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Abstract



✓ Green Solvent

✓ Late-Stage Functionalization

✓ 1°, 2°, 3° Unactivated and Aryl Iodides

✓ Compatible with C-14 Chemistry

A visible-light mediated late-stage aminocarbonylation of unactivated alkyl iodides with stoichiometric amount of carbon monoxide is presented. The method provides a mild, one-step route to [*carbonyl*-^{13/14}C]alkyl amides; thereby, reducing radioactive waste, and handling of radioactive material. Easily accessible and low cost equipment and palladium catalyst were successfully used for the synthesis of a wide range of alkyl amides.

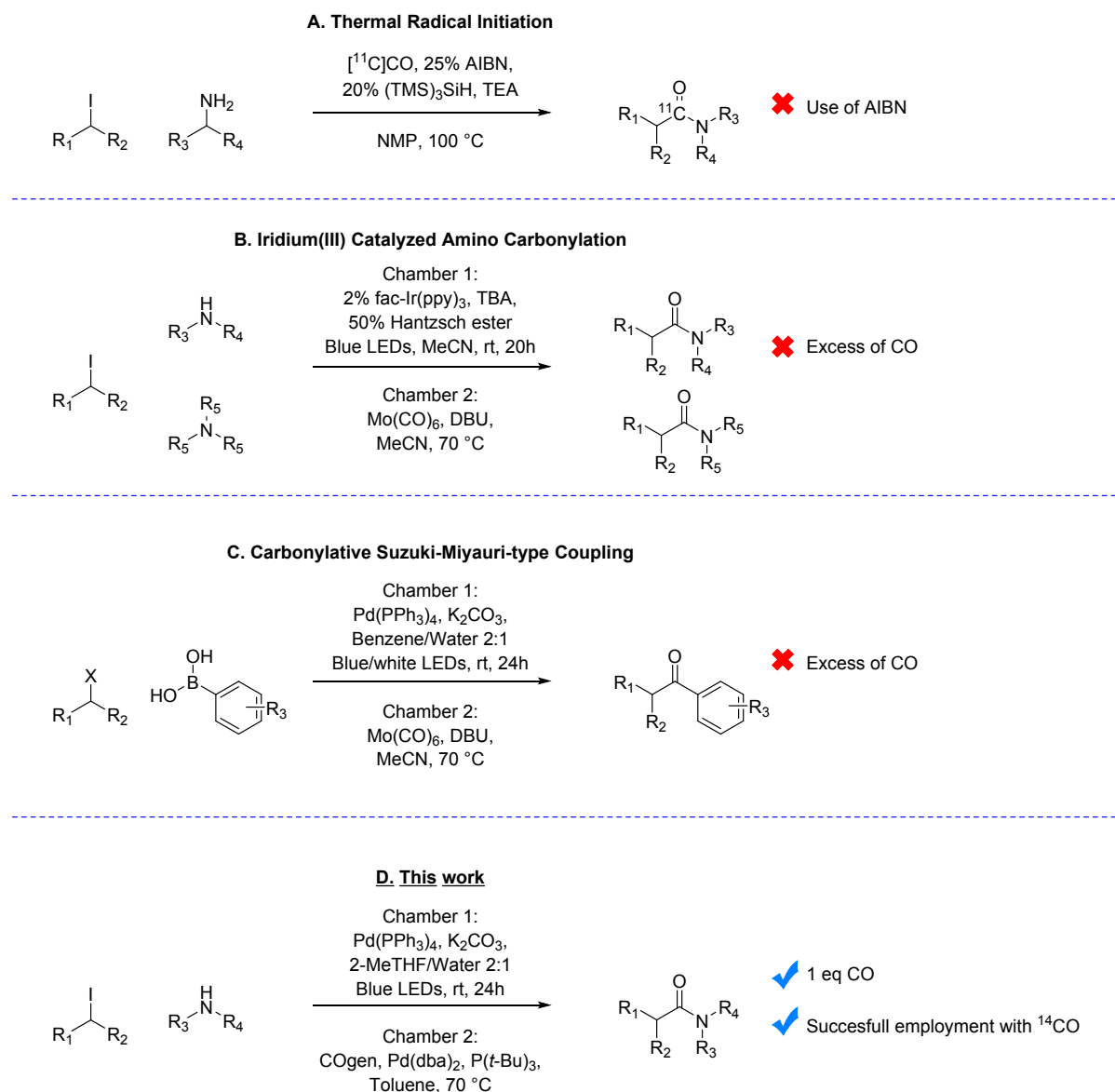
Introduction

Carbon isotope labeling is a critical tool for the drug discovery and development program. Nearly all drug molecules contain carbon atoms; thus, no structural modification is required to incorporate a carbon isotope; moreover, the isotope effect is low for both C-13 and C-14.¹ The stable isotope, specifically C-13, is commonly used in conjunction with mass spectrometry (MS) for the quantification of the parent drug in biological samples.² Typically, a stable isotope labeled internal standard is prepared as soon as a single compound is selected and is continuously supplied to the project over the course of the development and post-marketing surveillance. On the other hand, the long-lived carbon radioisotope, C-14 ($t_{1/2} = 5730$ years), has virtually no background noise which affords an exquisite signal to noise ratio that is utilized by drug discovery scientist to visualize, trace, and quantify drugs *in vivo*. Radiolabeled compounds are easily traced and quantified even after biochemical transformations since the detector response is independent of the structure of the compound; therefore, scintillation counting allows an accurate mass balance during (pre)clinical studies.³ These qualities make C-14 the isotope of choice for absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion studies (ADME), quantitative whole body autoradiography (QWBA) and environmental fate studies.^{4,3}

The labeled reagents used to prepare C-14 labeled compounds are highly expensive, for example the most readily available starting material Ba¹⁴CO₃ is around \$1850 per mmol. In addition, the synthetic chemistry required to incorporate the radiolabel leads to significant radioactive waste. This waste can be difficult and expensive to dispose of. Therefore, strategies which reduce radiochemical waste are of high importance. Hence, approaches including the late-stage incorporation of the radiolabel which

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3 serve to minimize radiochemical waste typically require less radiochemical handling, thereby
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5 increasing the safety for the scientist.⁵ Late-stage incorporation of the radiolabel also increases the
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7 overall efficiency of the carbon isotope incorporation.⁶
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10 Carbonylation with carbon monoxide (CO) is a valuable technique for late-stage incorporation of
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12 carbon isotopes as it typically displays excellent functional group tolerance and can be applied to join
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14 two advanced intermediates.^{6,7} Classical carbonylation methods utilize transition metal catalysis (i.e.
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16 Pd) to incorporate CO into complex drug-like molecules to afford ketones, carboxylic acids, esters, and
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18 amides.⁸ However, most methods are only applicable with aryl or vinyl halides and triflate substrates
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20 for carbon labeling.^{9,10} Most procedures describing the use of alkyl halides typically use an excess of
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22 CO.¹¹ While unlabeled CO is an inexpensive gas, ¹⁴CO is expensive and thus preferably used as a limiting
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24 reagent. Sub-stoichiometric ¹¹CO carbonylation was achieved by Chow *et al*¹² using catalytic amounts
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26 of thermal radical initiator azobisisobutyronitrole (AIBN) (Scheme 1A). Despite the applicability of the
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28 AIBN catalyzed method on a wide range of functional groups, and compatibility with ¹¹CO (short lived
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30 isotope of carbon), AIBN presents major drawbacks due to its safety profile and toxic nature. A milder
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32 approach using photochemistry with visible-light and 2-3 atm CO has been applied for the
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34 functionalization of unactivated alkyl halides using aminocarbonylation¹³ (Scheme 1B) and Pd-
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36 mediated cross-coupling with boronic acids¹⁴ (Scheme 1C). Despite the synthetic utility of these
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38 methods and the advances they made in employing only moderate pressures of CO, in the context of
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40 isotope labeling further lowering the amount would be highly desirable. Inspired by the
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42 photochemistry works of Chow and Roslin, we explored the synthesis of amides *via* carbonylation of
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44 alkyl iodides with amines using *only* stoichiometric amounts of CO. The method could be successfully
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46 applied using palladium catalysis mediated by visible-light for late-stage aminocarbonylation.
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Scheme 1 – Methodologies for carbonylation of unactivated alkyl halides.

