Energy = 0.181798 Hartree EE + Zero-point Energy = -887.54583 Hartree EE + Thermal Energy Correction = -887.52747 Hartree EE + Thermal Enthalpy Correction = -887.52652 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -887.5938 Hartree E (Thermal) = 155.706 kcal/mol Heat Capacity (Cv) = 64.309 cal/mol-kelvin Entropy (S) = 141.601 cal/mol-kelvin

Basis Set = 6-31g+(d,p)/ Lanl2DZ Charge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = scrf=solvent=chlorobenzene E(RM06) = -887.78706 Hartree

According to the IRC calculation, the transformation from **G** to **AA** proceeds via the TS like fivemembered palladacycle to form alkene during releasing Pd, which coordinates to alkene terminus.



Calculation Type = IRC Calculation Method = Formula = C9H14N2O4Pd Basis Set = Charge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -887.7756 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 9.39e-07 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = Dipole Moment = 3.1008178 Debye Polarizability (?) = 0 a.u. Point Group = C1 Molecular Mass = 319.99884 amu Job cpu time: 0 days 9 hours 30 minutes 33.0 seconds.

#### DFT calculations [Scheme 54]





Calculation Type = FREQ Calculation Method = RM06 Basis Set = Gen Charge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -887.82426 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 2.366e-06 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = 0 Dipole Moment = 0.62056318 Debye Polarizability (?) = 171.097 a.u. Point Group = C1 Job cpu time: 0 days 0 hours 20 minutes 11.0 seconds.

Thermo Tab Data Section: Imaginary Freq = 0 Temperature = 298.15 Kelvin Pressure = 1 atm Frequencies scaled by = 1 Electronic Energy (EE) = -887.82426 Hartree Zero-point Energy Correction = 0.234024 Hartree Thermal Correction to Energy = 0.2523 Hartree Thermal Correction to Enthalpy = 0.253245 Hartree Thermal Correction to Free Energy = 0.185577 Hartree EE + Zero-point Energy = -887.59024 Hartree EE + Thermal Energy Correction = -887.57196 Hartree EE + Thermal Enthalpy Correction = -887.57102 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -887.63868 Hartree E (Thermal) = 158.321 kcal/mol Heat Capacity (Cv) = 63.935 cal/mol-kelvin Entropy (S) = 142.418 cal/mol-kelvin

Calculation Type = SP Calculation Method = RM06 Basis Set = Gen Charge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = scrf=solvent=chlorobenzene E(RM06) = -887.83427 Hartree

# opt=calcfc freq gen m06 pseudo=read

| С | 0.05492700  | 3.69742500 | 0.80324200  |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Н | -0.89455500 | 3.60111100 | 1.32153200  |
| Н | 0.81712300  | 4.25968800 | 1.33305500  |
| С | -0.00277100 | 3.75316500 | -0.70451400 |
| Н | -0.98651800 | 3.68709800 | -1.15936100 |
| Н | 0.71889600  | 4.35494100 | -1.24740800 |
| С | 0.49285100  | 2.51095900 | -0.01229400 |
| Н | 1.54828500  | 2.26991100 | -0.06873000 |
| Ν | -0.30838400 | 1.29966800 | -0.03153200 |
| Ν | -1.58341800 | 1.42770900 | -0.02607900 |
| С | -2.51384500 | 0.46949300 | -0.01791000 |

| С  | -3.94812300 | 0.90548000  | -0.03471600 |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Н  | -4.47621300 | 0.52762200  | -0.91849800 |
| Н  | -3.98532600 | 1.99769400  | -0.04360900 |
| Н  | -4.49317500 | 0.54027800  | 0.84395400  |
| С  | -2.19968600 | -0.91386000 | 0.00234300  |
| 0  | -1.03806000 | -1.45269200 | 0.01554600  |
| 0  | -3.27350800 | -1.73662500 | 0.00952300  |
| С  | -3.02661200 | -3.17261900 | 0.04172100  |
| Н  | -2.47334600 | -3.48073100 | -0.84854300 |
| Н  | -4.01795500 | -3.62126900 | 0.06366000  |
| Н  | -2.45254000 | -3.43733000 | 0.93274700  |
| Pd | 0.70964800  | -0.40642400 | -0.00604600 |
| 0  | 2.70525100  | 0.28082900  | -0.01675400 |
| С  | 3.19060900  | -0.93628300 | -0.01320600 |
| 0  | 2.35278100  | -1.91014900 | -0.00619900 |
| С  | 4.65852300  | -1.14497000 | 0.00374600  |
| Н  | 5.07646500  | -0.76220200 | 0.94197100  |
| Н  | 5.12483900  | -0.58756400 | -0.81394500 |
| Н  | 4.88589600  | -2.20900700 | -0.08280800 |
|    |             |             |             |

Pd 0

lanl2dz

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C H N O 0

6-31g+(d,p) \*\*\*\*

Pd 0

lanl2dz

TS of AE to AF

Calculation Type = FREQ Calculation Method = RM06 Basis Set = Gen Charge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = None E(RM06) = -887.78269 Hartree RMS Gradient Norm = 2.519e-06 Hartree/Bohr Imaginary Freq = 1 Dipole Moment = 5.5019843 Debye Polarizability (?) = 167.629 a.u. Point Group = C1 Job cpu time: 0 days 0 hours 20 minutes 35.2 seconds.

