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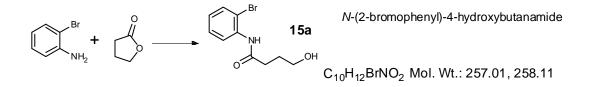
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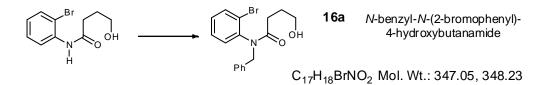
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General Experimental: Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H-NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 300 or 400 spectrometer at 300 or 400 MHz. Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (¹³C-NMR) was recorded on Bruker Avance 300 or 400 spectrometer at 75 or 100 MHz. Chemical shifts are reported as δ values in parts per million (ppm) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) for all recorded NMR spectra. Low-resolution Mass spectra were recorded on a VG Auto Spec-3000 magnetic sector MS spectrometer. High Resolution Mass spectra were taken on AB QSTAR Pulsar mass spectrometer or Agilent G6230 TOF MS spectrometer. Chiral HPLC analyses were performed on Agilent 1100 series with a tunable UV detector at wavelength $\lambda = 254$ nm. Melting points were determined on a capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were obtained on a UV-210A spectrometer. Starting materials and reagents used in reactions were obtained commercially from Acros, Aldrich, J&K and were used without purification, unless otherwise indicated. THF and toluene used in the reactions were dried by distillation over metallic sodium; dichloromethane were distilled over P₂O₅. Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were conducted in dried glassware under a positive pressure of dry nitrogen. Silica gel (Qingdao, 200-300 mesh) was used for column chromatography.



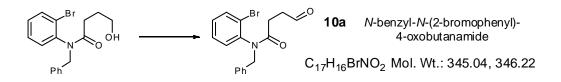
2-Bromoaniline (12.04 g, 70.0 mmol) was dissolved in toluene (200 mL) under nitrogen. To this mixture, a solution of trimethylaluminum in toluene (2.0 M, 49 mL, 98.0 mmol, 1.4 eq.) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 45 minutes. γ -Butyrolactone (7.5 mL, 98 mmol, 1.4 eq.) was added via syringe and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The solidified mixture was then cooled to 0 °C, and HCl (1N, 150 mL) was added slowly. After 30 minutes, the resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (4 × 80 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (50 mL) and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvent, the crude products were chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 1:2) to provide amide **15a** (17.34 g, 96%) as a white solid.

m.p.: 65-67 °C. $R_{\rm f}$: 0.55 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:2). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3271, 2943, 2875, 1660, 1527, 1430, 1285, 1051, 755, 673. ¹**H-NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 8.27 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.81 (1H, brs), 7.53 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.30 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.98 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 3.75 (2H, t, J = 5.7 Hz), 2.59 (3H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 2.05-1.91 (2H, m). ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.73, 135.72, 132.41, 128.48, 125.48, 122.42, 113.71, 62.06, 34.80, 28.04. +TOF-MS m/z (%) : 282 (M⁺+1+Na, 100%), 281 (M⁺+Na, 8%), 280 (M⁺+Na, 96%), 260 (42), 258 (40), 240 (20), 200 (9), 174 (29), 172 (30). **HRMS** m/z Found: 258.0124, Calcd. for C₁₀H₁₃NO₂Br (M+1)⁺: 258.0129.



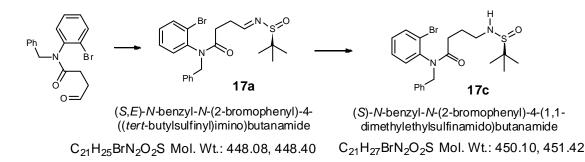
To a mixture of cesium carbonate (17.43 g, 53.5 mmol, 1.5 eq.) in acetonitrile (90 mL) and *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (DMF, 45 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of amide **15a** (9.20 g, 35.7 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) and DMF (5 mL). Benzyl bromide (6.4 mL, 53.5 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was then added. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 8 h. After filtration through a short column of silica gel and washed with ethyl acetate (180 mL), the combined organic phases were concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 1:1) to afford alcohol **16a** (11.86 g , 96%) as a colorless oil.

*R*_f: 0.60 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3417, 2963, 1651, 1402, 1270, 1203, 1050, 728. ¹**H-NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.68 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 2.7, 7.8 Hz), 7.37-7.12 (7H, *m*), 6.77 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.3, 7.8 Hz), 5.64 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 4.01 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 3.71-3.55 (2H, *m*), 2.89-2.68 (1H, *m*), 2.14 (2H, *t*, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 1.98-1.78 (2H, *m*). ¹³**C-NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 173.43, 140.71, 136.99, 134.07, 131.52, 130.03, 129.46, 128.55, 127.72, 123.86, 62.78, 51.77, 32.06, 27.85. +TOF-MS *m/z* (%) : 372 (M⁺+1+Na, 99%), 371 (M⁺+Na, 9%), 370 (M⁺+Na, 100%), 350 (32), 348 (34), 330 (2), 264 (3). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 370.0410, Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈NO₂NaBr (M+23)⁺: 370.0418.

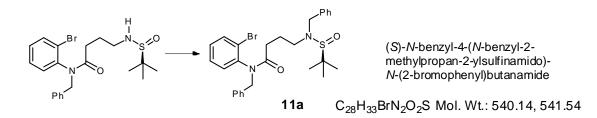


Alcohol **16a** (11.86 g, 34.1 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (120 mL). To this solution, a powder of Dess-Martin periodinane (21.67 g, 51.1 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added. The resulting mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After filtration through a short column of silica gel and washed with ethyl acetate (150 mL), the combined organic phases were concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 3:1) to afford aldehyde **10a** (10.85 g, 92%) as white plates.

m.p.: 52-54 °C. $R_{\rm f}$: 0.53 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 3:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3419, 3060, 2921, 2827, 2730, 1657, 1400, 1265, 1196, 1020, 727. ¹**H-NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 9.81 (1H, *s*), 7.72-7.62 (1H, *m*), 7.38-7.12 (7H, *m*), 6.92-6.82 (1H, *m*), 5.62 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 4.03 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 2.91 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 6.9, 7.8, 18.6 Hz), 2.68 (1H, *dt*, *J* = 6.3, 18.6 Hz), 2.42-2.16 (2H, *m*). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 200.99, 171.12, 140.45, 136.88, 133.99, 131.60, 130.08, 129.29, 128.62, 128.50, 127.64, 123.87, 51.75, 38.98, 27.18. +TOF-MS *m/z* (%) : 370 (M⁺+1+Na, 98%), 369 (M⁺+Na, 13%), 368 (M⁺+Na, 100%), 348 (81), 346 (90), 332 (30), 330 (31), 262 (3). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 368.0266, Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆NO₂NaBr (M+Na)⁺: 368.0262.



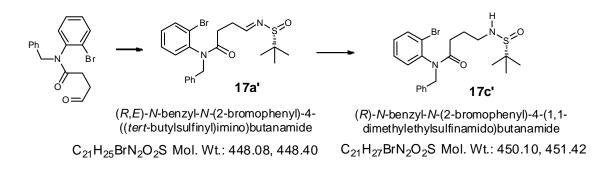
To a solution of aldehyde **10a** (5.85 g, 16.8 mmol) in toluene (60 mL) was added a powder of (*S*)-(–)-*tert*butanesulfinamide (4.1 g, 33.7 mmol, 2.0 eq.) and KHSO₄ (4.56 g, 33.7 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The resulting mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 3 h. After filtration through a short column of silica gel and washed with ethyl acetate (80 mL), the combined organic phases were concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was flash chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 3:1) to afford the sulfinyl imine (**17a**: 7.36 g , 97%) as colorless syrup. The sulfinyl imine was re-dissolved in anhydrous methanol (60 mL) and the resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C. A powder of sodium borohydride (1.87 g, 49.2 mmol, 3.0 eq.) was added in small portion over a period of 30 minutes. The resulting mixture was then allowed to stir at 0 °C for 4 h. After which, a saturated solution of NH₄Cl (20 mL) was introduced and the resulting mixture was concentrated (ca. 20-30 mL). The mixture was diluted with water (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (4 × 50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (60 mL) and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvent, the crude products were chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 1:2) to provide sulfinamide **17c** (6.6 g, 89%) as a white solid. m.p.: 102-103 °C. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +71 (c 0.90, CHCl₃). R_{f} : 0.45 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:2). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3244, 3063, 2950, 2868, 1662, 1559, 1468, 1398, 1266, 1203, 1063, 947, 767, 732, 628. ¹**H-NMR** (as a mixture of rotamers, 300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.71-7.61 (1H, *m*), 7.31-7.12 (7H, *m*), 6.81-6.70 (1H, *m*), 5.58 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.1 Hz), 4.00 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.1 Hz)[3.99 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.1 Hz)], 3.42-3.23 (1H, *m*), 3.22-3.10 (1H, *m*), 3.10-2.94 (1H, *m*), 2.11-1.97 (2H, *m*), 1.93-1.78 (2H, *m*), 1.13 (9H, *s*). ¹³**C-NMR** (rotamer in brackets, 75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 172.16, 140.67, 137.02, 134.00 (133.94), 131.57 (131.50), 129.94, 129.41, 128.47, 127.63, 123.85, 55.64, 51.58, 45.07 (44.99), 31.62, 26.15, 22.71. +TOF-MS *m/z* (%) : 475 (M⁺+1+Na, 60%), 474 (M⁺+Na, 8%), 473 (M⁺+Na, 65%), 453 (98), 452 (12), 451 (100), 435 (25), 433 (23), 402 (4), 400 (4), 294 (2), 282 (6), 280 (5), 262 (2). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 473.0878, Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₇N₂O₂NaSBr (M+Na)⁺: 473.0874.



To a mixture of sodium hydride (60% in mineral oil, 1.32 g, 33 mmol, 1.5 eq., freshly washed with anhydrous hexane 3 times under nitrogen) in anhydrous THF (30 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of sulfonamide **17c** (9.9 g, 22 mmol) in THF (80 mL) via syringe. After stirring at 0 °C for 30 min, benzyl bromide (3.9 mL, 33 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added. The resulting mixture was then stirred at 0 °C for 2h, then at room temperature for 12 h under nitrogen. A powder of NH₄Cl (1.62 g, 30.0 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. After concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was diluted with water (60 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (30 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the product (**11a**: 11.2 g, 94%) as an off-yellow oil.

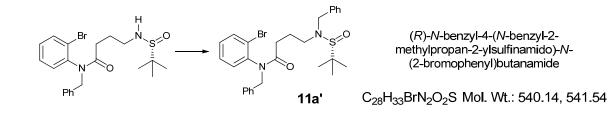
[α]²⁰_D -3.9 (c 0.40, CHCl₃). $R_{\rm f}$: 0.51 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3421, 2960, 1665, 1467, 1396, 1278, 1204, 1070, 1024, 928, 700. ¹**H-NMR** (as a mixture of rotamers, 300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.71-7.61 (1H, m), 7.37-7.11 (12H, m), 6.77-6.67 (1H, m), 5.59 (0.5H, d, *J* = 14.4 Hz)[5.59 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.1 Hz)], 4.26 (1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.10 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz)[4.08 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.3 Hz)], 3.98 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.1 Hz)[3.97 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz)], 3.03-2.85 (1H, m), 2.84-2.68 (1H, m), 1.97-1.76 (4H, m), 1.16 (9H, s). ¹³C-**NMR** (rotamer in brackets, 75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 171.69, 140.56, 137.24, 137.02, 133.92, 131.52, 131.45, 129.88, 129.32, 128.54, 128.44, 127.57, 127.35, 123.85, 58.22, 51.47 (51.07), 48.23 (47.92), 31.79 (31.71), 23.93 (23.81), 23.39. EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 543 (M⁺+2, 6%), 541 (M⁺+1, 6%), 486 (10), 486 (34), 484 (30), 430 (25), 395 (26),

330 (16), 263 (31), 261 (30), 212 (17), 174 (16), 147 (11), 91 (48), 90 (100), 85 (4), 76 (12), 57 (29). **HRMS** m/zFound: 540.1448, Calcd. for C₂₈H₃₃N₂O₂SBr (M)⁺: 540.1446.



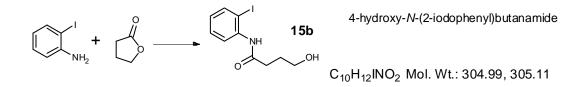
To a solution of aldehyde **10a** (17.3 g, 50 mmol) in THF (60 mL) was added a powder of (*R*)-(–)-*tert*butanesulfinamide (12.1 g, 100 mmol, 2.0 eq.) and Ti(OEt)₄ (22.8 g, 100 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and treated with saturated NaCl aqueous solution (100 mL) for 1h. After filtration through a short column of celite and washed with ethyl acetate (80 mL), the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was flash chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 3:1) to afford the sulfinyl imine (**17a'**: 20.8 g, 93%) as pale yellow syrup. The sulfinyl imine was re-dissolved in anhydrous methanol (200 mL) and the resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C. A powder of sodium borohydride (5.27 g, 139.2 mmol, 3.0 eq.) was added in small portion over a period of 30 minutes. The resulting mixture was then stirred at 0 °C for 4 h. A saturated solution of NH₄Cl (80 mL) was introduced and the resulting mixture was concentrated (ca. 80-90 mL). The mixture was diluted with water (150 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 150 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (100 mL) and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvent, the crude products were chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 1:2) to provide sulfinamide **17e'** (19.8 g, 88% over two steps) as a white solid.

17c': m.p.: 102-104 °C. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ -70 (c 0.95, CHCl₃). *R*_f: 0.45 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:2). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3371, 2971, 1654, 1402, 1278, 1046, 881, 731. ¹**H-NMR** (as a mixture of rotamers, 400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.72-7.64 (1H, *m*), 7.30-7.14 (7H, *m*), 6.81-6.74 (1H, *m*), 5.62 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz)[5.61 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz)], 4.03 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz)[4.03 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz)], 3.42 (0.5H, *t*, *J* = 6.0 Hz) [3.34 (0.5H, *t*, *J* = 6.0 Hz)], 3.24-3.14 (1H, *m*), 3.12-2.98 (1H, *m*), 2.13-1.97 (2H, *m*), 1.94-1.84 (2H, *m*), 1.16 (9H, *s*). ¹³C-**NMR** (rotamer in brackets, 100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 172.19 (172.10), 140.67, 137.03 (136.99), 134.02 (133.96), 131.58 (131.51), 129.97, 129.42, 128.56 (128.49), 127.65, 123.92 (123.85), 55.66, 51.60, 45.09 (45.01), 31.63 (31.57), 26.19 (26.16), 22.73. +TOF-MS *m/z* (%) : 475 (M⁺+1+Na, 60%), 474 (M⁺+Na, 8%), 473 (M⁺+Na, 65%), 453 (98), 452 (12), 451 (100), 435 (25), 433 (23), 402 (4), 400 (4), 294 (2), 282 (6), 280 (5), 262 (2). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 473.0878, Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₇N₂O₂NaSBr (M+Na)⁺: 473.0874.



To a mixture of sodium hydride (60% in mineral oil, 2.64 g, 66 mmol, 1.5 eq., freshly washed with anhydrous hexane 3 times under nitrogen) in anhydrous THF (50 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of sulfonamide **17c'** (19.8 g, 44 mmol) in THF (150 mL) via syringe. After stirring at 0 °C for 30 min, benzyl bromide (7.8 mL, 66 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added. The resulting mixture was then stirred at 0 °C for 2h, then at room temperature for 12 h under nitrogen. A powder of NH₄Cl (3.24 g, 60.0 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. After concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was diluted with water (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (50 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the product (**11a'**: 23.1 g, 97%) as an off-yellow oil.

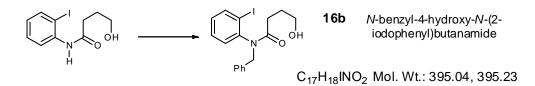
11a': $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +4.1 (c 0.51, CHCl₃). *R*_f: 0.51 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3431, 2968, 1660, 1471, 1400, 1054. ¹**H-NMR** (as a mixture of rotamers, 400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.68-7.62 (1H, *m*), 7.32-7.11 (12H, *m*), 6.74-6.67 (1H, *m*), 5.60 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz)[5.58 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz)], 4.27 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz)[4.26 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz)], 4.10 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz)[4.08 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz)], 3.98 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz)[3.97 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz)], 3.01-2.88 (1H, *m*), 2.83-2.72 (1H, *m*), 1.97-1.77 (4H, *m*), 1.16 (9H, *s*). ¹³C-**NMR** (rotamer in brackets, 100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 171.76, 140.60, 137.27, 137.05, 133.95, 131.56, 131.49, 129.92, 129.39, 129.36, 128.58, 128.47, 127.61, 127.40, 123.86, 58.28, 51.51 (51.14), 48.26 (47.97), 31.84 (31.75), 23.97 (23.85), 23.44 (23.41). EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 543 (M⁺+2, 9%), 541 (M⁺, 9%), 486 (7%), 484 (6), 395 (3), 393 (3), 263 (5), 261 (5), 174 (6), 106 (7), 91 (100), 57 (52). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 540.1461, Calcd. for C₂₈H₃₃N₂O₂SBr (M)⁺: 540.1456; Found: 541.1513, Calcd. for C₂₈H₃₄N₂O₂SBr (M+H)⁺: 541.1524.



2-Iodoaniline (21.9 g, 100.0 mmol) was dissolved in toluene (300 mL) under nitrogen. To this mixture, a solution of trimethylaluminum in toluene (2.0 M, 60 mL, 120 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 45 minutes, after which, γ -butyrolactone (9.2 mL, 120 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was

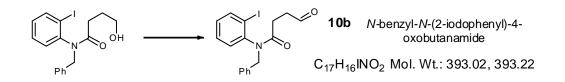
added via syringe and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The solidified mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and HCl (1N, 360 mL) was added slowly. After 1 hour, the resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (4 ×150 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (100 mL) and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvent, the crude products were chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 1:2) to provide amide **15b** (29.30 g, 96%) as a white solid.

m.p.: 65-66 °C. R_f : 0.59 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:2). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3268, 2935, 1658, 1528, 1430, 1287, 1059, 749, 664. ¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 8.02 (1H, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.76 (1H, *s*), 7.75 (1H, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.30 (1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.83 (1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 3.72 (2H, *t*, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.32 (1H, *brs*), 2.56 (3H, *t*, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 2.05-1.91 (2H, *m*). ¹³**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.92, 138.90, 138.16, 129.16, 126.43, 123.11, 91.14, 61.76, 34.52, 28.06. EI-MS *m*/*z* (%) : 304 (M⁺, 28%), 268 (89%), 224 (12%), 182 (30), 180 (40), 152 (10), 128 (6), 104 (12), 91 (100). **HRMS** *m*/*z* Found: 304.9969, Calcd. for C₁₀H₁₂NO₂I (M)⁺: 304.9913.