Results and discussion

At the onset of our investigations, we aimed to evaluate the reactivity of cyclohexyl iodide **1** and morpholine **2** under visible-light conditions and Pd-catalysis.^{13,14} Unlabeled CO was used as the limiting reagent and was generated from 9-methylfluorene-9-carbonyl chloride (COgen), which provides a readily transferable, solid form of CO and has been used with labeled CO ($^{13/14}\text{C}$).⁶ In order to limit

costs and generation of waste, the optimization of the procedure and part of the scope were performed using unlabeled COgen. We paid particular attention to the set-up of the reaction in order to ensure direct implementation of the protocol onto C-14 radiolabeling. The dual chamber system (COWare⁹, (Figure 1A)) was used as previously described. As COgen is moisture sensitive and undergoes hydrolysis, fresh batch of COgen was made before using.¹⁵

To facilitate the visible-light chemistry in a parallel fashion, a photoreactor was constructed (Figure 1B-C). Blue LEDs surround a central compartment, which contains a heating block to enable the liberation of CO from COgen at 70 °C. The carbonylation chamber was kept at room temperature; a fan was used to circulate the air in the reactor to regulate the heat emitted from the LEDs. The setup could facilitate six parallel reactions; however, this setup could potentially be used for larger libraries, too.

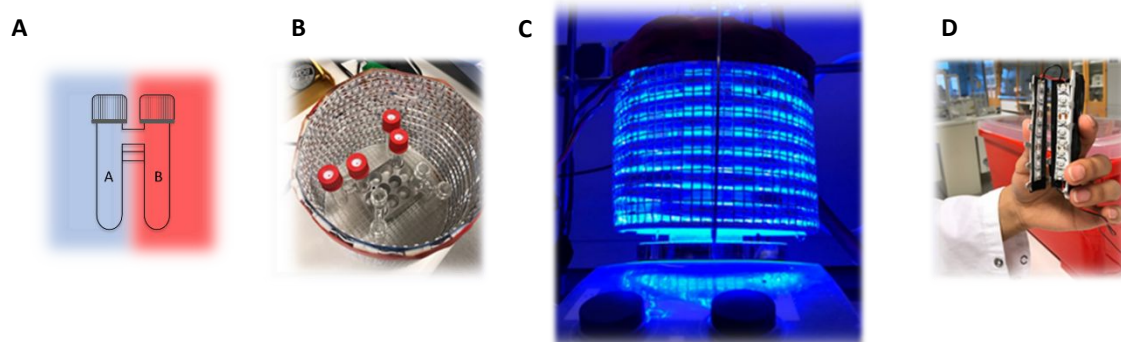


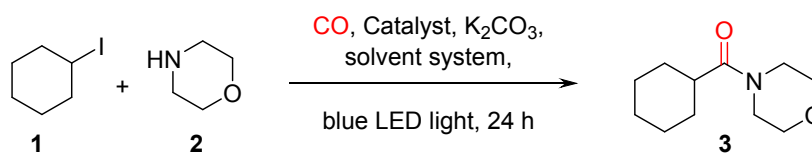
Figure 1 – A Schematic view of the COWare, red represents the heating of the chamber and blue represents the blue visible-light irradiation. B top view of the elevated photoreactor. C Elevated photoreactor, enabling 6 reactions in parallel, with heating block in the middle to allow heating of Chamber B while Chamber A is kept at room temperature. D Single chamber photoreactor system.

The work began with an aminocarbonylation for the synthesis of alkyl amides. The COWare was loaded with cyclohexyl iodide **1**, 1.5 equiv of morpholine **2**, 5% Pd(PPh₃)₄, 1 equiv K₂CO₃, benzene:water (2:1, 3 mL) in the CO consuming chamber (chamber A), and the CO releasing chamber was loaded with 1 equiv COgen and the requisite reagents to release the CO (chamber B). Chamber B was heated to 70 °C for 24 h while chamber A was kept at room temperature and illuminated by blue LEDs, to give a

conversion of 44% to cyclohexyl(morpholino)methanone **3** (Table 1, entry 1). Motivated by this initial success, we optimized the reaction with respect to amine (equiv), solvent, catalyst, and base.

The systematic variation of reaction conditions enabled a better understanding of the factors governing the carbonylation process. Increasing the equivalents of morpholine to 3 equiv gave a yield of 64% (Table 1, entry 2). However, increasing morpholine beyond 3 equiv gave no further improvement (see Supporting Information, Table S1). To alleviate the poor solubility of CO in most organic solvents¹⁶ the reaction volume was maximized, in conjunction with increased reagent concentrations. This led to a decrease in headspace, thus improving the CO partitioning into the solvent (Table 1, entry 3) to give a yield of 70%. A drop to 38% in (isolated) yield was observed when the reaction was performed on 1.2 mmol scale to give cyclohexyl(morpholino)methanone **3**. A similar result was observed by Roslin et al.¹⁴ When the transformation was performed with ¹³COgen on the same scale, no differences in isolated yield was observed (36%). The reaction was demonstrated to require light and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (Table 1, entries 4-6). A catalyst screening was performed and Pd(PPh₃)₄ was identified as the best catalyst. Due to the carcinogenic nature of benzene, finding an alternate solvent was imperative. Replacing benzene in the solvent system with toluene (Table 1, entry 7) showed a lower yield. Solvents with higher density than water were the most detrimental for the yield. Green solvents such as 2-MeTHF and CPME (Table 1, entries 8-10), showed comparable yield to benzene. 2-MeTHF showed good conversion with (61%) and without water (54%). A variety of bases, both organic and inorganic bases were shown to be effective. The time of the reaction was also monitored and maximum yield of the reaction was observed after 18 h (Table 1, entries 11-12). Selected results from our optimization experiments are summarized in the Supporting Information in Table S1.

