# Enantioselective Synthesis of Fused Heterocycles with Contiguous Stereogenic Centers by Chiral Phosphoric Acid-Catalyzed Symmetry Breaking

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#### **General experimental procedures**

All reactions utilizing air- and moisture-sensitive reagents were performed in dried glassware under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen. Ethereal solvents (THF, Et<sub>2</sub>O) were distilled from benzophenone ketyl. Dichloromethane and 1,2-dichloroethane were distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub>. Benzene and toluene were distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub>, and stored over 4A molecular sieves. *N*,*N*-Dimethylformamide (DMF) was distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub>, and stored over CaH<sub>2</sub>, and stored over 4A molecular sieves.

For thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis, Merck pre-coated plates (silica gel 60  $F_{254}$ , Art 5715, 0.25 mm) were used. Column chromatography and preparative TLC (PTLC) were performed on PSQ 60B, Fuji Silysia Chemical Ltd. and Wakogel B-5F, Wako Pure Chemical Industries, respectively.

Melting point (mp) determinations were performed by using a AS ONE ATM-01 instrument and are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, <sup>19</sup>F NMR, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR were measured on a varian-400 MR (Varian Ltd., 400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm) downfield from internal standard (tetramethylsilane for <sup>1</sup>H, and  $C_6F_6$  for <sup>19</sup>F, 0.00 ppm), and coupling constants are reported as hertz (Hz). Splitting patterns are indicated as follows: br, broad; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; sep, septet; m, multiplet. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a FTIR-8600PC instrument (Shimadzu Co.). Elemental analysis (EA) was carried out on Flash2000 instrument (Amco Inc.).

#### 1. Preparation of starting materials.

Scheme S1. General synthetic route to aldehyde 5. Preparation of 5a is shown as a representative example according to the reported procedure.<sup>1</sup>



To a solution of  $s1^2$  (2.01 g, 12.6 mmol) in AcOH (112 µL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (12.0 mL) was added acrolein (1.30 mL, 19.5 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred for 15 h, the reaction was stopped by addition of H<sub>2</sub>O. The crude mixture was extracted with EtOAc (x3) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc = 3/1) to afford aldehyde **5a** (2.64 g, 95%) as a yellow oil.

IR (neat) 3433, 3076, 2969, 2929, 2728, 1742, 1708, 1597, 1453, 1376, 1334, 1268, 1215, 1154, 1043, 988, 911 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.31 (s, 3H), 2.12 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 2.42 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.83–7.93 (m, 2H), 7.95–8.04 (m, 2H), 9.66 (brs, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 19.2, 26.7, 38.9, 52.3, 123.6, 136.1, 140.8, 200.3, 203.6. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 72.21; H, 5.59. Found: C, 72.51; H, 5.36.



3-(2-Ethyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)propanal (**5b**).

Yellow oil.

Yield: 65% (from 2-ethyl-1*H*-indene-1,3(2*H*)-dione<sup>2</sup>).

IR (neat) 3430, 2967, 2933, 1741, 1705, 1595, 1458, 1387, 1340, 1252, 1153, 1056, 972, 893, 793 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.72 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.88 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.07–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.32–2.40 (m, 2H), 7.84–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.96–8.03 (m, 2H), 9.64 (t, 1H, *J* = 1.2 Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.2, 26.0, 27.8, 38.8, 57.2, 123.1, 136.0, 142.0, 200.3, 204.0.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 73.03; H, 6.13. Found: C, 72.89; H, 6.01.

Scheme S2. Synthesis of aldehydes 5c and 5d.



To a solution of  $s2^2$  (340 mg, 1.45 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10.0 mL) were successively added Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.10 mL, 0.71 mmol) and acrolein (0.16 mL, 2.4 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred for 1.5 h, the reaction was stopped by addition of H<sub>2</sub>O. The crude mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (x3) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc = 2/1) to afford aldehyde **5c** (450 mg, quant) as a pale yellow solid.

Mp. 115–117 °C.