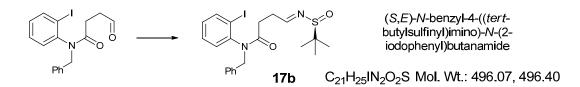
To a mixture of amide **15b** (29.3 g, 96 mmol), cesium carbonate (46.9 g, 144 mmol, 1.5 eq.) in acetonitrile (200 mL) and *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (DMF, 100 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of benzyl bromide (17.1 mL, 144 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was then added. The resulting mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After filtration through a short column of silica gel and washed with ethyl acetate (200 mL), the combined organic phases were concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 1:1) to afford alcohol **16b** (36.03 g, 95%) as a white powder.

m.p.: 72-74 °C. $R_{\rm f}$: 0.55 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3500, 2940, 2871, 1631, 1405, 1322, 1051, 1008, 731, 616, 491. ¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.93 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.2, 8.0 Hz), 7.28-7.15 (6H, *m*), 7.03 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 1.2, 7.8, 8.0 Hz), 6.71 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.2, 7.8 Hz), 5.67 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 3.91 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 3.70-3.53 (2H, *m*), 3.12-3.04 (1H, *m*), 2.10 (2H, *t*, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 1.92-1.78 (2H, *m*). ¹³**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 173.18, 143.80, 140.31, 136.83, 130.83, 130.00, 129.43, 129.35, 128.47, 127.65, 100.36, 62.51, 51.81, 32.23, 27.79. EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 395 (M⁺, 10%), 351 (3%), 309 (20%), 224 (4), 203 (5), 182 (15), 180 (30), 152 (6), 134 (9), 119 (17), 104 (7), 91 (100), 77 (14). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 395.0378, Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈NO₂I (M)⁺: 395.0382.

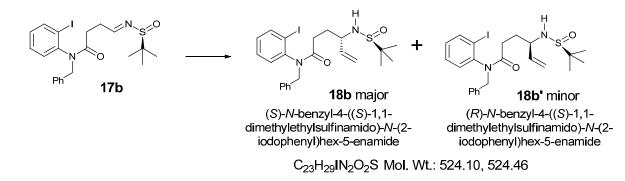


Alcohol **16b** (36.0 g, 91.1 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (300 mL). To this solution, a powder of Dess-Martin periodinane (46.4 g, 109.3 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added. The resulting mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 3 h. After filtration through a short column of silica gel and washed with ethyl acetate (150 mL), the combined organic phases were concentrated and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 3:1) to afford aldehyde **10b** (32.94 g , 92%) as pale yellow plates.

m.p.: 76-78 °C. $R_{\rm f}$: 0.53 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 3:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3433, 3056, 2826, 1713, 1651, 1400, 1268, 1017, 771, 724. ¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 9.77 (1H, *s*), 7.93 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.2, 8.0 Hz), 7.29-7.13 (6H, *m*), 7.01 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 1.2, 7.8, 8.0 Hz), 6.83 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 1.2, 7.8 Hz), 5.65 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 3.92 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 2.86 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 6.0, 7.6, 18.7 Hz), 2.65 (1H, *dt*, *J* = 6.0, 18.7 Hz), 2.32 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 6.0, 7.6, 17.1 Hz), 2.18 (1H, *dt*, *J* = 6.0, 17.1 Hz). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 200.64, 170.60, 143.34, 139.98, 136.49, 130.65, 129.86, 129.21, 128.99, 128.18, 127.33, 100.11, 51.54, 38.57, 27.26. EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 393 (M⁺, 12%), 369 (3%), 351 (3%), 309 (28), 282 (5), 268 (70), 230 (4), 224 (4), 203 (9), 182 (23), 180 (63), 152 (12), 104 (7), 91 (100), 77 (13). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 393.0265, Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆NO₂I (M)⁺: 393.0226.



To a solution of aldehyde **10b** (19.7 g, 50 mmol) in THF (200 mL) was added a powder of (*S*)-(–)-*tert*butanesulfinamide (12.1 g, 100 mmol, 2.0 eq.) and Ti(OEt)₄ (22.8 g, 100 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C under nitrogen for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and treated with saturated NaCl aqueous solution (100 mL) for 1h. After filtration through a short column of celite and washed with ethyl acetate (80 mL), the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was flash chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 3:1) to afford the sulfinyl imine (**17b**: 22.85 g, 92%) as a pale yellow syrup. [α]²⁰_D +52 (c 0.19, CHCl₃). *R*_f: 0.51 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 3:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3445, 2964, 1663, 1466, 1400, 1079. ¹**H-NMR** (as a mixture of rotamers, 400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 8.09 (1H, *brs*), 7.93 (1H, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.28-7.14 (6H, *m*), 7.08-7.01 (1H, *m*), 6.75 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 7.6 Hz)[6.74 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 7.6 Hz)], 5.67 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz)[5.59 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.0 Hz)], 3.97 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.0 Hz)[3.92 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz)], 3.00-2.87 (1H, *m*), 2.81-2.68 (1H, *m*), 2.46-2.18 (2H, *m*), 1.14 (4.5H, *s*)[1.12 (4.5H, *s*)]. ¹³**C-NMR** (rotamer in brackets, 100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 170.51 (170.39), 168.11 (168.06), 143.54, 140.20 (140.13), 136.69 (136.60), 130.76 (130.65), 129.89, 129.45 (129.24), 129.13, 128.24, 127.45 (127.42), 100.24, 56.57 (56.53), 51.71 (51.55), 31.13 (30.99), 29.88 (29.83), 22.25 (22.22). EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 496 (M⁺, 10%), 395 (3), 378 (16), 309 (10), 298 (15), 268 (20), 253 (4), 224 (2), 201 (7), 182 (11), 180 (20), 152 (5), 133 (21), 119 (46), 103 (6), 91 (100), 77 (14). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 496.0663, Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅N₂O₂SI (M)⁺: 496.0682.

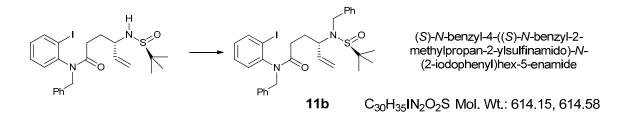


A solution of imine **17b** (19.8 g, 40 mmol) in dichloromethane (200 mL) was stirred at -78 °C for 10 minutes. To this mixture was added slowly a solution of vinyl magnesium bromide in THF (1.0 M, 60 mL, 60 mmol, 1.5 eq.). The reaction mixture was then stirred at -78 °C for 5 h before warming up to room temperature. Saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution (80 mL) was introduced and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1h. The mixture was diluted with water (150 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 100 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and concentrated, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the major amide (**18b**: 16.35 g, 78%) as a yellow syrup. Further elution with solvents (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 1:2) provided the minor sulfinamide **18b**' (1.64 g, 7.8%) as a pale yellow oil.

Major: 18b: $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +20 (c 0.50, CHCl₃). R_{f} : 0.56 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3223, 2963, 1640, 1462, 1397, 1269, 1199, 1061. ¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.92 (1H, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.30-7.13 (6H, *m*), 7.03 (1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.68 (1H, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.78 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 6.4, 10.8, 17.2 Hz), 5.65 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 5.18 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 10.8, 17.2 Hz), 5.09 (1H, *d*, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 3.91 (1H, *d*, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 3.73-3.63 (1H, *m*), 3.37 (1H, *t*, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 2.12-1.88 (4H, *m*), 1.11 (9H, *s*). ¹³**C-NMR** (rotamer in brackets, 100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 171.89, 143.84, 140.27, 139.42, 136.90, 130.84 (130.81), 129.92, 129.45 (129.43), 129.29, 128.42, 127.60, 116.67 (116.56), 100.44, 58.62 (58.39), 55.97, 51.69, 31.07 (30.93), 30.68 (30.46), 22.65. EI-MS *m/z* (%) :

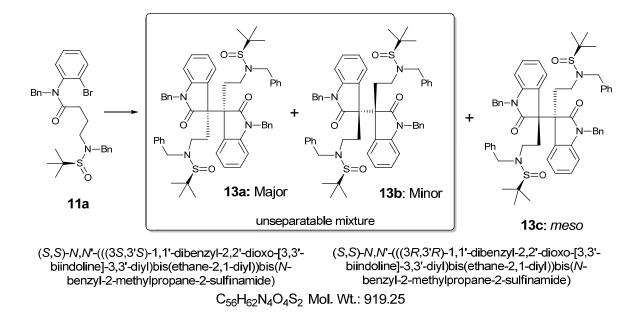
524 (M⁺, 36%), 467 (100), 419 (6), 404 (47), 351 (14), 309 (77), 278 (12), 238 (13), 224 (17), 182 (21), 180 (30), 146 (5), 140 (9), 110 (8), 91 (88), 77 (9). **HRMS** *m*/*z* Found: 524.1001, Calcd. for C₂₃H₂₉N₂O₂SI (M)⁺: 524.0995.

Minor: 18b': $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +41 (c 0.20, CHCl₃). R_{f} : 0.53 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:1). ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.37-7.13 (7H, *m*), 6.99-6.90 (2H, *m*), 5.76 (1H, *ddd*, *J* = 6.0, 9.0, 18.0 Hz), 5.17 (1H, *d*, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 5.08 (1H, *d*, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 4.87 (2H, *s*), 3.66 (1H, *dt*, *J* = 6.0, 15.0 Hz), 3.50 (1H, *d*, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 2.20-2.05 (2H, *m*), 1.96-1.84 (2H, *m*), 1.11 (9H, *s*). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 172.35, 142.19, 139.47, 137.42, 129.68, 128.91, 128.43, 128.14, 127.46, 116.62, 58.79, 56.07, 53.13, 30.92, 30.75, 22.65. EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 525 (M⁺+1, 10%), 511 (5), 467 (30), 404 (10), 341 (100), 309 (21), 278 (37), 250 (4), 238 (6), 225 (36), 183 (79), 180 (15), 140 (11), 112 (6), 110 (9), 91 (78), 77 (12). HRMS *m/z* Found: 524.0996, Calcd. for C₂₃H₂₉N₂O₂SI (M)⁺: 524.0995.



To a mixture of sodium hydride (60% in mineral oil, 1.87 g, 46.7 mmol, 1.5 eq., freshly washed with anhydrous hexane 3 times under nitrogen) in anhydrous THF (50 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of sulfonamide **18b** (16.3 g, 31.1 mmol) in THF (150 mL) via syringe. After stirring at 0 °C for 10 min, benzyl bromide (5.5 mL, 46.7 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added. The resulting mixture was then stirred at 0 °C for 2h, then at room temperature for 12 h under nitrogen. A powder of NH₄Cl (2.7 g, 50.0 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. After concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was diluted with water (150 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (50 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the product (**11b**: 18.1 g, 95%) as a pale yellow oil.

 $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –37 (c 0.12, CHCl₃). *R*_f: 0.54 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2:1). ¹H-NMR (as a mixture of rotamers, 400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.90 (1H, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.34-7.06 (11H, *m*), 7.00 (1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.64 (0.5H, *dd*, *J* = 1.2, 7.6 Hz), 6.60 (0.5H, *dd*, *J* = 1.2, 7.6 Hz), 5.74-5.59 (2H, *m*), 5.06 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 6.8, 10.0 Hz), 4.97 (1H, *t*, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 4.41 (1H, *dd*, *J* = 10.0, 16.4 Hz), 4.02 (1H, *d*, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 3.85 (1H, *t*, *J* = 14.0 Hz), 3.59-3.38 (1H, *m*), 2.35-2.17 (1H, *m*), 2.03-1.80 (3H, *m*), 1.12 (9H, *s*). ¹³C-NMR (rotamer in brackets, 100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 171.61 (171.44), 143.81, 140.21 (140.19), 138.64 (138.54), 137.54, 137.08 (137.02), 131.00, 130.87, 129.83, 129.38, 129.35, 129.21, 128.44 (128.39), 128.11 (128.08), 127.51, 127.00, 117.75 (117.69), 100.49 (100.45), 63.29 (63.08), 58.14 (58.09), 51.56, 46.27, 31.72 (31.59), 26.94 (26.88), 23.57. EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 614 (M⁺, 4%), 509 (7), 482 (3), 458 (1), 420 (4), 405 (5), 309 (5), 278 (4), 236 (2), 182 (8), 180 (13), 146 (7), 128 (5), 106 (12), 91 (100). HRMS *m/z* Found: 614.1480, Calcd. for C₃₀H₃₅N₂O₂SI (M)⁺: 614.1464.

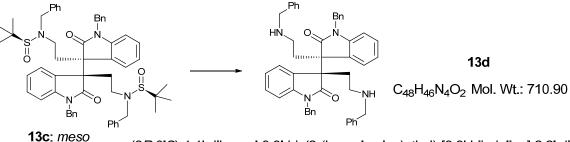


A mixture of copper iodide [CuI, 133.3 mg, 0.7 mmol, 0.1 eq.] and bromoanilide **11a** (3.78 g, 7.0 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (140 mL) was degassed and purged with argon (3 times). A solution of lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (1.0 M in THF, 14 mL, 14 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C (oil bath) under argon for 5 h. After cooling to room temperature then to 0 °C, a solution of anhydrous *t*-BuOOH (degassed and purged with argon, ~3.0 M in toluene, 3.5 mL, 10.5 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C under argon for 3 h. Saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (8 mL) was added. After 30 min, the mixture was diluted with water (100 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 60 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvents, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = $2:1\rightarrow1:1\rightarrow1:2$) to afford the major product (**13a+13b**, as a mixture of C3-C3a diasteromers, 2.51 g, 78.1%) as pale yellow syrup. Further elution afforded the minor product (**13c**: *meso*-isomer, 0.23 g, 7.2%) as a pale yellow oil, which was characterized after removal of the *tert*-butylsulfinyl group (**13d**).

* The anhydrous *tert*-butylhydroperoxide (*t*-BuOOH) in toluene (ca. \sim 3.0M) was prepared by the following procedure: 70% aqueous solution of *t*-BuOOH (40.6 mL, density = 0.93 g/mL) was added to toluene (46 mL) and the resulting water (ca. 10 mL) was separated and back-extracted with toluene (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic phases were then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After filtration, the resulting solution was kept with 4Å molecular sieve and could be used for this reaction without further purification.

13a + **13b**: An 83:17 mixture of diastereomers at C3-C3' position: $R_{\rm f}$: 0.45 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3396, 3057, 2957, 1705, 1609, 1460, 1360, 1176, 1072, 982, 929, 746, 703. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major C3*S*-C3'*S*-isomer reported), δ (ppm): 7.34-7.18 (2×8H, *m*), 7.11-7.03 (2×2H, *m*), 6.81 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.68 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.49 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.27 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 4.92 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.36 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.21 (2×2H, *s*), 3.10 (2×1H, *ddd*, *J* = 4.8, 12.4, 12.8 Hz), 2.51 (2×1H, *ddd*, *J* = 3.6, 12.4, 12.8 Hz), 2.37 (2×1H, *ddd*, *J* = 4.0, 13.2, 13.6 Hz), 2.21-2.11 (2×1H, *m*), 1.17 (2×9H, *s*). ¹³**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major C3*S*-C3'*S*-isomer reported), δ (ppm): 176.69, 142.50, 137.07, 135.38, 129.02, 128.87, 128.54, 128.39, 127.75, 127.69, 127.50, 126.79, 123.58, 122.17, 108.69, 58.37, 54.28, 52.40, 44.02, 43.58, 27.78, 23.45. EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 919 (M⁺, 1%), 862 (5), 813 (3), 756 (50), 709 (12), 662 (25), 647 (24), 629 (12), 601 (16), 575 (49), 551 (51), 537 (39), 523 (56), 404 (18), 354 (28), 313 (22), 261 (18), 236 (25), 195 (17), 118 (27), 106 (27), 91 (100), 65 (18). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 941.4114, Calcd. for C₅₆H₆₂N₄O₄NaS₂ (M+Na)⁺: 941.4110.

13c: $R_{\rm f}$: 0.48 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:3). **HRMS** m/z Found: 941.4113, Calcd. for C₅₆H₆₂N₄O₄NaS₂ (M+Na)⁺: 941.4110.

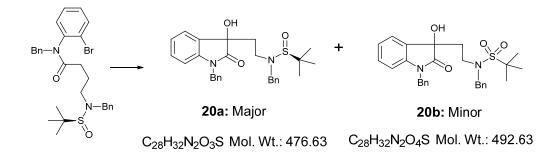


(3R,3'S)-1,1'-dibenzyl-3,3'-bis(2-(benzylamino)ethyl)-[3,3'-biindoline]-2,2'-dione

13c \rightarrow **13d**: *meso*-isomer: Sulfinamide (**13c**: 257 mg, 0.28 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (6 mL). To this mixture was added an aqueous solution of HCl (4N, 0.21 mL, 0.84 mmol, 3 eq.). The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature under nitrogen for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then treated with saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (~3 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 5 mL), the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Dichloromethane : Methanol = 20 : 1) to afford the amine (**13d**) (175mg, 88%) as pale yellow syrup.

*R*_f: 0.35 (CH₂Cl₂: MeOH: Et₃N= 20: 1 : 0.01). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3475, 2921, 1704, 1614, 1454, 1362, 1102, 745. ¹**H-NMR** (as a mixture of rotamers, 400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.32-6.29 (2×14H, *m*), 5.00-4.89 (2×1H, *m*), 4.76 (2×0.17H, *d*, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 4.72 (2×0.17H, *d*, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 4.43 (2×0.17H, *d*, *J* = 15.2 Hz), 4.33 (2×0.34H, *d*, *J* = 15.2 Hz), 4.19 (2×0.17H, *d*, *J* = 15.2 Hz), 3.62-3.45 (2×2H, *m*), 3.24-3.12 (2×0.66H, *m*), 2.63-2.10 (2×3.34H, *m*), 1.18 (2×1H, *brs*). ¹³**C-NMR** (as a mixture of rotamers, 100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 178.20 (177.90), 143.07 (142.89), 140.82 (140.61), 140.33 (140.21), 136.12 (136.03), 135.78 (135.62), 131.83 (131.45), 128.87 (128.84), 128.65 (128.46), 128.31 (128.19), 128.15 (128.02), 127.91, 127.86 (127.72), 127.52 (127.45), 127.32, 127.00, 126.73, 124.85 (124.80), 123.92, 122.62 (122.56), 121.71 (121.59), 120.06 (119.86), 109.40, 108.50 (108.31),

107.32 (107.01), 55.19, 53.97 (53.64), 45.44, 44.19 (44.02), 29.10 (28.96). **HRMS** m/z Found: 711.3658, Calcd. for C₄₈H₄₇N₄O₂ (M+H)⁺: 711.3699.