Table 1 – Optimization of reaction conditions in the carbonylation chamber A



Entry	Solvent (volume [mL] ^a)	Catalyst (%)	Yield of 3 ^b (%)
1	Benzene/water 2:1 [3]	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄ (5)	44
2	Benzene/water 2:1 [3]	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄ (5)	64
3^c	Benzene/water 2:1 [5]	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄ (5)	70 (55)
4^c	Benzene/water 2:1 [5]	-	-
5^c	Benzene/water 2:1 [5]	PPh ₃	-
6^{c,d}	Benzene/water 2:1 [5]	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄ (5)	-
7^c	Toluene/water 2:1 [5]	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄ (5)	37
8^c	2-MeTHF/water 2:1 [5]	Pd(PPh₃)₄ (5)	81 (61)
9^c	2-MeTHF [5]	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄ (5)	54
10^c	CPME/water 2:1 [5]	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄ (5)	58
11^{c,e}	2-MeTHF/water [5]	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄ (5)	39
12^{c,f}	2-MeTHF/water [5]	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄ (5)	62%

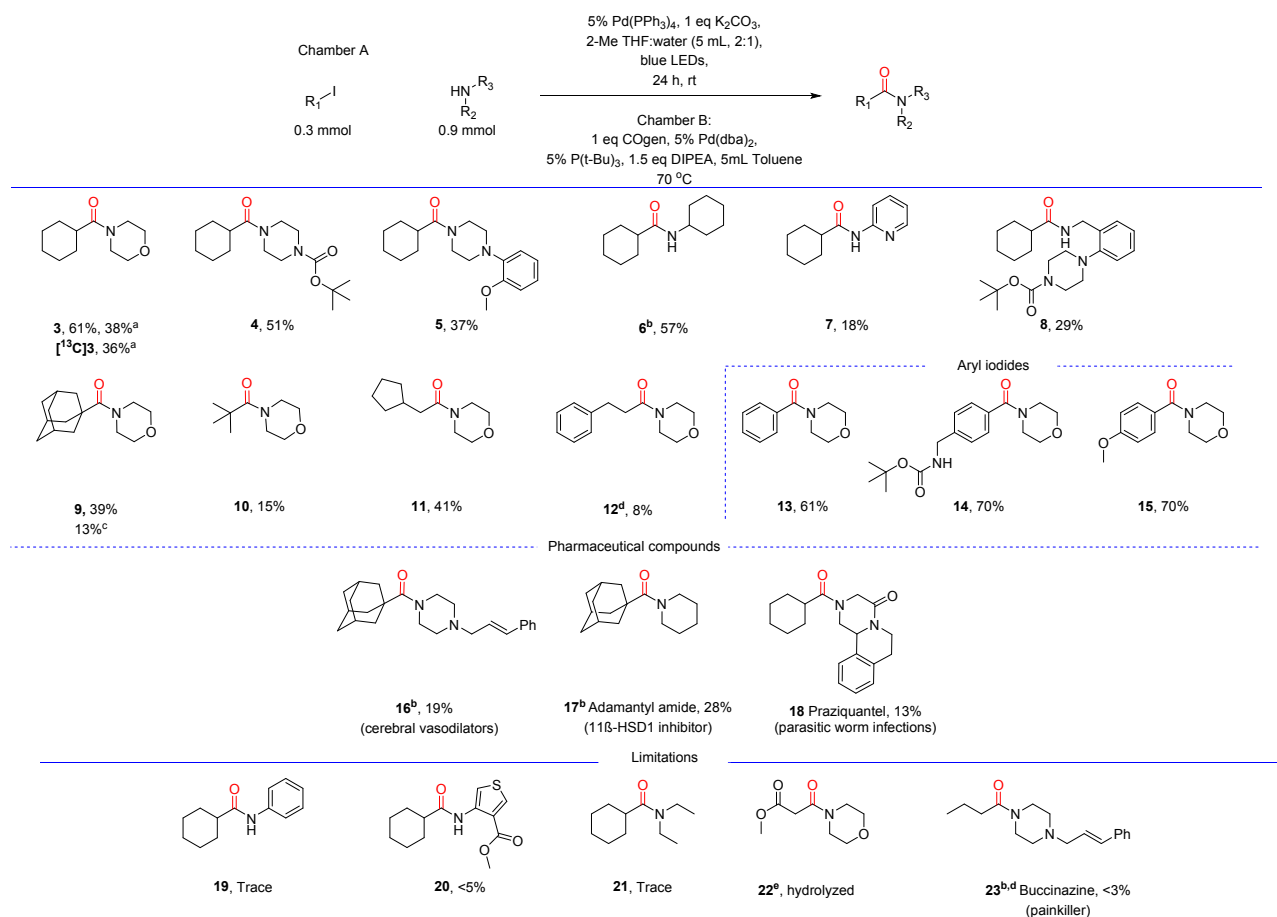
Standard conditions: Chamber A Catalyst (5 mol%), K₂CO₃ (1 eq), solvent, iodocyclohexane (0.3 mmol, 1 eq), morpholine (1.5 eq). CO is produced in chamber B: Pd(dba)₂ (5 mol%), COgen (1 eq), toluene, P(t-Bu)₃ (0.05 eq), DIPEA (1.5 eq). ^a represents the volume in both chambers. ^b Determined by ¹H NMR using anisole (1 equiv) as internal standard. Number in parentheses represents isolated yield. ^c 0.6 mmol of iodocyclohexane and 3 eq morpholine. ^d no light. ^e reaction time 5h. ^f reaction time 18 h.

With the optimized conditions in hand (Table 1, entry 8), the scope of the amine coupling partner was investigated including primary, secondary, and aryl amines, to establish the versatility of this protocol and probe the limitations. The results are summarized in Scheme 2. Good yields were obtained for primary and cyclic secondary amines providing the amide products **3-6** in 37 to 61% yield. Yields of substituted piperazine (**4-5**) were lower than the model substrates. Cyclohexylamine, to our surprise did not show any product formation with water in the solvent system; interestingly, when employing anhydrous conditions the product **6** was afforded in 57% isolated yield. 2-Aminopyridine afforded an 18% yield for product **7**. Whereas aniline only showed a trace of product **19** on GC-MS. 2-Aminopyridine is more basic and therefore likely demonstrates the lower limit of nucleophilicity the reaction will tolerate. Substituted benzyl amine performed well as a substrate giving moderate yield of the desired product **8**.

Cyclohexyl iodide performed well with a range of amines. Therefore, the substrate scope was extended to a range of primary and tertiary iodides. Under the optimized conditions, the iodides were reacted with morpholine as the nucleophile. Tertiary iodides underwent a satisfactory reaction to afford the amide products (**9-10**) in moderate yield. Whereas 1-iodoadamantane returned the desired product **9** in higher yield compared to *tert*-butyl iodide. The less reactive 1-bromoadamantane afforded the expected product **9** in a 13% yield. Primary alkyl iodide, iodomethylcyclopentane, gave the product (**11**) with a yield of 41%. However, the lack of or low product (**12** and **23**) formation for iodopropane and (2-iodoethyl)benzene is indicative of the competing direct alkylation reaction, which is favored over the pathway towards carbonylation.