Thermo Tab Data Section: Imaginary Freq = 1Temperature = 298.15 Kelvin Pressure = 1 atm Frequencies scaled by = 1Electronic Energy (EE) = -887.78269 Hartree Zero-point Energy Correction = 0.230676 Hartree Thermal Correction to Energy = 0.248893 Hartree Thermal Correction to Enthalpy = 0.249837 Hartree Thermal Correction to Free Energy = 0.182717 Hartree EE + Zero-point Energy = -887.55202 Hartree EE + Thermal Energy Correction = -887.5338 Hartree EE + Thermal Enthalpy Correction = -887.53286 Hartree EE + Thermal Free Energy Correction = -887.59998 Hartree E (Thermal) = 156.183 kcal/mol Heat Capacity (Cv) = 63.805 cal/mol-kelvin Entropy (S) = 141.267 cal/mol-kelvin

Calculation Type = SP Calculation Method = RM06 Basis Set = Gen Charge = 0 Spin = Singlet Solvation = scrf=solvent=chlorobenzene E(RM06) = -887.80055 Hartree # opt=(calcfc,qst3,noeigentest) freq m06/gen pseudo=read

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|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| С  | 1.36031583  | -1.02167937 | 0.02042227  |
| Н  | 1.92830965  | -1.92476969 | 0.40882848  |
| Н  | 1.91270212  | -0.64427253 | -0.84422767 |
| С  | 0.80690981  | -0.07402812 | 1.07213035  |
| Н  | 0.78853833  | -0.42463334 | 2.10798738  |
| Н  | 1.03955723  | 0.98827354  | 1.02877830  |
| С  | -0.16664061 | -0.66767331 | 0.07516831  |
| Н  | -0.55955762 | -0.01431946 | -0.72341561 |
| Ν  | -1.01830042 | -1.77981258 | 0.47614022  |
| Ν  | -2.28215568 | -1.75298376 | 0.12133420  |
| С  | -2.94228377 | -2.90822631 | 0.02573132  |
| С  | -4.43742365 | -2.84563993 | -0.06259159 |
| Н  | -4.79128281 | -3.08089681 | -1.07618547 |
| Н  | -4.81820463 | -1.84425934 | 0.19178550  |
| Н  | -4.90699441 | -3.56169670 | 0.62758972  |
| С  | -2.30609965 | -4.23028150 | -0.04033571 |
| Ο  | -1.10683161 | -4.57614922 | -0.09890035 |
| Ο  | -3.22689182 | -5.24122594 | -0.13784761 |
| С  | -2.68493492 | -6.56725381 | -0.41914242 |
| Н  | -2.23420146 | -6.56052179 | -1.41741528 |
| Н  | -3.57690919 | -7.19815427 | -0.36928983 |
| Н  | -1.93486061 | -6.83671468 | 0.33389277  |
| Pd | 0.35114256  | -3.13295676 | 0.10036664  |
| Ο  | 2.02598797  | -6.14376181 | 0.07174311  |
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| С  | 4.17744571  | -5.10158834 | -0.31436459 |
| Н  | 4.55226422  | -6.08176343 | -0.62849707 |
| Н  | 4.67383088  | -4.84013070 | 0.62673405  |
| Н  | 4.47613099  | -4.35665881 | -1.06054048 |

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| Н  | 2.63348218  | -1.63175976 | 0.59352854  |
| Н  | 1.90534788  | -1.10358042 | -0.97173056 |
| С  | 0.78662493  | -0.41259258 | 0.79179846  |
| Н  | 0.76636799  | -0.66222170 | 1.88260971  |
| Н  | 1.10147229  | 0.64583276  | 0.72728611  |
| С  | -0.58061110 | -0.61655578 | 0.18704796  |
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## Pd 0

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## $C \mathrel{H} N \mathrel{O} 0$

6-31g+(d,p)

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# Pd 0

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#### DFT calculations [Scheme 56].

