# Combining cycloisomerization with trienamine catalysis: A regiochemically flexible enantio- and diastereoselective synthesis of hexahydroindoles

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#### **1. EXPERIMENTAL**

#### **1.1 General Experimental Considerations**

*Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy:* <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were acquired on Bruker DRX500, AVII500 (500 MHz, with cryoprobe) or AVIII400 (400 MHz) spectrometers and were referenced to residual nondeuterated solvent peaks in CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  = 7.26) or C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> ( $\delta$  = 7.16). Chemical shifts ( $\delta_{H}$  and  $\delta_{C}$ ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) with signal splittings recorded as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), quintet (quin), and multiplet (m); app = apparent. Coupling constants (*J*) are measured to the nearest 0.1 Hz and are presented as observed. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were obtained on Bruker AVII500 (126 MHz, with cryoprobe) or AVIII400 (101 MHz) spectrometers and were referenced to solvent peaks in CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  = 77.16). Where diastereomeric mixtures are formed, data is given for the major diastereomer, unless specified otherwise.

*Mass Spectrometry:* Low-resolution mass spectra (m/z) were recorded on a Waters LCT Premier EX mass spectrometer, using electrospray ionization (ESI). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded by the Departmental Mass Spectrometry Service, University of Oxford on a Bruker MicroTOF (resolution = 5000 FWHM) using electrospray ionisation (ES<sup>+</sup>). The parent ion [M]<sup>+</sup>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup> or [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> is calculated to 4 decimal places from the molecular formula, and all values are within a tolerance of 5 ppm.

*Infrared Spectroscopy:* Absorption spectra were obtained in  $CHCl_3$  as solvent on a Bruker Tensor 27 FT-IR spectrometer. The sample was prepared as a thin film on a diamond/ZnSe PIKE Miracle ATR module. Wavelengths of maximum absorbance ( $v_{max}$ ) are quoted in wavenubers (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Only selected, characteristic IR absorption data are provided for each compound.

*Specific rotations:* Optical rotations were recorded on a Perkin Elmer 241 or 341 polarimeter with a path length of 1 dm (using the sodium D line, 589 nm). Specific rotations ( $[\alpha]_D$ ) are reported in units of 10<sup>-1</sup> deg cm<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>. Concentrations are reported in g/100 mL. Temperatures are reported in °C (typically 25 °C).

*Chromatography:* Flash chromatography refers to normal phase column chromatography on silica gel using a head pressure of N<sub>2</sub>, using either Merck Geduran<sup>®</sup> Silicagel 60 (40 - 63  $\mu$ m) or Macherey-Nagel Silica 60 M (40 - 63  $\mu$ m). Thin-layer chromatography was performed on Merck Kieselgel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plates with visualization by ultraviolet light (254 nm) and/or heating the plate after staining with vanillin or KMnO<sub>4</sub>. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on an Agilent 1200 Series running in normal phase under UV detection using a ZORBAX RX-SIL (150 mm x 4.6 mm ID) as the analytical column. Chiral analysis was carried out using DAICEL CHIRALPAK-IA, IB or IC (250 mm x 4.6 mm ID).

*Materials:* Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an atmosphere of argon, using anhydrous reaction solvents.  $Et_2O$ ,  $CH_2CI_2$ , THF and toluene were dried over activated alumina before use. All other commercially available reagents and solvents were either used as received, and/or dried and purified before use using standard procedures. Petroleum ether refers to the fraction of light petroleum ether boiling at 40-60 °C unless stated otherwise.

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#### **1.2 General Procedures**

#### General Procedure A: Mitsunobu Reaction

DIAD (1.3 equiv.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of alcohol (1.0 equiv.), triphenylphosphine (1.5 equiv.) and methyl tosylcarbamate (1.2 equiv.) in THF (3 mL / mmol of alcohol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight, then it was filtered and concentrated. The residue was taken up in petroleum ether /  $Et_2O$  (1:1, 10 mL / mmol of alcohol), stirred for 5 min, then filtered and concentrated. The residue was once again taken up in petroleum ether /  $Et_2O$  (1:1, 10 mL / mmol of alcohol), stirred for 5 min, then filtered and concentrated. The residue was once filtrate concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography afforded the product.

#### General Procedure B: Carbamate deprotection of sulfonamide carbamates

To a solution of the carbamate (1.0 equiv.) in MeOH (10 mL / mmol carbamate) was added  $K_2CO_3$  (2.0 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at RT, then it was concentrated to a volume of approximately 5 mL. The mixture was then added to NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL / mmol carbamate), and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL / mmol carbamate). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography afforded the product.

#### General Procedure C: Copper(II)-catalysed enynamide formation

According to the procedure of Hsung et al.<sup>1</sup> To a mixture of sulfonamide (1.0 equiv.),  $CuSO_4 \cdot 5H_2O$  (0.2 equiv.), 1,10 phenanthroline (0.4 equiv.) and  $K_3PO_4$  (2.0 equiv.) was added a solution of bromoalkyne (1.4 equiv.) in toluene (2 mL / mmol sulfonamide). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 15 h before being allowed to cool to RT. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite, eluting with Et<sub>2</sub>O, and the filtrate was concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography afforded the ynamide.

#### General Procedure D: Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> promoted synthesis of dichloroenamides

According to the procedure of Anderson et al.<sup>2</sup> To a stirred suspension of amide (1.0 equiv.) and  $Cs_2CO_3$  (3.0 equiv.) in DMF (0.75 mL / mmol amide), at 50 °C, was added trichloroethylene (3.0 equiv.) dropwise over ten minutes. The resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h. Upon cooling to rt, the mixture was partitioned between EtOAc and water, the organic layer was separated and further washed with water (x 3). The organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography afforded the enamide.

#### General Procedure E: Synthesis of ynamides using phenyllithium

According to the procedure of Trost et al.,<sup>3</sup> and Anderson et al.<sup>2</sup> To a stirred solution of 1,2-dichloroenamide (1.0 equiv.) in THF (10 mL / mmol of enamide), at -78 °C was added phenyllithium (2.0 M solution in dibutyl ether, 2.2 equiv.) dropwise over 10 minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h, after which time iodomethane (1.2 equiv.) was added. The solution was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and the aqueous layer extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (x 2). The combined organic extracts were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography afforded the product ynamide.

#### General Procedure F: Palladium-catalysed cycloisomerization

According to the procedure of Anderson et al.<sup>4</sup> To a solution of enynamide (1.0 equiv.) in toluene (6.5 mL / mmol of enynamide) was added N,N-bis-(benzylidene)ethylenediamine (0.05 equiv.) and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.05 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 30 min, then cooled to rt and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography afforded the product.

#### General Procedure G: TBS-deprotection of silyloxy amidodienes

To a solution of diene (1.0 equiv.) in THF (20 mL / mmol of diene) was added TBAF (1.3 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h, before being diluted with EtOAc, filtered through a silica plug and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography afforded the product.

#### General Procedure H: Parikh-Doering Oxidation

Et<sub>3</sub>N (5.0 equiv.), DMSO (7.0 equiv.) and SO<sub>3</sub>•py (3.0 equiv.) were added to a solution of alcohol (1.0 equiv.) in DCM (6 mL / mmol of alcohol) at 0 °C. The solution was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h before being quenched with pH 7 phosphate buffer (20 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20mL), washed with brine (2 x 20mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography afforded the product.

#### General Procedure I: Dess-Martin Oxidation

To a solution of alcohol (1.0 equiv.) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  at 0 °C was added Dess-Martin periodinane (1.2 equiv.), and then the reaction was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 1.5 h. After this time, NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (sat., aq.) was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$ , and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography provided the aldehyde.

## **General Procedure J:** Trienamine-catalysed Diels-Alder cycloaddition with nitrostyrenes and olefinic azlactones

To a vial containing catalyst **10** (0.2 equiv.), benzoic acid (0.2 equiv.) and the respective dienophile (1.0 equiv.) was added the amidodiene (1.4 equiv.) in toluene (5 mL / mmol of amidodiene). The resulting mixture was stirred at RT for 2-5 h, then (ethoxycarbonylmethylene)triphenylphosphorane (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added. The reaction was then stirred overnight, then it was concentrated and the residue directly purified by flash chromatography.

**General Procedure K:** Trienamine-catalysed Diels-Alder cycloaddition with olefinic oxindoles and lactones To a vial containing catalyst **10** (0.2 equiv.), benzoic acid (0.2 equiv.) and the respective dienophile (1.0 equiv.) was added the amidodiene (1.5 equiv.) in toluene (5 mL / mmol of amidodiene). The resulting mixture was stirred at RT for 2-6 h before being diluted with EtOAc, filtered through a silica plug, and concentrated.

#### 1.3 Specific experimental procedures and characterization of compounds

#### 1.3.1 Synthesis of dienal **3a**

Dienal 3a was synthesized according to the following Scheme:



Methyl but-3-en-1-yl(tosyl)carbamate, S1



Prepared by General Procedure **A** using but-3-en-1-ol (1.20 ml, 1.00 g, 13.9 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / Et<sub>2</sub>O (9:1)) to give **S1** as a colourless oil (3.50 g, 12.4 mmol, 89%). **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2980, 1728, 1691, 1450, 1355, 1293, 1185, 767; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.82 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, TsH), 7.29 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, TsH), 5.77 (1H, ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.2 and 6.9 Hz, H3), 5.12-5.05 (2H, m, H4), 4.02-3.76 (2H, m, H1), 3.67 (3H, s, CO<sub>2</sub>Me), 2.47 (2H, dd, *J* = 14.7 and 7.3 Hz, H2), 2.41 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  152.7, 144.5, 136.5, 134.0, 129.2, 128.2, 117.5, 53.6, 46.5, 34.3, 21.5; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 284.0951; found 284.0950.



Prepared by General Procedure **B** using methyl but-3-en-1-yl(tosyl)carbamate **S1** (4.20 g, 14.8 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / Et<sub>2</sub>O (4:1)) to give **S2** as a colourless oil (3.01 g, 13.4 mmol, 90%); <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.74 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, TsH), 7.30 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, TsH), 5.61 (1H, ddt, *J* = 17.0, 10.5 and 7.0 Hz, H3), 5.07-4.98 (2H, m, H4), 4.63 (1H, br s, NH), 3.00 (2H, app q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, H1), 2.42 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.18 (2H, app q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H2); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  143.6, 137.1, 134.3, 129.9, 127.2, 118.2, 42.2, 33.7, 21.7; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for  $C_{11}H_{16}O_2NS [M+H]^+$  226.0896; found 226.0896. Data identical to literature values.<sup>5</sup>

#### N-(But-3-en-1-yl)-N-(4-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)but-1-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide, 5a



Prepared by General Procedure **C** using sulfonamide **S2** (1.83 g, 8.12 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and ((4-bromobut-3yn-1-yl)oxy)(*tert*-butyl)dimethylsilane (2.57 g, 9.75 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (95:5)) to give **5a** as a colourless oil (2.76 g, 6.78 mmol, 84%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2929, 2222, 1364, 1171, 1105; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.76 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 5.70 (1H, ddt, *J* = 17.0, 10.2 and 6.8 Hz, H8), 5.11-4.99 (2H, m, H9), 3.66 (2H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, H1), 3.31 (2H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H6), 2.47 (2H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, H2), 2.43 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.35 (2H, dd, *J* = 14.8 and 6.9 Hz, H7), 0.87 (9H, s, Sit-Bu), 0.04 (6H, s, SiMe<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  144.3, 134.6, 133.7, 129.6, 127.6, 117.4, 73.7, 67.5, 62.1, 50.7, 32.0, 25.8, 22.8, 21.5, 18.2, -5.4; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NSSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 408.2023; found 408.2021.

