

## Supplementary Material

### *o*-Nitrophenylacetonitrile Michael additions and cyclocondensations: a novel quinoline synthesis

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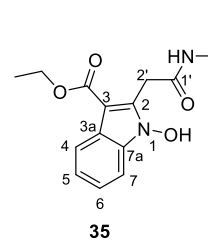
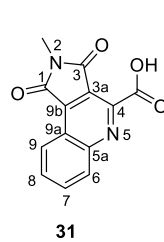
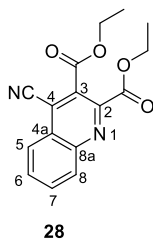
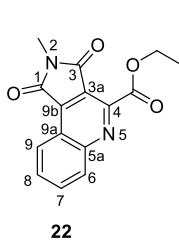
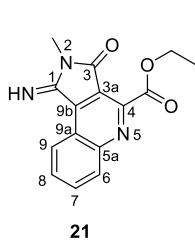
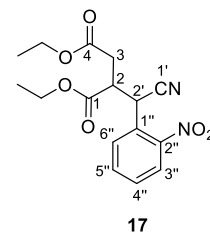
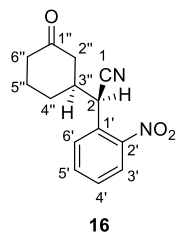
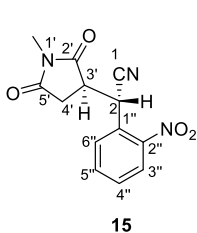