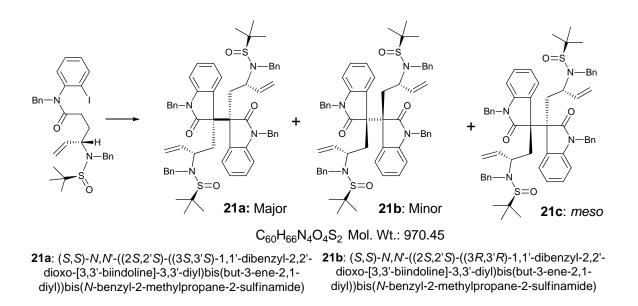


A mixture of tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium [Pd₂(dba)₃, FW 915.72, 46.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.025 eq.] and triphenylphosphine (FW 262.29, 52 mg, 0.2 mmol, 0.1 eq.) and bromoanilide **11a** (1.08 g, 2.0 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (40 mL) was degassed and purged with argon (3 times). A solution of lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (1.0 M in THF, 4 mL, 4 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C (oil bath) under argon for 6 h. After cooling to room temperature then 0 °C, a solution of anhydrous *t*-BuOOH (~3.0 M in toluene, 1.0 mL, 3 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C (ca. 5 h). Saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (0.5 mL) was added. After 10 min, anhydrous sodium sulfate (ca. 2-3 g) was added. The resulting mixture was then filtered and washed with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL). After removal of the solvents, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = $2:1\rightarrow1:1$) to afford the minor product (**20b**, 276 mg, 28%) as white plates. Further elution afforded the major product (**20a**, 489 mg, 51%) as a yellow solid.

20a: m.p.: 125-127 °C. $R_{\rm f}$: 0.54 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3321, 3057, 2958, 2866, 1722, 1611, 1460, 1359, 1273, 1174, 1068, 928, 743, 704, 633, 596, 464. ¹**H-NMR** (as a mixture of rotamers, 400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.30-7.11 (12H, *m*), 7.08 (0.5H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.07 (0.5H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.92 (0.5H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.91 (0.5H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.61 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.60 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 5.07 (0.5H, *s*), 5.04 (0.5H, *s*), 4.86 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.83 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.61 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.59 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.19 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.2 Hz), 4.17 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.2 Hz), 4.02 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.2 Hz), 4.01 (0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.2 Hz), 3.10-2.95 (1H, *m*), 2.93-2.70 (1H, *m*), 2.38-2.18 (2H, *m*), 1.10 (4.5H, *s*), 1.09 (4.5H, *s*). ¹³C-NMR (rotamer in brackets, 100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 177.54, 141.86, 136.62 (136.56), 135.29, 129.86 (129.80), 129.21, 128.60, 128.36 (128.30), 127.41 (127.20), 127.03 (127.00), 123.73 (123.68), 122.88, 109.24, 74.75 (74.71), 57.97, 51.24, 43.46, 42.72, 36.55 (36.43), 23.09. **HRMS** *m*/*z* Found: 499.2028, Calcd. for C₂₈H₃₂N₂NaO₃S (M+Na)⁺: 499.2031.

20b: m.p.: 113-115 °C. $R_{\rm f}$: 0.52 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3415, 3059, 2980, 2930, 1718, 1612, 1462, 1360, 1310, 1172, 1124, 996, 934, 743, 702, 645, 521. ¹**H-NMR** (as a mixture of rotamers, 400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.39-7.10 (12H, *m*), 6.95 (1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.63 (1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 4.90

(0.4H, d, J = 16.0 Hz), 4.89 (0.6H, d, J = 16.0 Hz), 4.62 (0.4H, d, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.61 (0.6H, d, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.51-4.37 (1H, *brs*), 4.05 (0.4H, *s*), 3.99 (0.6H, *s*), 3.32-3.11 (2H, *m*), 2.27-2.15 (2H, *m*), 1.40 (4.5H, *s*), 1.39 (4.5H, *s*). ¹³**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 177.44, 141.95, 136.04, 135.31, 129.61, 129.37, 128.82, 128.57, 127.79, 127.66, 127.15, 123.77, 123.18, 109.52, 74.81, 61.62, 52.20, 43.69, 42.52, 36.79, 24.79. **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 515.1974, Calcd. for C₂₈H₃₂N₂NaO₄S (M+Na)⁺: 515.1975.

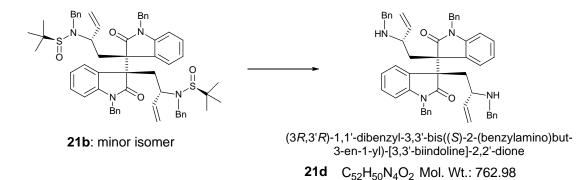


To a mixture of copper iodide [CuI, 190 mg, 1.0 mmol, 0.1 eq.] and *o*-iodoanilide **11b** (6.14 g, 10.0 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (200 mL) was added a solution of lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (1.0 M in THF, 20 mL, 20 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The resulting mixture was degassed and purged with argon (3 times). The reaction mixture was then allowed to stir at 60 °C (oil bath) under argon for 5 h. After cooling to room temperature then to 0 °C, a solution of anhydrous *t*-BuOOH (degassed and purged with argon, ~3.0 M in toluene, 5.0 mL, 15 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added. The reaction mixture was then stirred at 0 °C under argon for 3 h. Saturated aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (10 mL) was added followed by saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (10 mL). After 30 min, the resulting mixture was diluted with water (200 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×100 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvents, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = $2:1\rightarrow1:1\rightarrow1:2$) to afford the major product (**21a**, 2.42 g, 50%) as a pale yellow syrup. Further elution afforded the *meso*-isomer (**21c**, characterized after removal of *tert*-butylsulfinyl group, 0.40g, 8.2%) as a pale yellow oil.

21a (major isomer): $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ –211 (c 0.14, CHCl₃). R_{f} : 0.55 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3440, 2960, 1702, 1609, 1465, 1361, 1177, 1071, 924, 745, 701. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.45 (2×2H, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.42 (2×2H, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.32-7.25 (2×1H, *m*), 7.21-7.11 (2×3H, *m*), 7.01 (2×2H, *d*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.85 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.79 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.52 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.21 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 8.0

Hz), 5.21 (2×1H, *ddd*, J = 9.6, 10.4, 16.8 Hz), 4.80 (2×1H, *d*, J = 15.2 Hz), 4.58 (2×1H, *d*, J = 16.8 Hz), 4.14 (2×1H, *d*, J = 15.2 Hz), 4.13 (2×1H, *d*, J = 10.4 Hz), 3.90 (2×1H, *d*, J = 17.2 Hz), 3.84 (2×1H, *d*, J = 17.2 Hz), 3.29 (2×1H, *dd*, J = 11.2, 13.0 Hz), 3.02-2.89 (2×2H, *m*), 1.18 (2×9H, *s*). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 176.36, 142.92, 138.63, 137.51, 135.60, 128.65, 128.57, 128.24, 128.11, 127.93, 127.59, 127.29, 126.97, 125.34, 121.21, 115.89, 108.09, 62.93, 58.10, 54.96, 45.28, 43.83, 33.08, 23.35. HRMS *m*/*z* Found: 971.4619, Calcd. for C₆₀H₆₇N₄O₄S₂ (M+H)⁺: 971.4604.

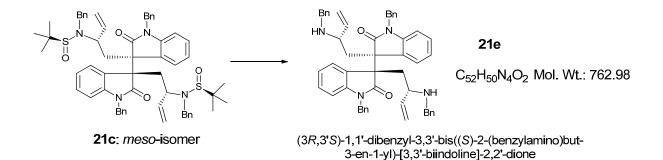
21b (minor-isomer): **HRMS** m/z Found: 993.4416, Calcd. for $C_{60}H_{66}N_4O_4S_2Na$ (M+Na)⁺: 993.4423. **21c** (*meso*-isomer): **HRMS** m/z Found: 993.4426, Calcd. for $C_{60}H_{66}N_4O_4S_2Na$ (M+Na)⁺: 993.4423.



21b \rightarrow **21d** (minor-isomer): Sulfinamide (**21b**: 400 mg, 0.41 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (6 mL). To this mixture was added an aqueous solution of HCl (4N, 0.31 mL, 1.23 mmol, 3 eq.). The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature under nitrogen for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then treated with saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (~8 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 10 mL), the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the diamine (**21d**) (290 mg, 92%) as yellow oil.

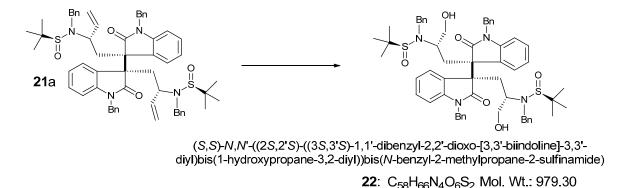
21d (minor isomer): $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –153 (c 0.18, CHCl₃). R_{f} : 0.42 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3420, 3061, 2925, 2843, 2357, 1712, 1608, 1482, 1460, 1358, 1175, 1110, 991, 921, 743, 701. ¹H-NMR (as a mixture of rotamers, 400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.50-6.31 (2×14H, *m*), 5.62-5.46 (2×1H, *m*), 5.10-4.72 (2×2.35H, *m*), 4.56 (2×0.33H, *d*, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 4.44 (2×0.33H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.33 (2×0.67H, *dd*, *J* = 11.6, 15.6 Hz), 4.03 (2×0.33H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 3.66 (2×0.33H, *d*, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 3.55 (2×0.33H, *d*, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 3.49 (2×0.33H, *d*, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 3.43-3.31 (2×0.67H, *m*), 3.14 (2×0.33H, *d*, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 3.02 (2×0.33H, *d*, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 2.91-2.80 (2×0.33H, *m*), 2.77 (2×0.33H, *d*, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 2.67-2.50 (2×1H, *m*), 2.50-2.38 (2×0.67H, *m*), 2.22-2.14 (2×0.33H, *m*), 0.97 (2×1H, *brs*). ¹³C-NMR (rotamer in brackets, 100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 179.54 (179.21), 143.82 (143.70), 141.22, 140.53 (140.42), 140.35, 140.14 (140.09), 136.39, 136.06 (135.86), 130.91, 128.87 (128.61), 128.49

(128.45), 128.36, 128.21 (128.13), 128.04, 127.86 (127.83), 127.52, 127.39 (127.34), 127.24, 126.76 (126.59), 126.42 (126.35), 125.26, 124.76, 121.94 (121.29), 119.45, 115.73, 115.44 (115.21), 109.33, 108.16 (107.18), 58.37, 58.09 (57.68), 54.81, 54.74 (54.59), 50.81, 50.75 (50.42), 44.57 (44.42), 44.11 (44.06), 34.89. **HRMS** m/z Found: 763.4008, Calcd. for C₅₂H₅₁N₄O₂ (M+H)⁺: 763.4012.



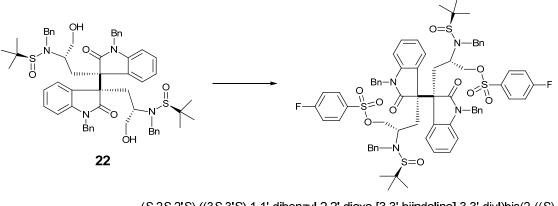
21c \rightarrow **21e** (*meso*-isomer): Sulfinamide (**21c**: 205 mg, 0.21 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (6 mL). To this mixture was added an aqueous solution of HCl (4N, 0.16 mL, 0.63 mmol, 3 eq.). The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature under nitrogen for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then treated with saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (~4 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 5 mL), the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel ((Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 1:2)) to afford the diamine (**21e**) (145mg, 91%) as yellow syrup.

21e (*meso*-isomer): $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ -29 (c 0.18, CHCl₃). R_{f} : 0.41 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:3). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3311, 3062, 2975, 2924, 2846, 1704, 1613, 1492, 1455, 1354, 1257, 1182, 1113, 995, 921, 742, 703, 634. ¹**H**-**NMR** (as a mixture of rotamers, 400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.23-7.01 (2×9H, *m*), 6.96-6.60 (2×4H, *m*), 6.48 (2×0.5H, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.45 (2×0.5H, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.56-5.35 (2×1H, *m*), 4.98 (2×0.5H, *d*, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 4.87 (2×0.5H, *d*, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 4.87 (2×0.5H, *d*, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 4.76 (2×0.5H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.68 (2×0.5H, *d*, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 4.54 (2×0.5H, *d*, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 4.32 (2×0.5H, *brs*), 3.88 (2×0.5H, *brs*), 3.55 (2×0.5H, *d*, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 3.49 (2×0.5H, *d*, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 3.13 (2×0.5H, *d*, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 3.01 (2×0.5H, *d*, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 3.00 (2×0.5H, *brs*), 2.92 (2×1H, *brs*), 2.68-2.50 (2×2H, *m*), 0.97 (2×1H, *brs*). ¹³**C-NMR** (rotamer in brackets, 100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 178.05 (176.96), 145.05 (144.20), 140.49 (140.39), 140.31 (140.19), 136.17 (135.85), 128.56 (128.44), 128.22 (128.00), 127.55, 127.25 (127.21), 126.95, 126.69 (126.56), 125.10, 124.54, 121.74 (121.45), 115.99 (115.44), 109.41 (109.30), 58.75 (58.56), 55.83 (55.34), 50.92 (50.85), 44.37, 37.69 (36.62). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 763.4003, Calcd. for C₅₂H₅₁N₄O₂ (M+H)⁺: 763.4012.



A solution of **21a** (485 mg, 0.5 mmol) in dichloromethane and methanol (20 mL, 1:1 mixture) was cooled to -78 °C (dry ice-acetone bath). Ozone was then passed through the solution for 10 minutes. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. Sodium borohydride (189 mg, 5 mmol, 10 eq.) was added. The reaction mixture was then gradurally warmed up to room termperature under argon at stirration overnight. Saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (10 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was diluted with water (20 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvents, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 1:2) to afford the product (**22**, 401 mg, 82%) as a pale yellow syrup.

22: $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –332 (c 0.14, CHCl₃). R_{f} : 0.45 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:2). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3730, 3436, 2921, 2351, 1703, 1609, 1460, 1364, 1174, 1046, 745. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.51 (2×2H, *d*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.35 (2×2H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.25-7.16 (2×4H, *m*), 7.04 (2×2H, *dd*, *J* = 1.6, 7.6 Hz), 6.92 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 6.88 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.63 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.32 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 4.84 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.52 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 4.35 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 3.90 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 3.12 (2×1H, *ddd*, *J* = 3.6, 11.0, 12.8 Hz), 3.03 (2×1H, *dd*, *J* = 9.2, 14.0 Hz), 2.92 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 14.0 Hz), 2.59 (2×1H, *ddd*, *J* = 3.2, 9.2, 12.8 Hz), 2.05-1.97 (2×1H, *m*), 1.20 (2×9H, *s*). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 176.31, 142.80, 138.33, 135.12, 129.09, 128.92, 128.78, 128.38, 127.78, 127.63, 127.35, 124.16, 122.28, 109.11, 63.92, 63.28, 58.37, 55.42, 45.36, 44.02, 30.25, 23.75. HRMS *m*/*z* Found: 979.4513, Calcd. for C₅₈H₆₇N₄O₆S₂ (M+H)⁺: 979.4502.



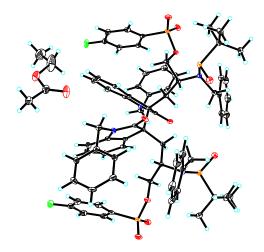
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To a mixture of diol **22** (49 mg, 0.05 mmol), trimethylamine (20 mg, 0.027 mL, 0.2 mmol) and DMAP (3 mg, 0.025 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was added 4-fluorobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (39 mg, 0.2 mmol, 4.0 eq.). The resulting mixture was then allowed to stir at room termperature for 6 h. A solution of saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (2 mL) was added and diluted with water (5 mL). The mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 4 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvents, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 1:1) to afford the product (**23**, 60 mg, 92%) as a plate. An X-ray crystallography analysis of compound **23** was conducted to determine the absolute configuration.*

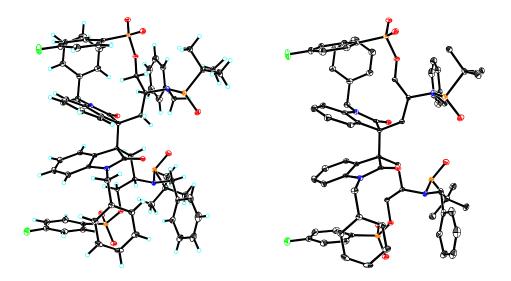
23: m.p.: 127-129 °C. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –160 (c 0.72, CHCl₃). R_{f} : 0.55 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3730, 3456, 2921, 2351, 1703, 1459, 1368, 1016, 752. ¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.46 (2×2H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.42-7.31 (2×4H, m), 7.28-7.20 (2×2H, m), 7.16 (2×2H, t, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.96-6.76 (2×6H, m), 6.52 (2×1H, m), 6.23 (2×1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.64 (2×1H, d, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.63 (2×1H, d, J = 17.2 Hz), 4.13 (2×1H, d, J = 15.6 Hz), 3.83 (2×1H, d, J = 17.2 Hz), 3.82 (2×1H, d, J = 10.8 Hz), 3.20-3.01 (2×2H, m), 2.84 (2×1H, dd, J = 2.8, 10.8 Hz), 2.71-2.61 (2×1H, m), 1.27 (2×9H, s). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 176.36, 166.80, 164.25, 142.70, 137.16, 135.09, 131.64, 130.51, 130.41, 129.61, 129.14, 128.95, 128.70, 128.61, 128.33, 127.75, 127.53, 127.32, 126.55, 124.09, 122.18, 116.52, 116.29, 109.37, 70.58, 58.80, 58.48, 55.14, 46.39, 44.03, 30.62, 23.60. **HRMS** m/z Found: 1317.3994, Calcd. for C₇₀H₇₂N₄O₁₀S₄F₂Na (M+Na)⁺: 1317.3997.

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Crystal data for mo_zhb_s3_0m: C₇₀H₇₂F₂N₄O₁₀S₄•C₄H₈O₂, M = 1383.66, orthorhombic, a = 10.1404(9) Å, b = 25.087(2) Å, c = 27.663(3) Å, $\alpha = 90.00^{\circ}$, $\beta = 90.00^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 90.00^{\circ}$, V = 7037.4(11) Å³, T = 100(2) K, space group *P*212121, Z = 4, μ (MoK α) = 0.205 mm⁻¹, 70275 reflections measured, 17497 independent reflections ($R_{int} = 0.0645$). The final R_I values were 0.0434 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.0969 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final R_I values were 0.0596 (all data). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.1063 (all data). The goodness of fit on F^2 was 1.030. Flack parameter = 0.03(4).

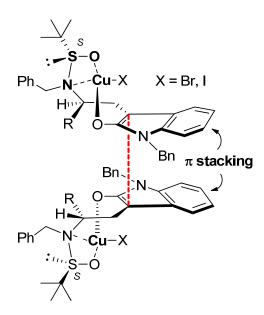


View of the molecules in an asymmetric unit. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.



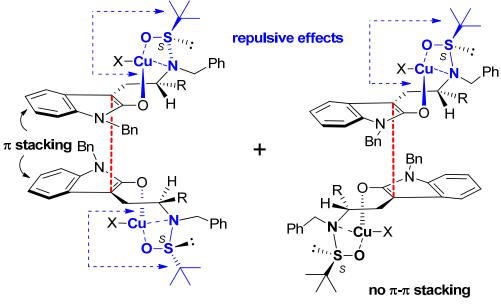
View of a molecule of zhb_s3 with the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

Prediction of stereochemistry for copper catalyzed arylation-oxidative dimerization of o-bromoanilides.



