**Molecular Diversity through Cascade C-H Activation**

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**Abstract**

The beginning of the twenty-first century has witnessed significant advances in the field of C–H bond activation, and this strategy is now an established piece in the synthetic chemist’s toolbox.1 This technology is particularly useful for rapid construction and late-stage diversification of the functional molecules. The efficient, simultaneous synthesis of structurally diverse compounds, better known as diversity-oriented synthesis (DOS) through C-H activation is not explored and remains a challenge to synthetic chemists. However, this DOS approach has enormous implications for the discovery of small molecules with desired properties, such as catalysts, synthetic reagents, biological probes and new drugs.2 In this vein, we are working on the synthesis of structurally diverse medicinal scaffolds via cascade C-H activations. This integrated approach not only avoids the need of prefunctionalization steps but also cut down the purification steps. In this talk, the divergent synthesis of Fujiwara-Moritani Heck, indole and indolines from anilines via C-H activation will be we discussed (Scheme 1).3



**Scheme 1.** Diversity oriented synthesis through C-H activation

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