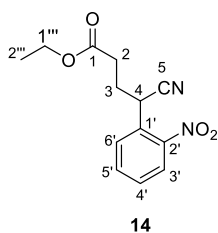
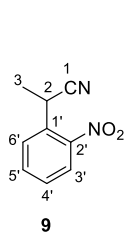
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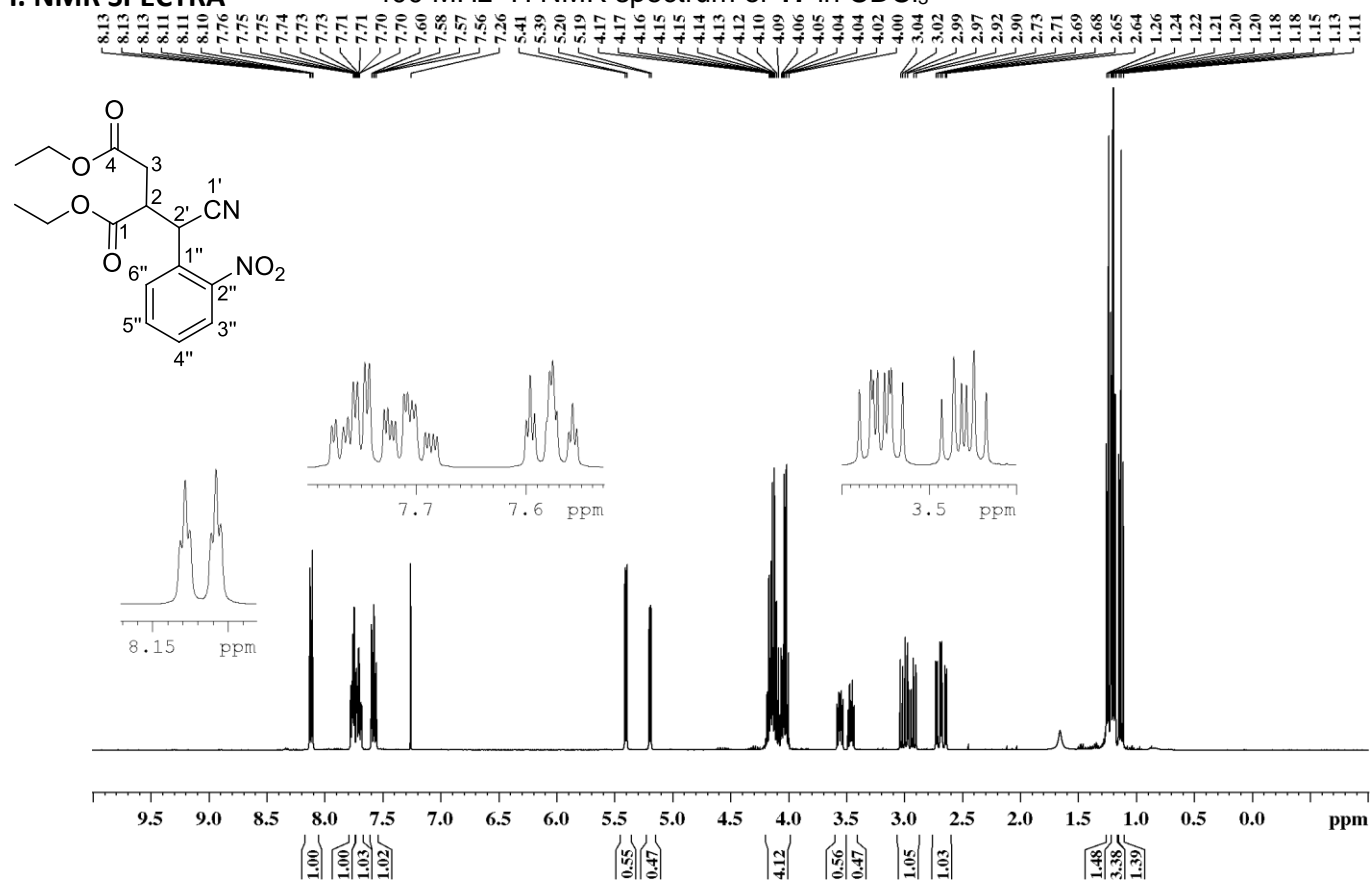
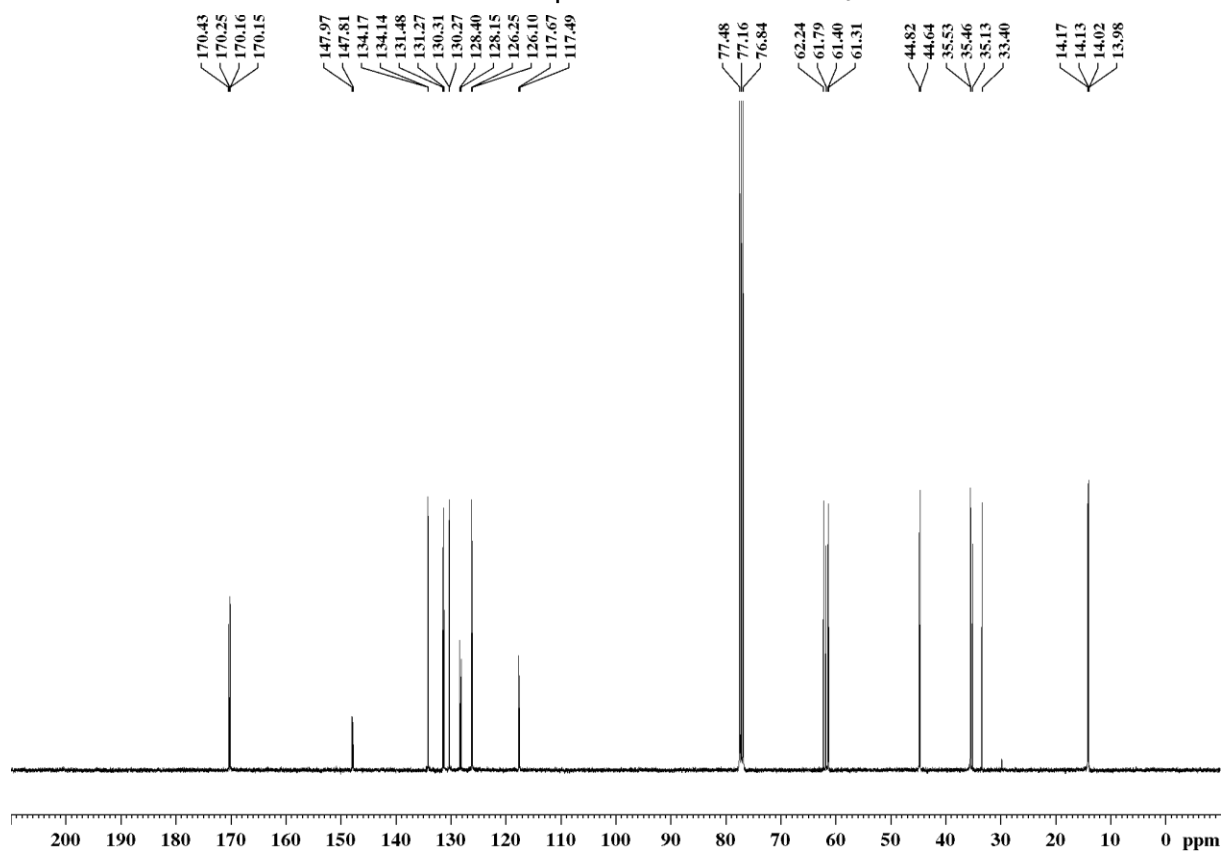