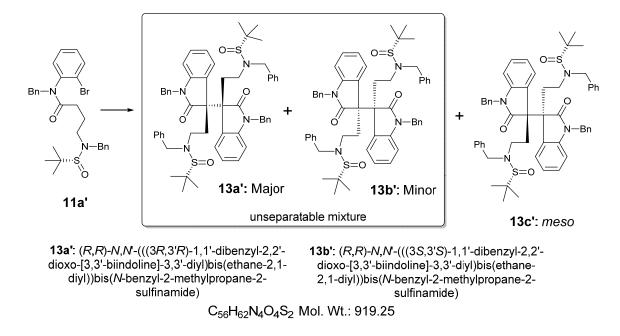
Favored approach, resulting in the major dimeric diastereoisomer (C3S-C3'S)





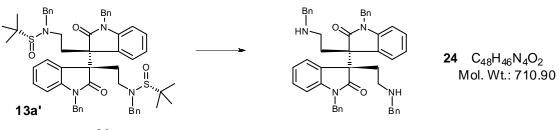
Unfavored approach, resulting in the minor dimeric diastereoisomer (C3*R*-C3'*R*)

resulting in the meso-form



To a mixture of copper iodide [CuI, 190.4 mg, 1.0 mmol, 0.1 eq.] and bromoanilide **11a'** (5.41 g, 10 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (200 mL) was added a solution of lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (1.0 M in THF, 20 mL, 20 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The resulting mixture was degassed and purged with argon (3 times). After which, the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C (oil bath) under argon for 5 h. After cooling to room temperature then to 0 °C, a solution of anhydrous *t*-BuOOH (~3 M in toluene, 5.0 mL, 15 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C under argon for 3 h. Saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (10 mL) was added. After 30 min, the mixture was diluted with water (200 mL). The resulting mixture was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvents, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = $1:1 \rightarrow 1:2 \rightarrow 1:3$) to afford the major product (**13a'** + **13b'**, 3.59 g, 78%) as a pale yellow syrup. Further elution afforded the minor product (**13c'**, 0.32 g, 7%) as a pale yellow oil, which was characterized after removal of *tert*-butylsulfinyl group (see **13d**).

13a' + **13b'**: An 84:16 mixture of diastereomers at C3-C3' position: $R_{\rm f}$: 0.45 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3429, 2969, 2352, 1702, 1612, 1456, 1365, 1052. ¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major C3*R*-C3'*R*-isomer reported), δ (ppm): 7.37-7.19 (2×8H, *m*), 7.10-7.03 (2×2H, *m*), 6.81 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.68 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.49 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.26 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 4.91 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.36 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.21 (2×2H, *s*), 3.11 (2×1H, *ddd*, *J* = 4.4, 12.4, 12.8 Hz), 2.48 (2×1H, *ddd*, *J* = 3.6, 12.4, 12.8 Hz), 2.37 (2×1H, *ddd*, *J* = 3.6, 13.2, 13.6 Hz), 2.22-2.10 (2×1H, *m*), 1.17 (2×9H, *s*). ¹³**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major C3*R*-C3'*R*-isomer reported), δ (ppm): 176.63, 142.44, 137.01, 135.32, 128.96, 128.81, 128.49, 128.34, 127.70, 127.64, 127.45, 126.80, 126.72, 123.52, 122.11, 108.63, 58.31, 54.22, 52.40, 43.96, 43.51, 27.70, 23.40. EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 919 (M⁺, 1%), 918 (1%), 706 (2), 588 (3), 575 (1), 354 (3), 249 (2), 236 (4), 223 (4), 132 (10), 118 (19), 106 (7), 91 (100), 65 (5). **HRMS** m/z Found: 918.4224, Calcd. for C₅₆H₆₂N₄O₄S₂ (M)⁺: 918.4213; Found: 919.4307, Calcd. for C₅₆H₆₃N₄O₄S₂ (M+H)⁺: 919.4291.



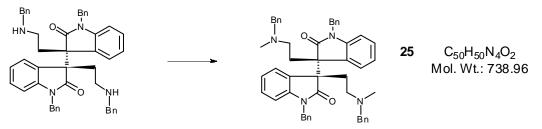
24: (3R,3'R)-1,1'-dibenzyl-3,3'-bis(2-(benzylamino)ethyl)-[3,3'-biindoline]-2,2(3R,3'R)-1,1'-dibenzyl-3,3'-bis(2-(benzylamino)ethyl)-[3,3'-biindoline]-2,2'-dione

Sulfinamide (13a' + 13b': 3.59g, 3.9 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (60 mL). To this mixture was added an aqueous solution of HCl (4N, 2.9 mL, 11.7 mmol, 3 eq.). The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature under nitrogen for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then treated with saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (~50 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The mixture was diluted with water (100 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 50 mL), the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Dichloromethane : Methanol = 20 : 1) to afford the amine (24) (2.63g, 95%) as white foam.^{*1} The diamine was dissolved in methanol (20 mL) and HCl (2N, 5.6 mL, 11.1 mmol, 3.0 eq.) was added. This solution was allowed to crystallize at room temperature. The needle-like crystals were collected and subjected to HPLC analysis (a 1:1 mixture of C3*R*-C3'*R* and C3*S*-C3'*S* enantiomers). The mother liquid was then treated with saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate to pH = 8, and extracted with dichloromethane (3). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvents, the enantiomeric pure product 24 was obtained (1.60 g, 61%) as a pale yellow syrup.^{*2}

24: $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +171 (c 0.12, MeOH). *ee* = 99.1%. *R*_f: 0.40 (CH₂Cl₂: MeOH: Et₃N= 20: 1 : 0.01). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3426, 2967, 1701, 1611, 1456, 1365, 1174, 1047, 746, 700. ¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.32-7.16 (2×9H, *m*), 7.10 (2×2H, *d*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.04 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.97 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.71 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.39 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 5.03 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.45 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 3.60 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 3.53 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 3.26 (2×1H, *ddd*, *J* = 5.6, 6.0, 13.2 Hz), 2.64 (2×1H, *ddd*, *J* = 7.6, 8.0, 13.2 Hz), 2.27-2.17 (2×2H, *m*). ¹³**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 178.03, 143.09, 140.31, 135.85, 128.68, 128.32, 128.06, 128.01, 127.85, 127.58, 126.74, 124.12, 121.76, 108.52, 55.14, 53.65, 45.41, 44.12, 29.22. EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 710 (M⁺, 2%), 577 (1), 356 (4), 344 (2), 262 (3), 236 (4), 223 (4), 134 (8), 118 (12), 106 (21), 91 (100). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 710.3622, Calcd. for C₄₈H₄₆N₄O₂ (M)⁺: 710.3621.

(24 racemic)*¹ Chiral HPLC analysis: 25 °C; column: DAICEL Chiralcel OD-H (0.46 cm $\Phi \times 25$ cm); mobile phase: hexane / *iso*-propanol 85 / 15; flow rate: 0.500 mL/min; detection, UV 254 nm; tR₁ = 48.247 min, Area = 39.4094; tR₂ = 53.887 min, Area = 60.5906.

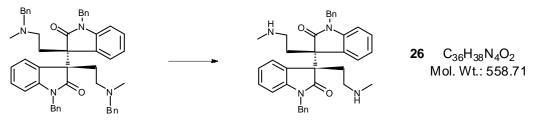
(24)*² Chiral HPLC analysis: 25 °C; column: DAICEL Chiralcel OD-H (0.46 cm $\Phi \times 25$ cm); mobile phase: hexane / *iso*-propanol 85/ 15; flow rate: 0.500 mL/min; detection, UV 254 nm; tR₁ = 50.183 min, Area = 0.4883; tR₂ = 52.932 min, Area = 99.5117.



(3R,3'R)-1,1'-dibenzyl-3,3'-bis(2-(benzyl(methyl)amino)ethyl)-[3,3'-biindoline]-2,2'-dione

To diamine **24** (0.82 g, 1.15 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added a solution of formaldehyde (37% aqueous solution, 0.44 mL, 5.75 mmol, 5.0 eq.). Sodium triacetoxyborohydride (1.22 g, 5.75 mmol, 5.0 eq.) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon for 2 h. A solution of methanol in dichloromethane (MeOH : $CH_2Cl_2 = 5:95$, 10 mL) saturated with ammonia was added. The mixture was then allowed to stir at room temperature for 5 min. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Dichloromethane: MeOH : $NH_3-H_2O = 300 : 10 : 1$) to afford the product (**25**, 0.82 g, 96% yield) as a pale yellow syrup.

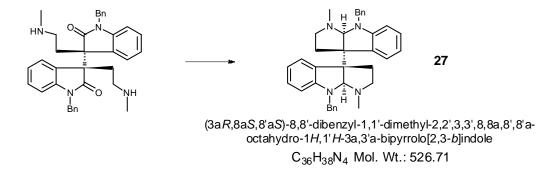
[α]²⁰_D +171 (c 0.10, MeOH). $R_{\rm f}$: 0.45 (CH₂Cl₂: MeOH = 30 : 1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3436, 2930, 2789, 1702, 1608, 1462, 1361, 1177, 1036, 744, 700. ¹**H-NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.18-7.01 (2×10H, *m*), 6.89 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.79 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.55 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.25 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 4.92 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 4.32 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 3.26 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 12.9 Hz), 3.15 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 12.9 Hz), 3.18-3.07 (2×1H, *m*), 2.67-2.53 (2×1H, *m*), 1.94 (2×3H, *s*), 1.98-1.86 (2×1H, *m*), 1.79-1.67 (2×1H, *m*). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 177.53, 142.97, 138.34, 135.84, 129.27, 128.62, 128.05, 128.01, 127.86, 127.56, 126.83, 124.02, 121.75, 108.35, 61.81, 55.00, 53.04, 43.99, 41.80, 26.11. EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 738 (M⁺, 9%), 647 (21), 591 (43), 444 (4), 370 (23), 293 (2), 277 (13), 235 (12), 148 (17), 134 (93), 120 (25), 91 (100), 65 (10). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 738.3931, Calcd. for C₅₀H₅₀N₄O₂ (M)⁺: 738.3934.



(3R,3'R)-1,1'-dibenzyl-3,3'-bis(2-(methylamino)ethyl)-[3,3'-biindoline]-2,2'-dione

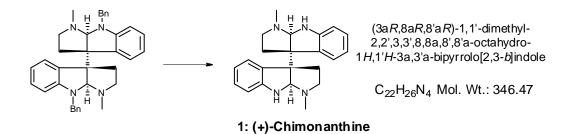
Diamine **25** (369 mg, 0.5 mmol) in anhydrous 1,2-dichloroethane (15 mL) was stirred with a solution of α chloroethyl chloroformate (ACE-Cl, 0.54 mL, 5 mmol, 10.0 eq.) at 0 °C for 2h, then at room temperature for 1 h. After which, the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C (oil bath) for 12 h. After removal of the solvents, the residue was diluted with methanol (15 mL) and stirred at 70 °C (oil bath) for 3 h. The resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and diluted with dichloromethane (5 mL), ice (~10 g) and saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (10 mL). The mixture was then extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 15 mL), and the combined organic phases was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After filtration and removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Dichloromethane: MeOH: NH₃-H₂O = 100 :100 :1) to afford the product (**26**, 265 mg, 95% yield) as a pale yellowish syrup.

[α]²⁰_D +203 (c 0.10, MeOH). $R_{\rm f}$: 0.44 (CH₂Cl₂: MeOH = 1 : 1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3431, 2970, 2352, 1628, 1397, 1089. ¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.32-7.11 (2×5H, *m*), 7.03 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.92 (2×1H, *dt*, *J* = 0.8, 7.6 Hz), 6.70 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.35 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 5.10 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.40 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 3.25-3.13 (2×1H, *m*), 2.58-2.49 (2×1H, *m*), 2.21 (2×3H, *s*), 2.12-2.03 (2×3H, *m*). ¹³**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 177.73, 142.98, 135.88, 128.74, 128.20, 128.00, 127.86, 127.66, 124.02, 121.84, 108.54, 55.04, 47.81, 44.05, 36.12, 29.00. EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 558 (M⁺, 21%), 526 (5), 501 (100), 470 (12), 444 (43), 280 (52), 248 (7), 236 (38), 223 (28), 187 (7), 158 (13), 91 (56). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 558.2989, Calcd. for C₃₆H₃₈N₄O₂ (M)⁺: 558.2995.



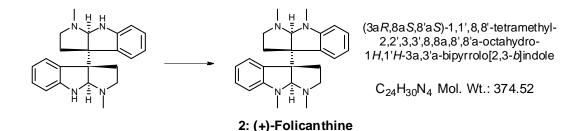
Diamine **26** (558 mg, 1.0 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was degassed and purged with argon (3 times). A solution of diisobutylaminium hydride (DIBAL-H, 1.1 M in THF, 10 mL, 10 mmol, 10.0 eq.) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, then at room temperature for 2 h and finally at 80 °C (oil bath) under argon for 15 h. After cooling to room temperature, a saturated aqueous solution of potassium sodium tartrate (10 mL) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The mixture was diluted with water (30 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After filtration and removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 1:4) to afford the product (**27**, 284 mg, 54% yield) as white foam.

 $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +248 (c 0.11, CHCl₃). R_{f} : 0.54 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:4). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3419, 3029, 2919, 2791, 1598, 1488, 1350, 1258, 1147, 1039, 736. ¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.31-7.21 (2×4H, *m*), 7.20-7.13 (2×1H, *m*), 6.90 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 6.82 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.46 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.10 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 4.49 (2×1H, *brs*), 4.42 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 4.36 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 2.57-2.50 (2×2H, *m*), 2.42-2.33 (2×1H, *m*), 2.18 (2×3H, *s*), 1.94-1.87 (2×1H, *m*). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 152.69, 139.44, 133.08, 128.54, 128.09, 127.39, 126.87, 126.73, 124.13, 117.29, 106.80, 92.96, 63.27, 53.21, 52.61, 38.99, 35.74. EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 526 (M⁺, 10%), 482 (6), 439 (26), 392 (3), 309 (12), 263 (49), 262 (100), 220 (15), 172 (26), 171 (19), 130 (8), 91 (42). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 526.3099, Calcd. for C₃₆H₃₈N₄ (M)⁺: 526.3096.



To a solution of liquid ammonia (freshly distilled and collected by Birch condenser, acetone-dry ice, 50-60 ml) at -78 °C was added sodium metal (ca. 124 mg, 5.4 mmol, 10 eq.). A solution of chimonanthine precursor (**27**, 284 mg, 0.54 mmol) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) was added to this dark blue solution of liquid ammonia. After stirring at -78 °C for 15 min, a powder of NH₄Cl (433 mg, 8.1 mmol) was added in one portion followed by saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (5 mL). The resulting mixture was allowed to evaporate in fume hood. The residue was then diluted with water (20 ml) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 20 ml). The organic phases were combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After filtration, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was chromatographed on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH: NH₃-H₂O = 200: 10: 1) to afford the product (**1**, 177 mg, 95%) as white plates.

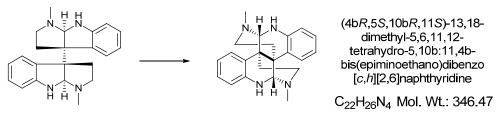
m.p.: 170-172 °C, $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +285 (c 0.12, EtOH). R_{f} : 0.48 (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH: NH₃-H₂O = 200: 10: 1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3404, 3219, 2930, 2856, 2797, 1601, 1480, 1252, 1161, 1031, 739, 648. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.19 (2×1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.99 (2×1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.67 (2×1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.54 (2×1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.34 (2×1H, *brs*), 4.12 (2×1H, *brs*), 2.63-2.48 (2×3H, *m*), 2.30 (2×3H, *s*), 2.18-2.01 (2×1H, *m*). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 150.74, 133.27, 128.27, 124.58, 118.78, 109.41, 85.40, 63.41, 52.83, 37.38, 35.66. EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 346 (M⁺, 7%), 302 (2), 259 (2), 245 (3), 231 (3), 190 (11), 173 (37), 172 (100), 157 (6), 143 (8), 130 (30), 117 (6), 103 (5), 85 (24), 83 (28). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 346.2151, Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₆N₄ (M)⁺: 346.2157. ([$\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +285, c 0.12,$ EtOH, lit. ⁶ [$\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +279, c 0.1,$ EtOH; lit. ^{4a} [$\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +254, c 1.0,$ EtOH)



To a solution of amine **1** (35 mg, 0.1 mmol) in acetonitrile (3 ml) was added a solution of formalin (37% HCHO in water, 39 μ L, 0.52 mmol, 5.2 eq.) and sodium triacetoxyborohydride [NaBH(OAc)₃, 110 mg, 0.52 mmol]. The resulting mixture was then stirred at room temperature under argon for 1 h. The mixture was then treated with a solution of methanol in dichloromethane saturated with ammonia (ca. 5 mL, CH₂Cl₂: MeOH = 95 : 5). After stirring for 5 minutes, the mixture was concentrated and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Dichloromethane : Methanol : NH₃-H₂O = 500 :10 : 1) to afford the product (**2**, 35.5 mg, 95%) as white plates.

m.p.: 183-185 °C, $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +315 (c 0.10, MeOH). R_{f} : 0.48 (CH₂Cl₂ : MeOH: NH₃-H₂O = 200: 10: 1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3434, 2944, 2784, 1601, 1488, 1345, 1156, 1034, 730. ¹**H-NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.02-6.88 (2×2H, *m*), 6.50 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.26 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 4.38 (2×1H, *brs*), 3.00 (2×3H, *s*), 2.70-2.58 (2×1H, *m*), 2.51-2.33 (2×2H, *m*), 2.41 (2×3H, *s*), 2.04-1.91 (2×1H, *m*). ¹³**C-NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 153.00, 132.95, 128.14, 123.70, 116.71, 105.90, 92.03, 62.74, 52.72, 38.03, 35.52, 35.39. EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 374 (M⁺, 11%), 273 (2), 187 (45), 186 (100), 172 (9), 157 (8), 145 (14), 144 (31), 130 (7), 115 (5), 85 (19), 83 (22). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 374.2480, Calcd. for C₂₄H₃₀N₄ (M)⁺: 374.2470.

