#### **Supplementary Information**

# Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> supported acidic ionic liquid: An efficient and recyclable magnetic nanoparticles catalyst for one-pot synthesis of Bis(indolyl)methanes

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Single Crystal of 3,3'-((4-bromophenyl)methylene)bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indole) (4g):



Table 1: X-ray	crystallograp	hy data of <b>4g</b>	(CCDC 1857237)
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Empirical formula	$C_{25}H_{21}BrN_2$
Formula weight	429.36
Temperature/K	294.9(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a/Å	16.3699(8)
b/Å	13.8479(9)
c/Å	18.1112(11)
α/°	90
β/°	94.894(5)
$\gamma^{\prime \circ}$	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	4090.6(4)
Ζ	8
$\rho$ (calculated) (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.3942
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.022
$\Theta$ range (°)	6.3 to 52.74
Total Reflections collected	8158
Independent reflections	4173
Refinement parameters	255
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.060
Final R indexes [I>=2 $\sigma$ (I)]	R1 = 0.0572
Final R indexes [all data]	R1 = 0.0964

#### **Analytical Data:**

#### 3,3'-(phenylmethylene)bis(1*H*-indole)(3a)

M.p 145-147 °C; IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3395, 3054, 1617, 1455, 1123, 1094, 747 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  10.82 (s, 2H, NH), 7.35 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 7.26 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 7.16 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.02 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.85 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.82 (s, 2H, N-CH=C), 5.82 (s, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  144.9, 136.5, 128.2, 127.9, 126.5, 125.7, 123.5, 120.8, 119.0, 118.1, 118.0, 111.4, 39.6. ESI-MS: *m/z* 322 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 85.68; H, 5.63; N, 8.69; Found: C, 85.20; H, 5.36; N, 8.55.

#### 3,3'-((4-methoxyphenyl)methylene)bis(1*H*-indole)(3b)



DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  157.2, 136.4, 129.0, 126.5, 123.4, 120.7, 119.0, 118.5, 117.9, 112.9, 111.0, 54.6, 38.9. ESI-MS: m/z 352 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 81.79; H, 5.72; N, 7.95; Found: C, 81.66; H, 5.63; N, 8.18.

#### 3,3'-((3-methoxyphenyl)methylene)bis(1*H*-indole)(3c)



M.p 184-186 °C; IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3405, 3366, 3056, 2931, 2854, 1610, 1456, 1259, 1099, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  10.01 (s, 2H, NH), 7.25 (t, *J*=8.4 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 7.08 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.86-6.79 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.64 (s, 2H, N-CH=C), 6.62-6.61 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 5.71 (s, 1H, CH), 3.63 (s, 3H,

OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 158.9, 146.0, 136.4, 128.5, 126.5, 123.47, 120.7, 118.9, 118.0, 114.2, 110.9, 110.3, 54.5, 39.8. ESI-MS: *m/z* 352 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 81.79; H, 5.72; N, 7.95; Found: C, 81.98; H, 5.83; N, 7.49.

#### 3,3'-((-hydroxyphenyl)methylene)bis(1H-indole)(3d)



M.p 125-127 °C; IR (KBr): ν<sub>max</sub> 3492, 3431, 3075, 2980, 1610, 1532, 1476, 1093, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.76 (s, 2H, NH), 9.14 (s, 1H, OH), 7.31 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.24 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.11 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.02-6.98 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.85-6.81 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.76 (d, *J*=1.6 Hz, 2H, N-CH=C), 6.64 (td, *J*=8.8, 10.20 (td, *J*=8.8) (td, J=8.8) (td, J=8.8) (td, J=8.8) (td, J=8.8) (td, J=8.8) (td, J=8.8) (td, J=

2.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.68 (s, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  155.2, 143.9, 136.5, 135.1, 130.0, 129.0, 127.9, 126.4, 123.5, 120.9, 118.9, 118.6, 118.2, 117.5, 114.6, 111.4, 38.9. ESI-MS: *m/z* 338 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 81.63; H, 5.36; N, 8.28; Found: C, 81.70; H, 5.28; N, 8.45.

#### 3,3'-(p-tolylmethylene)bis(1*H*-indole)(3e)



M.p 91-93 °C; IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3412, 3051, 2922, 1615, 1455, 1092, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  10.79 (s, 2H, NH), 7.32 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.06-6.99 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.83 (t, *J*=6.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.78 (d, *J*=2.4 Hz, 2H, N-CH=C), 5.75 (s, 1H, CH), 2.23 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  141.8, 136.5, 134.5,

129.6, 128.5, 128.1, 126.5, 123.4, 120.7, 119.0, 118.1, 118.0, 111.3, 30.9, 20.5. ESI-MS: m/z 359 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 85.68; H, 5.99; N, 8.33; Found: C, 85.11; H, 5.70; N, 8.18.