The molecular geometries for each transition states were first estimated with the *Reaction plus* software package, based on the nudged elastic band method, <sup>86)</sup> and were subsequently re-optimized using the Gaussian 16 software package. <sup>87)</sup> Once the stationary points were obtained at B97D/6-31G+(d, p)-def2TZV (Lanl2DZ for Pd) level, <sup>89, 90, 93, 94)</sup> the harmonic vibrational frequencies were calculated at the same level to estimate the Gibbs free energy. The nature of the stationary points was characterized *via* vibrational analysis. All of the Gibbs free energy values reported in this paper were calculated for a temperature of 298.15 K. The transition structure reported was optimized without constraints and the intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) route was calculated in both directions toward the corresponding minima for each transition-state structure. The IRC calculation failed to reach the energy minima on the potential energy surface for the transition states, and we therefore carried out geometry optimizations as a continuation of the IRC path. For each optimized structure (potential energy minimum or transition state computed at B97D/6-31G+(d, p)-def2TZV (Lanl2DZ for Pd) level), additional single-point energy calculations in the presence of chlorobenzene were performed at the same level. The 3D optimized structural figures in this paper were displayed by the CYLview visualization program. <sup>92</sup>



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Point Group = C1

Molecular Mass = 319.99884 amu

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Polarizability (?) = 185.268 a.u.

Point Group = C1

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# 第7節 第3章第1節の実験

[Table 8, entry 3]. *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac (21.4 mg, 0.0921 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (40.2 mg, 0.184 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (4.1 mg, 0.018 mmol), (*o*-tol)<sub>3</sub>P (11.2 mg, 0.0368 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (59.9 mg, 0.184 mmol) were dissolved in xylene (1.84 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 17 h. After the formation of 17aa was confirmed on TLC, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.9 mg, 0.037 mmol) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc) to afford pyrazole 18aa (10.2 mg, 35%).

Ethyl 2-(5-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (18aa). white solid; Mp: 90-92 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 4H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 5H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.6, 144.7, 139.8, 138.9, 135.3, 129.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 127.5, 106.2, 64.5, 62.0, 21.3, 14.0; One carbon peak could not be detected probably due to overlapping; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 321.1598, found 321.1598.

[Table 8, entry 4]. *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac (19.4 mg, 0.0835 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (36.4 mg, 0.167 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (3.8 mg, 0.017 mmol),  $(o-tol)_3P$  (10.2 mg, 0.0334 mmol) and  $Cs_2CO_3$  (54.4 mg, 0.167 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (1.67 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 5 h. After the formation of 17aa was confirmed on TLC, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.4 mg, 0.033 mmol) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc) to afford pyrazole 18aa (15.1 mg, 56%).

[Table 8, entry 5]. *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac (22.3 mg, 0.0960 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (41.9 mg, 0.192 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (4.3 mg, 0.019 mmol),  $(o-tol)_3P$  (11.7 mg, 0.0380 mmol) and  $Cs_2CO_3$  (62.6 mg, 0.192 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (1.92 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 12 h. After the formation of 17aa was confirmed on TLC, the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc) to afford pyrazole 18aa (14.2 mg, 46%).

[Table 8, entry 6]. *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac (18.7 mg, 0.0805 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (35.1 mg, 0.161 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (3.6 mg, 0.016 mmol),  $Ph_3P$  (8.45 mg, 0.0322 mmol) and  $Cs_2CO_3$  (52.5 mg, 0.161 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (1.61 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 2 h. After the formation of 17aa was confirmed on TLC potassium ethyl xanthate (5.2 mg, 0.032

mmol) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The mixture was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>). Pyrazole **18aa** was calculated as 36% NMR yield.

**[Table 8, entry 7].** *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone **14ac** (21.5 mg, 0.0926 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (40.6 mg, 0.186 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (4.2 mg, 0.019 mmol), (*t*-Bu)<sub>3</sub>P (9.0  $\mu$ L, 0.0372 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (60.6 mg, 0.190 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (1.86 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 17 h. After the formation of **17aa** was confirmed on TLC, potassium ethyl xanthate (6.0 mg, 0.037 mmol) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The mixture was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>). Pyrazole **18aa** was calculated as 10% NMR yield.

[Table 8, entry 8]. *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac (19.5 mg, 0.0840 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (36.6 mg, 0.168 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (3.8 mg, 0.017 mmol), Johnphos (10.0 mg, 0.0336 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (54.7 mg, 0.168 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (1.68 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 17 h. After the formation of 17aa was confirmed on TLC, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.4 mg, 0.034 mmol) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The mixture was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>). Pyrazole 18aa was calculated as 5% NMR yield.