IR (KBr) 3430, 3031, 2923, 2831, 2727, 1740, 1722, 1704, 1596, 1495, 1455, 1442, 1389, 1339, 1250, 1073, 1030, 935, 759 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.16 (s, 2H), 2.19–2.28 (m, 2H), 2.34–2.42 (m, 2H), 6.90–7.05 (m, 5H), 7.64–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.75–7.86 (m, 2H), 9.65 (brs, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.7, 38.8, 40.9, 58.7, 122.8, 126.8, 128.1, 129.7, 134.9, 135.7, 142.2, 200.0, 203.3.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 78.06; H, 5.52. Found: C, 78.31; H, 5.58.



3-(5,6-Dichloro-2-methyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)propanal (**5d**). White solid.

Mp. 148–150 °C.

Yield: 51% (from commercially available 4,5-dichlorophthalic acid).

IR (KBr) 3062, 2932, 2719, 1747, 1714, 1580, 1451, 1378, 1297, 1264, 1222, 1195, 1100, 1041, 997, 898, 755 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.30 (s, 3H), 2.10 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.44 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 8.06 (s, 2H), 9.66 (brs, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 19.2, 26.6, 38.7, 52.7, 125.3, 139.4, 141.6, 199.9, 201.3. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{10}Cl_2O_3$ : C, 54.76; H, 3.54. Found: C, 54.51; H, 3.76.

Scheme S3. General synthetic route to aldehyde s4. Preparation of s4a is shown as a representative example.<sup>1</sup>



To a solution of **s1** (800 mg, 5.01 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10.0 mL) were successively added  $Et_3N$  (1.10 mL, 7.83 mmol) and allyl bromide (0.65 mL, 7.5 mmol) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 38 h at room temperature, the reaction was stopped by addition of saturated aqueous  $NH_4Cl$  at 0 °C. The crude mixture was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (x3) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried ( $Na_2SO_4$ ) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc = 2/1) to afford **s3** (880 mg, 88%) as a pale yellow oil.

Ozone was bubbled through a solution of s3 (600 mg, 3.00 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (42.0 mL) at -78 °C. Upon consumption of the s3, nitrogen was bubbled through the mixture followed by the addition of triphenylphosphine (790 mg, 3.00 mmol). The mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature and allowed to stir for 1 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc = 2/1) to afford aldehyde s4a (530 mg, 86%) as a white solid.

Mp. 162–164 °C.

IR (KBr) 3427, 2974, 2849, 2729, 1740, 1710, 1598, 1451, 1393, 1375, 1336, 1286, 1199, 1158, 1091, 1024, 1006, 961, 908, 761 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.27 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 2H), 7.82–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.95–8.04 (m, 2H), 9.52 (brs, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 20.8, 48.9, 50.3, 123.5, 135.5, 140.5, 198.1, 202.4. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 54.76; H, 3.54. Found: C, 54.51; H, 3.76.



2-(2-Ethyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetaldehyde (s4b).

White solid.

Mp. 155–157 °C.

Yield: 85% (from 2-ethyl-1*H*-indene-1,3(2*H*)-dione<sup>2</sup>).

IR (KBr) 2916, 2835, 2729, 1743, 1713, 1597, 1439, 1394, 1382, 1360, 1330, 1258, 1188, 1159, 984, 946, 895, 790 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.77 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.76 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.23 (s, 2H), 7.82–7.89 (m, 2H), 7.95–8.02 (m, 2H), 9.53 (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.9, 28.8, 47.9, 54.3, 123.1, 135.4, 141.6, 198.2, 202.6. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{12}O_3$ : C, 72.21; H, 5.59. Found: C, 72.03; H, 5.41.

2-(2-Benzyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetaldehyde (s4c).

Pale yellow solid.

Mp. 102–104 °C.

Yield: 94% (from **s2**).

IR (KBr) 3434, 3031, 2844, 2734, 1744, 1708, 1599, 1494, 1455, 1383, 1358, 1330, 1284, 1250, 1208, 1028, 964, 925, 764 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.02 (s, 2H), 3.31 (s, 2H), 6.86–6.93 (m, 2H), 6.97–7.08 (m, 2H), 9.52 (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 41.7, 48.7, 55.6, 122.7, 127.1, 128.1, 129.7, 13.8, 135.1, 141.9, 197.8, 202.2.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 77.68; H, 5.07. Found: C, 77.42; H, 5.21.

2-(5,6-Dichloro-2-methyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)acetaldehyde (s4d).