 $([\alpha]^{20}{}_{\rm D} = +315, c \ 0.10, \text{MeOH}, \text{lit.}^{60} [\alpha]^{20}{}_{\rm D} = +318, c \ 0.11, \text{MeOH}; \text{lit.}^{6p} [\alpha]^{20}{}_{\rm D} = +314, c \ 0.25, \text{MeOH})$

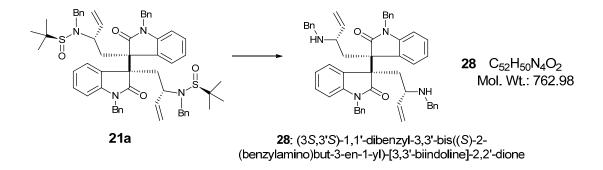


4: (-)-Calycanthine

To a solution of acetic acid in D₂O (0.43 M, 4 mL) was added chimonanthine **1** (35 mg, 0.1 mmol). The resulting mixture was then stirred at 95 °C for 18 h under an atmosphere of argon. After cooling down to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (10 mL) and treated with a saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (until pH = 8). The combined aqueous phases were back-extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 8 mL). The organic phases were combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After filtration and removal of the solvent, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Dichloromethane : Methanol : NH₃-H₂O = 500 :10 : 1) to afford the product (**4**, 18 mg, 52%) as a white solid.

m.p.: 232-235 °C, $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –615 (c 0.15, EtOH). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3435, 2968, 1627, 1451, 1047, 744, 608. ¹**H-NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.01 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.82 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.55 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.28 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 4.69 (2×1H, *brs*), 4.44 (2×1H, *s*), 3.17 (2×1H, *ddd*, *J* = 5.4, 13.2, 13.2 Hz), 2.70 (2×1H, *dd*, *J* = 4.6, 11.4 Hz), 2.46 (2×3H, *s*), 2.29 (2×1H, *ddd*, *J* = 3.6, 11.4, 11.4 Hz), 1.33 (2×1H, *dd*, *J* = 3.6, 13.2 Hz). Hz). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 145.00, 126.88, 124.58, 116.90, 112.36, 71.37, 46.63, 42.50, 35.96, 31.55. EI-MS *m/z* (%) : 347 (M⁺+H, 31%), 346 (M⁺, 100%), 314 (5), 302 (18), 288 (29), 270 (23), 259 (13), 245 (28), 231 (59), 219 (11), 199 (9), 185 (13), 172 (21), 149 (30), 143 (27), 130 (27), 115 (14), 87 (69), 83 (72), 74 (91). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 346.2149, Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₆N₄ (M)⁺: 346.2157.

 $([\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -615, c \ 0.15, EtOH, lit.^{4a} [\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -612, c \ 0.18, EtOH)$

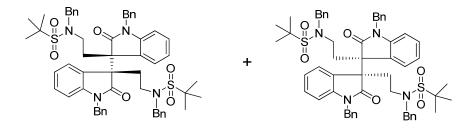


To a solution of sulfinamide **21a** (2.42 g, 2.5 mmol) in methanol (50 mL) was added an aqueous solution of HCl (4N, 1.88 mL, 7.5 mmol, 3 eq.). The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then treated with saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (until pH = 8) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The mixture was diluted with water (80 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3×50 mL), the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Petroleum ether 60-90 °C: ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the amine (**28**) (1.81 g, 95%) as a pale yellow syrup.

 $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –241 (c 0.18, CHCl₃). *ee* = 99.8%, *R*_f: 0.65 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2:1). **FTIR** (KBr, thin film) cm⁻¹: 3454, 3061, 2921, 1699, 1609, 1485, 1361, 742. ¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.23-7.15 (2×5H, *m*), 7.11-7.04 (2×3H, *m*), 6.98 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 6.97 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.72-6.66 (2×2H, *m*), 6.61 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.35 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.52 (2×1H, *ddd*, *J* = 8.4, 10.0, 17.2 Hz), 5.00 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 4.75 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 4.48 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.42 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 3.50 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 3.33 (2×1H, *dd*, *J* = 4.0, 13.6 Hz), 3.01 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 2.54 (2×1H, *ddd*, *J* = 4.0, 8.6, 10.8 Hz), 2.40 (2×1H, *dd*, *J* = 10.8, 13.6 Hz), 0.91 (2×1H, *brs*). ¹³**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 179.28, 143.86, 140.53, 140.01, 136.12, 128.44, 128.07, 128.02, 127.87, 127.70, 127.31, 126.32, 124.88, 121.36, 115.53, 108.44, 57.58, 54.78, 50.31, 44.45, 34.85. +TOF-MS *m/z* (%) : 763 (M⁺+1, 100%), 382 (15), 275 (2), 236 (20). **HRMS** *m/z* Found: 763.4015, Calcd. for C₅₂H₅₁N₄O₂ (M+H)⁺: 763.4012.

(28 racemic) Chiral HPLC analysis: 25 °C; column: DAICEL Chiralcel AD-H (0.46 cm $\Phi \times 25$ cm); mobile phase: hexane / iso-propanol 90 / 10; flow rate: 0.600 mL/min; detection, UV 254 nm; tR₁ = 11.693 min, Area = 49.2003; tR₂ = 24.015 min, Area = 50.7997.

(28) Chiral HPLC analysis: 25 °C; column: DAICEL Chiralcel AD-H (0.46 cm $\Phi \times 25$ cm); mobile phase: hexane / iso-propanol 90 / 10; flow rate: 0.600 mL/min; detection, UV 254 nm; tR₁ = 11.769 min, Area = 0.1004; tR₂ = 24.349 min, Area = 99.8996.

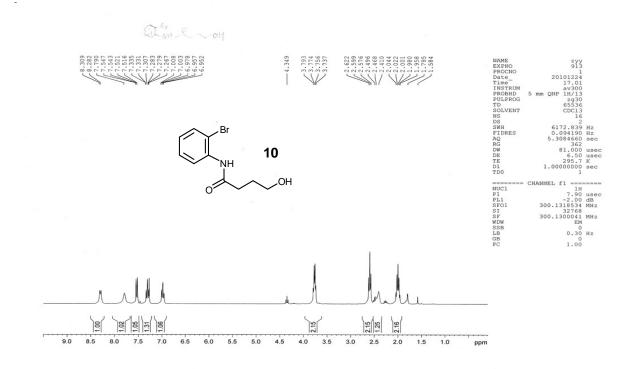


¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.45 (2×2H, *d*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.36 (2×2H, *t*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.33-7.24 (2×4H, *m*), 7.14-7.08 (2×2H, *m*), 6.81 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.59 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.49 (2×1H, *t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.25 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.02 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.72-4.55 (2×1H, *m*), 4.48-4.32 (2×1H, *m*), 4.27 (2×1H, *d*, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 3.27-3.14 (2×1H, *m*), 2.69-2.54 (2×1H, *m*), 2.46-2.31 (2×2H, *m*), 1.41 (2×9H, *s*). ¹³**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 176.32, 142.37, 136.18, 135.44, 129.09, 128.91, 128.65, 128.49, 127.87, 127.78, 127.65, 126.38, 123.56, 122.11, 108.57, 61.60, 54.13, 51.89, 43.90, 43.43, 27.04, 24.96. **HRMS** *m*/*z* Found: 951.4199, Calcd. for C₄₂H₄₁N₆O₄ (M+H)⁺: 951.4189.

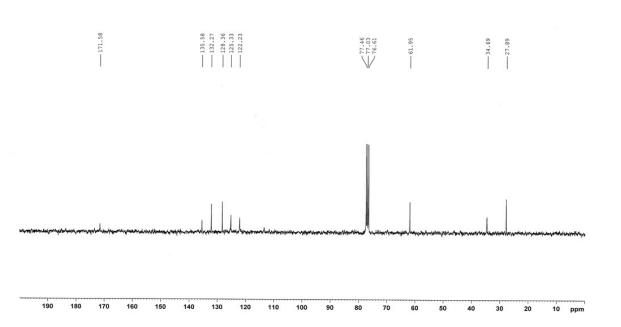
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Chiral HPLC analysis: 25 °C; column: DAICEL Chiralcel AD-H (0.46 cm $\Phi \times 25$ cm); mobile phase: hexane / isopropanol 85 / 15; flow rate: 0.800 mL/min; detection, UV 254 nm; tR₁ = 9.840 min, Area = 83.8872; tR₂ = 16.982 min, Area = 16.1128. ee = 67.8%.

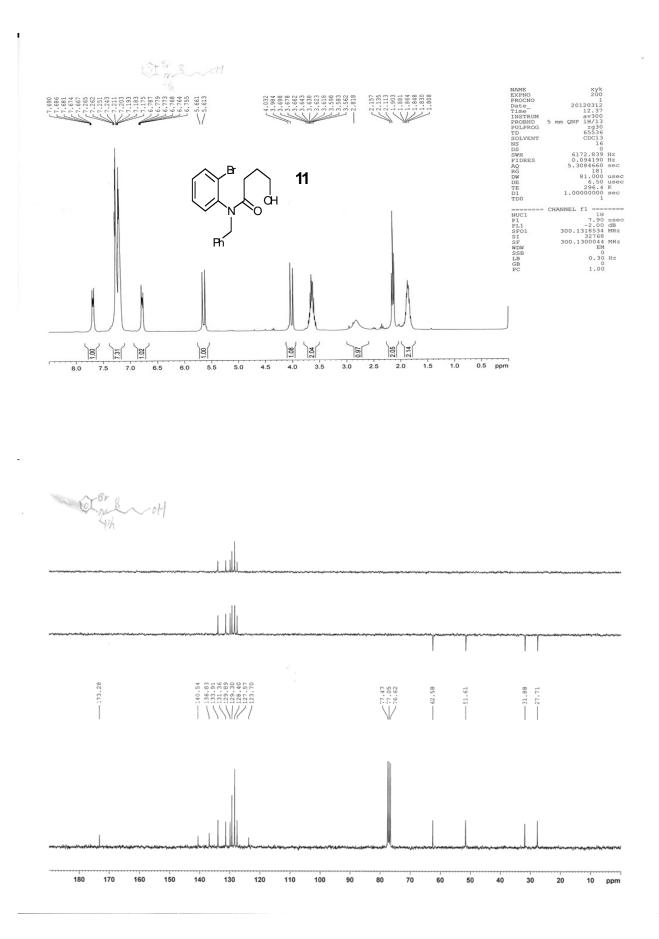
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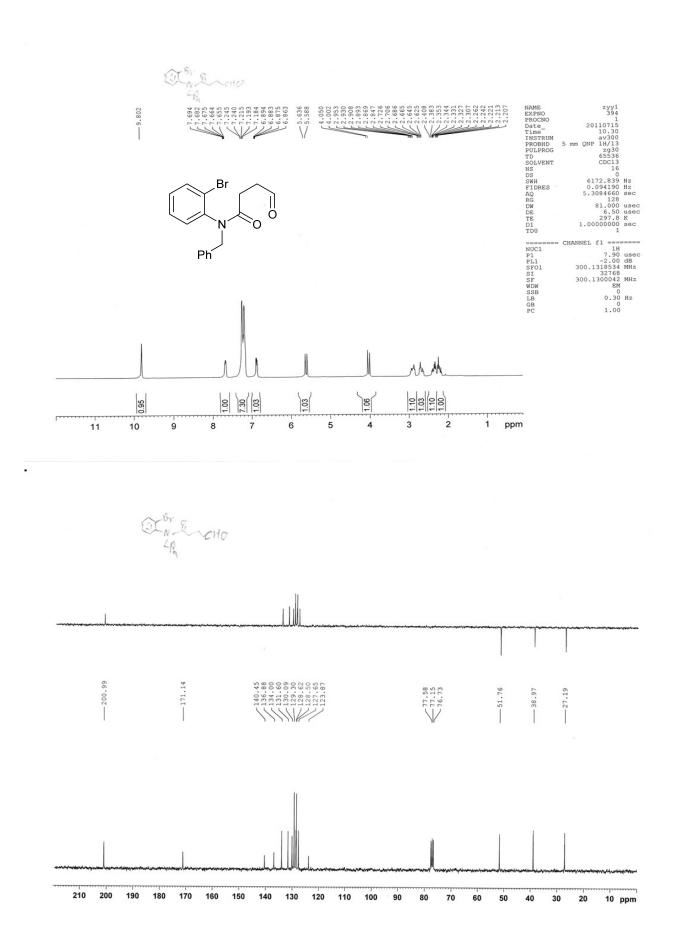


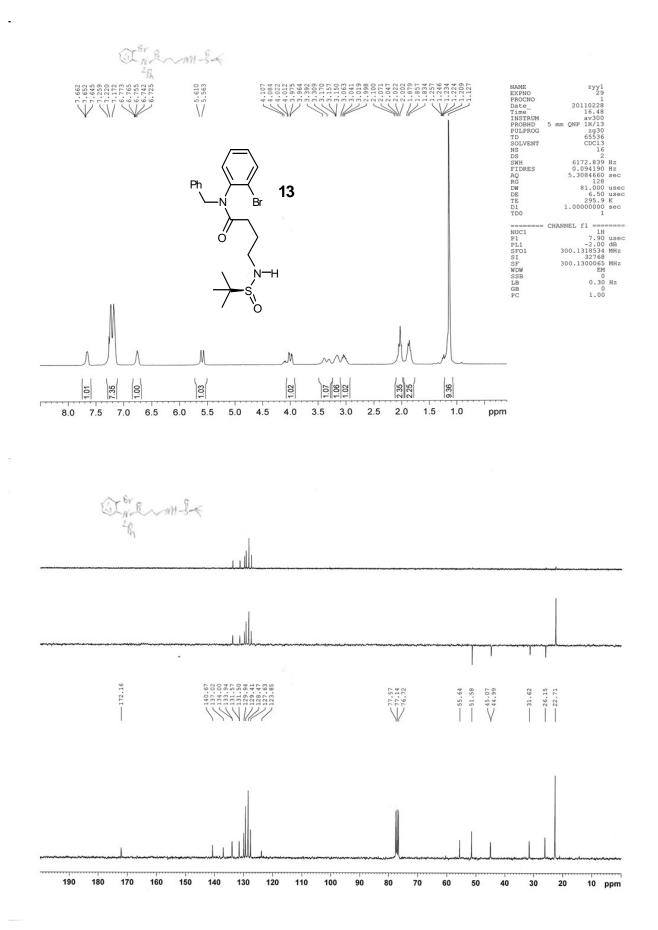
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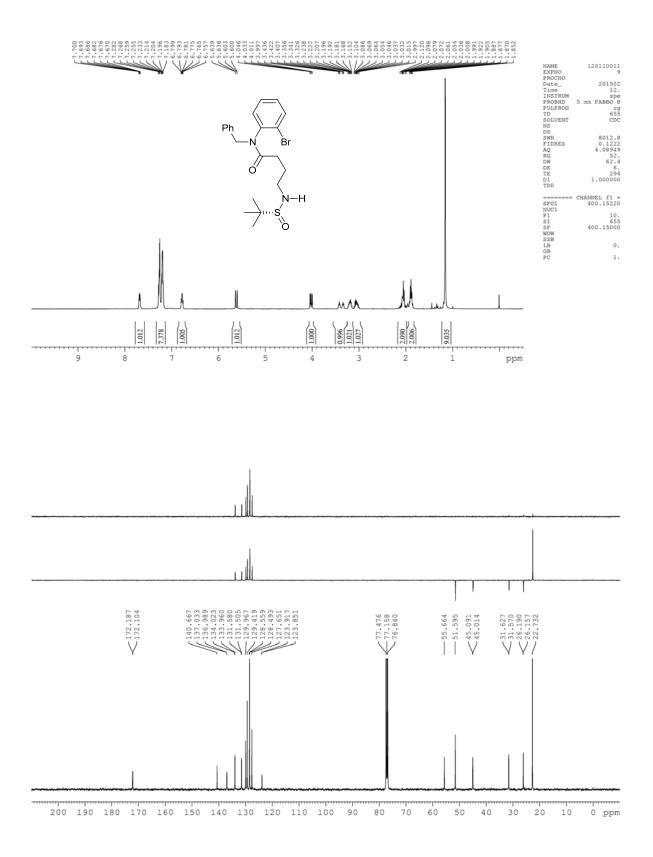


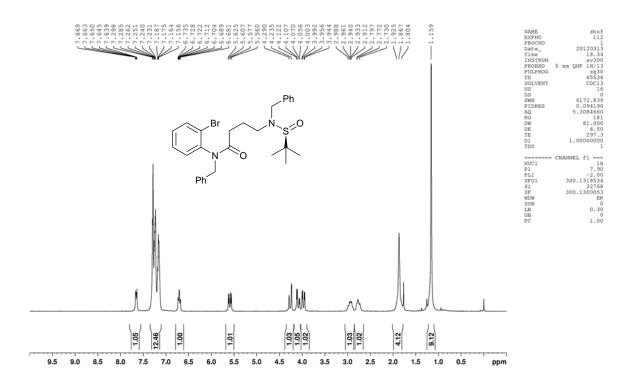
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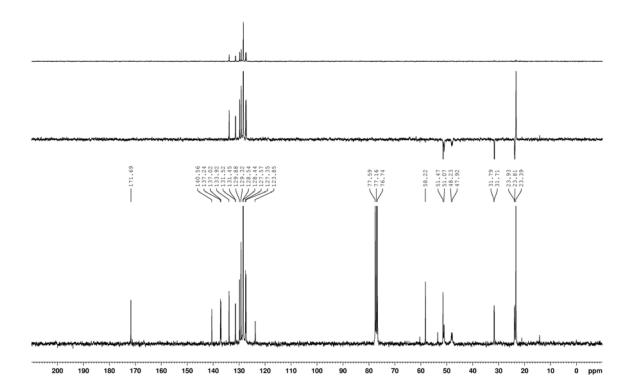