[Table 8, entry 9]. *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac (19.3 mg, 0.0831 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (36.2 mg, 0.166 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (7.8 mg, 0.0083 mmol), and  $Cs_2CO_3$  (54.1 mg, 0.166 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (2.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 12 h. After the formation of 17aa was confirmed on TLC, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.3 mg, 0.033 mmol) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 5 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc) to afford pyrazole 18aa (15.2 mg, 57%).

[Table 8, entry 10]. *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac (22.6 mg, 0.0972 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (42.4 mg, 0.195 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (9.1 mg, 0.0097 mmol), LiCl (0.82 mg, 0.019 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (63.2 mg, 0.194 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (2.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 21 h. After the formation of **17aa** was confirmed on TLC, potassium ethyl xanthate (6.3 mg, 0.039 mmol) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc) to afford pyrazole **18aa** (16.9 mg, 54%).

[Table 8, entry 11]. N-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac (18.4 mg, 0.0792 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (34.5 mg,

0.158 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (7.4 mg, 0.0079 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NOAc (4.8 mg, 0.016 mmol) and  $Cs_2CO_3$  (51.5 mg, 0.158 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (2.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 19 h. After the formation of **17aa** was confirmed on TLC, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.1 mg, 0.032 mmol) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc) to afford pyrazole **18aa** (15.5 mg, 61%).

[Table 8, entry 12]. *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac (18.0 mg, 0.0775 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (33.8 mg, 0.155 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (7.3 mg, 0.0078 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (5.8 mg, 0.016 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (50.8 mg, 0.156 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (2.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 7 h. After the formation of 17aa was confirmed on TLC, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.0 mg, 0.031 mmol) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc) to afford pyrazole 18aa (15.2 mg, 61%).

**[Table 8, entry 13].** *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone **14ac** (19.8 mg, 0.0852 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (37.2 mg, 0.171 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (8.0 mg, 0.0085 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NOAc (5.1 mg, 0.017 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (24  $\mu$ L, 0.170 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (1.7 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 36 h. After the formation of **17aa** was confirmed on TLC, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.5 mg, 0.034 mmol) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The mixture was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>). Pyrazole **18aa** was calculated as 4% NMR yield.

[Table 8, entry 14]. *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac (19.4 mg, 0.0835 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (36.4 mg, 0.167 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (7.9 mg, 0.0084 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NOAc (5.1 mg, 0.017 mmol) and KOH (9.4 mg, 0.168 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (2.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 65 h. After the formation of **17aa** was confirmed on TLC, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.3 mg, 0.033 mmol) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 4.5 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc) to afford pyrazole **18aa** (13.7 mg, 51%).

[Table 8, entry 15]. *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac (21.8 mg, 0.0939 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (40.9 mg, 0.188 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (8.8 mg, 0.0094 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NOAc (5.7 mg, 0.019 mmol) and  $K_2CO_3$  (26.0 mg, 0.188 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (2.0 mL). The mixture stirred at 80 °C under argon for 67 h. After the formation of 17aa was confirmed on TLC, potassium ethyl xanthate (6.0 mg, 0.038 mmol) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 4.5 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified

by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc) to afford pyrazole **18aa** (17.5 mg, 58%).

## 第8節 第3章第2節の実験

Ethyl 2-phenyl-((3-(4-methylphenyl)allylidene)hydrazineylidene)acetate (17aa) [Scheme 67]. *N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac (22.7 mg, 0.0977 mmol), *p*-tol-I (42.6 mg, 0.196 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (9.2 mg, 0.0098 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (7.2 mg, 0.020 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (63.9 mg, 0.196 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (2.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 3 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc) to afford 5-arylated conjugated azine 17aa (22.2 mg, 71%) as a yellow solid; Mp: 83 °C (decomp.); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.41 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.00 (m, 2H), 4.50 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.9, 165.0, 161.0, 144.3, 140.0, 132.9, 131.7, 131.4, 129.6, 128.8, 127.5, 127.5, 124.4, 61.5, 21.4, 14.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 321.1598, found 321.1599.

Ethyl 2-phenyl-((3-(4-methylphenyl)allylidene)hydrazineylidene)acetate (17aa) [Scheme 69, eq. 1]. Azine 15ac (21.0 mg, 0.0912 mmol), *N*-cyclopropylhydrazone 14ac (4.7 mg, 0.0202 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (39.8 mg, 0.182 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (8.6 mg, 0.0091 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (6.7 mg, 0.018 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (59.3 mg, 0.182 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (1.8 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 5 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 5 : 1) to afford 5-arylated conjugated azine 17aa (23.4 mg, 58%, based on the subtracted amount of 14ac).