White solid.

Mp. 224-226 °C.

Yield: 92% (from commercially available 4,5-dichlorophthalic acid). IR (neat) 2877, 2361, 1753, 1711, 1581, 1455, 1392, 1379, 1303, 1280, 1195, 1014, 969, 909, 871 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.25 (s, 3H), 3.27 (s, 2H), 8.06 (s, 2H), 9.49 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 20.6, 49.3, 50.5, 125.4, 139.3, 140.8, 198.1, 200.2. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{12}Cl_2O_3$ : C, 62.27; H, 3.48. Found: C, 62.44; H, 3.67.

Scheme S4. General synthetic route to secondary amine 1. Preparation of 1ac is shown as a representative example.



To a solution of **5a** (100 mg, 0.46 mmol) in MeOH (10.0 mL) and AcOH (1 drop) were successively added 3-aminophenol (54.7 mg, 0.501 mmol) and NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN (23.4 mg, 0.372 mmol) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 2 h at room temperature, the reaction was stopped by addition of H<sub>2</sub>O. The crude mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (x3) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by preparative TLC (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) to afford **1ac** (58.7 mg, 42%) as a brown oil.

IR (neat) 3412, 3060, 2931, 2868, 1740, 1696, 1594, 1505, 1454, 1375, 1335, 1288, 1048, 983, 912, 829 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) d 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.31–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.86–1.95 (m, 2H), 2.91 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 6.01 (dd, 1H, J = 2.0, 2.0 Hz), 6.05 (dd, 1H, J = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.18 (dd, 1H, J = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.92 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.82–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.93–8.00 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 19.9, 24.9, 32.6, 43.8, 53.7, 99.8, 104.6, 105.4, 123.4, 130.0, 136.0, 141.0, 149.4, 156.9, 204.8.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 73.77; H, 6.19; N, 4.53. Found: C, 73.93; H, 5.96; N, 4.47.



2-Ethyl-2-(3-(3-hydroxyphenylamino)propyl)-1*H*-indene-1,3(2*H*)-dione (1b).

Brown oil.

Yield: 49%.

IR (neat) 3402, 3020, 2965, 2934, 2876, 1739, 1702, 1594, 1497, 1459, 1341, 1260, 1184, 1159, 967, 894, 827 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.70 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.28–1.40 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.97 (m, 4H), 2.96 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 5.99 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 2.0 Hz), 6.08 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.14 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.96 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.82–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.94–8.02 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.1, 24.8, 28.5, 31.9, 43.8, 58.6, 99.7, 104.5, 105.4, 123.0, 130.0, 135.9, 142.2, 149.5, 157.0, 205.1.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 74.28; H, 6.55; N, 4.33. Found: C, 74.10; H, 6.73; N, 4.19.



2-Benzyl-2-(3-(3-hydroxyphenylamino)propyl)-1*H*-indene-1,3(2*H*)-dione (1c).

Yellow amorphous.

Yield: 48%.

IR (neat) 3403, 3030, 2921, 2852, 1739, 1703, 1595, 1496, 1454, 1339, 1249, 1183, 1159, 938, 829, 758 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.32–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.99–2.10 (m, 2H), 2.98 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 3.13 (s, 2H), 6.06 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 2.0 Hz), 6.13 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.19 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.90–7.05 (m, 6H), 7.63–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.75–7.82 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 24.9, 32.7, 41.6, 43.9, 60.0, 99.5, 104.4, 105.7, 122.7, 126.7, 128.0, 129.7, 130.2, 135.2, 135.6, 142.5, 149.5, 156.8, 204.2.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 77.90; H, 6.01; N, 3.63. Found: C, 77.76; H, 6.25; N, 3.79.



5,6-Dichloro-2-(3-(3-hydroxyphenylamino)propyl)-2-methyl-1*H*-indene-1,3(2*H*)-dione (1d).

Brown oil.

Yield: 33%.