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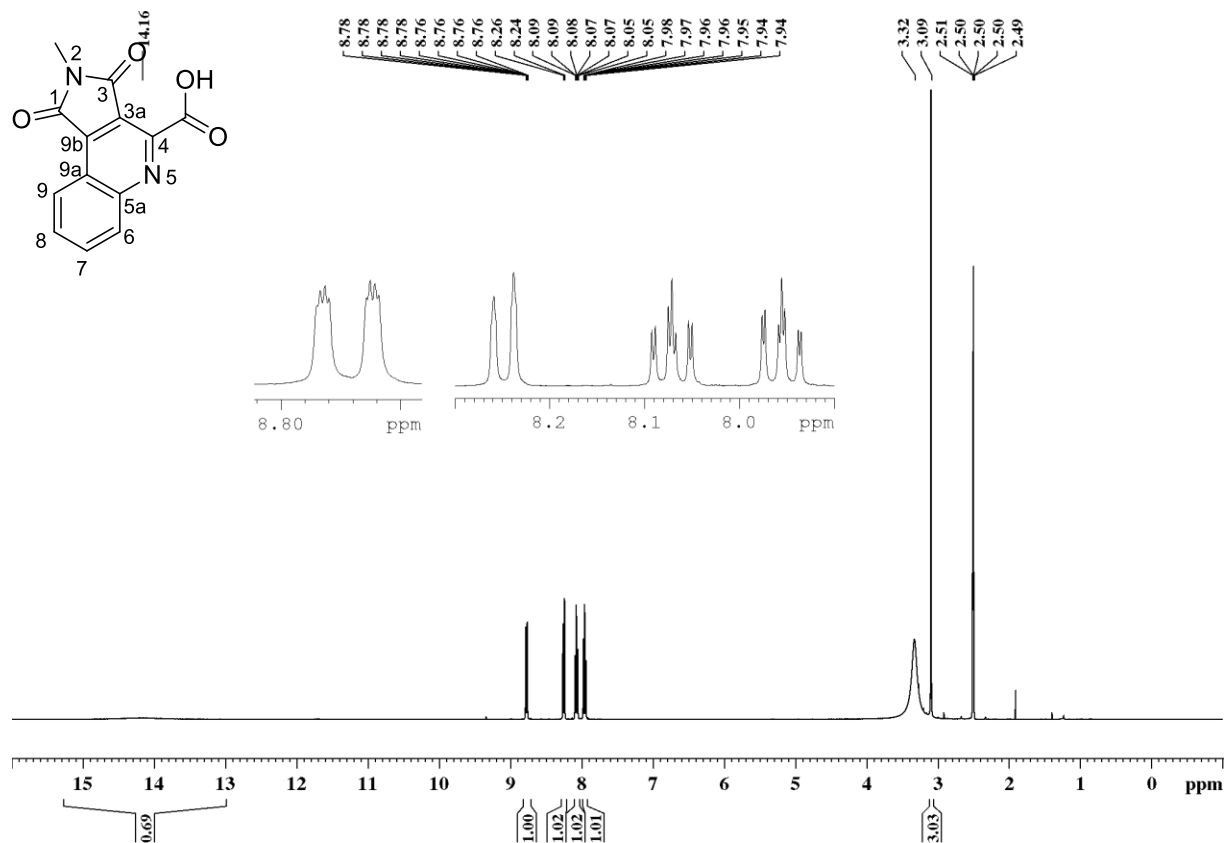
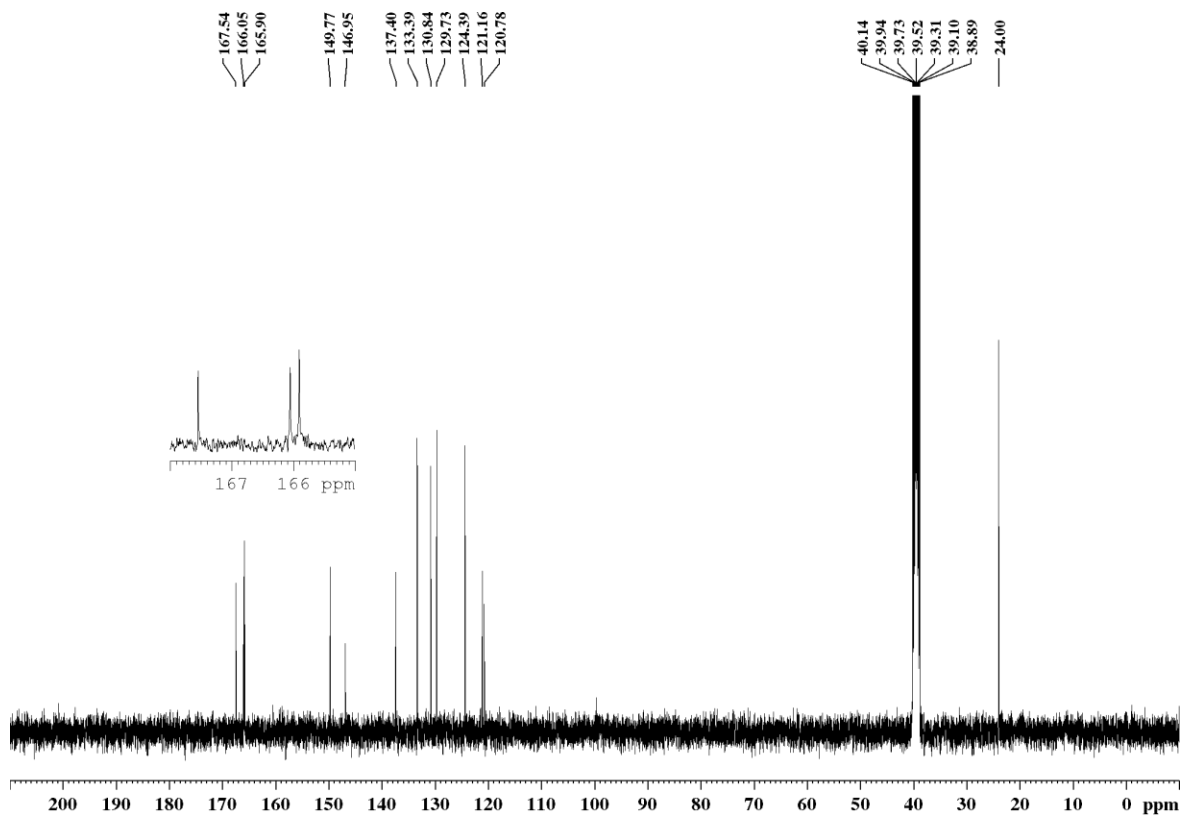
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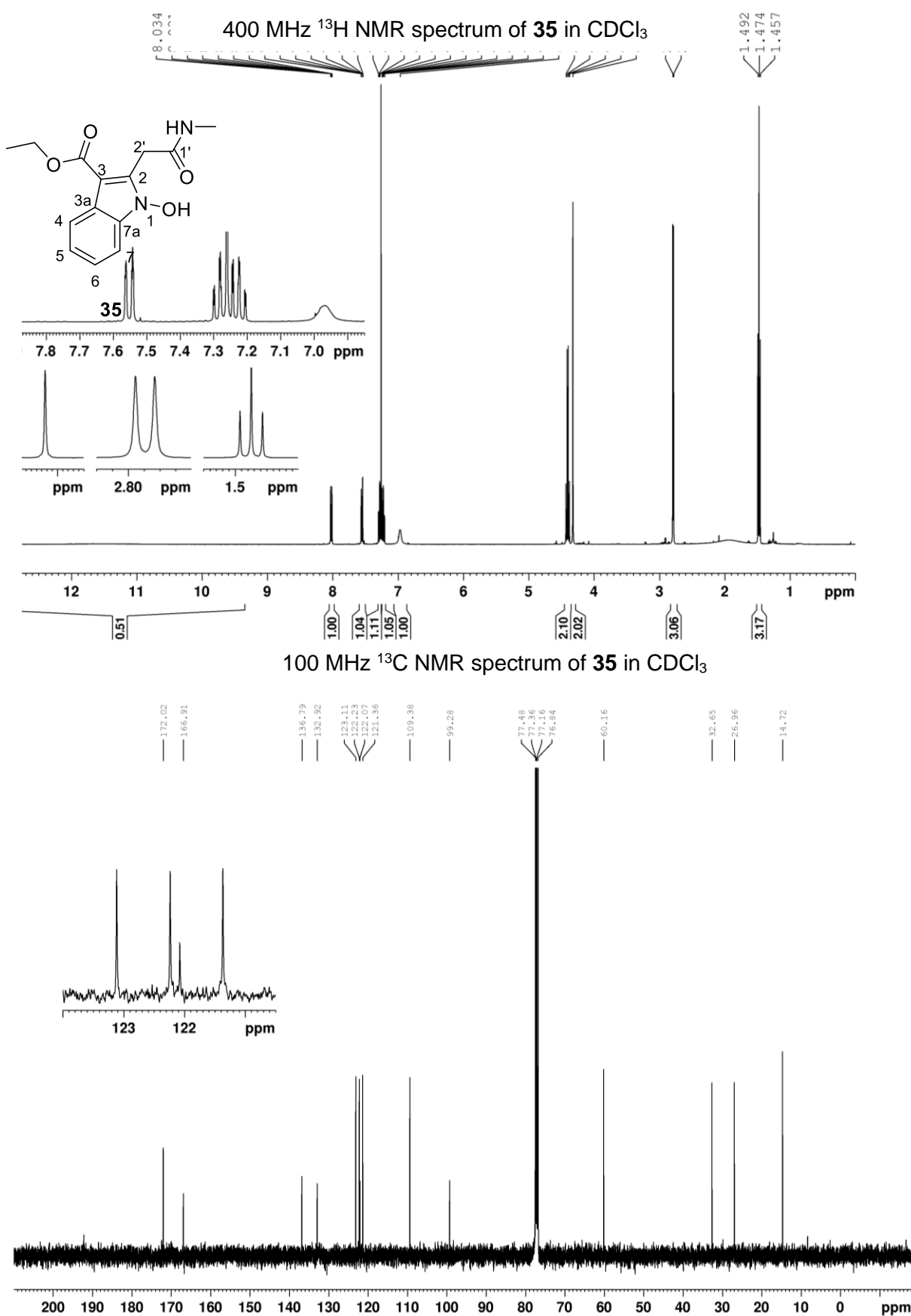
## I. SKELETON-NUMBERED STRUCTURES