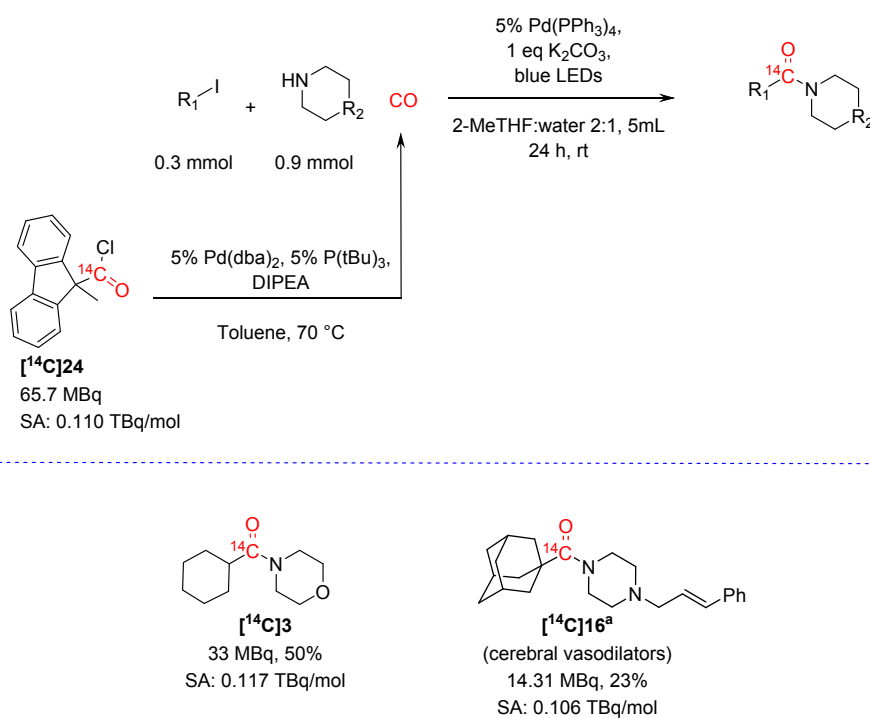
The generality of this method was further evaluated by performing the aminocarbonylation method with iodobenzene and, to our delight, morpholino(phenyl)methanone **13** was isolated with good yields. *Para* substituted aryl iodides, *tert*-butyl (4-iodobenzyl)carbamate, and 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene were used to give good yields, 70% (**14**) and 69% (**15**), respectively.

Lastly, pharmaceutically relevant compounds were carbonylated with the optimized conditions. Praziquantel **18** and Bucinnazine analogue **16** gave a yield of respectively 13% and 19%. However, attempting synthesis of Bucinnazine **23** by carbonylation of isopropyl iodide and the corresponding piperazine gave predominantly the propylated piperazine. Adamantyl amide **17** was isolated with moderate yield; surprisingly, with aqueous conditions no product formation was observed.



Scheme 2 - Synthesis of alkyl amides by carbonylative coupling of alkyl iodides and amines. ^a 1.2 mmol scale. ^b Anhydrous conditions, 5 mL of 2-MeTHF was used in Chamber A. ^c 1-Bromoadamantane was used. ^d S_N2 product was observed. ^e Product was hydrolyzed.

The utility of this method towards C-14 labeling was demonstrated using cyclohexyl iodide and morpholine. To reduce the radioactive waste, ¹⁴COgen was diluted with unlabeled material, thus 5% ¹⁴COgen was used with a specific activity of 0.110 TBq/mol. The result was in good agreement with the unlabeled carbonylation of cyclohexyl(morpholino)methanone **3** (Scheme 3) and the protocol was easily translated to a single photoreactor system (Figure 1D). [¹⁴C]Cyclohexyl(morpholino)methanone [¹⁴C]**3** was isolated with 50% yield with the expected specific activity within the error margin (Scheme 3).¹⁷ Bucinnazine analogue [¹⁴C]**16** was labeled to give 23% yield with the expected specific activity. To the best of our knowledge, no C-14 labeling procedures have been reported for either compounds.



Scheme 3 - ^{14}CO reaction with model substrates, and drug-like compound. ^a Anhydrous conditions were used, 5 mL 2-MeTHF).

Conclusion

In summary, a mild and versatile radical aminocarbonylation protocol was developed for the late-stage isotopic labeling by carbonylation with good substrate compatibility. By using visible-light irradiation and palladium catalysis, alkyl halides were coupled with amines at ambient temperature with stoichiometric amounts of CO . Moderate to low yields were obtained for late-stage labeling with labeled CO . It is noteworthy that the reaction was enabled by $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$, which is cheap and readily available. Additionally, the use of COgen allowed easy translation between unlabeled reaction and labeled reaction. As for the substrate scope, a wide range of alkyl substrates can be carbonylated, such as the unactivated secondary and tertiary amines. Primary iodides, on the contrary, are difficult to achieve due to the competition with direct alkylation. To generalize the method, aryl iodides also reacted smoothly and were isolated with good yields; however, more investigations should be done to understand the mechanism and scope of this reaction. All in all, promising results have been achieved. These advances provide a powerful and broadly accessible tool for the labeling of functionalized alkyl amides.

Experimental Section

General Information. *General Reactions.* All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification, unless mentioned otherwise. Anhydrous solvents were purchased from Sigma Aldrich and stored under nitrogen atmosphere. 9-Methyl-9H-fluorene-9-carbonyl chloride and 9-Methylfluoren-9-¹⁴C-carbonyl chloride (respectively, COgen and ¹⁴COgen) was prepared according to the procedure of Skrydstrup et al⁶ and commercially available two chamber glassware apparatus (COware) was purchased from Sytracks and used for the carbonylation reactions. Yields are based on the COgen and refer to purified, isolated, homogenous product and spectroscopically pure material, unless stated otherwise.

Reaction Setup. All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere and were magnetically stirred. Electric heating plates and DrySyn were used for elevated temperatures and stated temperatures corresponds to the external DrySyn temperature. Blue S6 LED strips (15 V, 15W/meter, 4.67m, $\lambda = 465.2$ nm) were used, provided by LED Teknik Boras Sweden, no filters were used (see Supporting information for full LED report (Figure S1)). The distance between the COware (borosilicate glass) and the blue LED strips is between 2 and 4 cm, reactions were repeated on all positions, and comparable results were obtained. Concentration was performed on a rotary evaporator at 40 °C at appropriate pressure.

Reaction mixture. Crude reaction mixture was assayed by GCMS or LCMS and quantified by NMR with anisole as internal standard. LCMS analysis was performed on a Waters Acquity UPLC using either

- Method A: BEH C18 column (50mmx2.1mm, 1.7 μ m particles) with a 10-90% gradient over 2 or 4 min with MeCN-NH₄/NH₄CO₃;
- Method B: BEH C18 column (50mmx2.1mm, 1.8 μ m particles) with a 10-90% gradient over 2 or 4 min with MeCN-formic acid and electrospray ionization.

GCMS (EI) analysis was performed on a 7890A GC system and 5975C inert MSD system equipped with an Agilent 19091S-433L (30 m x 250 μ x 0.25 μ m) capillary column using a gradient: 40-150 °C with a rate of 15 °C/min, followed by 150-300 °C with a rate of 60°C/min, and electron impact ionization at 70 eV.

Thin layer chromatography was carried out using E. Merck silica glass plates (60F-254) with UV light (254 nm) and/or iodine vapor/potassium permanganate as the visualization agent.

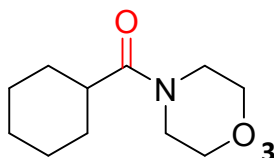
Purification. Crude reaction mixtures were purified by either flash chromatography prepacked Isolute® SI columns or Biotage SNAP columns using a Biotage automated flash systems with UV detection or preparative reversed phase HPLC purifications using a Gilson 322 Pump equipped with a Gilson UV/Vis-152 lamp with an Xbridge™ Prep C-18 10 μ m OBD™ 19x250 mm column.