IR (neat) 3393, 2924, 2852, 2355, 2336, 1744, 1712, 1579, 1496, 1456, 1376, 1299, 1159, 984, 757 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.28 (s, 3H), 1.33–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.97 (m, 2H), 2.96 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 5.99 (dd, 1H, J = 2.0, 2.0 Hz), 6.08 (dd, 1H, J = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.17 (dd, 1H, J = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.96 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 8.04 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 20.1, 25.0, 32.8, 43.8, 54.1, 99.6, 104.6, 105.8, 125.2, 130.1, 139.7, 141.4, 149.3, 156.7, 202.2.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 60.33; H, 4.53; N, 3.70. Found: C, 60.14; H, 4.72; N, 3.86.



2-(2-(3-Hydroxyphenylamino)ethyl)-2-methyl-1*H*-indene-1,3(2*H*)-dione (**s5a**).

Yellow amorphous.

Yield: 54%.

IR (neat) 3393, 3019, 2968, 2929, 2868, 1739, 1701, 1597, 1497, 1335, 1189, 1040, 979, 758 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.32 (s, 3H), 2.21 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.96 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 5.84 (brs, 1H), 5.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.10 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.87 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.73–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.87–7.95 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 20.0, 34.9, 39.9, 53.1, 100.0, 105.0, 105.4, 123.1, 129.7, 135.4, 140.7, 148.3, 156.6, 204.2.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 73.20; H, 5.80; N, 4.74. Found: C, 73.12; H, 5.57; N, 4.98.

2-Ethyl-2-(2-(3-hydroxyphenylamino)ethyl)-1*H*-indene-1,3(2*H*)-dione (**s5b**).

Yellow oil.

Yield: 52%.

IR (neat) 3393, 2965, 2924, 2359, 1739, 1700, 1595, 1397, 1458, 1339, 1252, 1184, 1159, 967, 830 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.71 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.88 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.20 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.93 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 5.81 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 2.0 Hz), 5.92 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.09 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.87 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.72–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.88–7.94 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.0, 28.8, 34.7, 39.8, 57.7, 99.5, 104.8, 105.5, 122.8, 129.9, 135.6, 142.2, 148.6, 156.6, 204.5.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 73.77; H, 6.19; N, 4.53. Found: C, 73.66; H, 6.46; N, 4.31.



2-Benzyl-2-(2-(3-hydroxyphenylamino)ethyl)-1*H*-indene-1,3(2*H*)-dione (**s5c**).

Yellow oil.

Yield: 89%.

IR (neat) 3394, 3030, 2921, 1737, 1701, 1595, 1496, 1455, 1438, 1358, 1250, 1202, 1160, 926, 830, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.30 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.92 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 3.14 (s, 2H), 5.85 (brs, 1H), 5.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.15 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.84 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.88–7.04 (m, 5H), 7.49–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.72 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 35.3, 37.0, 41.8, 59.0, 99.5, 104.8, 105.5, 122.5, 126.8, 128.0, 129.8, 130.0, 134.9, 135.3, 142.3, 148.6, 156.6, 203.8.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 77.61; H, 5.70; N, 3.77. Found: C, 77.46; H, 5.88; N, 3.51.

5,6-Dichloro-2-(2-(3-hydroxyphenylamino)ethyl)-2-methyl-1*H*-indene-1,3(2*H*)-dione (**s5d**).

Pale orange amorphous.

Yield: 70%.

IR (neat) 3391, 2930, 2859, 1708, 1582, 1497, 1452, 1375, 1301, 1237, 1041, 991, 909, 833 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.26 (s, 3H), 2.21 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.92 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 5.88 (brs, 1H), 5.92 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.86 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.87 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 20.1, 35.9, 40.4, 54.5, 100.1, 10.5.7, 105.9, 125.0, 129.9, 139.7, 140.2, 147.8, 156.5, 206.2.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 59.36; H, 4.15; N, 3.85. Found: C, 59.42; H, 4.30; N, 3.79.

#### 2. Synthesis of tricyclic piperidine and pyrrolidine derivatives.

#### General procedure of the reductive amination.

To a mixture of amine **1** or **s5** (0.10 mmol), Hantzsch ester (0.15 mmol), activated MS3A (120 mg), and chiral phosphoric acid (0.01 mmol, 10 mol%) was added toluene (2.0 mL) at appropriate temperature. After completion of the reaction, the crude material was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> pad and the resulting filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by preparative TLC to give cyclic amine derivatives **2** or **7**.