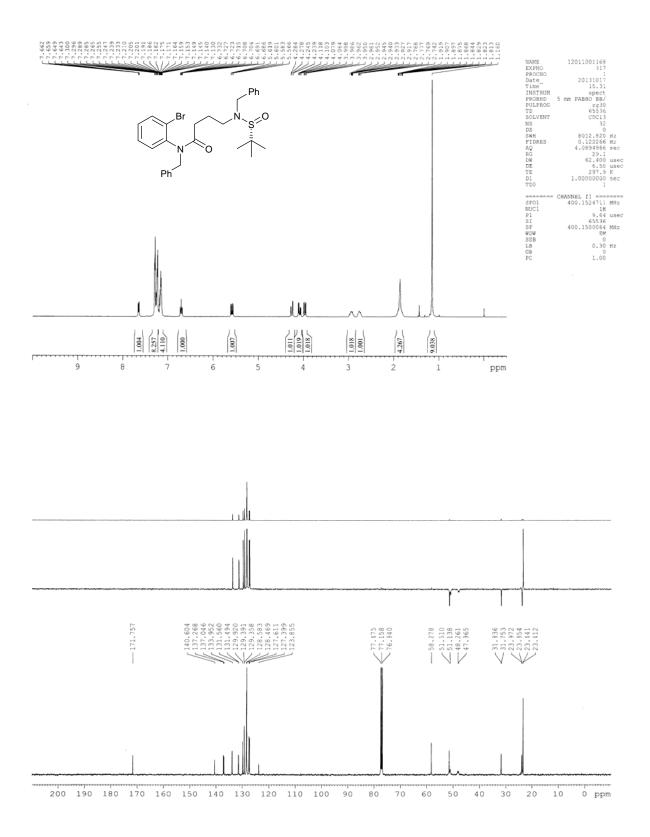


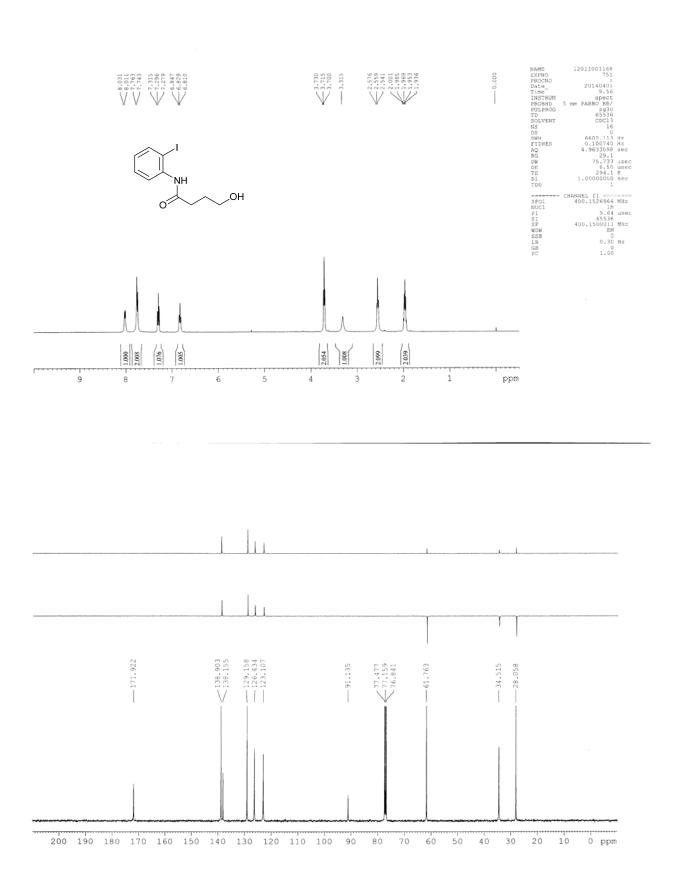


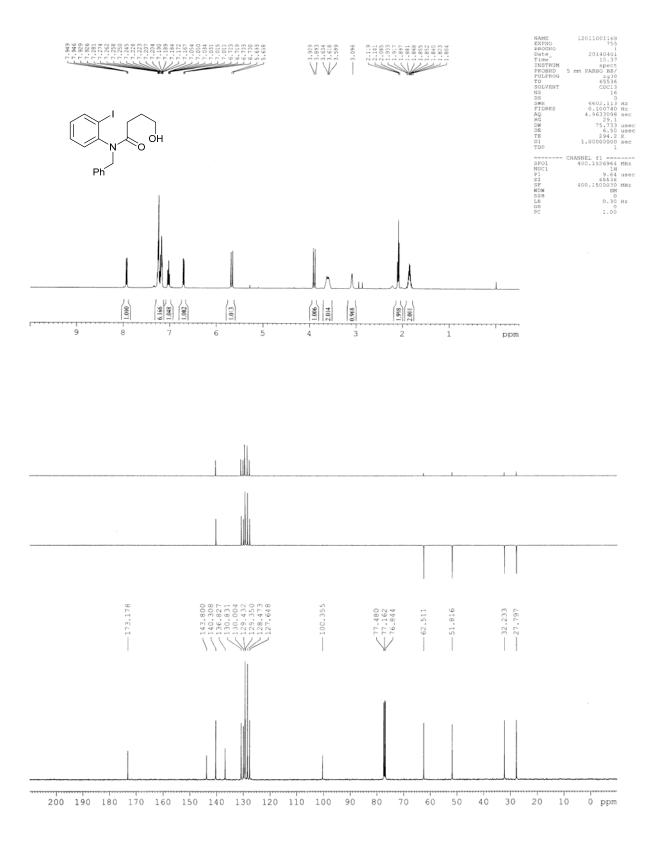


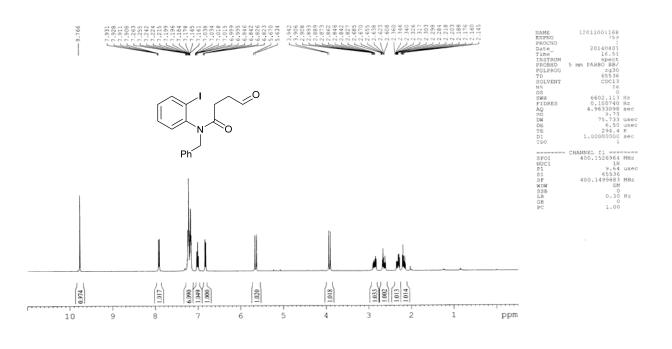


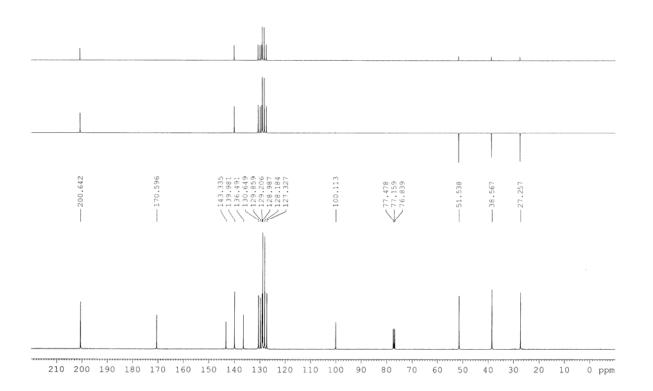


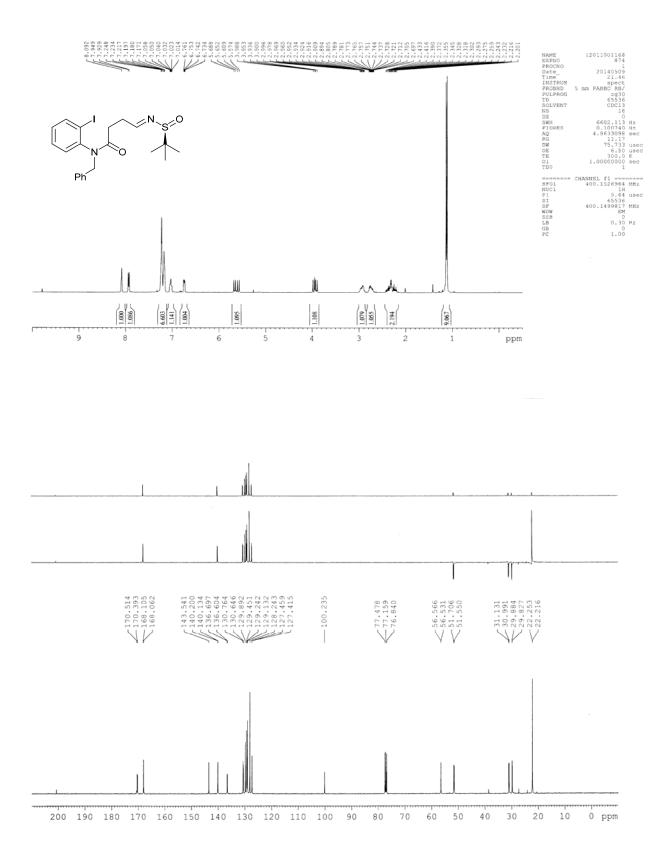


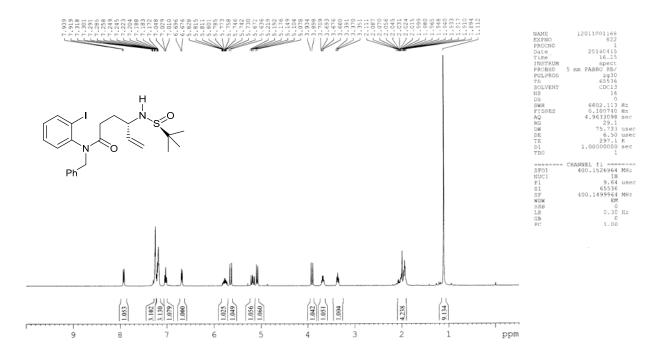


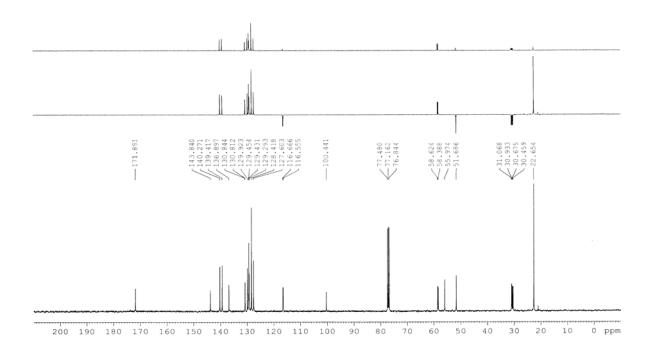


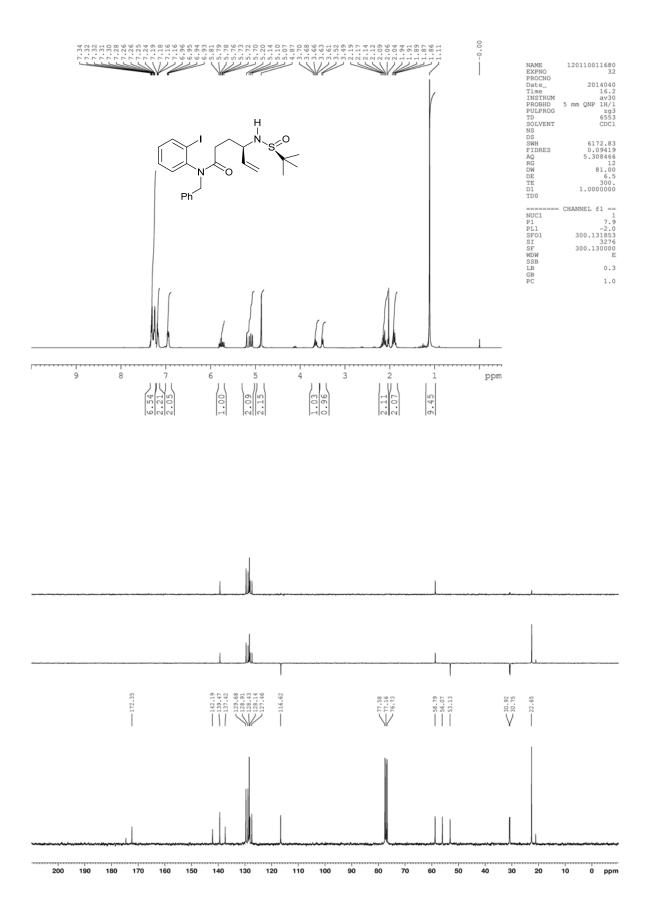


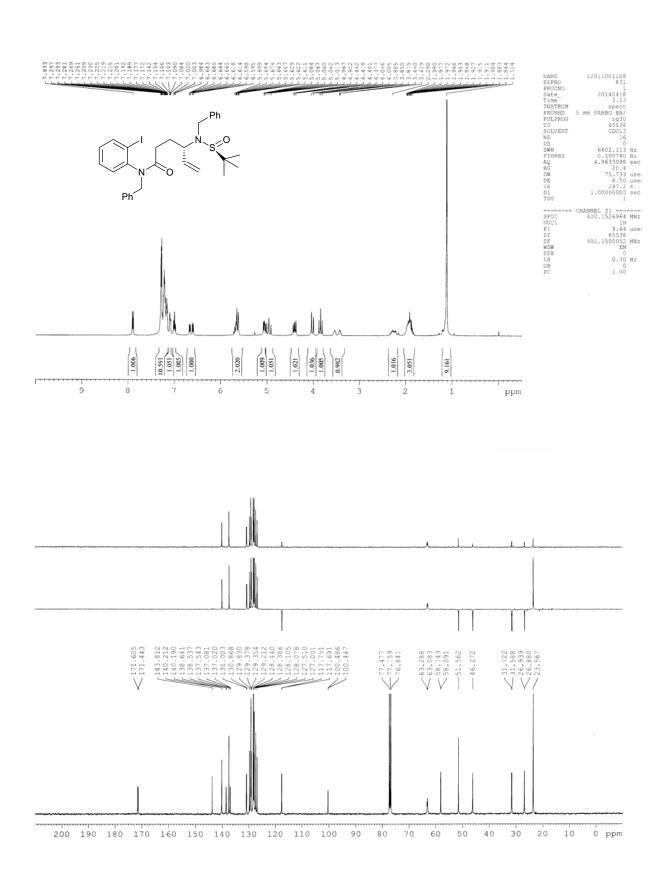


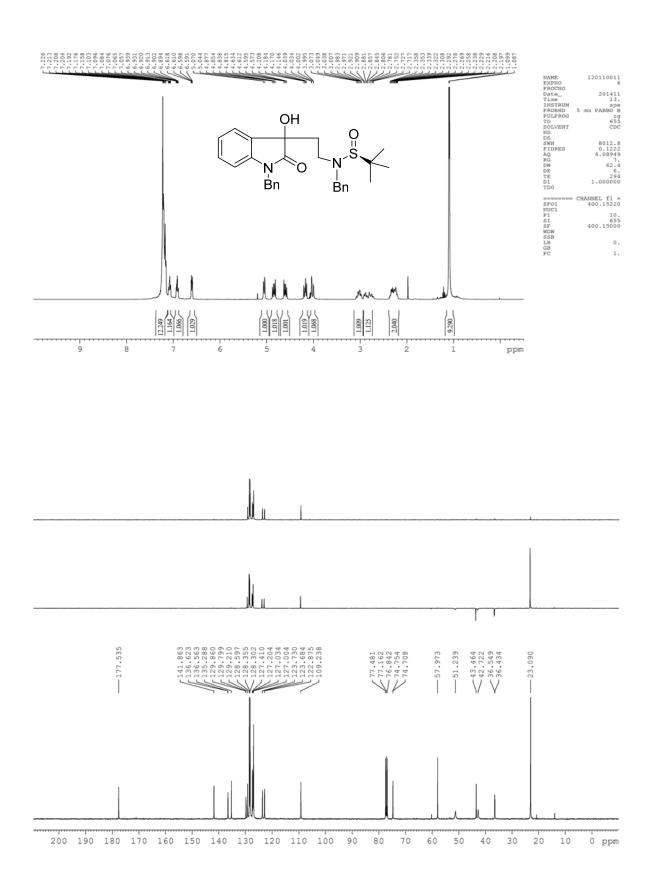


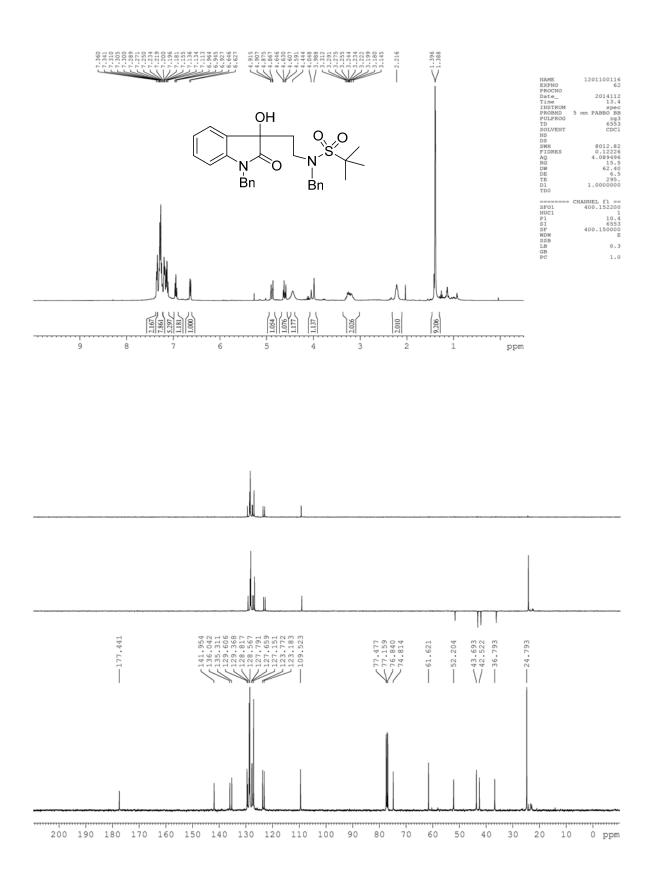


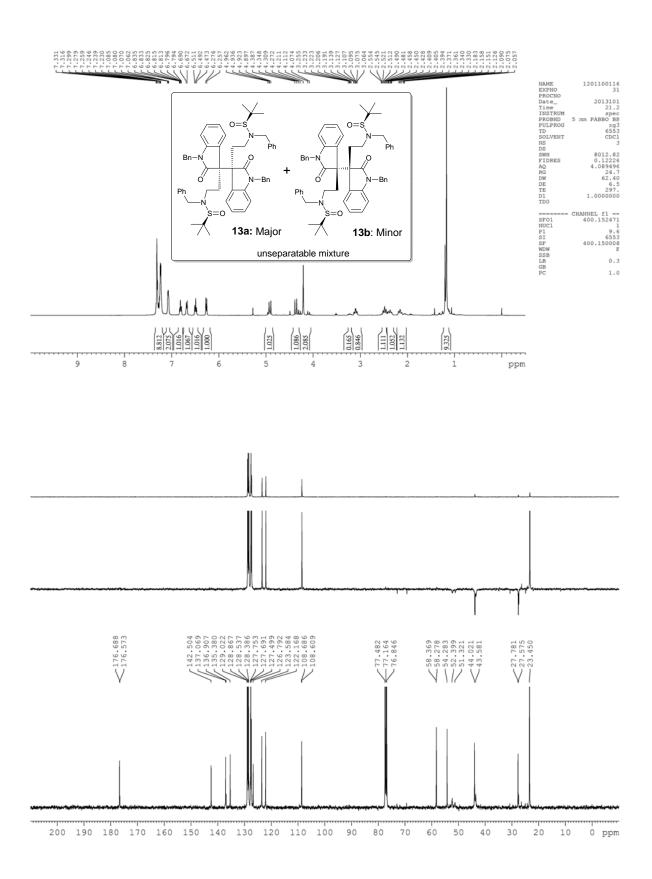


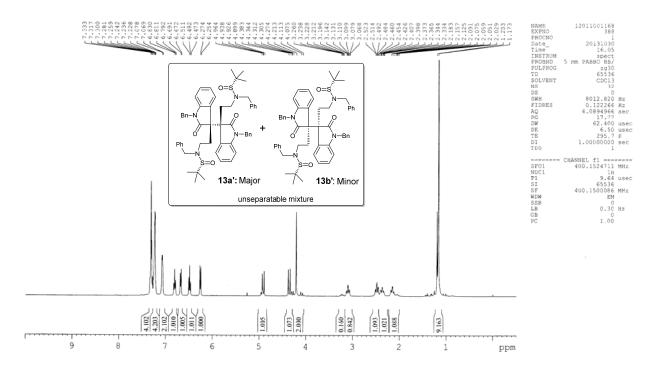