#### (Z)-2-(3-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)propylidene)-3-methylene-1-tosylpyrrolidine, S3



Prepared by General Procedure **F** using ynamide **5a** (1.02 g, 2.50 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (95:5)) to give **S3** as a colourless oil (0.91 g, 2.23 mmol, 89%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2928, 2857, 1357, 1166, 1092; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.67 (2H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, TsH), 7.23 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz, TsH), 6.03 (1H, t, J = 6.7 Hz, H3), 5.22 (1H, s, H9), 4.66 (1H, s, H9), 3.76 (2H, t, J = 6.1 Hz, H1), 3.53 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz, H6), 2.75 (2H, app q, J = 6.5 Hz, H2), 2.41 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.83 (2H, t, J = 6.4 Hz, H7), 0.91 (9H, s, Si*t*-Bu), 0.07 (6H, s, SiMe<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$ 

143.8, 143.1, 137.5, 135.9, 129.5, 127.7, 118.3, 103.9, 62.6, 48.5, 33.3, 29.0, 25.9, 21.6, 18.3, -5.2; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NSSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 408.2023; found 408.2021.

#### (Z)-3-(3-Methylene-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-ylidene)propan-1-ol, S4



Prepared by General Procedure **G** using **S3** (508 mg, 1.25 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give the title compound **S4** as a colourless oil (350 mg, 1.19 mmol, 96%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3450, 2925, 1090, 1162, 1348, 1597; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.68 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.24 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 5.98 (1H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H3), 5.26 (1H, t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, H9), 4.69 (1H, t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, H9), 3.85 (2H, t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, H1), 3.55 (2H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H6), 2.84 (2H, app. q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H2), 2.41 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.85-1.80 (2H, m, H7); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  144.1, 142.8, 138.6, 135.5, 129.6, 127.7, 118.3, 104.6, 62.3, 48.6, 32.8, 28.8, 21.6; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 294.1158; found 294.1157.

#### (E)-3-(3-Methyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)acrylaldehyde, 3a



Prepared by General Procedure **H** using **S4** (199 mg, 0.68 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether  $\rightarrow$  petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give **3a** as a light yellow oil (108 mg, 0.37 mmol, 55%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3334, 2946, 1738, 1367, 1217, 1021; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.59 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H1 (*this peak appears to be an unresolved ddd*)), 7.50 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.37-7.29 (3H, m, TsH and H3), 6.36 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.0 and 7.8 Hz, H2), 3.67 (2H, t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, H6), 2.35 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.96 (2H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H7), 1.74 (3H, s, H9); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  193.8, 144.2, 142.0, 138.0, 133.7, 133.2, 131.7, 129.6, 127.8, 49.0, 35.3, 21.6, 14.9; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 292.1002; found 292.1001.

#### 1.3.2 Cycloaddition reactions of dienal 3a

3a was reacted with the following dienophiles:



(3'*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 5-ethyl 2'-oxo-7-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,5,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-6,3'-indoline]-1',5-dicarboxylate, 11a



Prepared by General Procedure **K** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** ( $3.2 \mu$ L, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **3a** (21.8 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole **9a** (15.8 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave **11a** as a yellow oil (25.5 mg, 0.042 mmol, 84%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  -13.7 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2925, 1716, 1598, 1348, 1210, 1369, 1346, 706; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.69 (1H, s, H9), 7.98 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, PhH), 7.36-7.27 (3H, m, TsH and PhH), 7.03 (2H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, TsH), 6.76 (1H, td, *J* = 7.6 and 1.0 Hz, PhH), 6.55 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, PhH), 4.01-3.82 (3H, m, H2 and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.77-3.61 (2H, m, H2 and H7), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 11.4, and 7.0 Hz, H5), 3.23 (dd, *J* = 18.9 and 9.1 Hz, H8), 3.03 (1H, dd, *J* = 19.0 and 1.4 Hz, H8), 2.71 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.5 and 6.9 Hz, H4), 2.49-2.39 (6H, m, H4, H3 and TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.63 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.99 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  198.2, 176.3, 171.2, 149.0, 143.6, 139.8, 135.8, 133.7, 133.6, 129.7, 128.0, 127.5, 123.7, 122.9, 120.4, 115.2, 83.9, 61.0, 49.9, 49.1, 43.3, 41.4, 36.8, 30.8, 28.0, 25.5, 21.5, 13.6; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 609.2265; found 609.2265.

HPLC data is listed on the next page.

Chiralpak IB (15% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.3 mL/min, 230 nm) Minor diastereomer:  $t_{\rm R}$ major – 9.6 min, minor – 18.2 min; Major diastereomer:  $t_{\rm R}$ major – 12.8 min, minor – 25.7 min. (98% *ee*).



**Proof of stereochemistry for oxindole cycloadditions:** Cycloadduct **11a** was used to assign the relative stereochemistry of the cycloaddition through <sup>1</sup>H NMR nOe experiments (1D nOe / 2D NOESY). On the beta face (as depicted below), enhancements were seen between H5 and H8, indicating these groups to be on the same face. On the alpha face, enhancements between H7 and one of the aryl protons of the oxindole, indicating these groups to be on the same face.





Prepared by General Procedure **K** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** (3.2  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **3a** (21.8 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole **9b** (17.5 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave **11b** as a light yellow oil (22 mg, 0.034 mmol, 68%);  $[\alpha]_{\rm p}^{25}$ 

-15.6 (*c* = 1.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2982, 1790, 1762, 1727, 1473, 1272, 1151, 909, 728; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.69 (1H, s, H9), 7.97 (1H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, PhH), 7.34 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.28 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.7 and 2.2, PhH), 7.09 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 6.44 (1H, d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, PhH), 4.01 (1H, td, *J* = 10.8 and 6.3 Hz, H2), 3.96-3.83 (2H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.74-3.59 (2H, m, H2 and H7), 3.32 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.6 and 7.1Hz, H5), 3.21 (1H, dd, *J* =19.1 and 9.0 Hz, H4), 3.08 (1H, dd, *J* = 19.1 and 1.2 Hz, H4), 2.73 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.5 and 7.0 Hz, H8), 2.54-2.44 (2H, m, H8 and H3), 2.41 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.39-2.35 (1H, m, H3), 1.63 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.04 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  198.0, 175.7, 171.1, 148.9, 144.1, 138.6, 135.7, 133.4, 132.4, 130.0, 128.9, 128.1, 127.2, 123.1, 119.7, 116.4, 84.3, 61.3, 50.0, 49.1, 43.3, 41.3, 36.5, 30.6, 28.0, 25.4, 21.6, 13.7; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>ClNaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 665.1694; found 665.1686.

Chiralpak IA (20% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm)  $t_{\rm R}$  major - 10.0 min, minor - 8.2 min (>99% *ee*).



hexahydrospiro[indole-6,3'-indoline]-1',5-dicarboxylate, 11c



Prepared by General Procedure **K** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** (3.2  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **3a** (21.8 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole **9c** (17.3 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave **11c** as a red oil (29 mg, 0.045 mmol, 91%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  – 2.03 (*c* = 1.3, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2931, 1787, 1757, 1722, 1597, 1485, 1279, 1155, 771; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.63 (1H, s, H9), 7.86 (1H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, PhH), 7.26 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 6.98 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 6.82-6.72 (1H, m, PhH), 6.08 (1H, d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, PhH), 3.99-3.73 (3H, m, H2 and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.66-3.51 (2H, m, H2 and H7), 3.49 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.28-3.13 (2H, m, H5 and H8), 2.97 (1H, d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, H8), 2.64 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.4 and 6.6 Hz, H4), 2.40-2.33 (6H, m, H4, H3 and TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.57 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.95 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  198.0, 176.2, 171.2, 155.7, 149.1, 143.6, 135.9, 133.5, 133.3, 131.7, 129.8, 127.5, 120.1, 115.9, 112.0, 110.0, 83.8, 61.1, 54.8, 50.2, 49.0, 43.4, 41.3, 36.8, 30.7, 28.0, 25.5, 21.5, 13.6; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 639.2370; found 639.2365.

Chiralpak IB (20% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.3 mL/min, 230 nm)  $t_{\rm R}$ major – 9.8 min, minor – 25.9 min and  $t_{\rm R}$ major – 14.4 min, minor – 25.9 min (>99% *ee*).



(3'*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-di-*tert*-Butyl 2'-oxo-7-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,5,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-6,3'-indoline]-1',5-dicarboxylate, 11d



Prepared by General Procedure **K** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** (3.2  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **3a** (21.8 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole **9d** (17.2 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave **11d** as a light yellow oil (22 mg, 0.034 mmol, 69%, *dr* 3.6:1);  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{25}$  -16.9 (*c* = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2926, 1791, 1760, 1722, 1604, 1479, 1348, 1152, 1090, 815; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.69 (1H, s, H9), 7.96 (1H, t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, PhH), 7.36-7.25 (3H, m, TsH and PhH), 7.02 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 6.77 (1H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, PhH), 6.56 (1H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, PhH), 4.00-3.87 (1H, m, H2), 3.69-3.62 (2H, m, H2 and H7), 3.27-3.19 (2H, m, H5 and H8), 2.99 (1H, d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, H8), 2.69-2.56 (1H, m, H4), 2.50-2.34 (6H, m, H4, H3 and TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.63 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.09 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  198.2, 176.0, 170.3, 149.2, 143.5, 139.6, 135.4, 133.8, 129.7, 129.7, 128.0, 127.5, 123.7, 123.0, 115.0, 83.9, 82.0, 54.5, 50.2, 49.1, 43.5, 41.6, 36.9, 30.9, 28.0, 27.3, 25.5, 21.5; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 659.2397; found 659.2391.

Chiralpak IB (20 % IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.3 mL/min, 254 nm) Minor diastereomer:  $t_{\rm B}$ major – 7.3 min, minor – 11.2 min; Major diastereomer:  $t_{\rm B}$ major – 9.4 min, minor – 16.2 min (>99% *ee*).





Prepared by General Procedure J using catalyst (*S*)-10 (6.5 μL, 0.020 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **3a** (40 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.4 equiv.) and trans-β-nitrostyrene **13a** (14.9 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via column chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) to give **14a** as colourless oil (36 mg, 0.071 mmol, 71%);  $[\alpha]_{p}^{25}$  c-127.5 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2925, 1716, 1598, 1548, 1345, 1089; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.78 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.39 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.34 - 7.25 (3H, m, PhH), 7.18 (2H, d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, PhH), 6.76 (1H, ddd, *J* = 15.5, 9.3 and 6.1 Hz, H9), 6.02 (1H, d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, H10), 4.71 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.4 and 9.4 Hz, H6), 4.21 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.89 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.9, 8.3 and 1.3 Hz, H2), 3.74-3.65 (2H, m, H2 and H7), 3.39-3.36 (2H, m, H5 and H8), 2.48 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.46-2.32 (2H, m, H3 and H4), 2.09 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3 and 5.3 Hz, H4), 1.84 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.9 and 9.5 Hz, H3), 1.68-1.57 (1H, m, H3), 1.24 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  166.3, 144.7, 142.7, 138.3, 134.5, 133.4, 131.4, 129.9, 129.1, 128.3, 127.9, 127.5, 126.0, 91.4, 60.5, 50.8, 45.3, 40.9, 31.6 (2C), 31.3, 21.8, 14.4; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 511.1897, found 511.1898.