Analysis. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE III system running at proton frequency of 500.1 MHz with a cryogenic probe or on a Bruker Avance Nanobay system at 400.13 MHz and processed with the NMR software MestreNova (Mestrelab Research SL). NMR experiments were run in CDCl_3 at 25°C, unless stated otherwise. ^1H chemical shifts are referenced relative to the residual solvent peak at 7.26 ppm, and ^{13}C chemical shifts are referenced to 77.67 for CDCl_3 . Signals are listed in ppm, and multiplicity identified as s = singlet, br = broad, d = doublet, dt = doublet of a triplet, t = triplet, tt = triplet of a triplet, q = quartet, quin = quintet, h = hextet, m = multiplet; coupling constants in Hz; integration. ^{13}C NMR data is reported as with chemical shifts. For purity, quantitative NMR spectroscopy (qNMR) was performed with 2,3,5,6-tetrachloronitrobenzene (Tokyo Chemical Industry Co. Ltd. Japan, lot 242) (unless mentioned otherwise) as an internal calibrant in 0.6mL CDCl_3 (glass ampules, Sigma Aldrich).¹⁸ Purity was calculated with the NMR processing software, MestreNova. Accurate mass values were determined on a Waters Xevo Q-TOF mass spectrometer with an electro spray ion source in positive mode. Purity assays were also performed on the aforementioned LCMS and GCMS systems. Radiochemical purity was determined by HPLC using either

- Setup 1: Waters 2695 Separations module equipped with Waters x Select CSH C18 2.5 μm , 3 x 100 mm column and with a radioactivity flow monitor using a Perkin-Elmer Radiomatic 500 TR with Ultima Gold cocktail. Gradient method was used for radiochemical purity determination with mobile phase A (water with 0.2% formic acid adjusted to pH 3) and B (95% MeCN/water 0.2% Formic acid pH 3) with gradient elution (50% B for 0-3 minutes, then ramp to 100% B over 17 min and hold at 100% B for 5 min).
- Setup 2: Waters Acquity UPLC with Waters Xbridge C18 3.5 μm , 4.6 x 100mm column was used along with Perkin-Elmer TRI-CARB 2500 liquid scintillation analyser with Ultima Gold cocktail. Gradient method was used for radiochemical purity determination with mobile phase A (10mM NH_4HCO_3 buffered with NH_4OH) and B (MeCN) with gradient elution (5% for 0-3 minutes, then ramp to 95% over 22 min and hold at 95% for 5 minutes).

General Procedures. *General Procedure for Chamber B, CO Producing Chamber.* Chamber B was loaded in the following order $\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2$ (5%, 0.03 mmol), toluene (3 mL), tri-tert-butyl phosphane (5%, 0.03 mmol) and N,N-diisopropylethylamine (1.5 eq, 0.9 mmol). The chamber was sealed with Teflon-lined PTFE septa and stabilizing disc. The chamber is purged with N_2 , after which COgen (1 eq, 0.6 mmol in toluene, 2 mL) is added and the chamber is stirred and heated to 70 $^\circ\text{C}$.

General Procedure for Amino Carbonylation Chamber A, CO Consuming Chamber. To chamber A was added $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (5%, 0.03 mmol), K_2CO_3 , (1 eq, 0.6 mmol), 2-MeTHF (3.5 mL), alkyl iodide (1 eq, 0.6 mmol), amine (3 eq, 1.8 mmol) and water (1.5 mL). The chamber was sealed with a Teflon lined PTFE septa and stabilizing disk. The chamber was purged for 5 minutes. The chamber was irradiated with visible blue light and stirred for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 10mL) over a phase separator and concentrated in vacuo, unless mentioned otherwise. Purification was performed using either manual system, Biotage automated normal purification system or reversed phase HPLC purification.



Preparation of *cyclohexyl(morpholino)methanone* **3** (CAS 29338-96-3).¹³ Chamber A was loaded according to the general procedure with iodocyclohexane (78 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and morpholine (155 μ L, 1.80 mmol) in 2-MeTHF (3.5 mL) and water (1.5 mL) as solvent system. Chamber B was loaded according to the general procedure for CO releasing chamber. Purification was performed on a 25g SNAP column with 25% EtOAc in Heptane over 20 min. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated to give the desired product (72.2 mg, 61%). Data for **3**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.17 – 1.32 (m, 3H), 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.70 (d, J = 12.94 Hz, 5H), 2.42 (tt, J = 3.41, 3.41, 11.58, 11.58 Hz, 1H), 3.44 – 3.71 (m, 8H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.6, 67.0, 66.8, 45.8, 41.9, 40.2, 29.3, 25.75, 25.74. NMR purity assay: 95%.

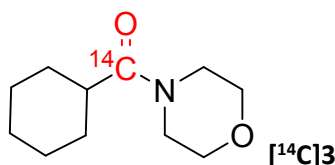
$[^{13}\text{C}]3$ – 1.2 mmol

Preparation of *cyclohexyl(morpholino)methanone* $[^{13}\text{C}]3$. Chamber A was loaded according to the general procedure with iodocyclohexane (155 μ L, 1.2 mmol), morpholine (311 μ L, 3.6 mmol), K_2CO_3 (166 mg, 1.2 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (69.3 mg, 0.06 mmol) in 2-MeTHF (3.5 mL) and water (1.5 mL) as solvent system. Chamber B was loaded according to the general procedure CO releasing chamber with $\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2$ (34.5 mg, 0.06 mmol), $\text{P}(t\text{-Bu})_3$ (60 μ L, 0.06 mmol), N,N -diisopropylamine (315 μ L, 1.81 mmol) in toluene (5 mL), and at last $[^{13}\text{C}]\text{COgen}$ (292 mg, 1.2 mmol). Purification was performed on 25g SNAP column with 0-60% EtOAc in Heptane. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated to give the desired product (86.3 mg, 38%). NMR purity assay: 96.1%.

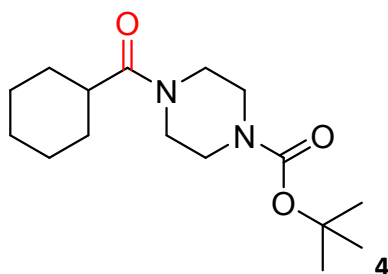
3 – 1.2 mmol

Preparation of *cyclohexyl(morpholino)methanone* **3**. Chamber A was loaded according to the general procedure with iodocyclohexane (155 μ L, 1.2 mmol), morpholine (311 μ L, 3.6 mmol), K_2CO_3 (166 mg, 1.2 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (69.3 mg, 0.06 mmol) in 2-MeTHF (3.5 mL) and water (1.5 mL) as solvent system.

Chamber B was loaded according to the general procedure CO releasing chamber with Pd(dba)₂ (34.5 mg, 0.06 mmol), P(*t*-Bu)₃ (60 μL, 0.06 mmol), N,N-diisopropylamine (315 μL, 1.81 mmol) in toluene (1 mL), and at last COgen (291 mg, 1.2 mmol, 0.3M, 4 mL). Purification was performed on 25g SNAP column with 0-60% EtOAc in Heptane. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated to give the desired product (85 mg, 36%). NMR purity assay: 96.6%.

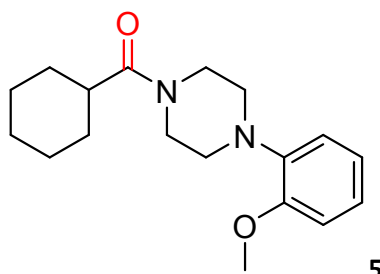


Preparation of [14C]cyclohexyl(morpholino)methanone 3. Chamber A was loaded according to the general procedure and reaction procedure for **3**. Chamber B was loaded according to the general procedure for CO releasing chamber COgen (129 mg, 0.57 mmol) and [14C]COgen (65.7 MBq, 0.03 mmol) was used. Purification was performed on a 20g Flash Si column with 25% EtOAc in Heptane. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to give the desired product (32.96 MBq, 0.117 TBq/mol, 50%). Radio-HPLC (setup 1) 98.87%.