Ethyl 2-phenyl-((3-(4-methylphenyl)allylidene)hydrazineylidene)acetate (17aa) [Scheme 69, eq. 2]. Azine 15ac (24.1 mg, 0.105 mmol), *p*-tol-I (45.6 mg, 0.209 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (4.7 mg, 0.021 mmol), (*o*-tol)<sub>3</sub>P (12.8 mg, 0.0420 mmol) and  $Cs_2CO_3$  (68.4 mg, 0.210 mmol) were dissolved in benzonitrile (2.1 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for 30 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford 5-arylated conjugated azine 17aa (6.6 mg, 20%).

Ethyl 2-(5-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (18aa) [Scheme 70]. Azine 15ac (12.0 mg, 0.0380 mmol) was dissolved in benzonitrile (1.0 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. Then the resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 5 : 1) to afford pyrazole 18aa (7.5 mg, 63%).

## 第9節 第3章第3節の実験

General procedure for preparing cyclopropylhydrazones [Table 9]. To a solution of  $\alpha$ -keto esters in MeOH were added cyclopropylhydrazine (1.0 eq.) and pyridine (2.0 eq.). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for several hours, and then evaporated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford cyclopropylhydrazones.

**Ethyl (Z)-2-(2-cyclopropylhydrazineylidene)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetate (14da) [Table 9, entry 1].** Following to the general procedure, ethyl 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoacetate **70at** (228 mg, 1.00 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine (416 mg, 1.00 mmol) and pyridine (161 μL, 2.00 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 16 h. **14da** (49.9 mg, 53%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.68 (s, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.84-7.77 (m, 3H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 2H), 4.33-4.28 (m, 2H), 3.12-3.06 (m, 1H), 1.35-1.31 (m, 3H), 0.87-0.77 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.7, 134.5, 133.2, 132.5, 128.2, 127.4, 127.1, 127.0, 126.6, 126.3, 125.8, 125.7, 60.5, 31.9, 14.2, 6.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 283.1441, found 283.1443.

(*Z*)-Ethyl 4-(ethoxycarbonyl)-2-(2-cyclopropyl hydrazinylidene)benzene acetate (14db) [Table 9, entry 2]. Following to the general procedure, ethyl 4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoacetyl)benzoate 70au (250 mg, 1.00 mmol), cyclopropylhydrazine (416 mg, 1.00 mmol) and pyridine (161  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) were used and the reaction time was 12 h. 14db (188 mg, 62%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.83 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.40-4.34 (m, 2H), 4.30-4.25 (m, 2H), 3.10-3.05 (m, 1H), 1.41-1.37 (m, 3H), 1.33-1.30 (m, 3H), 0.85-0.77 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 163.4, 141.5, 129.0, 128.4, 127.9, 124.9, 60.8, 60.5, 32.1, 14.3, 14.2, 6.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 305.1496, found 305.1497.

General procedure of preparing  $\alpha$ -keto ester [Table 10]. To a solution of ketone (1.0 eq.) in pyridine (7.0 eq.) was added SeO<sub>2</sub> (2.0 eq.). The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 1 h. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, the mixture was filtered with Celite<sup>®</sup>. Then 1M HCl was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated to afford crude carboxylic acid. Then the crude mixture was dissolved in EtOH (10 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at reflux for 1 h and cooled to room temperature. Then the residue was extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated.  $\alpha$ -Keto ester was obtained after purification with flash column chromatography.

Ethyl 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoacetate (70at) [Table 10, entry 1]. Following to the general procedure using commercially available 1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethan-1-one 71at (511 mg, 3.00 mmol), SeO<sub>2</sub> (666 mg, 6.00 mmol) and pyridine (1.70 mL, 21.0 mmol), ethyl 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoacetate 70at (612 mg, 89%) was obtained after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc). The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>95)</sup>

Ethyl 4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoacetyl)benzoate (70au) [Table 10, entry 2]. Following to the general procedure using commercially available ethyl 4-acetylbenzoate 71au (577 mg, 3.00 mmol), SeO<sub>2</sub> (666 mg, 6.00 mmol) and pyridine (1.70 mL, 21.0 mmol), Ethyl 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoacetate 70au (250 mg, 33%) was obtained after purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc). The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>96</sup>

**1-Iodo-4-(methoxymethoxy)benzene (105af) [Scheme 71].** To a solution of 4-iodophenol **104** (1.10 g, 5.00 mmol) in THF (6.30 mL) was added NaH (180 mg, 7.50 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirred at 0 °C for 15 min, chloromethyl methyl ether (523 mg, 6.50 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Then the mixture was diluted with  $Et_2O$  and washed with 3M NaOH aq. three times. The residue was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated. **105af** (1.32 g, 31%) was obtained after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc). The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>97)</sup>