(4a*S*,9b*S*)-1-(3-Hydroxyphenyl)-4a-methyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-indeno[1,2-*b*]pyridi n-5(9b*H*)-one (**2ac**).

Yellow amorphous.

Yield: 87%, 94% ee.

HPLC [DAICEL CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OJ-H,  $\phi$  0.46 x 25 cm, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 5/1, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, retention time (min) = 28.9 (3.0%), 32.0 (97.0%)].

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +171 (c 0.610, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

IR (neat) 3364, 2934, 2855, 1698, 1603, 1497, 1463, 1322, 1203, 1011, 989, 909, 764 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.24–1.38 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.47–1.80 (m, 3H), 2.84–2.94 (m, 1H), 3.48–3.60 (m, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 5.99 (brs, 1H), 6.35 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.55 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 2.0 Hz), 6.59 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.13 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.31 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.39 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.49 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 0.8, 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.79 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 20.1, 20.6, 31.7, 42.7, 50.1, 63.5, 101.1, 105.0, 106.5, 124.2, 125.4, 128.6, 130.4, 134.8, 135.7, 152.3, 152.5, 157.1, 208.4.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 77.79; H, 6.53; N, 4.77. Found: C, 77.68; H, 6.64; N, 4.51.



(4aS,9bS)-4a-Ethyl-1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-indeno[1,2-*b*]pyridin-5(9b*H*)-one (**2b**).

Yellow amorphous.

Yield: 52%, 83% ee.

HPLC [DAICEL CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> OJ-H,  $\phi$  0.46 x 25 cm, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 20/1, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, retention time (min) = 16.3 (91.4%), 30.6 (8.6%)].

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +149 (c 0.340, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

IR (neat) 3355, 2959, 2937, 2877, 2855, 1692, 1603, 1498, 1462, 1391, 1322, 1268, 1197, 1150, 998, 970, 906, 820 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.92 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.18–1.28 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.95 (m, 6H), 2.90–3.01 (m, 1H), 3.45 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 6.8, 6.8, 14.0 Hz), 5.29 (brs, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 6.32 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.4, 8.0 Hz), 6.53 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.4, 2.4 Hz), 6.62 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.4, 8.0 Hz), 7.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.36 (dd, 1H, *J* = 0.8, 7.6 Hz), 7.41 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.51 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 0.8, 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.79 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.2, 19.8, 27.7, 30.6, 42.9, 54.6, 59.6, 100.7, 104.8, 106.2, 123.8, 125.5, 128.6, 130.4, 134.8, 136.6, 152.2, 153.7, 157.1, 208.9.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 78.15; H, 6.89; N, 4.56. Found: C, 78.39; H, 6.74; N, 4.32.



(4a*R*,9b*S*)-4a-Benzyl-1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-indeno[1,2-*b*]pyridin -5(9b*H*)-one (**2c**). Yellow amorphous.

Yield: 16%, 79% ee.

HPLC [DAICEL CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> OJ-H,  $\phi$  0.46 x 25 cm, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 5/1, 1.0 mL/min, 290 nm, retention time (min) = 11.2 (89.7%), 15.7 (10.3%)].

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +112 (c 0.220, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

IR (neat) 2283, 3028, 2938, 2855, 1697, 1603, 1496, 1455, 1392, 1324, 1262, 1197, 1053, 998, 962, 909, 821 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.36–1.50 (m, 1H), 1.62–1.90 (m, 3H), 2.83–2.95 (m, 1H), 2.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 3.45 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 3.53–3.62 (m, 1H), 5.18 (brs, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 6.32 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.40 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 2.0 Hz), 6.49 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.07–7.22 (m, 7H), 7.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.40 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.2, 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 20.4, 31.8, 38.7, 42.7, 55.7, 58.4, 101.1, 105.1, 106.6, 124.1, 125.2, 126.5, 128.3, 128.4, 130.4, 130.6, 134.6, 135.5, 137.9, 152.2, 153.0, 157.0, 207.3.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 81.27; H, 6.27; N, 3.79. Found: C, 81.53; H, 6.13; N, 3.61.



(4a*S*,9b*S*)-7,8-Dichloro-1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-4a-methyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-indeno[1,2-*b*]pyridin-5(9b*H*)-one (**2e**).