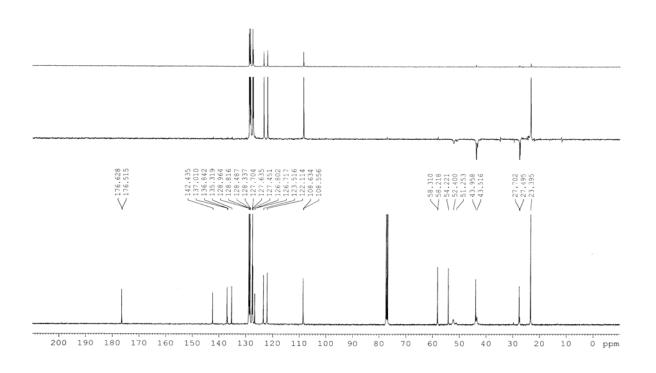


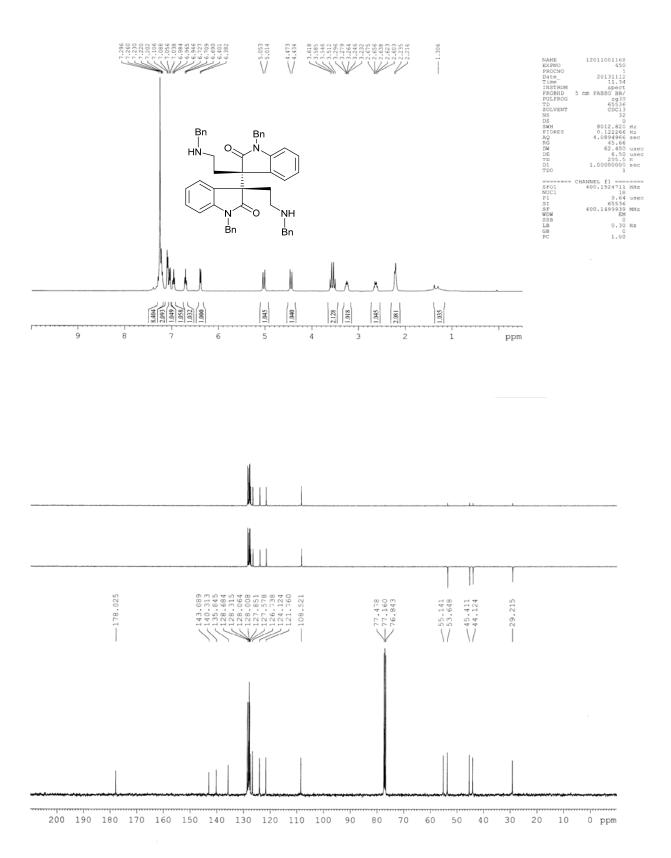


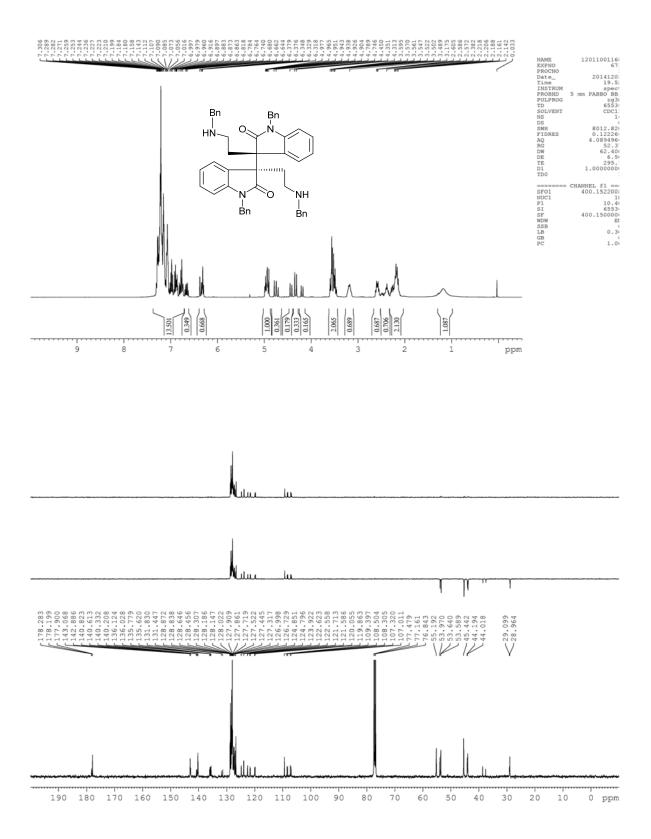


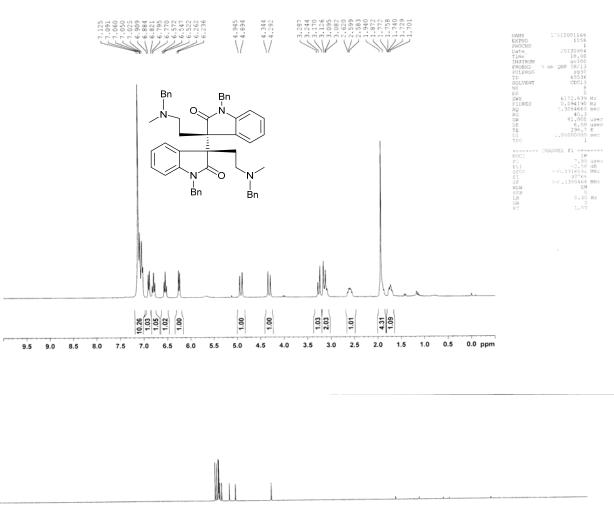


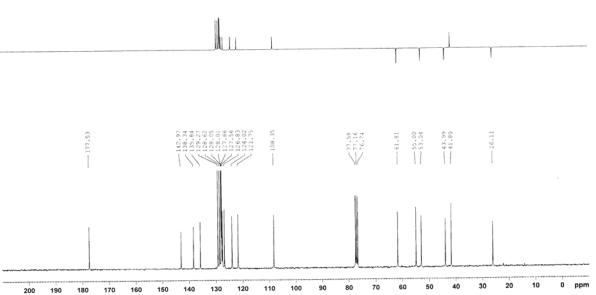


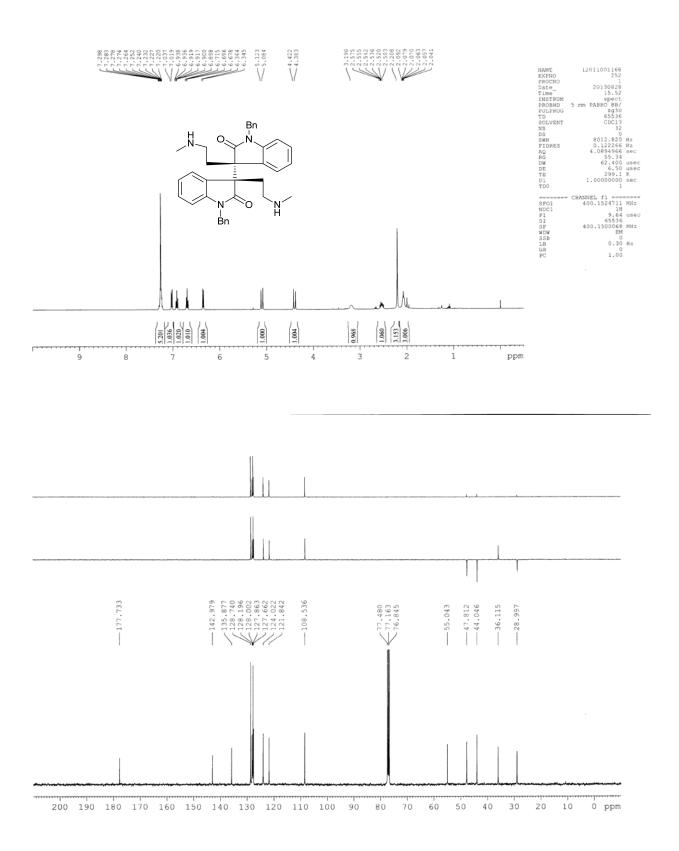


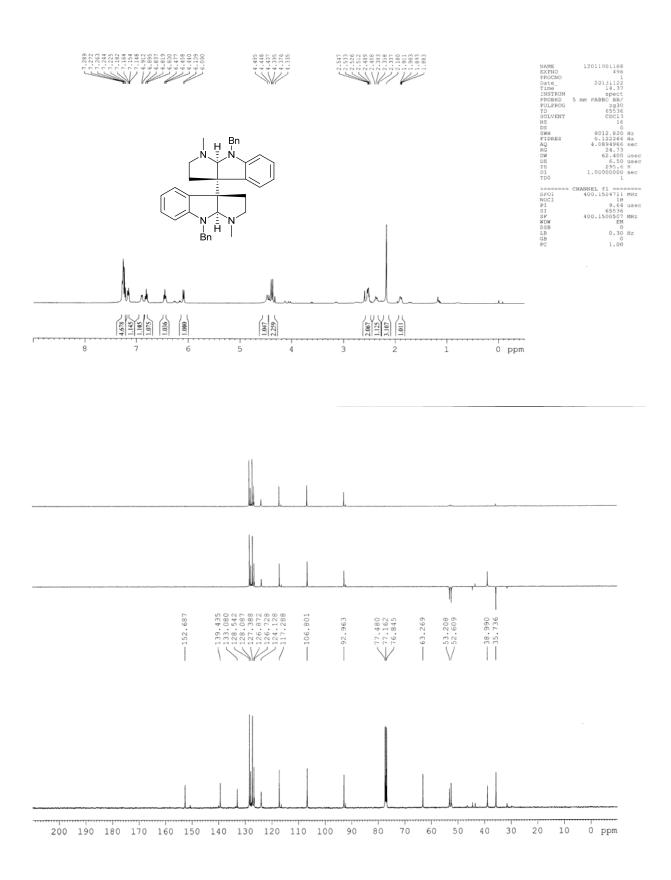


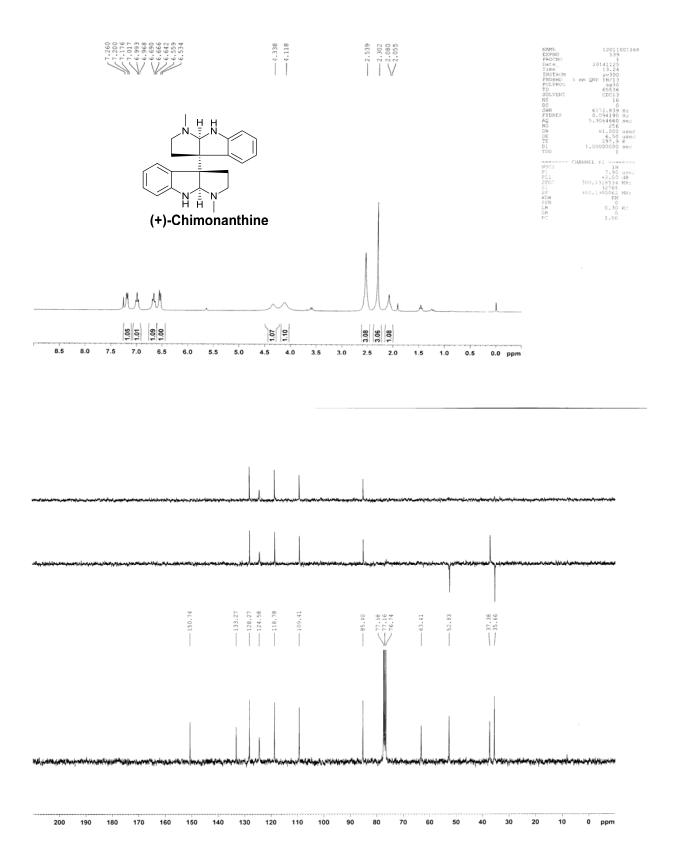


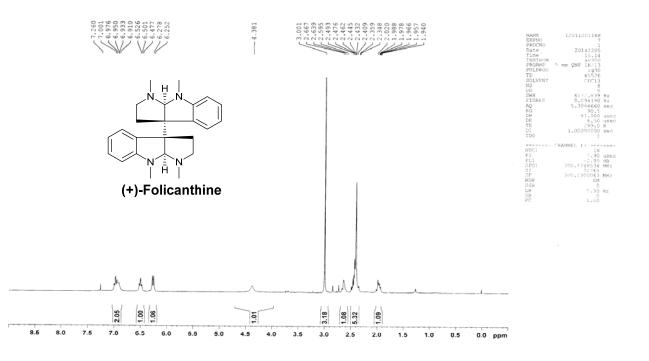


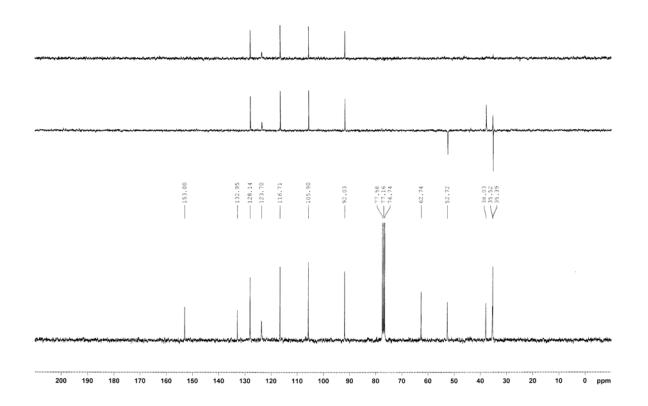


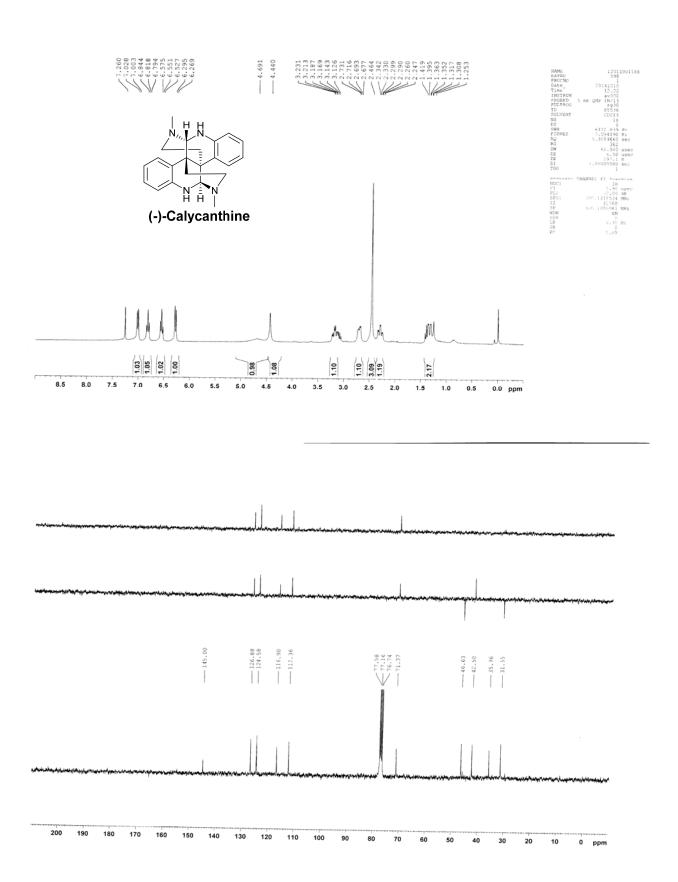


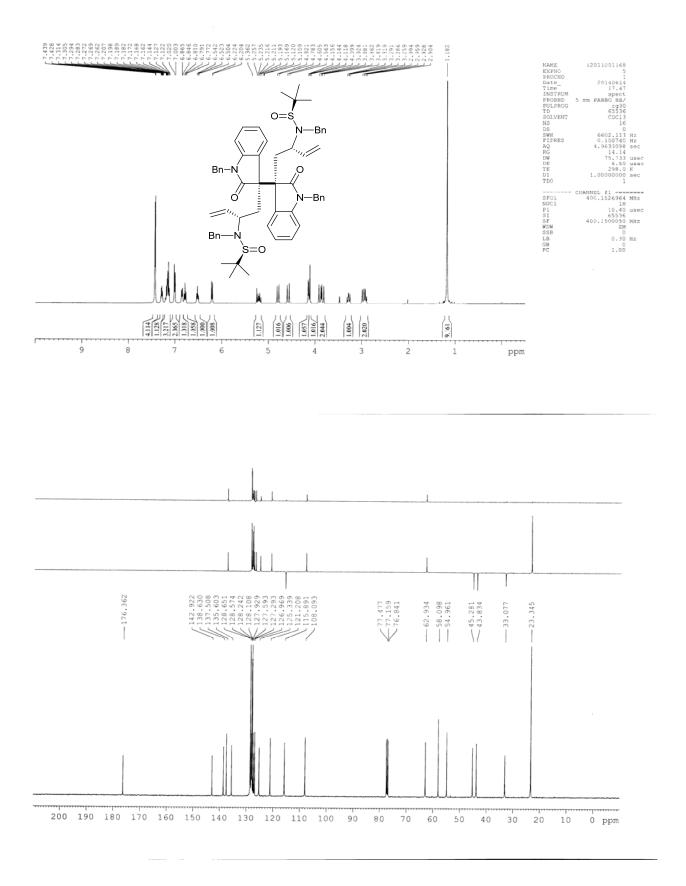


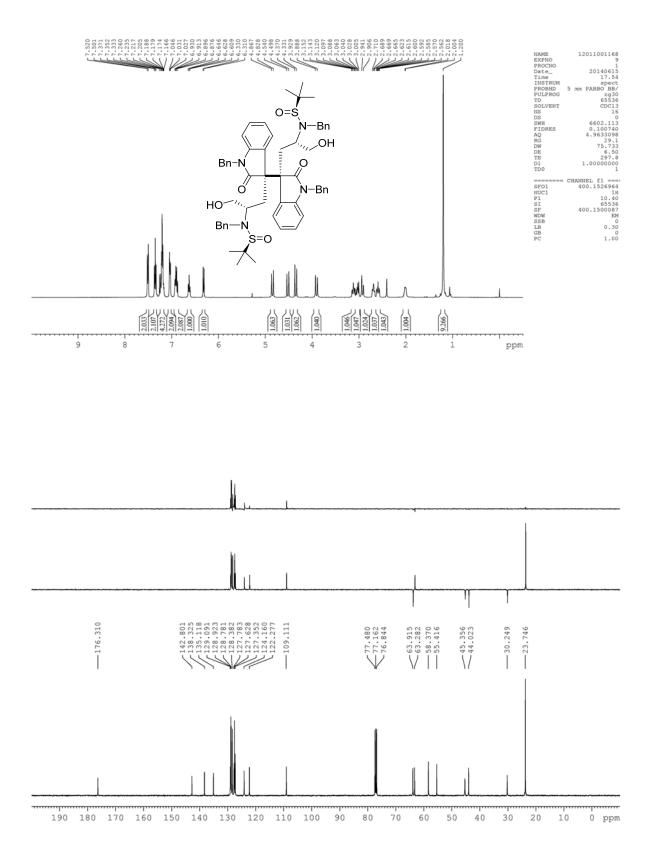


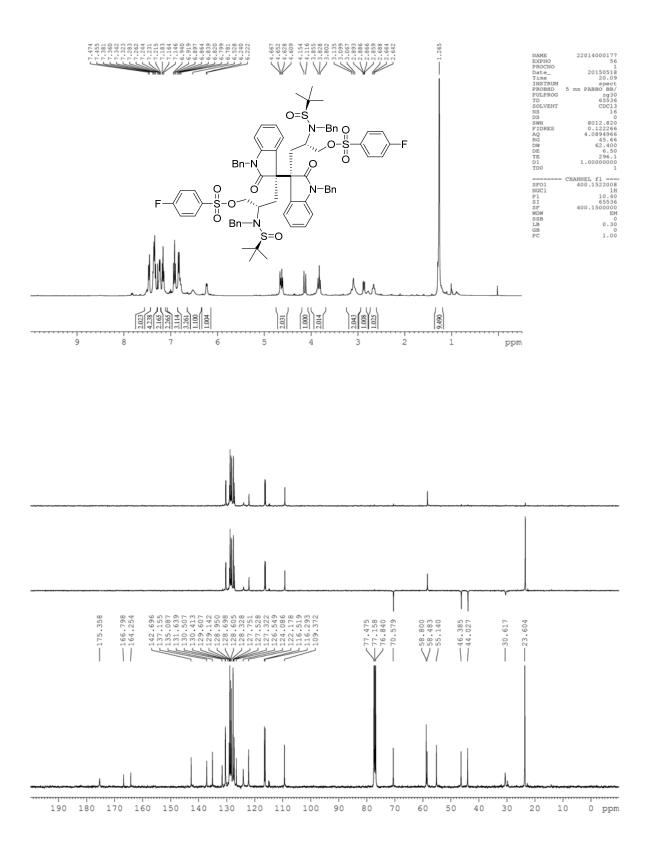