*N*-(4-Iodophenyl)pivalamide (105ag) [Scheme 72]. To a solution of pivaloyl chloride (1.77 g, 14.7 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (12.0 mL), were added 4-iodoaniline 106 (657 mg, 3.00 mmol) and triethylamine (1.52 g, 15.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Then 1M HCl aq. (12 mL) was added and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> three times. The residue was washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq., dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated. 105ag (870 mg, 96%) was obtained after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc). The spectral data were identical with those reported in the literature. <sup>98)</sup>

#### General procedure for Heck type reaction of *N*-cyclopropylhydrazones [Scheme 73].

*N*-Cyclopropylhydrazone (1.0 eq.), iodoarene (2.0 eq.), Herrmann catalyst (0.10 eq.), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (0.20 eq.) and  $Cs_2CO_3$  (2.0 eq.) were dissolved in benzonitrile (0.05 M). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon for several hours. After the spot of *N*-cyclopropylhydrazone was disappeared on TLC, potassium ethyl xanthate (0.40 eq.) was added. Then the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for several hours. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and evaporated. The residue was purified by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc) or PTLC to afford pyrazoles.

Ethyl 2-(5-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (18ab) [Scheme 73]. Following to the general procedure, 14ac (21.0 mg, 0.0904 mmol), 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-iodobenzene 105ab (47.0 mg, 0.181 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (8.4 mg, 0.0090 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (6.7 mg, 0.018 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (59.0 mg, 0.181 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 3 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.8 mg, 0.036 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. 18ab (19.5 mg, 60%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.4, 151.6, 144.3, 139.5, 134.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.0, 125.4, 105.9, 64.1, 61.7, 34.4, 30.9, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 363.2067, found 363.2066.

**Ethyl 2-(5-(2-methylphenyl)-1***H***-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (18ac) [Scheme 73].** Following to the general procedure, **14ac** (20.5 mg, 0.0883 mmol), 2-iodotoluene **105ac** (38.6 mg, 0.177 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (8.3 mg, 0.0090 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NOAc (5.3 mg, 0.018 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (57.7 mg, 0.177 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 16 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.7 mg, 0.035 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 4 h. **18ac** (15.7 mg, 56%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.23 (m, 8H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.6, 143.0, 139.7, 138.2, 134.9, 130.6, 130.4, 129.9, 129.4, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 125.8, 106.6, 64.4, 62.0, 19.8, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 321.1598, found 321.1594.

Ethyl 2-(5-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (16at) [Scheme 73]. Following to the general procedure, 14ac (20.4 mg, 0.0878 mmol), iodobenzene 105at (35.9 mg, 0.176 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (8.2 mg, 0.0090 mmol), n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (6.5 mg, 0.018 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (57.3 mg, 0.176 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 16 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.6 mg, 0.035

mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 4 h. **16at** (15.4 mg, 57%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc).

Following to the general procedure, **14ac** (468 mg, 2.02 mmol), iodobenzene **105at** (822mg, 4.03 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (189 mg, 0.202 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (149 mg, 0.404 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.32 g, 4.04 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 13 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (130 mg, 0.808 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. **16at** (306 mg, 49%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc).

**Ethyl 2-(5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1***H***-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (18ad) [Scheme 73].** Following to the general procedure, **14ac** (20.2 mg, 0.0870 mmol), 4-iodoanisole **105ad** (40.7 mg, 0.174 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (8.2 mg, 0.0090 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NOAc (5.2 mg, 0.017 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (56.7 mg, 0.174 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.6 mg, 0.0350 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 2 h. **18ad** (12.9 mg, 44%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 5H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 4.23 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.6, 160.0, 144.4, 139.8, 135.2, 130.5, 128.7, 128.5, 122.6, 114.2, 106.2, 64.4, 62.0, 55.4, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 337.1547, found 337.1547.

Ethyl 2-(5-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (18ae) [Scheme 73]. Following to the general procedure, 14ac (20.1 mg, 0.0870 mmol), 1-iodo-2,4-dimethoxybenzene 105ae (45.7 mg, 0.170 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (8.1 mg, 0.0090 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NOAc (5.2 mg, 0.017 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (56.4 mg, 0.170 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 8 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.6 mg, 0.0350 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. 18ae (12.8 mg, 40%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.55-6.51 (m, 2H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 4.23-4.18 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.9, 161.9, 157.9, 140.9, 139.8, 135.3, 132.7, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 111.6, 106.7, 104.7, 98.6, 64.4, 61.7, 55.5, 55.2, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 367.1652, found 367.1651.