Yellow amorphous.

Yield: 87%, 98% ee.

HPLC [DAICEL CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OJ-H,  $\phi$  0.46 x 25 cm, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 5/1, 0.5 mL/min, 330 nm, retention time (min) = 16.8 (99.0%), 18.1 (1.0%)].

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +292 (c 0.850, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

IR (neat) 3383, 2937, 2855, 1707, 1596, 1497, 1456, 1391, 1284, 1204, 1011, 956, 908, 826, 801 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.29–1.38 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.56–1.84 (m, 3H), 2.87–2.97 (m, 1H), 3.52–3.64 (m, 1H), 4.90 (brs, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 6.33 (dd, 1H, J =

2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.50 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 2.0 Hz), 6.59 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 19.9, 20.5, 31.6, 42.8, 50.6, 63.1, 101.2, 105.5, 106.7, 125.7, 127.3, 130.6, 133.7, 135.3, 139.3, 151.3, 151.9, 157.0, 205.6.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 63.00; H, 4.73; N, 3.87. Found: C, 62.86; H, 4.63; N, 3.64.



(3a*S*,8b*S*)-1-(3-Hydroxyphenyl)-3a-methyl-1,2,3,3a-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*b*]pyrrol-4(8b *H*)-one (**7a**).

Yellow amorphous.

Yield: 81%, 81% ee.

HPLC [DAICEL CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OJ-H,  $\phi$  0.46 x 25 cm, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 5/1, 0.5 mL/min, 290 nm, retention time (min) = 14.7 (9.5%), 20.2 (90.5%)].

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +379 (c 0.840, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

IR (neat) 382, 2967, 2928, 2868, 1716, 1604, 1500, 1464, 1372, 1334, 1294, 1222, 1166, 1091, 1017, 969, 827 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.45 (s, 3H), 1.90–2.01 (m, 1H), 2.18–2.21 (m, 1H), 3.36–3.57 (m, 2H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 6.31 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.39 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 2.0 Hz), 6.50 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.55 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.2, 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.67 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.77 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 19.6, 35.3, 49.1, 56.4, 69.6, 100.2, 104.3, 106.0, 124.2, 126.7, 129.1, 130.3, 134.7, 135.5, 149.3, 152.9, 156.8, 206.8.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 77.40; H, 6.13; N, 5.01. Found: C, 77.16; H, 6.29; N, 5.15.



(3a*S*,8b*S*)-3a-Ethyl-1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-1,2,3,3a-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*b*]pyrrol-4(8b*H*)-one (**7b**).

Yellow amorphous.

Yield: 64%, 92% ee.

HPLC [DAICEL CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OJ-H,  $\phi$  0.46 x 25 cm, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 5/1, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, retention time (min) = 18.0 (3.9%), 39.0 (96.1%)].

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +325 (c 0.640, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

IR (neat) 3360, 2965, 2929, 1697, 1604, 1500, 1462, 1363, 1336, 1296, 1219, 1167, 1011, 909, 822, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.90 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.72–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.96–2.21 (m, 3H), 3.21–3.31 (m, 1H), 3.38–3.50 (m, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 6.31 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.42 (brs, 1H), 6.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.43 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.52 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.2, 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.66 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.9, 26.9, 34.5, 48.3, 61.1, 65.5, 100.4, 104.4, 106.1, 123.8, 126.7, 129.0, 130.2, 135.5, 135.7, 148.9, 153.2, 157.0, 207.9.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 77.79; H, 6.53; N, 4.77. Found: C, 77.63; H, 6.38; N, 4.86.



(3a*S*,8b*S*)-3a-Benzyl-1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-1,2,3,3a-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-*b*]pyrrol-4(8b *H*)-one (**7c**). Yellow amorphous.

Yield: 80%, 89% ee.

HPLC [DAICEL CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OJ-H,  $\phi$  0.46 x 25 cm, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 5/1, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, retention time (min) = 31.1 (5.4%), 39.5 (94.6%)].