Chiralpak IB (20% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.2 mL/min, 230 nm)  $t_{\rm R}$  major - 7.4 min, minor - 13.4 min (>99% *ee*).



(*E*)-Ethyl 4-((5*S*,6*S*,7*R*)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-nitro-1-tosyl-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-indol-7-yl)but-2enoate, 14b



Prepared by General Procedure **J** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** (6.5  $\mu$ L, 0.020 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) and **3a** (40 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.4 equiv.) and (*E*)-1-chloro-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene **13b** (14.9 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave the cycloadduct **14b** as light yellow oil (38 mg, 0.070 mmol, 70%). Note: a small amount of the *Z*-alkene (*E*:*Z* = 20:1) was observed (*J* = 11.6 Hz), but no diastereomer from the cycloaddition could be detected. [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>25</sup><sub>D</sub> -53.8 (*c* = 1.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $\nu_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2981, 1714, 1655, 1547, 1319, 1161; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.76 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.38 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.29 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 7.12 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 6.80 (1H, ddd, *J* = 15.5, 9.4 and 6.0 Hz, H9), 6.02 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6 Hz, H10), 4.65 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.5 and 9.5 Hz, H6), 4.20 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.95 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.9, 8.3 and 1.3 Hz, H2), 3.76-3.63 (2H, m, H2 and H7), 3.39-3.26 (2H, m, H5 and H8), 2.48 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.44-2.26 (2H, m, H8 and H4), 2.14 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.0, 4.9 Hz, H4), 1.91 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.7, 9.1 Hz, H3), 1.68-1.64 (1H, m, H3), 1.31 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  166.2, 144.6, 142.4, 136.7, 134.5, 134.1, 133.3, 131.0, 129.8, 129.2, 128.8, 127.8, 126.0, 91.2, 60.5, 50.6, 44.6, 40.8, 31.4, 31.4, 31.2, 21.7, 14.2; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>CIS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 545.1507; found 545.1507.

Chiralpak IB (15% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.3 mL/min, 230 nm)  $t_{\rm R}$  major – 7.8 min, minor – 8.7 min (>99% *ee*).



(*E*)-Ethyl 4-((5*S*,6*S*,7*R*)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-6-nitro-1-tosyl-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-indol-7-yl)but-2enoate, 14c



Prepared by General Procedure **J** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** (6.5  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **3a** (40 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.4 eq.) and (*E*)-1-bromo-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene **13c** (22.6 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 eq.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave **14c** as a red oil (49 mg, 0.083 mmol, 83%); Note: a small amount of the *Z*-alkene (*E:Z* ~ 20:1) was observed (*J* = 11.6 Hz), in addition to the 13.5:1 ratio of diastereomers from the cycloaddition. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> -56.5 (*c* = 1.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2924, 1714, 1551, 1316, 1160, 982; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.76 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.43 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.38 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.06 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 6.80 (1H, ddd, *J* = 15.5, 9.4 and 6.0 Hz, H9), 6.02 (1H, d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, H10), 4.65 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.5 and 9.5 Hz, H6), 4.20 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.95 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.1 and 7.2 Hz, H2), 3.72-3.64 (2H, m, H2 and H7), 3.32 (2H, td, *J* = 11.2 and 5.3 Hz, H5 and H8), 2.47 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.45-2.26 (2H, m, H8 and H4), 2.14 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.2 and 5.1 Hz, H4), 1.90 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.0 and 9.3 Hz, H3), 1.67-1.58 (1H, m, H3), 1.31 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  166.1, 144.6, 142.3, 137.2, 134.5, 133.3, 132.1, 131.0, 129.8, 129.1, 127.7, 126.0, 122.1, 91.0, 60.4, 50.6, 44.6, 40.7, 31.4, 31.4, 21.7, 14.2; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>BrS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 589.1002; found 589.0996, 591.0974. Chiralpak IB (7% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.3 mL/min, 230 nm)  $t_{\rm R}$ major – 14.3 min, minor – 16.9 min (>99% *ee*).



(*E*)-Ethyl 4-((5*S*,6*S*,7*R*)-6-nitro-1-tosyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-indol-7-yl)but-2-enoate, 14d



Prepared by General Procedure J using catalyst (S)-10 (6.5 µL, 0.02 mmol, 0.20 equiv.), 3a (40 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.4 equiv.) and (E)-1-(2-nitrovinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene **13d** (21.7 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave 14d as a colourless oil (39.5 mg, 0.068 mmol, 68%); Note: a small amount of the Z-alkene ( $E:Z \sim 20:1$ ) was observed (J = 11.6 Hz), in addition to the 8:1 ratio of diastereomers from the cycloaddition.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  -40.0 (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2926, 1716, 1551, 1651, 1348, 1324, 1160; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.77 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.57 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 7.32 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.25 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 6.81 (1H, ddd, J = 15.5, 9.4 and 6.0 Hz, H9), 6.03 (1H, d, J = 15.9 Hz, H10), 4.72 (1H, dd, J = 11.6 and 9.5 Hz, H6), 4.21 (2H, q, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.96 (1H, dd, J = 12.4 and 7.8 Hz, H2), 3.74-3.65 (2H, m, H2 and H7), 3.43 (1H, td, J = 11.3 and 5.4 Hz, H5), 3.37-3.30 (1H, m, H8), 2.48 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.54-2.27 (2H, m, H8 and H4), 2.17 (1H, dd, J = 18.2 and 5.1 Hz, H4), 1.92 (1H, dd, J = 15.9 and 9.2 Hz, H3), 1.69-1.63 (1H, m, H3), 1.31 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  166.1, 144.6, 142.2, 133.2, 130.8, 130.2 (q, J = 23.7 Hz), 130.0, 129.8, 127.8, 127.7, 126.1, 126.0, 126.0, 125.9, 125.9, 90.8, 60.4, 50.6, 44.9, 40.8, 31.4, 31.1, 21.7, 14.2; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for  $C_{28}H_{30}O_6N_2F_3S$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 579.1771; found 579.1770. Chiralpak IA (7% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.3 mL/min, 254 nm)  $t_{\rm B}$  major - 12.6 min, minor - 15.6 min (>99% ee).



(*E*)-Ethyl 4-((5S,6S,7R)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-nitro-1-tosyl-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-indol-7-yl)but-2-enoate, 14e



Prepared by General Procedure J using catalyst (*S*)-10 (6.5  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol, 0.20 equiv.), **3a** (40 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.4 equiv.) and (*E*)-1-methoxy-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene **13e** (17.9 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave **14e** as a red oil (44 mg, 0.081 mmol, 81%); Note: a small amount of the *Z*-alkene (*E:Z* ~ 30:1) was observed (*J* = 11.6 Hz), but no diastereomer from the cycloaddition could be detected.  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25}$  -48.1 (*c* = 1.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film, v<sub>max</sub> / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2924, 1715, 1548, 1516, 1346, 1249, 1270, 1180, 1158; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.76 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.38 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.10 (2H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, ArH), 6.86 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, ArH), 6.82 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.4 and 6.0 Hz, H9), 6.00 (1H, d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, H10), 4.64 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.4, 9.4 Hz, H6), 4.20 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.94 (1H, ddd, *J* = 16.0 and 9.4 Hz, H3), 1.65-1.56 (1H, m, H3), 1.30 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  166.2, 159.2, 144.5, 142.6, 134.3, 133.2, 131.4, 130.0, 129.7, 128.4, 127.7, 125.8, 114.2, 91.6, 60.4, 55.2, 50.6, 44.4, 40.7, 31.4, 31.4, 31.1, 21.6, 14.2; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 541.2003; found 541.1998. Chiralpak IB (15% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.3 mL/min,254 nm) t<sub>R</sub>major – 10.0 min, minor – 11.1 min (>99% *ee*).



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(*E*)-Ethyl 4-((5R,6R,7R)-5-(furan-2-yl)-6-nitro-1-tosyl-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-indol-7-yl)but-2-enoate, 14f



Prepared by General Procedure **J** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** (6.5  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol, 0.20 equiv.), **3a** (40 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.4 equiv.) and (*E*)-2-(2-nitrovinyl)furan **13f** (13.9 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave the corresponding cycloadduct **14f** as a black oil (36 mg, 0.072 mmol, 72%); Note: a small amount of the *Z*-alkene (*E:Z* ~ 20:1) was observed (*J* = 11.6 Hz), in addition to the 9:1 ratio of diastereomers from the cycloaddition. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> –30.0 (*c* = 1.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $\nu_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2926, 1717, 1554, 1357, 1160, 1158, 729; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.74 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.39 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.37 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.8 and 0.8 Hz, FurH), 6.79 (1H, ddd, *J* = 15.5, 8.9 and 6.4 Hz, H9), 6.28 (1H, dd, *J* = 3.2 and 1.9 Hz, Fur*H*), 6.13 (1H, d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, FurH), 5.97 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6 Hz, H10), 4.69 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.6 and 8.8 Hz, H6), 4.19 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.92 (1H, ddd, *J* = 10.4 and 5.5 Hz, H5), 3.09-3.02 (1H, m, H7), 3.68 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.9, 11.8 and 9.6 Hz, H2), 3.56 (1H, td, *J* = 10.4 and 5.0 Hz, H4), 1.94 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.0 and 9.4 Hz, H3), 1.70-1.61 (1H, m, H3), 1.29 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  166.1, 151.2, 144.5, 142.6, 142.5, 134.1, 133.2, 129.8, 127.7, 125.8, 110.4, 107.5, 89.3, 60.4, 50.4, 39.9, 37.9, 31.5, 31.1, 27.8, 21.6, 14.2; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>290</sub>C<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 501.1690; found 501.1685.

Chiralpak IB (5% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.3 mL/min, 254 nm)  $t_{\rm R}$  major – 17.0 min, minor – 24.3 min (91% *ee*).



**Proof of stereochemistry for nitroalkene cycloadditions:** Cycloadduct **14f** was used to assign the relative stereochemistry of the cycloaddition through <sup>1</sup>H NMR nOe experiments (1D nOe / 2D NOESY). On the beta face (as depicted below), enhancements were seen between H6 and H9, and H6 and one of H4, indicating these groups to be on the same face. On the alpha face, enhancements between H5 and H7, and between H5 and the second of the H4 atoms, are indicative of these groups to be on the same face.