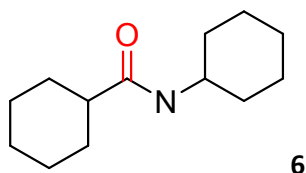


Preparation of tert-butyl 4-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate 4 (CAS 1328099-31-5). Chamber A was loaded according to general procedure iodocyclohexane (78 μL, 0.6 mmol) and tert-butyl piperazine-1-carboxylate (343.2 mg, 1.84 mmol). Chamber B was loaded according to the CO releasing chamber. Purification was performed on a 10g Flash Si column with 25% EtOAc in n-Heptane. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to give the desired product (88.7 mg, 50%). Data for **4**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.23 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.59 (m, 11H), 1.65 – 1.84 (m, 5H), 2.44 (tt, J = 11.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.31 – 3.65 (m, 8H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9,

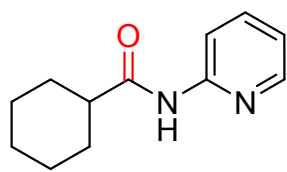
154.7, 80.4, 77.5, 77.4, 77.2, 76.8, 45.3, 43.9, 41.5(broad peaks due to conformation change), 40.6, 29.5, 28.5, 25.96, 25.94. NMR purity assay 90%. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{16}H_{28}N_2O_3$ 297.2178; Found 297.2195.



Preparation of cyclohexyl(4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperazin-1-yl)methanone 5. Chamber A was loaded according to the general procedure with iodocyclohexane (1 eq, 78 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and 1-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperazine hydrochloride (2.52 eq, 346 mg, 1.51 mmol). Chamber B was loaded according to the general procedure for the CO releasing chamber. Purification was performed *via* HPLC (5-70% MeCN – 0.1% TFA in water over 20 min, wavelength 220nm, 15mL/min). Fractions containing product were pooled and lyophilized to give product as TFA salt. The product was partitioned in 5 mL CH_2Cl_2 and 5 mL Na_2CO_3 . The layers are separated over a phase separator. The aqueous layer was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (5 x 5mL). The organic layers were combined and concentrated to give the free product (67.1 mg, 37%). Data for **5**: 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 1.23 – 1.37 (m, 3H), 1.5 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.86 (m, 6H), 2.52 (tt, J = 3.31, 3.31, 11.55, 11.55 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dt, J = 4.78, 4.78, 17.63 Hz, 4H), 3.67 – 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.79 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 6.87 – 6.97 (m, 3H), 7 – 7.1 (m, 1H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 174.6, 152.2, 123.6, 121.0, 118.5, 111.3, 77.3, 77.2, 77.0, 76.7, 55.4, 51.3, 50.7, 45.6, 41.7, 40.4, 29.4, 25.89, 25.86. A peak at 140 ppm missing, however strong correlation on HMBC suggests it is a quaternary aromatic carbon. NMR purity assay: 96.7%. LCMS (Method B, 4min): 303.0 $[M+H]^+$, rt 2.07 min (100%). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{26}N_2O_2$ 303.2072; Found 303.2070.

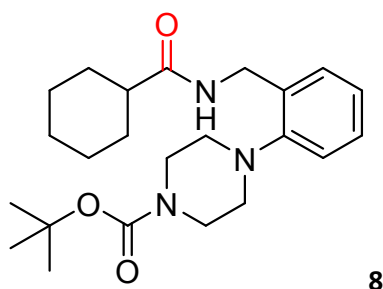
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Preparation of N-cyclohexylcyclohexanecarboxamide 6 (CAS 7474-36-4).¹² Chamber A was loaded according to general procedure iodocyclohexane (78 μ L, 0.60 mmol) and cyclohexanamine (206 μ L, 1.80 mmol), 5 mL 2-methyl THF. Chamber B was loaded according to the CO releasing chamber. The reaction mixture concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification was performed on a 10g Flash Si column with 25% EtOAc in n-Heptane. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the desired product (72.1 mg, 57%). Data for **6**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.02 – 1.48 (m, 11H), 1.57 – 1.94 (m, 10H), 2.01 (tt, J = 3.40, 3.40, 11.83, 11.83 Hz, 1H), 3.68 – 3.82 (m, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.1, 77.2, 77.0, 76.8, 47.7, 45.8, 33.3, 29.8, 25.8, 25.6, 24.9. NMR purity assay 96.1%. GCMS: 209.2 [M], rt 9.83 min (100%).

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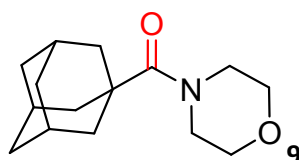
Preparation of N-(pyridin-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxamide 7 (CAS 68134-77-0).¹⁹ Chamber A was loaded according to general procedure iodocyclohexane (78 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and pyridine-2-amine (165.2 mg, 1.76 mmol). Chamber B was loaded according to the CO releasing chamber. Purification was performed on a 10g SNAP column with 8-66% EtOAc in n-Heptane. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated *in vacuo*. The obtained product was further purified on a 10g isolate SI column. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the product (22.4 mg, 18%). Data for **7**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.25 – 1.38 (m, 3H), 1.49 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.71 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 1.79 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 2.01 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 9.35 (s, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$

NMR (100.59 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.08, 150.8, 142.6, 142.1, 119.4, 115.8, 46.5, 29.4, 25.7, 25.3. NMR purity assay 88%. LCMS (Method B, 4 min): 205.07 [M+H]⁺, rt 1.35 min (100%).



Preparation of tert-butyl 4-(2-(cyclohexanecarboxamidomethyl)phenyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate 8.

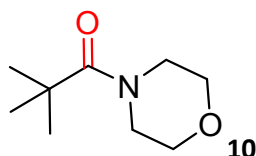
Chamber A was loaded according to the general procedure with iodocyclohexane (1 eq, 78 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and tert-butyl 4-(2-(aminomethyl)phenyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (3 eq, 522.5 mg, 1.79 mmol). Chamber B was loaded according to the general procedure for CO releasing chamber. Purification was performed on a 10g SNAP column with EtOAc in Heptane (0-70%) over 20 min. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated to give the desired product (70.2 mg, 29%). Data for **8**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.28 (m, 3H), 1.39 – 1.52 (m, 11H), 1.64 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 2.12 (tt, J = 3.48, 3.48, 11.73, 11.73 Hz, 1H), 2.82 – 2.92 (m, 4H), 3.58 (t, J = 4.90, 4.90 Hz, 4H), 4.55 (d, J = 5.57 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (t, J = 4.34, 4.34 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.3 (m, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 26°C) δ 175.73, 154.74, 151.03, 133.1, 129.2, 128.4, 124.6, 120.2, 79.9, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 52.5, 45.7, 39.6, 29.8, 28.4, 25.8. NMR purity assay: 98.9%. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₃₅N₃O₃ 402.2757; Found 402.2761.



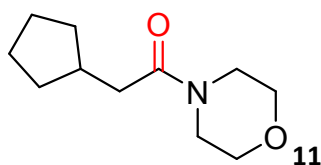
*Preparation of adamantan-1-yl(morpholino)methanone 9 (CAS 22508-50-5).*¹² Chamber A was loaded according to general procedure 1-iodoadamantane (158.4 mg, 0.60 mmol) and morpholine (3 eq, 155 μ L, 1.8 mmol). Chamber B was loaded according to the CO releasing chamber. Purification was

performed on a 10g Flash Si column with 25% EtOAc in n-Heptane. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to give the desired product (57.9 mg, 39%). Data for **9**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.66 – 1.78 (m, 6H), 1.97 – 2.01 (m, 6H), 2.02 – 2.07 (m, 3H), 3.63 – 3.73 (m, 8H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.9, 77.2, 77.0, 76.8, 67.1, 46.0, 41.7, 39.0, 36.6, 28.5, 28.3. NMR purity assay 92%. LCMS (Method B, 4 min): 250.1 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, rt 1.77 min (100%).