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  +130 (c 0.240, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

IR (neat) 3382, 3028, 2930, 1698, 1604, 1499, 1455, 1366, 1294, 1224, 1099, 1015, 909, 822, 792 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.08–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.86 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 3.27–3.39 (m, 2H), 3.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 5.19 (s, 1H), 5.37 (brs, 1H), 6.28–6.35 (m, 2H), 6.41 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.4 Hz), 7.06–7.20 (m, 6H), 7.35 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.44 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.2, 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.71 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 34.7, 38.8, 48.8, 61.9, 65.2, 99.9, 104.3, 105.7, 124.0, 126.5, 126.6, 128.4, 128.9, 130.0, 130.3, 134.9, 135.4, 137.4, 149.1, 153.4, 156.9, 206.1.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 81.10; H, 5.96; N, 3.94. Found: C, 81.37; H, 6.05; N, 3.88.



(3a*S*,8b*S*)-6,7-Dichloro-1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-3a-methyl-1,2,3,3a-tetrahydroindeno[1,2*b*]pyrrol-4(8b*H*)-one (**7d**).

Yellow amorphous.

Yield: 71%, 86% ee.

HPLC [DAICEL CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OJ-H,  $\phi$  0.46 x 25 cm, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 5/1, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, retention time (min) = 13.5 (7.2%), 18.0 (92.8%)].

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{22}$  +377 (c 0.240, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

IR (neat) 3393, 2970, 2930, 2870, 1705, 1616, 1592, 1499, 1449, 1383, 1327, 1304, 1217, 1166, 1022, 956, 894, 823 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.45 (s, 3H), 1.91–2.02 (m, 1H), 2.04–2.18 (m, 1H), 3.37–3.55 (m, 2H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 5.44 (brs, 1H), 6.31–6.37 (m, 2H), 6.46 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.4 Hz), 7.18 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.4, 8.4 Hz), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 19.3, 35.2, 49.2, 57.0, 69.0, 100.1, 104.9, 105.7, 125.6, 128.6, 130.5, 134.2, 134.2, 139.8, 148.9, 151.7, 157.0, 204.4.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 62.08; H, 4.34; N, 4.02. Found: C, 61.79; H, 4.55; N, 3.92.

### 3. Determination of the absolute configuration.

Scheme S5. Transformation to *p*-bromobenzoate s6.



To a solution of **2ac** (13.9 mg, 0.048 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) were successively added DMAP (11.9 mg, 0.0480 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (6.8  $\mu$ L, 0.048 mmol), and 4-bromobenzoyl chloride (14.0 mg, 0.064 mmol) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 2 h at room temperature, the reaction was stopped by addition of saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl at 0 °C. The crude mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (x3) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by preparative TLC (hexane/EtOAc = 3/1) to afford **s6** (14.0 mg, 66%) as a white amorphous.

Colorless crystal (recrystallized from EtOH), which was subjected to X-ray crystal analysis.

Mp. 193-194 °C.

HPLC [DAICEL CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OJ-H,  $\phi$  0.46 x 25 cm, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 5/1, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, retention time (min) = 24.6 (6.3%), 39.1 (93.8%)].

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26}$  +216 (c 0.710, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

IR (neat) 3071, 2935, 2855, 1735, 1717, 1606, 1495, 1463, 1396, 1263, 1169, 1074, 1011, 987, 966, 936, 887 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.30–1.40 (m, 1H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.57–1.83 (m, 3H), 2.90–3.01 (m, 1H), 3.52–3.64 (m, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 6.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.83 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 2.0 Hz), 6.94 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.0 Hz), 7.30–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.54 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 0.8, 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.62–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 8.02–8.09 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 20.2, 20.8, 31.6, 42.9, 50.1, 63.5, 107.1, 110.8, 111.4, 124.2, 125.3, 128.6, 128.7, 128.7, 130.2, 131.6, 131.9, 134.8, 135.9, 152.0, 152.1, 152.2, 164.5, 207.7.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub>: C, 65.55; H, 4.66; N, 2.94. Found: C, 65.71; H, 4.85; N, 3.05.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1b**.

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HPLC chart of 2ac (racemic).









HPLC chart of 2b (racemic).





<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **2c**.



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HPLC chart of 2c (racemic).

















## HPLC chart of 7a.


HPLC chart of 7a (racemic).







## HPLC chart of 7b.











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HPLC chart of 7d (racemic).









HPLC chart of s6 (racemic).