(*E*)-Ethyl 4-((4'*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-5'-oxo-2',5-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,5,7-hexahydro-5'H-spiro[indole-6,4'oxazol]-7-yl)but-2-enoate, 16a



Prepared by General Procedure **J** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** (6.5  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **3a** (40 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.4 equiv.) and olefinic azlactone **15a** (24.9 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave the corresponding cycloadduct **16a** as a yellow oil (30.6 mg, 0.050 mmol, 50%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  –161.3 (c = 0.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2924, 1810, 1712, 1652, 1552, 1347, 1159; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.96 (2H, d, J = 7.2 Hz, PhH), 7.83 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 7.62 (1H, t, J = 7.4 Hz, PhH), 7.52 (2H, t, J = 7.6 Hz, PhH), 7.33 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 7.62 (1H, t, J = 7.4 Hz, PhH), 7.52 (2H, t, J = 7.6 Hz, PhH), 7.33 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 7.23-7.12 (6H, m, H9 and PhH), 6.11 (1H, d, J = 15.6 Hz, H10), 4.21 (2H, q, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.80 (2H, dd, J = 9.8 and 6.7 Hz, H2), 3.55 (1H, br s, H7), 3.46 (1H, dd, J = 11.7 and 5.6 Hz, H5), 3.17-3.11 (1H, m, H8), 2.92-2.86 (1H, m, H8), 2.65 (1H, dd, J = 16.6 and 12.1 Hz, H4), 2.50 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.33 (1H, dd, J = 17.3 and 5.5 Hz, H4), 2.10-1.92 (2H, m, H3), 1.31 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  176.5, 166.5, 161.0, 145.7, 143.7, 137.5, 134.4, 133.9, 132.9, 129.5, 129.02, 128.8, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 126.9, 125.8, 123.8, 75.3, 60.2, 49.8, 43.1, 42.5, 31.6, 30.8, 29.5, 21.7, 14.3; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 611.2210; found 611.2205.

Chiralpak IB (7% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.3 mL/min, 230 nm)  $t_{\rm R}$  major - 13.4 min, minor - 11.8 min (>99% *ee*).



(E)-Ethyl 4-((4'R,5S,7R)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-5'-oxo-2'-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,5,7-hexahydro-5'H-spiro[indole-6,4'-oxazol]-7-yl)but-2-enoate, 16b



Prepared by General Procedure **J** using catalyst (*S*)-10 (6  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **3a** (40 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.4 equiv.) and olefinic azlactone **15b** (32.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave the corresponding cycloadduct **16b** as a yellow oil (27 mg, 0.039 mmol, 39%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  -106.2 (*c* = 1.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2925, 1810, 1712, 1651, 1494, 1346, 1158; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.90 (2H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, PhH), 7.81 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.63 (1H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, PhH), 7.54 (2H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, PhH), 7.32 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, TsH), 7.00 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *p*-BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 6.10 (2H, d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, H10), 4.21 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OC<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.80 (2H, dd, *J* = 9.9 and 6.7 Hz, H2), 3.47 (1H, br s, H7), 3.42 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.7 and 5.6 Hz, H5), 3.09-3.02 (1H, m, H8), 2.87 (1H, ddd, *J* = 15.0, 8.5 and 4.1 Hz, H8), 2.55-2.48 (1H, m, H4), 2.43 (3H, s, TsH), 2.30 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.3 and 5.6 Hz, H4), 2.02-1.87 (2H, m, H3), 1.31 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); **1<sup>3</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  176.4, 166.5, 161.2, 145.5, 143.8, 136.7, 134.4, 133.9, 133.1, 131.5, 130.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.1, 127.9, 126.5, 125.6, 124.0, 122.0, 75.1, 60.3, 49.9, 42.6, 42.5, 31.6, 30.8, 29.5, 21.8, 14.3; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>33</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup> 688.1243; found 689.8211, 690.8067.

Chiralpak IA (10% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm)  $t_{\rm B}$  major - 17.13 min, minor - 11.6 min (>99% *ee*).







Prepared by General Procedure **J** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** (6.5  $\mu$ L, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **3a** (40 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.4 equiv.) and olefinic azlactone **15c** (27.9 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave the corresponding cycloadduct **16c** as a brown oil (23 mg, 0.036 mmol, 36%, *dr* 17:1);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  -107.1 (*c* = 0.75, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2924, 1801, 1719, 1652, 1349, 1160, 1039; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.96 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, PhH), 7.83 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.61 (1H, t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, PhH), 7.52 (2H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, PhH), 7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 7.20-7.15 (1H, m, H9), 7.04 (2H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, ArH), 6.66 (2H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, ArH), 6.10 (1H, d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, H10), 4.21 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OC<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.79 (2H, dd, *J* = 10.0 and 6.6 Hz, H2), 3.70 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.54 (1H, brs, H7), 3.42 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.7 and 5.6 Hz, H5), 3.16 - 3.10 (1H, m, H8), 2.91 - 2.88 (1H, m, H8), 2.60 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.7 and 12.0 Hz, H4), 2.50 (3H, s, TSH), 2.29 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.3 and 5.6 Hz, H4), 2.07 - 1.93 (2H, m, H3), 1.31 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  176.6, 166.5, 160.9, 159.0, 145.8, 143.7, 134.4, 133.8, 132.8, 130.0, 129.49, 129.4, 128.8, 128.1, 127.8, 127.0, 125.8, 123.8, 113.6, 75.5, 60.2, 55.1, 49.8, 42.4, 42.3, 31.6, 30.8, 29.7, 21.7, 14.3. **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 663.2135; found 663.2133.

Chiralpak IA (10% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm)  $t_{\rm R}$ major - 22.4 min, minor - 14.4 min (>99% *ee*).



**Proof of stereochemistry for azlactone cycloadditions:** Cycloadduct **16c** was used to assign the relative stereochemistry of the cycloaddition through <sup>1</sup>H NMR nOe experiments (1D nOe / 2D NOESY). On the alpha face (as depicted below), a strong enhancement was seen between H5 and H9, indicating these groups to be on the same face.



#### 1.3.3 Synthesis of dienals 4a-d and 8a

Dienals 4a-d and 8a were synthesized according to the following scheme:



#### (E)-Methyl (6-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-3-en-1-yl)(tosyl)carbamate, S6



Prepared by General Procedure **A** using **S5** (1.20 g, 5.21 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / Et<sub>2</sub>O (9:1)) to give **S6** as a colourless oil (1.85 g, 4.19 mmol, 80%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2955, 2857, 1736, 1444, 1359, 1281, 1168, 1089, 835; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.83 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.30 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 5.47 (2H, m, H3 and H4), 3.86-3.82 (2H, m, H6), 3.68 (3H, s, CO<sub>2</sub>Me), 3.60 (2H, t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H1), 2.43 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.46-2.35 (2H, m, H5), 2.21 (2H, q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H2), 0.89 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.05 (6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  152.8, 144.5, 136.6, 130.0, 129.3, 128.3, 127.4, 63.0, 53.7, 47.0, 36.2, 33.3, 25.9, 21.6, 18.3, -5.3; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>5</sub>NSSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 442.2078; found 442.2074.



Prepared by General Procedure **B** using carbamate **S6** (1.80 g, 4.08 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / Et<sub>2</sub>O (4:1)) to give **S7** as a colourless oil (1.49 g, 3.88 mmol, 95%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3284, 2954, 2929, 2857, 1599, 1325, 1219, 1159, 1094, 908; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.73 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.28 (2H, t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, TsH), 5.45-5.38 (1H, m, H4), 5.29-5.22 (1H, m, H3), 4.62 (1H, br s, NH), 3.57 (2H, t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, H6), 2.96 (2H, q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H1), 2.42 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.23-2.06 (4H, m, H2 and H5), 0.87 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.02 (6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  143.3, 136.9, 130.7, 129.6, 127.5, 127.1, 62.8, 42.5, 36.1, 32.5, 25.9, 21.5, 18.3, -5.3; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NSSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 384.2023; found 384.2021.

### (*E*)-*N*-(6-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-3-en-1-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide, 5b



Prepared by General Procedure **C** using sulfonamide **S7** (1.50 g, 3.91 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 1-bromooct-1yne (940 mg, 4.80 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (95:5)) to give **5b** as a colourless oil (1.45 g, 2.95 mmol, 75%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2929, 2857, 1739, 1463, 1366, 1254, 1170, 1093, 968, 836, 776; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.73 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.28 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 5.51-5.37 (1H, m, H3), 5.34-5.26 (1H, m, H4), 3.54 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H1), 3.25-3.21 (2H, m, H6), 2.40 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.30 (2H, dt, *J* = 7.5 and 7.0 Hz, H2), 2.25 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H9), 2.17 (2H, dt, *J* = 6.5 and 6.5 Hz, H5), 1.46-1.39 (2H, m, H10), 1.33-1.14 (6H, m, H11-H13), 0.86-0.83 (3H, m, H14), 0.84 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.00 (6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  144.2, 134.7, 129.9, 129.6, 127.6, 127.2, 72.9, 70.5, 63.0, 51.2, 36.3, 31.3, 31.2, 28.9, 28.5, 25.9, 22.6, 21.6, 18.5, 18.4, 14.1, -5.2; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NSSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 492.2962; found 492.2958.

(Z)-3-((E)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2-heptylidene-1-tosylpyrrolidine, S8a



Prepared by General Procedure **F** using ynamide **5b** (1.29 g, 2.62 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (95:5)) to give **S8a** as a colourless oil (1.20 g, 2.44 mmol, 93%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2955, 2928, 1355, 1253, 1164, 1091, 835; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.63 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.23 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 5.34 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.3 and 4.8 Hz, H2), 5.24-5.16 (1H, m, H3), 4.95-4.91 (1H, m, H9), 4.03 (2H, d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, H1), 3.55-3.47 (1H, m, H6), 3.39-3.30 (1H, m, H6), 2.44-2.19 (3H, m, H4 and H10), 2.37 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.69-1.66 (1H, m, H5), 1.37-1.14 (9H, m, H5 and H11-H14), 0.84 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.81 (3H, t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, H15), 0.00 (6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  143.7, 139.6, 134.8, 131.8, 129.4, 129.4, 127.8, 121.5, 63.3, 49.1, 45.0, 31.7, 29.8, 29.2, 29.0, 25.9, 25.9, 22.6, 21.5, 18.4, 14.1, -5.2; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NSSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 492.2962; found 492.2961.

#### (E)-3-((Z)-2-heptylidene-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol, S9a



Prepared by General Procedure **G** using **S8a** (1.10 g, 2.24 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give **S9a** as a colourless oil (819 mg, 2.17 mmol, 97%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3457, 3016, 2970, 1436, 1366, 1217, 1164, 1092, 660; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.62 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.23 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 5.41 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.3 and 5.6 Hz, H2), 5.17 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.4 and 8.3 Hz, H3), 4.92 (1H, ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.3 and 1.8 Hz, H9), 3.99 (2H, br s, H1), 3.50 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 8.7 and 3.1 Hz, H6), 3.34 (1H, dt, *J* = 11.4 and 8.3 Hz, H6), 2.37 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.34-2.24 (3H, m, H10 and H4), 1.70-1.62 (1H, m, H5), 1.40-1.17 (9H, m, H5 and H11 to H14), 0.81 (3H, t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, H15); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  143.8, 139.3, 134.8, 131.3, 131.2, 129.4, 127.8, 121.6, 63.1, 49.1, 45.2, 31.7, 29.7, 29.1, 29.0, 29.0, 22.6, 21.5, 14.1; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 378.2097; found 378.2097.