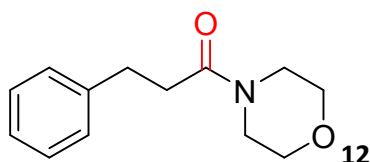
Preparation of adamantan-1-yl(morpholino)methanone 9 (CAS 22508-50-5) from 1-bromoadamantane. Chamber A was loaded according to general procedure 1-bromoadamantane (137.5 mg, 0.64 mmol) and morpholine (3 eq, 155 μL , 1.8 mmol). Chamber B was loaded according to the CO releasing chamber. Purification was performed on a 20g Flash Si column with 0-25% EtOAc in n-Heptane. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to give the desired product (19.3 mg, 13%). NMR purity assay 88%.



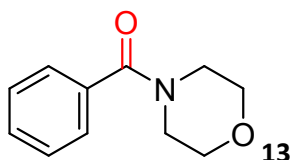
Preparation of 2,2-dimethyl-1-morpholinopropan-1-one 10 (CAS 70414-49-2). Chamber A was loaded according to general procedure 2-iodo-2-methylpropane (72 μL , 0.60 mmol) and morpholine (155 μL , 1.80 mmol). Chamber B was loaded according to the CO releasing chamber. Purification was performed on a 20g Flash Si column with 0-25% EtOAc in n-Heptane. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to give the translucent crystals (15.8 mg, 15%). Data for **10**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.26 (s, 9H), 3.65 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 8H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.6, 77.5, 77.2, 76.9, 67.0, 45.9, 38.7, 28.4. NMR purity assay 99%. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ 172.1337; Found 172.1326.



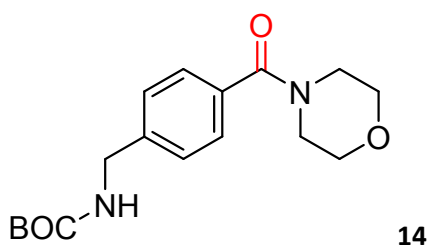
Preparation of 2-cyclopentyl-1-morpholinoethan-1-one **11**. Chamber A was loaded according to the general procedure (iodomethyl)cyclopentane (127.9 mg, 0.61 mmol) and morpholine (155 μ L, 1.80 mmol). Chamber B was loaded according to the general procedure. Purification was performed on a 10g SI column with 25% EtOAc in Heptane. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated to give product (42.3 mg, 36%). Data for **11**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.04 – 1.19 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.66 (m, 4H), 1.74 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 2.11 – 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.31 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.38 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 3.53 – 3.68 (m, 6H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.7, 77.5, 77.2, 76.8, 67.2, 66.9, 46.3, 42.0, 39.2, 36.8, 32.9, 25.1. NMR purity assay 85%. LCMS (Method A, 4 min): 198 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, rt 1.16 min (100%). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ 198.1494; Found 198.1493.



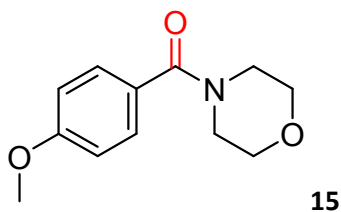
Preparation of 1-morpholino-3-phenylpropan-1-one **12**. Chamber A was loaded according to general procedure (2-iodoethyl)benzene (87 μ L, 0.60 mmol) and morpholine (155 μ L, 1.80 mmol). Chamber B was loaded according to the CO releasing chamber. Purification was performed on a 25g SNAP column with EtOAc in Heptane (2-100% EtOAc). Fractions were pooled, concentrated and subjected to HPLC purification (5-75% MeCN - 0.2% NH_3 in $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeCN}$ (95:5) over 15 min, wavelength 220 nm, 15 mL/min). Fractions containing product were pooled and lyophilized to give the desired product (10.9 mg, 8%). Data for **12**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.58 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.94 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 3.31 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 3.47 – 3.56 (m, 2H), 3.62 (s, 4H), 7.18 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.32 (m, 2H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.0, 141.2, 128.7, 128.6, 126.4, 77.5, 77.2, 76.8, 67.0, 66.6, 46.1, 42.1, 35.0, 31.6. LCMS (Method A, 4min): 220 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, rt 1.13 min (100%). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ 220.1137; found 220.1135.



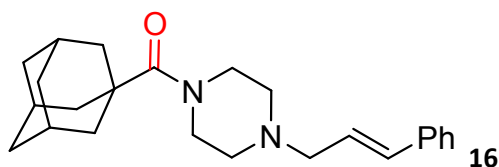
Preparation of morpholino(phenyl)methanone 13 (CAS 1468-28-6).²⁰ Chamber A was loaded according to general procedure with iodobenzene (1 eq, 67 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and morpholine (3 eq, 155 μ L, 1.8 mmol). Chamber B was loaded according to the CO releasing chamber. Purification was performed *via* HPLC (5-70% MeCN – 0.1% TFA in water over 20 min, wavelength 220nm, 15mL/min). Fractions containing product were pooled and lyophilized to give the desired product (69.7 mg, 61%). Data for **13**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.25 – 3.87 (m, 8H), 7.3 – 7.41 (m, 5H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.3, 135.3, 129.8, 128.5, 127.0, 77.5, 77.2, 76.8, 66.8, 48.1, 42.5. NMR purity assay: 98.1%. LCMS (Method B, 4 min): 192.01 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, rt 0.87 min (100%).



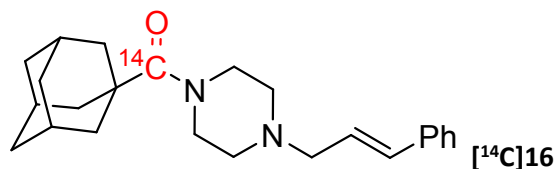
Preparation of tert-butyl (4-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)benzyl)carbamate 14 (CAS 1110964-59-4). Chamber A was loaded according to general procedure tert-butyl (4-iodobenzyl)carbamate (204.5 mg, 0.61 mmol) and morpholine (155 μ L, 1.80 mmol). Chamber B was loaded according to the CO releasing chamber. Purification was performed on a 20g Isolute SPE Si column with 25%-100% EtOAc in n-Heptane. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to give the desired product (133.9 mg, 70%). Data for **14**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.46 (s, 9H), 3.2 – 3.99 (m, 8H), 4.33 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 7.28 – 7.41 (m, 4H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.3, 156.0, 141.2, 134.4, 127.6, 127.5, 79.9, 77.5, 77.4, 77.2, 76.8, 67.0, 44.4, 28.5. NMR purity assay: 88%. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ 321.1814; Found 321.1818.



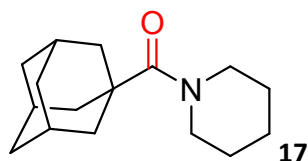
Preparation of (4-methoxyphenyl)(morpholino)methanone 15 (CAS 7504-58-7). Chamber A was loaded according to general procedure 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene (139 mg, 0.59 mmol) and morpholine (155 μ L, 1.80 mmol). Chamber B was loaded according to the CO releasing chamber. Purification was performed on a 20g Flash Si column with 40%-100% EtOAc in n-Heptane. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to give the desired product (92.8 mg, 70%). Data for **15**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.66 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 8H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.82 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.44 (m, 2H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.5, 161.0, 129.3, 127.5, 113.9, 77.5, 77.2, 76.8, 67.0, 55.5. NMR purity assay: 83.6%. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$ 222.1130; Found 222.1112.