## I. NMR SPECTRA

400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **17** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **17** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **31** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **31** in  $d_6$ -DMSO



## II. X-RAY CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC DATA

### General

Crystallographic data for **15** and **16** were collected at 100(2) K on an Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur diffractometer using Mo K $\alpha$  radiation (**15**) or an Oxford Diffraction Gemini diffractometer using CuK $\alpha$  radiation (**16**). Following multi-scan absorption corrections and solution by direct methods, the structures were refined against  $F^2$  with full-matrix least-squares using the program SHELXL-2017.<sup>1</sup> All H-atoms were added at calculated positions and refined by use of a riding model with isotropic displacement parameters based on those of the parent atoms. Anisotropic displacement parameters were employed for the non-hydrogen atoms.

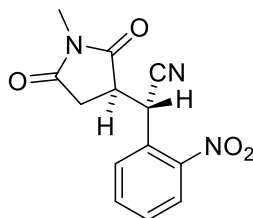
Crystallographic data for **21** and **22** were collected at 110 K on a Rigaku Saturn 70 CCD diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation. Data were collected and processed using CrysAlClear (Rigaku) software. The structures were solved with the ShelXT 2018/2<sup>2</sup> solution program using dual methods and by using Olex2 1.5<sup>3</sup> as the graphical interface. The model was refined with XL<sup>1</sup> using full matrix least squares minimisation on  $F^2$ . All H-atoms were added at calculated positions and refined by use of a riding model with isotropic displacement parameters based on those of the parent atoms. Anisotropic displacement parameters were employed for the non-hydrogen atoms.