Prepared by General Procedure I using **S9A** (260 mg, 0.69 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether  $\rightarrow$  petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give **4a** as a light yellow oil (180 mg, 0.48 mmol, 69%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2925, 1720, 1689, 1355, 1165, 909, 815, 729, 659; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  9.31 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H1), 7.63 (2H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, TsH), 7.24 (2H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, TsH), 6.16 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6 and 8.6 Hz, H3), 5.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6 and 7.8 Hz, H2), 4.94 (1H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, H9), 3.65- 3.57 (1H, m, H6), 3.49-3.40 (1H, m, H6), 2.75-2.64 (1H, m, H4), 2.46-2.32 (2H, m, H10), 2.37 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.81-1.72 (1H, m, H5), 1.47-1.21 (9H, m, H5 and H11 to H14), 0.81 (3H, t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, H15); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  193.1, 155.5, 144.2, 137.5, 134.7, 133.2, 129.6, 127.8, 123.6, 49.5, 45.5, 31.6, 29.6, 29.2, 29.0, 28.6, 22.6, 21.5, 14.0; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 376.1941; found 376.1940.

#### (E)-3-(2-heptyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)acrylaldehyde, 8a



Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.36 mL, 9.80 mmol, 10.0 equiv.), DMSO (0.97 mL, 13.7 mmol, 14.0 equiv.) and SO<sub>3</sub>•py (935 mg, 5.88 mmol, 6.0 equiv.) were added to a solution of alcohol **S9a** (37 mg, 0.98 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in DCM (1 mL) at 0 °C. The solution was stirred for 2 h at rt before being quenched with pH 7 phosphate buffer (20 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL), then the combined organic phases were washed with brine (2 x 20 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether → petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give **8a** as a light yellow oil (11.5 mg, 0.030 mmol, 30%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2925, 2856, 1671, 1601, 1454, 1377, 1233, 1163, 1112, 1088, 813; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  9.46 (1H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, H1), 7.62 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.26 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.20 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H3), 5.76 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.1 and 7.9 Hz, H2), 3.86-3.74 (2H, m, H6), 2.73-2.61 (2H, m, H10), 2.42 (2H, t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, H9), 2.37 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.57 (2H, dt, *J* = 15.1 and 7.6 Hz, H5), 1.36-1.09 (8H, m, H11 to H14), 0.82 (3H, t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H14); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  192.9, 152.0, 144.5, 135.0, 130.0, 127.1, 126.3, 119.4, 49.4, 49.4, 31.7, 29.6, 29.5, 28.9, 26.8, 26.5, 22.6, 21.6, 14.1; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NNAS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 398.1765; found 398.1760.

(*E*)-*N*-(6-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-3-en-1-yl)-*N*-(5-chloropent-1-yn-1-yl)-4-ethylbenzene sulfonamide, 5c



Prepared by General Procedure **C** using sulfonamide **S7** (760 mg, 1.98 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 1-bromo-5chloropent-1-yne (432 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). The resulting crude material was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (95:5)) to give **5c** as a colourless oil (680 mg, 1.40 mmol, 71%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2954, 2929, 1363, 1254, 1168, 1091, 834, 813, 775; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$ 7.76 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.33 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 5.53-5.42 (1H, m, H3), 5.39-5.26 (1H, m, H4), 3.62-3.55 (4H, m, H1 and H6), 3.28 (2H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H11), 2.46 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H2), 2.44 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.29 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, H9), 2.16 (2H, q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H5), 1.92 (2H, quint, *J* = 6.5 Hz, H10), 0.88 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.03 (6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  144.4, 134.6, 130.0, 129.6, 127.5, 127.0, 74.0, 68.4, 62.9, 51.1, 43.5, 36.2, 31.5, 31.1, 25.9, 21.6, 18.3, 15.9, -5.3; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NCISSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 484.2103; found 484.2102.

#### (Z)-3-((E)-3-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2-(4-chlorobutylidene)-1-tosylpyrrolidine, S8b



Prepared by General Procedure **F** using ynamide **5c** (604 mg, 1.25 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (95:5)) to give **S8b** as a colourless oil (498 mg, 1.03 mmol, 82%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2954, 2929, 1598, 1471, 1329, 1253, 1091, 1067, 835, 776; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.62 (2H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, TsH), 7.24 (2H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, TsH), 5.35 (1H, d, *J* = 14.2 Hz, H2), 5.18 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.3 and 8.3 Hz, H3), 4.91 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, H9), 4.04 (2H, d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, H1), 3.77- 3.68 (1H, m, H6), 3.52-3.45 (2H, m, H12), 3.36 (1H, dt, *J* = 18.5 and 7.5 Hz, H6), 2.62-2.49 (2H, m, H10), 2.38 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.25 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.9 and 8.4 Hz, H4), 1.99-1.63 (3H, m, H5 and H11), 1.67 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.4 and 9.2 Hz, H5), 0.84 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.00 (3H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  143.9, 141.0, 134.6, 132.1, 129.5, 129.0, 127.8, 119.0, 76.7, 63.2, 49.1, 45.2, 44.6, 32.8, 29.1, 26.6, 25.9, 21.6, - 5.2; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NCINaSSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 506.1922; found 506.1919.



Prepared by General Procedure **G** using **S8b** (521 mg, 1.08 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give **S9b** as a colourless oil (240 mg, 0.65 mmol, 60%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3450, 2925, 1449, 1348, 1160, 1120, 1015, 709; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.66 (2H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.28 (2H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 5.47 (1H, dt, *J* = 14.5 and 5.3 Hz, H2), 5.21 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.3 and 8.3 Hz, H3), 4.96 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, H9), 4.03 (2H, d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, H1), 3.53 (3H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, H12 and H6), 3.38 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.5 and 9.4 Hz, H6), 2.54 (2H, dd, *J* = 15.1 and 7.9 Hz, H10), 2.41 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.32 (1H, q, *J* = 8.4 Hz, H4), 1.96-1.68 (3H, m, H5 and H11), 1.38-1.21 (1H, m, H5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  144.0, 140.7, 134.5, 131.7, 130.5, 129.5, 127.7, 119.1, 62.8, 49.1, 45.2, 44.7, 32.6, 29.0, 26.6, 21.5; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NCIS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 370.1238; found 370.1234.

#### (E)-3-((Z)-2-(4-chlorobutylidene)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)acrylaldehyde, 4b



Prepared by General Procedure I using **S9b** (74 mg, 0.20 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether  $\rightarrow$  petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give **4b** as a light yellow oil (53 mg, 0.144 mmol, 72%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2928, 1728, 1687, 1351, 1161, 1090, 840, 708; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.37 (1H, ddd, J = 7.8, 2.0 and 1.0 Hz, H1), 7.67 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 7.31 (2H, d, J = 7.4 Hz, TsH), 6.22 (1H, dd, J = 15.6 and 8.6 Hz, H2), 5.89 (1H, dd, J = 16.4 and 7.8 Hz, H3), 4.99 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz, H9), 3.67 (1H, br t, J = 10.1 Hz, H6), 3.57-3.46 (3H, m, H6 and 2 x H12), 2.77 (1H, app q, J = 8.3 Hz, H4), 2.58 (2H, app q, J = 7.5 Hz, H10), 2.42 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.97-1.80 (3H, m, H5 and 2 x H11), 1.54-1.43 (1H, m, H5); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  193.0, 154.9, 144.4, 138.9, 134.6, 133.4, 129.7, 127.8, 121.1, 49.5, 45.6, 44.6, 32.4, 28.4, 26.9, 21.5; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NCIS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 368.1081; found 368.1077.

(*E*)-*N*-(6-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-3-en-1-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide, 5d



Prepared by General Procedure **D** and **E** using sulfonamide **S7** (760 mg, 1.98 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (95:5)) to give **5d** as a colorless oil (680 mg, 1.61 mmol, 81%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2954, 2857, 1362, 1253, 1168, 1092, 834, 812, 775; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.76 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 5.52-5.41 (1H, m, H3), 5.39-5.29 (1H, m, H4), 3.58 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H1), 3.25 (2H, t, *J* = 8 Hz, H6), 2.43 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.29 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, H2), 2.16 (2H, q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H3), 1.89 (3H, s, H9), 0.88 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.03 (6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  144.2, 134.8, 129.9, 129.6, 127.5, 127.2, 71.8, 70.6, 65.7, 62.9, 51.1, 36.2, 31.1, 25.9, 21.6, 3.3, -5.3; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NNaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 444.1999; found 444.2000.

#### (Z)-3-((E)-3-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2-ethylidene-1-tosylpyrrolidine, S8c



Prepared by General Procedure **F** using ynamide **5d** (600 mg, 1.42 mmol). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (95:5)) to give **S8c** as colourless oil (532 mg, 1.26 mmol, 89%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2954, 2929, 1390, 1351, 1164, 1114, 1096, 1060, 954, 836, 770; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.64 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.24 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 5.34 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.3 and 5.0 Hz, H2), 5.19 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.3 and 8.3 Hz, H3), 5.07 (1H, qd, *J* = 7.0 and 1.9 Hz, H9), 4.03 (2H, d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, H1), 3.51 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.1, 11.7 and 5.2 Hz, H6), 3.43-3.30 (1H, m, H6), 2.38 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.24 (1H, ddd, *J* = 10.0, 9.1 and 5.3 Hz, H4), 1.96 (3H, d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, H10), 1.86 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.1 and 2.1 Hz, H5), 1.66 (1H, ddt, *J* = 13.5, 8.7 and 4.3 Hz, H5), 0.84 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), -0.00 (6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  143.7, 141.0, 134.7, 131.8, 129.4, 127.8, 115.5, 76.7, 63.4, 49.1, 45.1, 29.1, 25.9, 21.5, 18.4, 15.0, -5.2; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NSSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 422.2179; found 422.2178.



Prepared by General Procedure **G** using **S8c** (353 mg, 0.84 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give **S9c** as a colourless oil (155 mg, 0.50 mmol, 60%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3445, 2921, 1736, 1449, 1350, 1242, 1161, 1090, 813; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.62 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.23 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 5.41 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.3 and 5.6 Hz, H2), 5.18 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.4 and 8.3 Hz, H3), 5.06 (1H, qd, *J* = 7.0 and 1.8 Hz, H9), 3.97 (2H, d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, H1), 3.53-3.47 (1H, m, H6), 3.37-3.30 (1H, m, H6), 2.36 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.25 (1H, q, *J* = 8.3 Hz, H4), 1.83 (3H, d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, H10), 1.69-1.62 (1H, m, H5), 1.37-1.18 (1H, m, H5); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  143.8, 140.7, 134.6, 131.4, 130.8, 129.4, 127.7, 115.5, 62.9, 49.0, 45.1, 28.9, 21.5, 15.0; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 308.1314; found 308.1313.