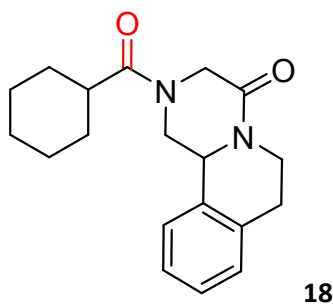
Preparation of 1-adamantyl-[4-[(E)-cinnamyl]piperazin-1-yl]methanone 16 (CAS 60277-86-3).²¹ Chamber A was loaded according to the general procedure with 1-iodoadamantane (157 mg, 0.60 mmol) and trans 1-cinnamylpiperazine (364 mg, 1.80 mmol), 5 mL 2-MeTHF. Chamber B was loaded according to the general procedure. Purification was performed *via* HPLC (35-95% MeCN – 0.2% NH_3 in $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeCN}$ (95:5) over 25 min, wavelength 250 nm, 20 mL/min). Fractions were pooled and lyophilized to give product as brown sticky oil (40.8 mg, 19%). Data for **16**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.66 – 1.77 (m, 6H), 1.95 – 2.06 (m, 9H), 2.42 – 2.53 (m, 4H), 3.12 – 3.19 (m, 2H), 3.64 – 3.81 (m, 4H), 6.25 (dt, J = 15.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.2 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.39 (m, 2H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.8, 136.9, 133.6, 128.7, 127.8, 126.5, 126.1, 77.5, 77.2, 76.8, 61.1, 53.6, 45.4, 41.8, 39.2, 36.8, 28.6. NMR purity assay: 87.7%. LCMS: 365 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, t_r 2.63 min (base 4 min) (87%). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ 365.2593; Found 365.2589.



Preparation of 1-adamantyl-[4-[(E)-cinnamyl]piperazin-1-yl]methanone [14C]16. Chamber A was loaded according to the general procedure with 1-iodoadamantane (157 mg, 0.60 mmol) and trans 1-cinnamylpiperazine (384 mg, 1.90 mmol), 5 mL 2-MeTHF. Chamber B was loaded according to the general procedure for CO releasing chamber COgen (128.5 mg, 0.57 mmol) and [14C]COgen (69.06 MBq, 0.03 mmol) was used. Purification was performed *via* HPLC (60-80% MeCN – 0.2% NH₃ in H₂O/MeCN (95:5) over 15 min, wavelength 250 nm, 20 mL/min). Fractions were pooled and lyophilized to give product as light-yellow sticky oil (14.31 MBq, 0.106 TBq/mol, 23%). Radio-HPLC (setup 2) 97.48%.

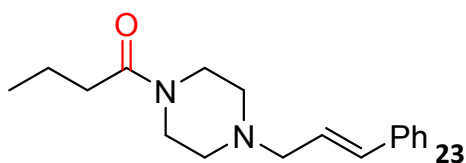


Preparation of Adamantan-1-yl(piperidin-1-yl)methanone 17 (CAS 22508-49-2).¹² Chamber A was loaded according to general procedure 1-iodoadamantane (157 mg, 0.60 mmol) and piperidine (178 μ L, 1.80 mmol). Chamber B was loaded according to the CO releasing chamber. Purification was performed on a 25g SNAP column with 0-25% EtOAc in n-Heptane. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to give the translucent crystals (42 mg, 28.3). Data for **17**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.49 – 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.61 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.77 (m, 6H), 1.97 – 2.07 (m, 9H), 3.52 – 3.67 (m, 4H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.7, 77.5, 77.2, 76.8, 46.6, 41.9, 39.2, 36.9, 28.7, 26.5, 25.0. NMR purity assay: 96%.



Preparation of 2-(cyclohexanecarbonyl)-1,2,3,6,7,11b-hexahydro-4H-pyrazino[2,1-a]isoquinolin-4-one

18 (Praziquantel, CAS 55268-74-1).²² Chamber A was loaded according to the general procedure with 1-iodocyclohexane (78 μ L, 0.60 mmol) and 1,2,3,6,7,11b-hexahydro-4H-pyrazino[2,1-a]isoquinolin-4-one (350.9 mg, 1.73 mmol). Chamber B was loaded according to the general procedure. Purification was performed on a 25g SNAP column with 12-100% EtOAc in n-Heptane. Fractions containing product were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to give product (53.5 mg, 28.5%). This was subjected to recrystallization by dissolution in warm EtOH, and then stored in the freezer. Filtration gave fluffy crystals (24.8 mg, 13%). Data for **18**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.23 – 1.42 (m, 3.3H, major + minor), 1.48 – 1.65 (m, 2H, major + minor), 1.7 – 1.9 (m, 5.4H, major + minor), 2.43 – 2.62 (m, 1H, major + minor), 2.76 – 3.05 (m, 4H), 3.27 (t, J = 11.7 Hz, 0.21H, minor), 3.88 (d, J = 18.5 Hz, 0.21H, minor), 4.10 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 0.76H, major), 4.39 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 0.21H, minor), 4.49 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 0.77H, major), 4.75 – 4.96 (m, 2.3H, major + minor), 5.18 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 0.76H, major), 7.15 – 7.25 (m, 1.3H), 7.27 – 7.36 (m, 2.7H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.8 (major), 174.3 (minor), 165.6 (minor), 164.4 (major), 135.5 (minor), 134.7 (major), 132.8 (major), 132.1 (minor), 129.7 (minor), 129.3 (major), 127.7 (minor), 127.5 (major), 127.0, 125.5 (major), 125.2 (minor), 55.8 (minor), 55.0 (major), 49.6 (minor), 49.0 (major), 46.3 (minor), 45.2 (major), 40.8, 39.1 (major), 38.7 (minor), 29.5 (minor), 29.3 (major), 29.2 (minor), 29.0 (major), 28.9 (minor), 28.7 (major), 25.7. NMR purity assay: 96.6%. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ 313.1916; Found 313.1908.



Preparation of 1-(4-cinnamylpiperazin-1-yl)butan-1-one **23** (Bucinnazine, CAS 17719-89-0).²³ Chamber A was loaded according to the general procedure with 1-iodopropane (59 μ L, 0.60 mmol) and trans 1-cinnamylpiperazine (364 mg, 1.80 mmol), 5 mL 2-MeTHF. Chamber B was loaded according to the general procedure. Purification was performed *via* HPLC (30-90% MeCN – 0.2% NH₃ in H₂O/MeCN (95:5) over 25 min, wavelength 250 nm, 20 ml/min. Fractions were pooled and lyophilized to give product (5.37 mg, 3%). Data for **23**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.67 (h, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (broad s, 4H), 3.39 – 4.15 (m, 6H), 6.27 (dt, J = 15.4, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.43 (m, 5H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4, 128.8, 126.9, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 59.8, 51.5, 43.2, 39.1, 34.9, 18.6, 13.9.

Associated Content

Supporting Information

Led Report, General Procedure for Optimization of Amino Carbonylation Reaction, ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of the amide products and LCMS chromatograms of the [¹⁴C]-labeled amide products, NMR data. This material is available free of charge.

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