#### 3,3'-((4-hydroxy3-methoxyphenyl)methylene)bis(1H-indole)(3f)



M.p 103-105 °C; IR (KBr): ν<sub>max</sub> 3488, 3411, 3057, 2961, 1600, 1509, 1456, 1120, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.76 (s, 2H, NH), 8.71 (s, 1H, OH), 7.33-7.26 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.01 (t, *J*=6.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.94 (d, *J*=1.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.84 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.78 (d, *J*=2.4 Hz, 2H, N-CH=C), 6.71-6.63 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 5.71 (s, 1H, CH),

3.64 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 147.1, 144.4, 136.5, 135.8, 126.6, 123.3, 120.7, 119.1, 118.5, 118.0, 114.9, 112.7, 111.4, 56.0, 39.2. ESI-MS: *m/z* 368 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 78.24; H, 5.47; N, 7.60; Found: C, 78.51; H, 5.53; N, 7.93.

#### 3,3'-((4-nitrophenyl)methylene)bis(1*H*-indole)(3g)



M.p 226-228 °C; IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3456, 3423, 3338, 1592, 1507, 1339, 1094, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  10.89 (s, 2H, NH), 8.09 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.55 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.31 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.23 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.00 (t, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.84 (s, 2H, N-CH=C), 6.82 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.97 (s, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  153.0, 145.7, 136.5, 129.4, 126.3, 123.8, 123.3, 121.0, 118.8, 118.4, 116.6, 111.5, 39.4. ESI-MS: m/z 357 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 75.19; H, 4.66; N, 11.44; Found: C, 75.40; H, 4.54; N, 11.37.

#### 3,3'-((4-chlorophenyl)methylene)bis(1*H*-indole)(3h)



M.p 82-84 °C; IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3409, 3051, 2926, 2857, 1616, 1487, 1089, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  10.85 (s, 2H, NH), 7.35-7.29 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 7.25 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.02 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.85 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.81 (d, *J*=1.6 Hz, 2H, N-CH=C), 5.83 (s, 1H, CH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  143.9, 136.5, 130.1,

130.0, 127.9, 126.4, 123.5, 120.9, 118.9, 118.2, 117.4, 111.4, 38.9. ESI-MS: *m/z* 357 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Cl: C, 77.41; H, 4.80; N, 7.85; Found: C, 77.62; H, 4.89; N, 7.41.

#### 3,3'-((4-bromophenyl)methylene)bis(1*H*-indole) (3i)



DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  144.3, 136.5, 130.8, 130.4, 126.4, 123.5, 120.9, 118.9, 118.7, 118.2, 117.4, 111.4, 38.9. ESI-MS: m/z 401 [M]<sup>+</sup>, 403 [M+2]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Br: C, 68.84; H, 4.27; N, 6.98; Found: C, 69.15; H, 4.18; N, 6.72.

#### tri(1*H*-indol-3-yl)methane (3j)



M.p 240-242 °C; IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3410, 3047, 2830, 1604, 1454, 1417, 1337, 1087, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  10.71 (s, 3H, NH), 7.37 (d, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H, Ar-H), 7.31 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 3H, Ar-H), 6.99 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H, Ar-H), 6.91 (s, 3H, N-CH=C), 6.83 (t, *J*=8 Hz, 3H, Ar-H), 6.03 (s, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  136.5, 126.5,

123.1, 120.5, 119.2, 118.2, 117.8, 111.3, 30.8. ESI-MS: m/z 360  $[M-1]^+$ . Anal.Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{19}N_3$ : C, 83.08; H, 5.30; N, 11.63; Found: C, 82.89; H, 5.25; N, 11.56.

#### 3,3'-(phenylmethylene)bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indole)(4a)

M.p 244-246 °C; IR (KBr): v<sub>max</sub> 3395, 3055, 2922, 1617, 1460, 1113, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400

MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.58 (s, 2H, NH), 7.09-7.00 (m, 7H, Ar-H), 6.70 (t, J=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.61 (d, J=8 Hz, Ar-H), 6.49 (t, J=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.74 (s, 1H, CH), 1.89 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$ 144.2, 135.0, 132.0, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 125.7, 119.4, 118.4, 117.8, 112.1, 110.2, 38.5, 11.8. ESI-MS: m/z 350 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 85.68; H, 6.33; N, 7.99; Found: C, 85.55; H, 6.39; N, 8.04.