#### (E)-3-((Z)-2-Ethylidene-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)acrylaldehyde, 4c



Prepared by General Procedure I using **S9c** (50 mg, 0.16 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether  $\rightarrow$  petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give **4c** as a light yellow oil (30 mg, 0.098 mmol, 60%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2923, 1796, 1724, 1687, 1551, 1401, 1350, 1191, 1158, 773; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.36 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H1), 7.69 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.30 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 6.23 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6 and 8.6 Hz, H2), 5.89 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6 and 7.8 Hz, H3), 5.18-5.10 (1H, m, H9), 3.67 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.3, 8.5 and 4.0 Hz, H6), 3.51 (1H, dt, *J* = 11.7, 7.9 Hz, H6), 2.75 (1H, q, *J* = 8.4 Hz, H4), 2.43 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.93 (3H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, H10), 1.88-1.78 (1H, m, H5), 1.54-1.43 (1H, m, H5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  193.1, 155.4, 144.3, 139.0, 134.7, 133.2, 129.7, 127.8, 117.6, 49.5, 45.5, 28.5, 21.5, 15.2; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 306.1158; found 306.1159.

(*E*)-*N*-(6-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-3-en-1-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(phenylethynyl)benzenesulfonamide, 5e



Prepared by General Procedure **C** using sulfonamide **S7** (760 mg, 1.98 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and (bromoethynyl)benzene (432 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (95:5)) to give **5e** as a colourless oil (660 mg, 1.36 mmol, 69%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2953, 2856, 2235, 1366, 1254, 1169, 1091, 733; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.76 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.34-7.30 (4H, m, PhH and TsH), 7.28-7.22 (3H, m, PhH), 5.51-5.44 (1H, m, H3), 5.38-5.31 (1H, m, H4), 3.55 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H1), 3.38 (2H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H6), 2.41 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.35 (2H, dd, *J* = 14.4 and 7.2 Hz, H2), 2.14 (2H, q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H5), 0.84 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.0 (6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  144.5, 134.6, 131.3, 130.2, 129.7, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 127.0, 122.9, 82.2, 70.9, 67.9, 51.3, 36.2, 31.3, 25.9, 21.6, 18.3, -5.3; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NSSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 484.2336; found 484.2335.

#### (Z)-2-Benzylidene-3-((E)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine, S8d



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Prepared by General Procedure F using ynamide **5e** (650 mg, 1.34 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (95:5)) to give **S8d** as a yellow oil (580 mg, 1.20 mmol, 89%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2953, 1597, 1471, 1404, 1210, 1160, 1090, 834, 814, 731; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  = 7.58 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.54 (2H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, PhH), 7.29-7.16 (3H, m, TsH and PhH), 7.15-7.07 (2H, m, PhH), 5.85 (1H, d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, H9), 5.44 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.3 and 4.9 Hz, H2), 5.32-5.19 (1H, m, H3), 4.06 (2H, dd, *J* = 4.9 and 1.4 Hz, H1), 3.62 (1H, ddd, *J* = 15.7, 9.4 and 5.1 Hz, H6), 3.45 (1H, ddd, *J* = 14.6, 10.4 and 7.5 Hz, H6), 2.49 (1H, q, *J* = 10.2 Hz, H4), 2.35 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.77-1.69 (1H, m, H5), 1.35 (1H, ddd, *J* = 19.5, 12.3 and 9.1 Hz, H5), 0.83 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.00 (6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  143.9, 140.6, 136.4, 134.5, 132.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 127.9, 127.7, 126.8, 118.8, 63.4, 49.1, 46.3, 28.8, 25.9, 25.9, 21.6, -5.2; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NSSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 484.2336; found 484.2334.



Prepared by General Procedure **G** using **S8d** (300 mg, 0.62 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give **S9d** as a yellow oil (140 mg, 0.38 mmol, 61%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3385, 2958, 2899, 1597, 1305, 1160, 1088, 911,756; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.61 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 7.57 (2H, d, J = 7.4 Hz, PhH), 7.24 (4H, m, TsH and PhH), 7.14 (1H, t, J = 7.4 Hz, PhH), 5.90 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H9), 5.54 (1H, dt, J = 14.6 and 5.2 Hz, H2), 5.31 (1H, dd, J = 15.3 and 8.4 Hz, H3), 4.04 (2H, br s, H1), 3.75-3.62 (1H, m, H6), 3.49 (1H, dd, J = 19.5 and 8.4 Hz, H6), 2.56 (1H, q, J = 8.6 Hz, H4), 2.38 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.95 (1H, br s, OH), 1.77 (1H, dd, J = 18.6 and 8.6 Hz, H5), 1.46 - 1.36 (1H, m, H5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  144.0, 140.4, 136.2, 134.3, 132.1, 130.4, 129.4, 128.7, 127.8, 127.6, 126.7, 118.8, 62.8, 49.1, 46.1, 28.6, 21.5; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NNaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 392.1291; found 392.1289.

#### (E)-3-((Z)-2-benzylidene-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)acrylaldehyde, 4d



Prepared by General Procedure I using **S9d** (70 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether -> petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give **4d** as a yellow oil (46 mg, 0.13 mmol, 66%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3016, 1728, 1685, 1598, 1353, 1158, 1089, 1030, 815; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.37 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H1), 7.57 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.51 (2H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, PhH), 7.21 (4H, m, TsH and PhH), 7.12 (1H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, PhH), 6.31 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6 and 8.8 Hz, H2), 5.95 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6 and 7.8 Hz, H3), 5.84 (1H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, H9), 3.74 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.2, 8.4 and 4.0 Hz, H6), 3.56 (1H, dt, *J* = 11.9 and 7.9 Hz, H6), 2.96 (1H, q, *J* = 8.6 Hz, H4), 2.35 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.89-1.81 (1H, m, H5), 1.56-1.46 (1H, m, H5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  193.0, 155.0, 144.4, 138.4, 135.6, 134.4, 133.7, 129.6, 128.8, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 120.6, 49.6, 46.4, 28.3, 21.5; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 368.1315; found 368.1318.

#### 1.3.4 Cycloaddition reactions of dienals 4a-d

4a-d were reacted with the following dienophiles:



(3'S,4S,6S,7S)-1'-tert-Butyl

hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12a



Prepared by General Procedure **K** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** ( $3.2 \mu$ L, 0.010 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **4a** (28 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole **9a** (15.8 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave cycloadduct **12a** as a light yellow oil (27 mg, 0.039 mmol, 78%);  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  –94.3 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2128, 1750, 1730, 1605, 1464, 1353, 1304, 1253, 1162; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  9.67 (1H, s, H15), 7.94 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.81 (1H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, ArH), 7.40 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.21 (1H, td, *J* = 8.0 and 1.4 Hz, ArH), 6.63 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 6.55 (1H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, ArH), 1.4.03 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.7, 8.0 and 6.4 Hz, H2), 3.83-3.78 (3H, m, H2 and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.67 (1H, br s, H7), 3.33 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.6 and 8.9 Hz, H14), 3.27 (1H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, H6), 2.89 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, H4), 2.51 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.28 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.7 and 3.0 Hz, H14), 2.24-2.19 (2H, m, H3), 2.00-1.93 (1H, m, H8), 1.81-1.93 (1H, m, H8), 1.60 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.37-1.14 (8H, m, H9-H12), 0.89 (6H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> and H13); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  198.9, 176.7, 171.0, 148.9, 144.0, 139.3, 138.8, 136.2, 130.5, 130.1, 128.4, 128.1, 123.8, 123.5, 123.3, 114.7, 84.14, 61.2, 51.6, 50.1, 47.7, 44.3, 37.4, 33.8, 33.5, 31.8, 30.3, 29.5, 27.9, 25.4, 22.7, 21.6, 14.1, 13.4; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 715.3023; found 715.3018.

Chiralpak IB (25% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm)  $t_{\rm R}$  major -6.1 min, minor - 7.3 min (94% *ee*).



(3'*S*,4*S*,6*S*,7*S*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 6-ethyl 7-(3-chloropropyl)-2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12b



Prepared by General Procedure **K** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** (3.2  $\mu$ L, 0.010 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **4b** (27.5 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole **9a** (15.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave cycloadduct **12b** as a colourless oil (23 mg, 0.034 mmol, 67%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  -51.3 (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2927, 2856, 1787, 1755, 1726, 1598, 1482, 1348, 1250; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  = 9.67 (1H, s, H12), 7.93 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.82 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.41 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.22 (1H, dt, J = 15.1 and 4.1 Hz, ArH), 6.64 (1H, t, J = 7.9 Hz, ArH), 6.54 (1H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, ArH), 4.16-4.10 (1H, m, H2), 4.05-3.99 (1H, m, H2), 3.85-3.78 (2H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.74-3.70 (1H, m, H7), 3.62-3.53 (2H, m, H10), 3.30 (1H, dd, J = 18.6 and 8.7 Hz, H11), 3.23 (1H, d, J = 7.1 Hz, H6), 2.92 (1H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, H4), 2.52 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.29 (1H, dd, J = 18.7 and 3.1 Hz, H11), 2.23 (2H, td, J = 9.1 and 2.4 Hz, H3), 2.16-2.10 (1H, m, H8), 1.99-1.83 (2H, m, H9), 1.75-1.66 (1H, m, H8), 1.61 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.90 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{c}$  198.7, 176.5, 170.9, 148.9, 144.3, 138.9, 138.6, 135.9, 130.3, 130.1, 128.6, 128.1, 124.3, 123.9, 123.2, 114.8, 84.3, 61.4, 51.6, 50.0, 47.7, 44.8, 44.2, 37.2, 33.1, 31.6, 30.3, 29.0, 28.0, 21.7, 13.4; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>CIS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 685.2344; found 685.2338.

Chiralpak IB (20% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm)  $t_{\rm R}$  major: 11.2 min, minor: 13.6 min (97% *ee*).



(3'S,4S,6S,7S)-1'-tert-Butyl

hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12c



Prepared by General Procedure **K** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** ( $3.2 \mu$ L, 0.010 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **4c** (22.8 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole **9a** (15.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave cycloadduct **12c** as a light yellow oil (23 mg, 0.036 mmol, 74%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  –57.1 (*c* = 0.8, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2922, 2850, 1764, 1722, 1602, 1475, 1348, 1306, 1156, 986, 739; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.67 (1H, s, H10), 7.92 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.80 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, ArH), 7.41 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.25-7.21 (1H, m, ArH), 6.69 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 6.63 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 4.06 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.9, 9.1 and 4.8 Hz, H2), 3.88-3.77 (3H, m, H2 and OC<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.53-3.50 (1H, m, H7), 3.32 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.6 and 8.9 Hz, H9), 3.09 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, H6), 2.87 (1H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H4), 2.51 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.31 (1H dd, *J* = 18.7 and 3.0 Hz, H9), 2.29-2.17 (2H, m, H3), 1.60 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.50 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, H8), 0.94 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  198.9, 176.6, 170.8, 148.8, 144.2, 140.4, 138.9, 136.2, 130.6, 130.1, 128.4, 128.0, 123.9, 123.1, 123.0, 114.8, 84.2, 61.2, 51.2, 51.0, 50.2, 44.1, 37.7, 30.3, 29.7, 28.0, 21.7, 21.7, 13.5; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 623.2421; found 623.2433.

Chiralpak IB (20% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm)  $t_{\rm R}$  major: 12.2 min, minor: 18.9 min (98% *ee*).