Ethyl 2-(5-(4-methoxymethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (18af) [Scheme 73]. Following to the general procedure, 14ac (20.4 mg, 0.0878 mmol), 1-iodo-4-(methoxymethoxy)benzene 105af (46.4 mg, 0.176 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (8.2 mg, 0.0088 mmol), n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (6.5 mg, 0.018 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (57.3 mg, 0.176 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.6 mg, 0.035 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 5 h. **18af** (20.2 mg, 63%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 5H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 4.24 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.6, 157.6, 144.3, 139.8, 135.2, 130.5, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 123.8, 116.4, 106.2, 94.2, 64.4, 62.0, 56.2, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 367.1652, found 367.1653.

**Ethyl 2-[5-(4-(2,2-dimethylpropanamidephenyl)-1***H***-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (18ag) [Scheme 73]. Following to the general procedure, 14ac (22.3 mg, 0.0960 mmol),** *N***-(4-iodophenyl) pivalamide 105ag (58.2 mg, 0.192 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (9.0 mg, 0.0096 mmol),** *n***-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (7.1 mg, 0.019 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (62.6 mg, 0.192 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 14 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (6.2 mg, 0.038 mmol) was added and stirred at 150 °C for 4 h. 18ag (14.8 mg, 38%) was obtained as a white solid after purification by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc) and PTLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/acetone = 20 : 1); Mp: 196-200 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.61 (d,** *J* **= 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 7H), 6.30 (d,** *J* **= 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 4.21 (q,** *J* **= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 1.19 (t,** *J* **= 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.8, 168.5, 144.1, 139.8, 138.6, 135.1, 129.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.2, 126.0, 120.0, 106.3, 64.4, 62.1, 39.7, 27.6, 14.0; HRMS (ESI)** *m/z* **calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 406.2125, found 406.2122.** 

Ethyl 2-(5-(4-morpholinophenyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (18ah) [Scheme 73]. Following to the general procedure, 14ac (19.4 mg, 0.0835 mmol), 4-(4-iodophenyl) morpholine 105ah (48.3 mg, 0.167 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (7.9 mg, 0.0084 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (6.2 mg, 0.017 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (54.4 mg, 0.167 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.4 mg, 0.034 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 5 h. 18ah (12.1 mg, 37%) was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by PTLC (Hexane/acetone = 2 : 1); Mp: 113 °C (decomp.); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 3H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 3.23 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.7, 151.3, 144.6, 139.8, 135.3, 130.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 121.2, 115.1, 105.9, 66.8, 64.4, 62.0, 48.6, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 392.1969, found 392.1969.

Ethyl 2-(5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (18ai) [Scheme 73]. Following to the general procedure, 14ac (19.9 mg, 0.0857 mmol), 4-iodobiphenyl 105ai (48.0 mg, 0.171 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (8.0 mg, 0.0086 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (6.3 mg, 0.017 mmol) and  $Cs_2CO_3$  (55.7 mg, 0.171 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.5 mg, 0.034 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 4 h. **18ai** (15.6 mg, 48%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/acetone = 2 : 1); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69-7.64 (m, 5H), 7.51-7.36 (m, 10H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.6, 144.3, 141.7, 140.1, 139.9, 135.1, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.4, 127.1, 106.5, 64.6, 62.1, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 383.1754, found 383.1752.

**Ethyl 2-(5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1***H***-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (18aj) [Scheme 73].** Following to the general procedure, **14ac** (20.1 mg, 0.0865 mmol), 4-fluoro-iodobenzene **105aj** (38.4 mg, 0.173 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (8.1 mg, 0.0087 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (6.4 mg, 0.017 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (56.4 mg, 0.173 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 14 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.6 mg, 0.035 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 4 h. **18aj** (13.7 mg, 49%) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 7H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.5, 163.0 (d, *J<sub>C</sub>*. *F* = 249.5 Hz), 143.5, 139.8, 135.0, 131.1 (d, *J<sub>C</sub>*-*C*-*C*-*F* = 8.7 Hz), 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 126.4 (d, *J<sub>C</sub>*-*C*-*C*-*F* = 3.9 Hz), 115.9 (d, *J<sub>C</sub>*-*C*-*F* = 21.2 Hz), 106.7, 64.6, 62.1, 14.0; <sup>19</sup>F-NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -112.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 325.1347, found 325.1346.

Ethyl 2-(5-(4-ethoxycarbonylphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (18ak) [Scheme 73]. Following to the general procedure, 14ac (23.4 mg, 0.101 mmol), ethyl-4-iodobenzoate 105ak (33.5 mg, 0.202 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (9.4 mg, 0.010 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (7.5 mg, 0.020 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (65.8 mg, 0.202 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 21 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (6.5 mg, 0.040 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. 18ak (16.3 mg, 43%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.12 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (s, 5H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 4.42 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.23 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.3, 166.0, 143.6, 140.0, 134.8, 134.7, 130.7, 129.9, 129.1, 128.62, 128.57, 128.4, 107.0, 64.8, 62.2, 61.3, 14.3, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 379.1652, found 379.1652.