#### 3,3'-((4-chlorophenyl)methylene)bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indole)(4b)



6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  143.7, 135.0, 132.1, 130.8, 130.7, 127.9, 119.5, 118.6, 118.3, 118.0, 111.5, 110.3, 38.0, 11.8. ESI-MS: m/z 385 [M+1] <sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Cl: C, 78.01; H, 5.50; N, 7.28; Found: C, 77.95; H, 5.49; N, 7.36.

#### 3,3'-((4-nitrophenyl)methylene)bis(2-methyl-1H-indole)(4c)



M.p 241-243 °C; IR (KBr): ν<sub>max</sub>3397, 3068, 2921, 1587, 1499, 1339, 1125, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>;<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.88 (s, 2H, NH), 8.15 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.41 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.22 (d, *J*= 8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.90 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.78 (d, *J*= 8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.69 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.06 (s, 1H, CH), 2.09 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 152.8, 145.6, 135.0, 132.5, 129.8, 127.8, 123.2, 119.7, 118.1, 110.8, 110.4, 38.6, 11.9. ESI-MS: *m/z* 395 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 75.93; H, 5.35; N, 10.63; Found: C, 76.08; H, 5.27; N, 10.50.

#### 3,3'-((4-fluorophenyl)methylene)bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indole)(4d)

M.p 258-260 °C; IR (KBr): v<sub>max</sub>3920, 3082, 2912, 2866, 1615, 1503, 1459, 1302, 1214, 1156,



1126, 1097, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  10.77 (s, 2H, NH), 7.21-7.16 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.07 (t, *J*=8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.88 (t, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.79 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.67 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.90 (s, 1H, CH), 2.06 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  161.6, 159.2, 140.3, 135.0, 132.0, 130.3, 128.0, 119.5, 118.3, 117.9,

114.6, 112.0, 110.3, 37.8, 11.8. ESI-MS: *m/z* 368 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F: C, 81.50; H, 5.74; N, 7.60; Found: C, 81.73; H, 5.63: N, 7.51.

#### 3,3'-((2-chlorophenyl)methylene)bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indole)(4e)

M.p 218-220 °C; IR (KBr): v<sub>max</sub>3391, 3060, 2902, 1638, 1459, 1135, 1124, 1102, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H



NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.79 (s, 2H, NH), 7.42 (d, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 6.88 (t, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.73 (d, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.66 (t, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.04 (s, 1H, CH), 1.99 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 141.5, 134.9, 133.4,

132.1, 130.7, 129.2, 128.2, 127.9, 126.6, 119.6, 118.1, 117.8, 110.4, 110.3, 36.7, 11.6. ESI-MS: m/z 384 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Cl: C, 78.01; H, 5.50; N, 7.28; Found: C, 78.29; H, 5.35; N, 6.96.

#### 3,3'-((2-nitrophenyl)methylene)bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indole)(4f)



M.p 234-236 °C; IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$ 3392, 3052, 2922, 1637, 1528, 1458, 1370, 1124, 753 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  10.86 (s, 2H, NH), 7.83 (dd, *J*=8, 1.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.56 (dt, *J*=7.6 Hz, *J*=1.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.49 (dt, *J*=7.6 Hz, *J*=1.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.25 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.22 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.92-6.88 (m, 2H,

Ar-H), 6.73-6.67 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.57 (s, 1H, CH), 2.03 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  150.0, 137.7, 134.9, 132.6, 132.3, 130.4, 128.0, 127.6, 124.4, 119.8, 118.3, 117.6, 110.5, 109.7, 33.8, 11.5. ESI-MS: m/z 395 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 75.93; H, 5.35; N, 10.63; Found: C, 75.86; H, 5.28; N, 10.51.

#### 3,3'-((4-bromophenyl)methylene)bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indole) (4g)



M.p 242-244 °C; IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}3389$ , 3047, 2913, 1618, 1556, 1459, 1304, 1244, 1010, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  10.79 (s. 2H, NH), 7.30 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.88 (t, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.79 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.68 (t, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.90 (s, 1H, CH), 2.07 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100

MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 143.3, 135.0, 132.1, 130.4, 130.1, 128.0, 127.8, 119.5, 118.3, 118.0, 111.6, 110.3, 37.9, 11.8. ESI-MS: *m/z* 428 [M-1]<sup>+</sup>, 430 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Br: C, 69.94; H, 4.93; N, 6.52; Found: C, 70.02; H, 4.86; N, 6.45.