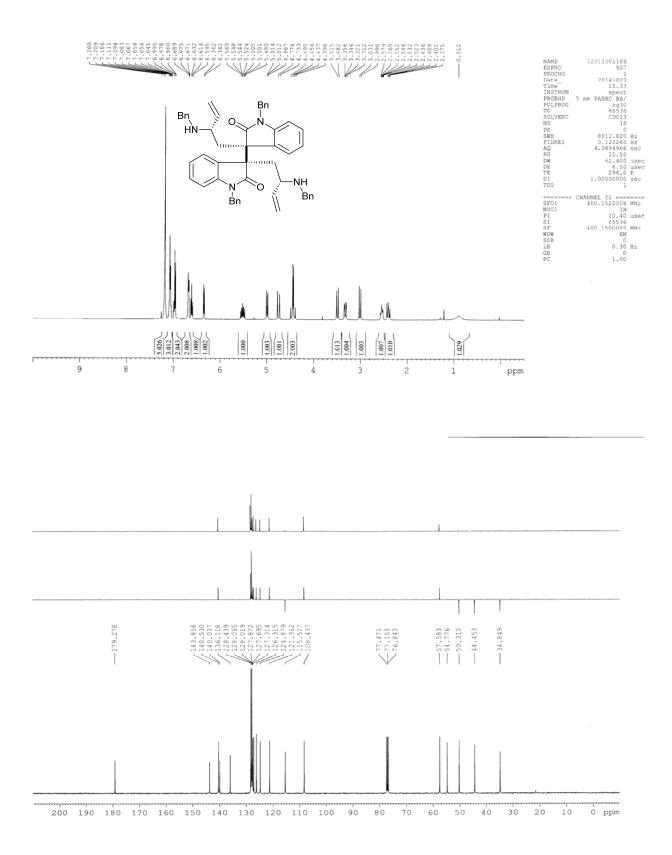


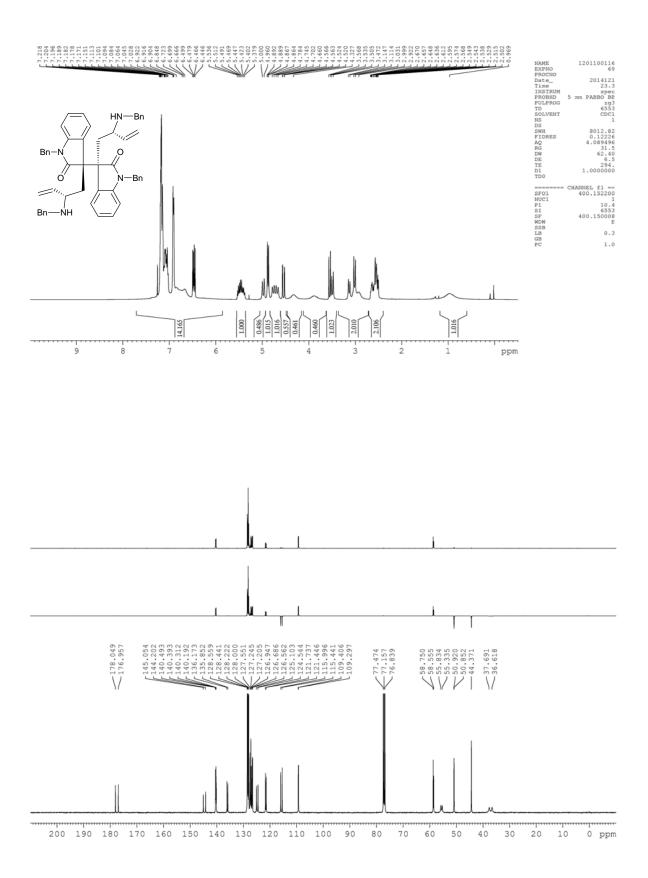


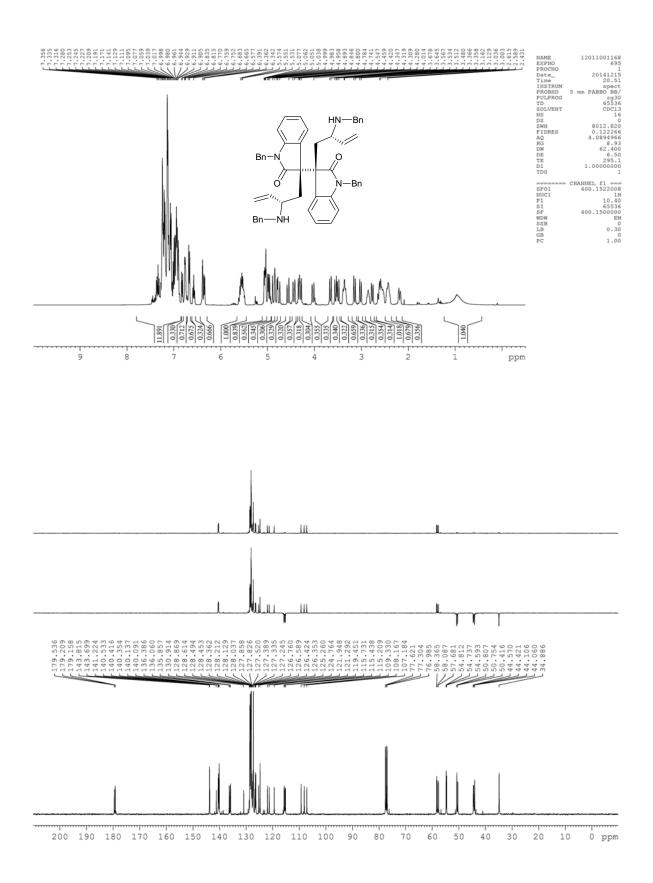


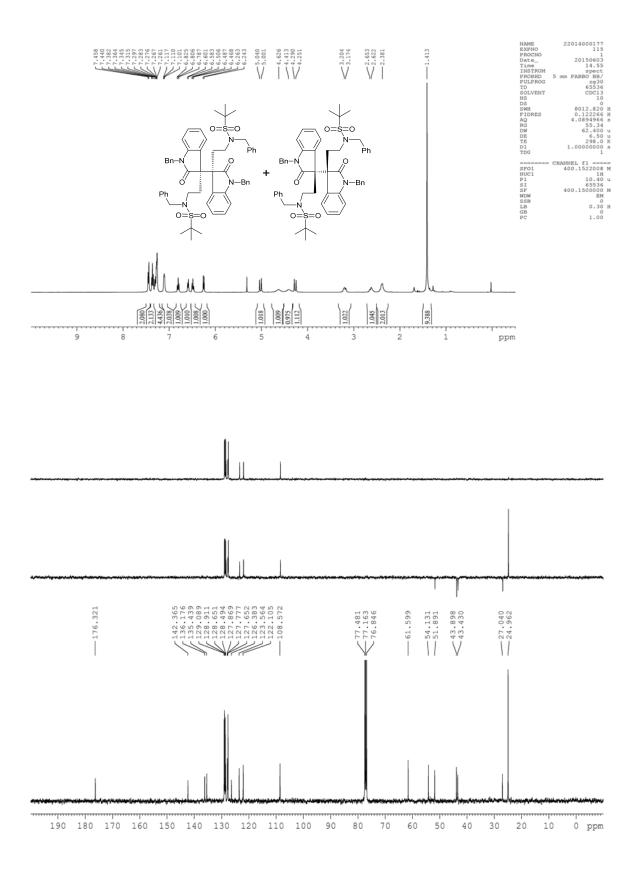


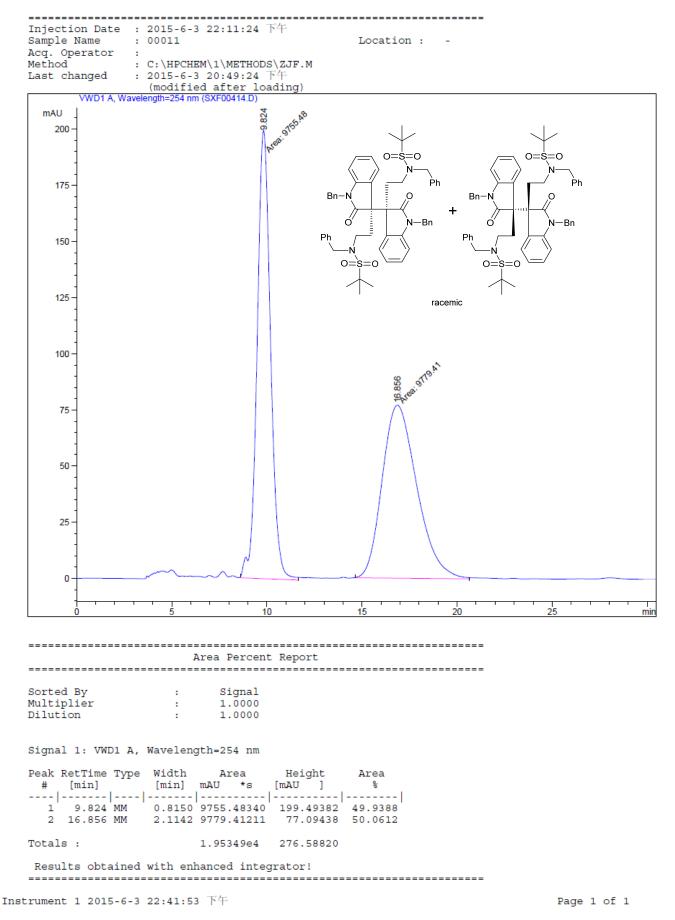


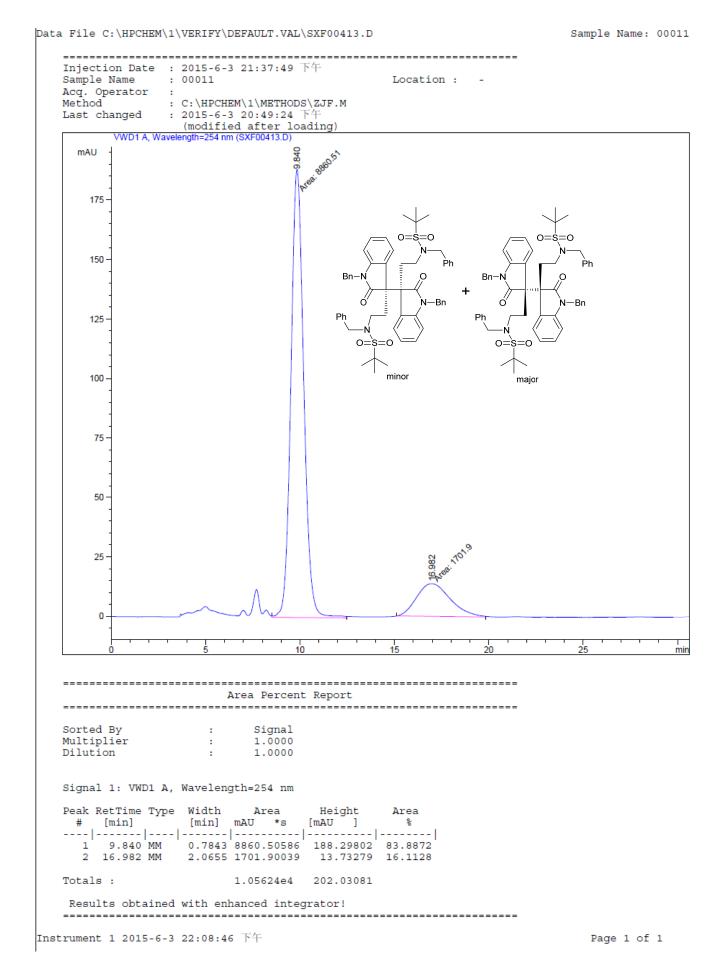


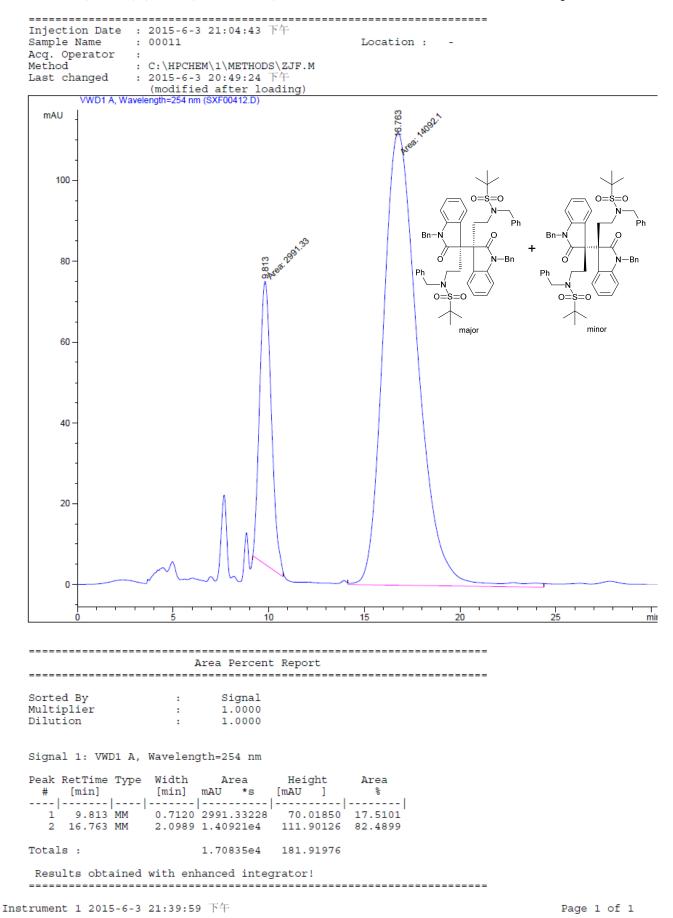






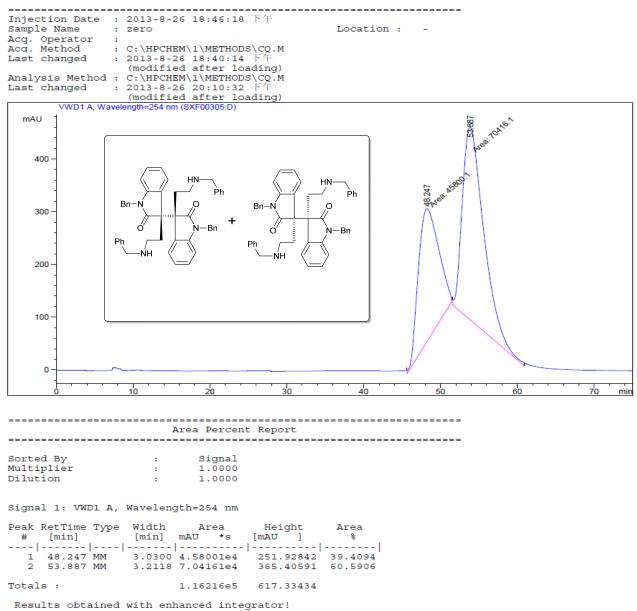






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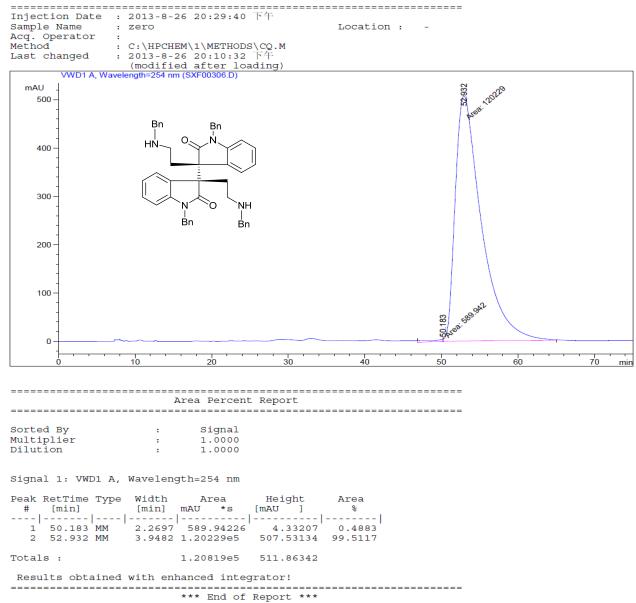


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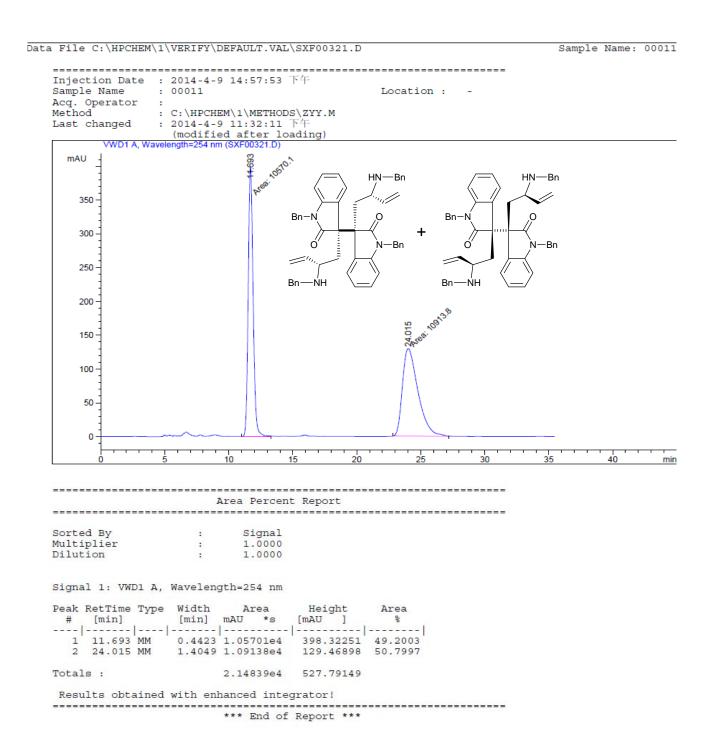
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