Crystallographic data for **31** were collected on a XtaLAB Synergy, Single source HyPix diffractometer. The crystal was kept at a steady T = 100.00(10) K during data collection. The structure was solved with the ShelXT 2018/2<sup>2</sup> solution program using dual methods and by using Olex2 1.5<sup>3</sup> as the graphical interface. The model was refined with XL<sup>1</sup> using full matrix least squares minimisation on  $F^2$ . Anisotropic displacement parameters were employed for the non-hydrogen atoms.

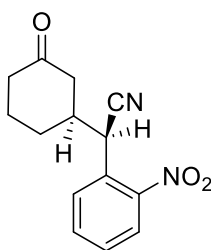
Crystallographic data for **39** were collected at 200(2) K, (rather than 100 K as there were indications that the crystal deteriorated at lower temperatures) on an Oxford Diffraction Gemini diffractometer using Cu K $\alpha$  radiation. Other details are as for **15** and **16**.

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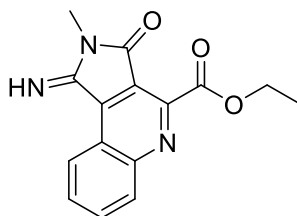
**Table S1.** Crystallographic data for (*S*\*)-2-((*R*\*)-1'-methyl-2',5'-dioxopyrrolidin-3'-yl)-2-(2''-nitrophenyl)acetonitrile (**15**)

Empirical formula	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	273.25
Temperature	100(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 9.9636(6) Å <i>b</i> = 16.3916(9) Å <i>c</i> = 7.4181(4) Å $\beta$ = 90.580(5)°
Volume	1211.46(12) Å <sup>3</sup>
<i>Z</i>	4
Density (calculated)	1.498 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.114 mm <sup>-1</sup>
<i>F</i> (000)	568
Crystal size	0.40 × 0.21 × 0.05 mm <sup>3</sup>
$\theta$ range for data collection	3.01 to 32.21°.
Index ranges	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 14, -23 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 23, -10 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 11
Reflections collected	13906
Independent reflections	4005 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0413]
Completeness to $\theta$ = 31.00°	99.4 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max./min. transmission	1.00/0.97
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	4005 / 0 / 182
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	0.893
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0438, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0992
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0764, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1061
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.402 and -0.342 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>
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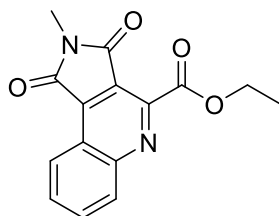
**Table S2.** Crystallographic data for (S\*)-2-(2'-nitrophenyl)-2-((S\*)-3''-oxocyclohexyl)acetonitrile (**16**)

Empirical formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Formula weight	258.27
Temperature	100(2) K
Wavelength	1.54178 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 21.7836(5) Å <i>b</i> = 14.3008(3) Å <i>c</i> = 7.9630(2) Å $\beta$ = 95.663(2)°
Volume	2468.55(10) Å <sup>3</sup>
<i>Z</i>	8
Density (calculated)	1.390 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.819 mm <sup>-1</sup>
<i>F</i> (000)	1088
Crystal size	0.27 × 0.05 × 0.05 mm <sup>3</sup>
$\theta$ range for data collection	3.70 to 67.24°
Index ranges	-26 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 19, -17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 16, -9 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 9
Reflections collected	23554
Independent reflections	4409 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0375]
Completeness to $\theta$ = 67.24°	99.6 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max./min. transmission	1.00/0.91
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	4409 / 0 / 343
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.040
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0427, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1134
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0527, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1205
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.459 and -0.179 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>
CCDC	1829658

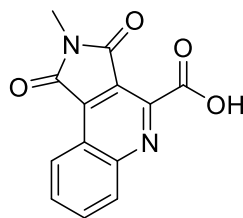


**Table S3.** Crystallographic data for ethyl 1-imino-2-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline-4-carboxylate (**21**)