#### 3,3'-((3-bromophenyl)methylene)bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indole)(4h)



DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 147.3, 135.0, 132.2, 131.2, 130.1, 128.6, 127.9, 127.7, 121.3, 119.6, 118.2, 118.0, 111.3, 110.4, 38.2, 11.8. ESI-MS: *m/z* 429 [M]<sup>+</sup>, 431 [M+2]<sup>+</sup>.Anal.Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Br: C, 69.94; H, 4.93; N, 6.52; Found: C, 70.01; H, 4.89; N, 6.42.

#### bis(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methane(4i)



M.p 110-112 °C; IR (KBr): ν<sub>max</sub>3408, 2973, 1652, 1480, 1149, 1115, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.65 (s, 2H, NH), 7.24 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.19 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.91 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.80 (d, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 3.98 (s, 2H, CH), 2.38

(s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  135.0, 131.1, 128.4, 119.6, 117.7, 117.6, 110.1, 109.6, 18.8, 11.5. ESI-MS: m/z 274 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 83.18; H, 6.61; N, 10.21; Found: C, 83.04; H, 6.55; N, 10.12.

#### 3,3'-(ethane-1,1-diyl)bis(2-methyl-1H-indole)(4j)



M.p 179-181 °C; IR (KBr): ν<sub>max</sub> 3395, 2953, 1638, 1456, 1135, 1124, 1105, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.63 (s, 2H, NH), 7.40 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.19 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.90 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.79 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 4.60 (q, *J*=7.2 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 4.60 (q, J=7.2 Hz, 4H,

1H, CH), 2.33 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.82 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  134.9, 130.4, 127.7, 119.3, 118.3, 117.8, 114.5, 110.2, 28.2, 21.3, 12.1. ESI-MS: *m/z* 288 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 83.30; H, 6.99; N, 9.71; Found: C, 83.15; H, 7.13; N, 9.82.

#### 3,3'-(propane-2,2-diyl)bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indole)(4k)



M.p 188-190 °C; IR (KBr): ν<sub>max</sub> 3401, 2983, 2961, 1638, 1453, 1116, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.54 (s, 2H, NH), 7.22 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.16 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.84 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.67 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 2.27 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.91

(s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  134.8, 129.5, 127.7, 119.6, 119.0, 118.8, 117.5, 110.1, 37.1, 31.6, 14.0. ESI-MS: m/z 302 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 83.40; H, 7.33; N, 9.26; Found: C, 83.22; H, 7.25; N, 9.12.

#### 3,3'-((4-methoxyphenyl)methylene)bis(2-methyl-1H-indole)(41)



M.p 196-198 °C; IR (KBr): v<sub>max</sub>3395, 3049, 1606, 1509, 1457, 1300, 1237, 1125, 1034, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.72 (s, 2H, NH), 7.19 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.07 (d, J=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.87 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.81 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 6.66 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.84 (s, 1H, CH), 3.71 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.05 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 157.2, 136.0, 135.0, 131.8, 129.5, 128.2, 119.4, 118.4, 117.8, 113.3, 112.4, 110.2, 54.8, 37.7, 11.8. ESI-MS: m/z 380 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 82.07; H, 6.36; N, 7.36; Found: C, 82.20; H, 6.31; N, 7.34.

#### 3,3'-((3-methoxyphenyl)methylene)bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indole)(4m)



M.p 150-152 °C; IR (KBr): v<sub>max</sub>3385, 3057, 2998, 2915, 1596, 1487, 1460, 1428, 1304, 1242, 1158, 1040, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>;<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.73 (s, 2H, NH), 7.20-7.14 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.87 (t, J= 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.81-6.75 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.71 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 6.66 (t, J= 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.86 (s, 1H, CH), 3.61 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.06 (s,

6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 159.0, 145.8, 134.9, 131.9, 128.8, 128.1, 121.2, 119.5, 118.4, 117.8, 114.9, 112.0, 110.4, 110.2, 54.7, 38.5, 11.8. ESI-MS: m/z 380 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 82.07; H, 6.36; N, 7.36; Found: C, 81.89; H, 6.30; N, 7.63.

#### 3,3'-((2-hydroxyphenyl)methylene)bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indole)(4n)



M.p 228-230 °C; IR (KBr): v<sub>max</sub>3495, 3390, 2912, 1639, 1484, 1459, 1127, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.63 (s, 2H, NH), 9.13 (s, 1H, OH), 7.17 (d, J=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.02 (t, J=8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.97 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.85 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.78 (d, J=8 Hz, 3H, Ar-H), 6.63 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 3H, Ar-H), 6.03 (s, 1H, CH),

1.99 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 155.0, 134.9, 131.5, 130.4, 129.7, 128.6, 126.8, 119.2, 118.2, 117.7, 114.7, 112.1, 110.1, 32.6, 11.7. ESI-MS: *m/z* 367 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 81.94; H, 6.05; N, 7.64; Found: C, 81.82; H, 5.86; N, 7.76.