Ethyl 2-(5-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-(4-methoxy)phenylacetate (18ba) [Scheme 73]. Following to the general procedure, 14ad (25.5 mg, 0.0972 mmol), 4-iodotoluene 105aa (42.4 mg, 0.194 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (9.1 mg, 0.0097 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (7.2 mg, 0.019 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (63.2 mg, 0.194 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 16 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (6.5 mg, 0.039 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. 18ba (16.5 mg, 49%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.26 (m, 4H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.9, 159.5, 144.4, 139.7, 138.8, 130.1, 129.4, 129.1, 127.5, 127.3, 113.8, 106.2, 63.9, 61.9, 55.2, 21.3, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 351.1703, found 351.1704.

Ethyl 2-(5-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-(4-ethoxycarbonyl)phenylacetate (18ca) [Scheme 73]. Following to the general procedure, 14db (32.4 mg, 0.107 mmol), 4-iodotoluene 105aa (46.4 mg, 0.213 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (10.0 mg, 0.0107 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (7.9 mg, 0.0214 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (69.4 mg, 0.213 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 13 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (6.9 mg, 0.0428 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 3 h. 18ca (9.2 mg, 22%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.01 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 4H), 6.30 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 4.38-4.33 (m, 2H), 4.24-4.19 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.38-1.35 (m, 3H), 1.21-1.17 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.0, 166.2, 144.9, 140.1, 140.0, 139.1, 130.5, 129.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.6, 127.2, 106.4, 64.1, 62.2, 61.0, 21.3, 14.3, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 393.1809, found 393.1805.

Ethyl 2-(5-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-(2-naphthyl)acetate (18da) [Scheme 73]. Following to the general procedure, 14da (24.9 mg, 0.0882 mmol), 4-iodotoluene 105aa (38.4 mg, 0.176 mmol), Herrmann catalyst (8.3 mg, 0.0088 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (6.5 mg, 0.018 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (57.3 mg, 0.176 mmol) were used. After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 21 h, potassium ethyl xanthate (5.6 mg, 0.035 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 4 h. 18da (10.7 mg, 33%) was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85-7.78 (m, 3H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 4H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.23-1.18 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.7, 144.7, 139.9, 138.9, 133.1, 133.0, 132.7, 129.5, 129.1, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 126.4, 126.2, 126.2, 106.3, 64.6, 62.1, 21.3, 14.1; One carbon peak could not be detected probably due to overlapping; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 371.1754, found 371.1757.

Ethyl 2-(4-bromo-5-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (107) [Scheme 74]. To a solution of 16at (15.3 mg, 0.0499 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.2 mL), NBS (10.6 mg, 0.0600 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 50 °C in a sealed tube for 25 h, and then evaporated. The residue was purified by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc) to afford pyrazole 107 (11.0 mg, 57%) as a white solid; Mp: 82-84 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 7H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.2, 142.3,

140.4, 134.3, 130.1, 129.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 94.4, 65.5, 62.2, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for  $C_{19}H_{18}O_2N_2^{79}Br [M+H]^+$  385.0546, found 385.0546,  $C_{19}H_{18}O_2N_2^{81}Br [M+H]^+$  387.0526, found 387.0526.

**1-Benzyl-5-phenyl-1***H***-pyrazole (108) [Scheme 74].** To a solution of **16at** (30.0 mg, 0.0979 mmol) in DMSO (980 µL), LiCl (16.6 mg, 0.390 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 23 h. Then LiCl (49.9 mg, 1.18 mmol) was added to the mixture and the resulting mixture was stirred for 23 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with water, extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O three times, washed with water and brine and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Then the residue was filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by Biotage Isolera<sup>®</sup> (hexane/EtOAc) to afford pyrazole **108** (13.4 mg, 58%) as a white solid; Mp: 51-57 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.1, 139.3, 137.6, 130.7, 128.9, 128.6, 128.6, 127.5, 126.8, 106.4, 53.1; One carbon peak could not be detected probably due to overlapping; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>235.1230, found 235.1225.

**2-Phenyl-2-(5-phenyl-1***H***-pyrazol-1-yl)ethan-1-ol (109) [Scheme 74].** To a solution of 16at (29.5 mg, 0.0963 mmol) in THF (960  $\mu$ L), LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (3.6 mg, 0.095 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 6 h. Then the mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with EtOAc three times. The collected organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7 : 3) to afford alcohol **109** (15.5 mg, 61%) as a yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.24 (m, 6H), 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dd, *J* = 12, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 12, 3.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.9, 139.2, 138.7, 130.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 126.6, 106.5, 65.9, 63.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ON<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 265.1335, found 265.1332.

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