**Proof of stereochemistry for oxindole cycloadditions:** Cycloadduct **12c** was used to assign the relative stereochemistry of the cycloaddition through <sup>1</sup>H NMR nOe experiments (1D nOe / 2D NOESY). On the alpha face (as depicted below), a strong enhancement was seen between H6 and H8 (side chain methyl), indicating these groups to be on the same face; on the beta face, a strong enhancement was seen between H4 and an aryl proton.



### (3'*S*,4*S*,6*S*,7*R*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 6-ethyl 2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-7-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12d



Prepared by General Procedure **K** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** (3.2  $\mu$ L, 0.01 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **4d** (27.5 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole **9a** (15.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave cycloadduct **12d** as a yellow oil (24 mg, 0.035 mmol, 70% yield);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  -57.4 (*c* = 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2928, 1789, 1757, 1726, 1602, 1478, 1251, 1150, 1022, 868; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.66 (1H, s, H9), 7.77 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, ArH), 7.34-7.22 (3H, m, TsH and ArH), 7.23-6.91 (9H, m, TsH and ArH), 4.82-4.70 (1H, m, H2), 4.10-4.04 (1H, m, H2), 3.74-3.65 (2H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.63-3.52 (2H, m, H8 and H6), 3.27 (1H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, H7), 3.02 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.3 and 7.9 Hz, H8), 2.56-2.40 (2H, m, H4 and H5), 2.37-2.28 (1H, m, H5), 2.32 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.52 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.76 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  198.9, 176.0, 170.3, 148.7, 143.5, 141.5, 138.8, 138.1, 136.6, 130.1, 129.5, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 126.9, 125.5, 124.6, 123.6, 114.8, 84.2, 61.1, 52.2, 51.8, 49.6, 44.3, 40.8, 37.9, 31.0, 28.0, 21.5, 13.4; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>41</sub>O<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 685.2578; found 685.2562. *HPLC data is on the next page.*
Chiralpak IA (20% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm) Minor diastereomer:  $t_{\rm R}$ major – 11.7 min, minor – 5.2 min;Major diastereomer:  $t_{\rm R}$ major – 10.1 min, minor – 22.2 min. (95% *ee*).



(3'*S*,4*S*,6*S*,7*S*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 6-ethyl 5'-chloro-7-hexyl-2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12e



Prepared by General Procedure **K** using catalyst (*S*)-10 (3.2  $\mu$ L, 0.01 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), 4a (28 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole 9b (17.5 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave cycloadduct 12e as a light yellow oil (27 mg, 0.037 mmol, 75%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  –68.2 (*c*=0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2957, 2856, 1790, 1760, 1728, 1598, 1471, 1394, 1250, 1152, 1090, 1023, 815; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.66 (1H, s, H15), 7.91 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 7.83 (1H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, ArH), 7.38 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 7.27 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.3 and 2.6 Hz, ArH), 7.16 (1H, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, ArH), 3.93-3.84 (3H, m, H2 and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.69-3.61 (2H, m, H2 and H7), 3.25 (2H, dt, *J* = 8.8 and 7.3 Hz, H6 and H14), 2.98 (1H, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H4), 2.44 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.33 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.8 and 2.9 Hz, H14), 2.25-2.13 (2H, m, H3), 1.94-1.86 (1H, m, H8), 1.82-1.70 (1H, m, H8), 1.60 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.36-1.23 (8H, m, H9 to H12), 0.96 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.89 (3H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H13); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  198.7, 176.1, 171.0, 148.7, 144.3, 139.8, 137.5, 135.5, 132.5, 130.1, 129.7, 128.6, 127.9, 124.5, 123.5, 116.0, 84.5, 61.3, 51.8, 49.8, 47.3, 44.2, 37.1, 34.2, 32.8, 31.7, 30.5, 29.4, 28.0, 24.9, 22.6, 21.6, 14.1, 13.5; HRMS (ES<sup>-</sup>) calc. for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>46</sub>O<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>SCI [M-H]<sup>-</sup> 725.2669; found 725.2682.

Chiralpak IB (20% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm)  $t_{\rm R}$ major – 6.1 min, minor – 7.8 min (95% *ee*).



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(3'*S*,4*S*,6*S*,7*S*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 6-ethyl 7-hexyl-5'-methoxy-2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12f



Prepared by General Procedure **K** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** (3.2  $\mu$ L, 0.01 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **4a** (28 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole **9b** (17.3 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave cycloadduct **12f** as a red oil (24 mg, 0.033 mmol, 67%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  -64.6 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $\nu_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2928, 2856, 1787, 1754, 1724, 1598, 1486, 1471, 1249, 1152, 814; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.67 (1H, s, H15), 7.89 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.77 (1H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, ArH), 7.36 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 6.89 (1H, d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, ArH), 6.81 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.9 and 2.6 Hz, ArH), 3.96 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.7, 9.0 and 2.9 Hz, H2), 3.91-3.83 (2H, m, H14), 3.80 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.70 (1H, br s, H2), 3.54 (1H, app q, *J* = 10.7 Hz, H7), 3.30 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.6 and 8.8 Hz, H14), 3.22 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, H6), 3.01 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H4), 2.45 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.40-2.30 (1H, m, H3), 2.32 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.6 and 3.0 Hz, H14), 2.15-2.09 (1H, m, H3), 1.81-1.76 (2H, m, H8), 1.60 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.33-1.24 (8H, m, H9 to H12), 0.95 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, H15), 0.88 (3H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H13); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  198.9, 176.7, 171.1, 156.8, 149.0, 144.0, 139.4, 136.1, 132.1, 131.8, 129.9, 127.8, 125.8, 115.5, 113.3, 110.1, 83.8, 61.1, 56.0, 51.8, 49.9, 47.1, 44.3, 37.4, 34.2, 32.1, 31.7, 30.8, 29.5, 28.0, 24.6, 22.6, 21.6, 14.1, 13.5; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 745.3129; found 745.3130.

Chiralpak IB (20% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 210 nm)  $t_{\rm R}$  major – 6.7 min, minor – 12.2 min (94% *ee*).



(3'*S*,4*S*,6*S*,7*S*)-di-*tert*-Butyl 7-methyl-2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12g



Prepared by General Procedure k using catalysts catalyst (*S*)-**10** (3  $\mu$ L, 0.010 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **4c** (22.8 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole **9d** (17.2 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave cycloadduct **12g** as a light yellow oil (25 mg, 0.038 mmol, 76%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  –98.0 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2923, 1790, 1759, 1723, 1394, 1296, 1152; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.67 (1H, s, H10), 7.94 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.82 (1H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, ArH), 7.40 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.21 (1H, td, *J* = 8.2 and 1.3 Hz, ArH), 6.63 (1H, td, *J* = 7.6 and 0.9 Hz, ArH), 6.48 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6 and 0.8 Hz, ArH), 4.03 (1H, dt, *J* = 11.7 and 7.3 Hz, H2), 3.89-3.79 (1H, m, H2), 3.63-3.55 (1H, m, H7), 3.34 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.6 and 9.0 Hz, H9), 3.00 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H6), 2.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.7 and 1.8 Hz, H4), 2.51 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.28 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.7 and 2.9 Hz, H9), 2.24-2.18 (2H, m, H3), 1.59 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.46 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H8), 1.06 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  199.0, 176.5, 169.5, 148.9, 144.1, 140.7, 138.9, 136.2, 130.8, 130.1, 128.3, 128.1, 123.8, 123.1, 122.3, 114.7, 84.1, 81.9, 51.5, 51.3, 50.1, 44.2, 37.9, 30.2, 29.1, 28.0, 27.2, 21.9, 21.7; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 673.2559; found 673.2553.

Chiralpak IA (15% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.3 mL/min, 254 nm) t<sub>B</sub>major: 8.4 min, minor: 6.6 min (89% ee).



(3*S*,4'*S*,6'*S*,7'*S*)- and (3*R*,4'*S*,6'*R*,7'*S*)-Ethyl 7'-methyl-2-oxo-4'-(2-oxoethyl)-1'-tosyl-1',2',3',4',6',7'hexahydro-2H-spiro[benzofuran-3,5'-indole]-6'-carboxylate, 18a and 18b



Prepared by General Procedure **K** using catalyst (*S*)-10 ( $3.2 \mu$ L, 0.010 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), 4c (22.8 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and olefinic lactone 17 (10.9 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave cycloadducts 18a and 18b (dr: 1:1) as a colourless oil (20 mg, 0.038 mmol, 77% yield);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  –6.02 (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2924, 1796, 1723, 1461, 1348, 1161; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.71 (1H, s, H10), 9.42 (1H, s, H10), 7.91 (2H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.70 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.42-7.34 (5H, m, TsH and ArH), 7.27-7.18 (4H, m, TsH and ArH), 7.13-7.06 (2H, m, ArH), 6.75 (1H, t, J = 7.9 Hz, ArH), 6.66 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz, ArH), 4.16-4.06 (4H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.97-3.90 (4H, m, H2), 3.82-3.73 (2H, m, H7), 3.49-3.35 (3H, m, H9 and H4), 3.11-2.95 (3H, m, H4 and H6), 2.51 (3H, s), 2.50 (3H, s), 2.42 (2H, dd, J = 18.8 and 3.5 Hz, H9), 2.35-2.20 (2H, m, H3), 1.96-1.72 (2H, m, H3), 1.50 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, H8), 1.33 (3H, d, J = 7.1 Hz, H8), 1.27-1.21 (3H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.01 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  198.8, 198.3, 179.2, 177.6, 170.5, 170.4, 154.4, 152.7, 144.5, 144.3, 140.6, 140.5, 136.3, 134.2, 130.1, 130.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.2, 128.0, 127.2, 126.1, 125.8, 124.6, 124.0, 123.8, 123.6, 123.2, 111.2, 110.8, 61.6, 60.4, 52.9, 51.4, 51.0, 50.3, 50.2, 50.2, 44.2, 43.5, 38.1, 37.2, 30.7, 30.5, 30.4, 29.9, 21.7, 21.3, 14.6, 14.2, 14.0, 13.6; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>7</sub>NNaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 546.1562; found 546.1562.

Chiralpak IA (10% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.3 mL/min, 230 nm)  $t_{\rm R}$  major: 15.8 min, minor: 17.7 min, and  $t_{\rm R}$  major: 19.7 min, minor: 29.6 min (93% *ee* & 89% *ee*).