#### 3,3'-((4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)methylene)bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indole)(40)



M.p 228-230 °C; IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3552, 3383, 3053, 2969, 2939, 2915, 1614, 1509, 1460, 1255, 1120, 1024, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  10.69 (s, 2H, NH), 8.74 (s, 1H, OH), 7.18 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.88-6.80 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 6.69-6.10 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.50 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 5.80 (s, 1H, CH), 3.55 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.04 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  147.2, 144.5, 134.9, 131.7,

128.3, 120.8, 119.4, 118.4, 117.8, 114.8, 113.3, 112.7, 110.2, 55.5, 38.1, 11.9. ESI-MS: m/z 395  $[M-1]^+$ . Anal.Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 78.76; H, 6.10; N, 7.07; Found: C, 78.97; H, 6.23; N, 7.01.

#### **3,3'-((4-ethoxyphenyl)methylene)bis(2-methyl-1***H***-indole)(4p)**



M.p 184-186 °C; IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3409: 3041, 2957, 1637, 1454, 1123, 1089, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  10.70 (s, 2H, NH), 7.18 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.05 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.86 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.79 (t, *J*=8 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 6.65 (t, *J*=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.83 (s,1H, CH), 3.95 (q, *J*=6.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.04 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.29 (t, *J*=6.4 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):

δ 156.5, 135.9, 135.0, 131.8, 129.5, 128.2, 119.4, 118.4, 117.8, 113.7, 112.5, 110.2, 62.7, 37.7, 14.6, 11.8. ESI-MS: *m/z* 394 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 82.20; H, 6.64; N, 7.10; Found: C, 82.32; H, 6.48; N, 7.15.

#### 3,3'-(p-tolylmethylene)bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indole)(4q)



M.p 179-181 °C; IR (KBr):  $v_{max}3384$ , 3052, 2912, 1638, 1459, 1305, 1126, 1105, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  10.73 (s, 2H, NH), 7.20 (d, J=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.05 (s, 4H, Ar-H), 6.88 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.82 (d, J=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.67 (t, J=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.87 (s, 1H, CH), 2.06 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ 

141.1, 135.0, 134.4, 131.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 119.4, 118.5, 117.8, 112.3, 110.2, 38.1, 20.6, 11.9. ESI-MS: m/z 364 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 85.68; H, 6.64; N, 7.69; Found: C, 86.02; H, 6.81; N, 7.90.

#### 3.3'-(naphthalen-2-ylmethylene)bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indole)(4r)

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M.p 204-206 °C; IR (KBr): v<sub>max</sub>3402, 3048, 2914, 2851, 1594, 1461, 1295, 1218, 1011, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.76 (s, 2H, NH), 7.96-7.90 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.81 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.43 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.35 (q, J=8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.19 (t, J=8.8 Hz, 3H, Ar-H), 6.87 (t, J=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.78 (t, 2H, Ar-H), 6.63 (t, J=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.50 (s, 1H, CH), 1.96 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 139.8, 134.9, 133.3, 132.0, 131.7, 128.4, 126.8, 125.7, 125.3, 125.1, 123.8, 119.5, 118.0, 117.9, 111.8, 110.3, 35.7, 11.7. ESI-MS: m/z 400 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 86.97; H, 6.04; N, 6.99; Found: C, 87.18; H, 5.98; N, 7.14.

#### 1-(bis(2-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methyl)naphthalen-2-ol (4s)



M.p 249-251 °C; IR (KBr): v<sub>max</sub>3410, 3394, 3047, 2969, 2923, 1618, 1513, 1460, 1216, 753 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.65 (s, 2H, NH), 9.14 (s, 1H, OH), 8.00 (d, J=9.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.73 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.67 (d, J=9.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 6.85 (d, J=8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.75 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 3H, Ar-H), 6.60

(brs, 2H, Ar-H and CH), 1.85 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 152.9, 134.8, 132.1, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 121.8, 119.4, 118.5, 118.2, 117.8, 110.1, 56.0, 31.6, 11.8. ESI-MS: m/z 416 [M]<sup>+</sup>, 455 [M+K]<sup>+</sup>. Anal.Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 83.63; 5.81; N, 6.73; Found: C, 83.80; H, 5.69; N, 6.63.

### Spectra

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3a













<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3e











































150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 Chemical Shift (ppm)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 4c



<sup>13</sup>C NMR 4c









## <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 4e













<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 4g



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 4h



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 4i













<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 4k



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 4l













<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 40







<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 4p



<sup>13</sup>C NMR of 4p



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 4q



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 4r