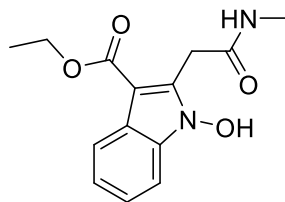
Empirical formula	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Formula weight	283.28
Temperature	110 K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 7.873(4) Å <i>b</i> = 18.882(8) Å <i>c</i> = 8.723(4) Å $\beta$ = 97.066(6)°
Volume	1286.78(1) Å <sup>3</sup>
<i>Z</i>	4
Density (calculated)	1.462 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.105 mm <sup>-1</sup>
<i>F</i> (000)	592
Crystal size	0.33 × 0.18 × 0.11 mm <sup>3</sup>
$\theta$ range for data collection	2.59 to 24.50°
Index ranges	-9 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 6, -14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 22, -10 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 10
Reflections collected	7299
Independent reflections	2097 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.062]
Completeness to $\theta$ = 24.50°	98.0 %
Absorption correction	Multi-scan from equivalents
Max./min. transmission	0.99/0.97
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2097 / 0 / 194
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.236
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0945, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.2353
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.1143, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.2533
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.393 and -0.306 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>
CCDC	2182720

**Table S4.** Crystallographic data for ethyl 2-methyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline-4-carboxylate (**22**)

Identification code	SYJ-80
Empirical formula	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	284.27
Temperature	110 K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 11.213(7) Å <i>b</i> = 4.615(3) Å <i>c</i> = 24.59(1) Å β = 95.438(7)°
Volume	1266.59(1) Å <sup>3</sup>
<i>Z</i>	4
Density (calculated)	1.491 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	1.101 mm <sup>-1</sup>
<i>F</i> (000)	592
Crystal size	0.33 × 0.13 × 0.11 mm <sup>3</sup>
θ range for data collection	1.66 to 24.49°
Index ranges	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 12, -4 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 5, -22 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 28
Reflections collected	7556
Independent reflections	2096 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0475]
Completeness to θ = 67.24°	99.2 %
Absorption correction	Multi-scan from equivalents
Max./min. transmission	0.99/0.96
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2096 / 0 / 190
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.242
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0913, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.2413
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0969, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.2491
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.556 and -0.446 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>
CCDC	2182719

**Table S5.** Crystallographic data for 2-methyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (31)

Empirical formula	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	256.21
Temperature	100(10) K
Wavelength	1.54184 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 9.16540(10) Å <i>b</i> = 10.29660(10) Å <i>c</i> = 11.57210(10) Å $\beta$ = 100.4360(10)°
Volume	1074.022(19) Å <sup>3</sup>
<i>Z</i>	4
Density (calculated)	1.585 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	1.019 mm <sup>-1</sup>
<i>F</i> (000)	528
Crystal size	0.11 × 0.08 × 0.03 mm <sup>3</sup>
$\theta$ range for data collection	5.68 to 75.46°.
Index ranges	-11 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 11, -12 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 12, -14 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 14
Reflections collected	38176
Independent reflections	2195 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0477]
Completeness to $\theta$ = 150.9°	98 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max./min. transmission	0.811/1.00
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2195 / 0 / 174
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.058
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0360, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0958
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0390, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0983
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.258 and -0.214 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>
CCDC	2195415

**Table S6.** Crystallographic data for ethyl 1-hydroxy-2-[(methylcarbamoyl)methyl]-1*H*-indole-3-carboxylate (**35**)

Empirical formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	276.29
Temperature	200(2) K
Wavelength	1.54178 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 6.2144(12) Å <i>b</i> = 30.714(5) Å <i>c</i> = 7.1614(11) Å β = 101.726(19)°
Volume	1338.3(4) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.371 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.846 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	584
Crystal size	0.40 x 0.09 x 0.03 mm <sup>3</sup>
θ range for data collection	2.88 to 67.92°.
Index ranges	-4 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 7, -33 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 36, -8 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 8
Reflections collected	5655
Independent reflections	2375 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0731]
Completeness to θ = 67.25°	98.4 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max./ min. transmission	1.00/0.77
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2375 / 0 / 187
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.083
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0630, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1734
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0990, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.2055
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.249 and -0.303 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>
CCDC	1827126

**Table S7.** Hydrogen bonds for **39** [Å and °]

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
O(1)–H(1)...O(12) <sup>1</sup>	0.90(6)	1.71(6)	2.594(4)	166(5)
N(12)–H(12)...O(8)	0.88	2.18	3.000(4)	155.7

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: 1–x,–y,1–z