#### 1.3.5 Synthesis of dienals 3b and 4e

3b was synthesized according to the following scheme:



(S)-2-phenylbut-3-en-1-ol, S10

**S10** was prepared according to the procedure of Tan *et al.*<sup>6</sup> To a solution of (*R*)-phenyloxirane (1.00 g, 8.32 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and Cu(COD)Cl (172 mg, 0.83 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) in THF (12 mL) at -78 °C was added vinylmagnesium bromide (10.0 mL, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 M solution in THF, ). The reaction was allowed to warm to rt over 8 h, then it was quenched by the addition of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (30 mL, sat., aq.) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 40 mL). The combined organics were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (90:10)) to afford **S10** as a colourless oil (870 mg, 5.87 mmol, 71%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  +67.3 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); *lit*: +67.5 (*c* = 0.545, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3448, 3028, 1493, 1452, 1055, 1026, 992, 916, 756; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.25 (2H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, PhH), 7.18-7.14 (3H, m, PhH), 5.99-5.85 (1H, m, H3), 5.16-5.04 (2H, m, H4), 3.72 (2H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz H1), 3.43 (1H, app q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H2), 1.64 (1H, br s, OH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  140.8, 138.3, 128.8, 128.0, 127.0, 117.1, 66.1, 52.6. Data identical to literature values.<sup>6</sup>



Prepared by General Procedure **A** using alcohol **S10** (1.00 g, 6.75 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / Et<sub>2</sub>O (9:1)) to give **S11** as a colourless oil (1.70 g, 4.73 mmol, 70%);  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  +9.56 (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2957, 2923, 1728, 1597, 1551, 1350, 1290, 1163, 1088, 764; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.63 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, TsH), 7.26 (3H, t, J = 6.2 Hz, TsH and PhH), 7.21-7.17 (4H, m, PhH), 6.00 (1H, ddd, J = 16.9, 10.4 and 8.6 Hz, H3), 5.12-5.01 (2H, m, H4), 4.06 (2H, dd, J = 14.6 and 7.8 Hz, H1), 3.77 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, H2), 3.52 (3H, s, CO<sub>2</sub>C<u>H<sub>3</sub>), 2.34</u> (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  153.1, 144.7, 140.9, 138.1, 136.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.1, 117.5, 53.7, 51.8, 50.4, 21.8; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 382.1080; found 382.1079.

(*S*)-4-methyl-*N*-(2-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide, S12, and (*S*)-*N*-(4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)but-1-yn-1-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(2-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide, 5f



**S12** was prepared by General Procedure **B** using (*S*)-methyl (2-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)(tosyl)carbamate, **S11** (1.12 g, 3.12 mmol); the sulfonamide was obtained in quantitative yield. **S12** (750 mg, 2.49 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was then converted to **5f** using General Procedure **C** and ((4-bromobut-3-yn-1-yl)oxy)(*tert*-butyl)dimethylsilane (979 mg, 3.74 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (90:10)) to give **5f** as a colourless oil (740 mg, 1.53 mmol, 62%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$ / cm<sup>-1</sup>);  $[\alpha]_{p}^{25}$  +5.94 (*c* = 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2955, 2855, 1677, 1471, 1364, 1254, 1169, 1106, 1058, 916, 835; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.60 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.26-7.15 (5H, m, TsH and PhH), 7.12 (2H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, PhH), 5.92 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.5, 10.4 and 7.5 Hz, H8), 5.06 (2H, dd, *J* = 13.7 and 8.2 Hz, H9), 3.69 (1H, app q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H7), 3.61-3.53 (3H, m, H1 and H6), 3.40 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.5 and 7.2 Hz, H6), 2.41 (2H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, H2), 2.36 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.83 (10H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.00 (6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  144.4, 140.4, 137.8, 134.7, 129.7, 128.7, 128.2, 127.8, 127.1, 117.2, 74.0, 68.0, 62.3, 55.5, 48.1, 26.0, 23.1, 21.7, 18.4, -5.1; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NNaSSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 506.2155; found 506.2149.



Prepared by General Procedure **F** using ynamide **5f** (300 mg, 0.62 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (90:10)) to give **S13** as a colourless oil (256 mg, 0.53 mmol, 85%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  +102.9 (c = 0.8, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2955, 1471, 1358, 1254, 1165, 1090, 834; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.75 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.31 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, TsH), 7.28-7.17 (3H, m, PhH), 6.90 (2H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, PhH), 6.13-6.05 (1H, m, H3), 5.34 (1H, d, J = 3.2 Hz, H9), 4.35 (1H, d, J = 2.7 Hz, H9), 4.14-3.99 (1H, m, H7), 3.81 (2H, td, J = 6.0 and 2.0 Hz, H1), 3.26 (1H, dd, J = 12.8 and 10.9 Hz, H6), 2.93-2.73 (3H, m, H6 and H2), 2.47 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.93 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.10 (6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  148.3, 144.2, 140.6, 138.1, 136.0, 129.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 127.2, 118.6, 106.0, 62.7, 56.9, 47.2, 33.5, 26.1, 21.8, -5.0; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NNaSSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 506.2155; found 506.2150.

#### (R,Z)-3-(3-methylene-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-ylidene)propan-1-ol, S14



Prepared by General Procedure **G** using **S13** (240 mg, 0.496 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give **S14** as a colourless oil (178 mg, 0.482 mmol, 97%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  +164.1 (c = 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3410, 2950, 1598, 1351, 1254, 1163, 1067, 1090, 814, 700; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.77 (2H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.31 (2H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.23-7.21 (3H, m, PhH), 6.90 (2H, d, J = 6.6 Hz, PhH), 6.04 (1H, t, J = 7.7 Hz, H3), 5.38 (1H, d, J = 2.7 Hz, H9), 4.38 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz, H9), 4.09 (1H, dd, J = 12.9 and 8.5 Hz, H7), 3.96-3.90 (1H, m, H1), 3.88-3.82 (1H, m, H1), 3.29 (1H, dd, J = 12.7 and 11.0 Hz, H6), 3.09-3.00 (1H, m, H2), 2.90-2.84 (1H, m, H6), 2.80-2.71 (1H, m, H2), 2.47 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  148.06, 144.47, 140.36, 139.13, 135.72, 129.89, 129.70, 128.86, 128.76, 128.48, 128.35, 128.03, 127.69, 127.45, 127.32, 118.34, 106.66, 62.51, 57.01, 47.07, 33.08, 21.82, 21.75; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NNaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 392.1290; found 392.1288.



Prepared by General Procedure **H** using **S14** (36 mg, 0.97 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether  $\rightarrow$  petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give **3b** as a light yellow oil (14.2 mg, 0.39 mmol, 40%); **R**<sub>f</sub> 0.18 (petroleum ether /EtOAc (2:1));  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  +32.6 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2962, 2923, 1682, 1598, 1350, 1132, 1089, 1029, 732; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.74 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H1), 7.58 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.51 (1H, d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, H3), 7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, PhH), 7.21-7.12 (3H, m, PhH), 6.65 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1Hz, PhH), 6.42 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.1 and 7.8 Hz, H2), 4.46-3.95 (1H, m, H7), 3.68-3.40 (1H, m, H6), 2.49 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.58 (3H, s, H9); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  194.0, 144.5, 143.1, 140.7, 135.7, 134.3, 132.8, 132.7, 130.0, 129.0, 128.3, 127.8, 127.5, 56.8, 52.7, 21.8, 14.0; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NNaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 390.1134; found 390.1135.

4e was synthesized according to the following scheme:



#### 5-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-phenylpent-1-yn-3-ol, S16



To a solution of phenylacetylene (2.46 mL 22.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in THF (150 mL) at –78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (2.4 M in hexanes, 8.1 mL, 19.5 mmol, 1.3 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. A solution of aldehyde **S15**<sup>7</sup> (2.80 g, 15.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (21 mL) and added by cannula. The reaction was allowed to warm to rt, and was stirred for 16 h. The reaction was queched via addition of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (50 mL, sat., aq.), and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (9:1)) gave alcohol **S16** as a yellow oil (3.39 g, 11.7 mmol, 78%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3398, 2954, 2857, 1490, 1254, 1082, 833, 776; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  7.45-7.41 (2H, m, PhH), 7.32-7.29 (3H, m, PhH), 4.85 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.1 and 5.6 Hz, H3), 4.12 (1H, ddd, *J* = 10.3, 8.0 and 3.8 Hz, H5), 3.89 (1H, ddd, *J* = 10.2, 6.0 and 4.3 Hz, H5), 3.58 (1H, d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, OH), 2.14-2.06 (1H, m, H4), 1.97 (1H, dtd, *J* = 14.2, 6.2 and 3.8 Hz, H4), 0.92 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.11 (3H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 0.10 (3H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  131.6, 128.1, 122.8, 89.6, 84.7, 61.9, 61.0, 38.8, 25.7, 18.1, –5.6; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NaSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 313.1605; found 313.1598.

#### 5-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-phenylpent-1-yn-3-one, S17



Prepared by General Procedure I using **S16** (870 mg, 3.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether  $\rightarrow$  petroleum ether / EtOAc (9:1)) to give **S17** as a yellow oil (734 mg, 2.54 mmol, 85%); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2954, 2857, 2200, 1668, 1490, 1280, 1089, 1032, 926, 833; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.58-7.56 (2H, m, PhH), 7.48-7.43 (1H, m, PhH), 7.40-7.36 (2H, m, PhH), 4.05 (2H, t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, H5), 2.87 (2H, t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, H4), 0.88 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.07 (6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  186.3, 133.0, 130.7, 128.6, 120.0, 90.9, 87.9, 58.5, 48.5, 25.8, 18.2, -5.4; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 289.1629, found 289.1621.

#### (S,E)-5-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-phenylpent-1-en-3-ol, S18



To a solution of **S17** (576 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in *i*-PrOH (20 mL) under Ar at rt was added dropwise a solution of RuCl(*p*-cymene)[(*S*,*S*)-Ts-DPEN] (63.6 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.05 equiv.) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h, and then concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (9:1)) gave (*S*)-propargyl alcohol **S16** (452 mg, 1.56 mmol, 78%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  –22.2 (c = 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); other data for this compound were identical to **S16** above.

Chiralpak IB (15% IPA in hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm)  $t_{\rm B}$  major - 7.7 min, minor - 5.0 min.



To a solution of (*S*)-**S16** (840 mg, 2.90 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in Et<sub>2</sub>O at 0 °C was added Red AI (65% wt solution in toluene, 1.3 mL, 4.35 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) dropwise, and the reaction was stirred for 2 h at rt. The reaction was quenched by addition of 1N HCl, and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic phases were washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (sat., aq.), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (9:1)) to give **S18** as a light yellow oil (490 mg, 1.68 mmol, 58%);  $[\alpha]_p^{25}$  –1.83 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3417, 2953, 2929, 1494, 1292, 1093, 965, 834 and 775; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.30-7.27 (2H, m, PhH), 7.23-7.18 (2H, m, PhH), 7.16-7.11 (1H, m, PhH), 6.54 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.9 and 3.4 Hz, H2), 6.14 (1H, d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, H1), 4.45 (1H, br s, H3), 3.83 (1H, td, *J* = 10.1 and 5.1 Hz, H5), 3.79-3.72 (1H, m, H5), 3.45 (1H, br s, OH), 1.78-1.71 (2H, m, H2), 0.82 (9H, m, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.00 (3H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), -0.01 (3H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  137.0, 132.1, 129.5, 128.5, 127.4, 126.4, 72.3, 62.0, 38.6, 25.9, 18.2, -5.5; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NaSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 315.1761, found 315.1749.

#### (S,E)-5-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-phenylpent-1-en-3-yl propionate, S19



Pyridine (49 mg, 0.625 mmol, 1.25 equiv.), propanoic anhydride (81mg, 0.625 mmol, 1.25 equiv.) and DMAP (0.6 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.01 equiv.) were added to a solution of **S18** (145 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, then it was diluted with toluene (10 mL) and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (19:1)) gave **S19** as a colourless oil (160 mg, 0.46 mmol, 93%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  -1.2 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2954, 2859,

1737, 1604, 1471, 1254, 1180, 1095, 963, 834; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.33 (2H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, PhH), 7.26 (2H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, PhH), 7.20 (1H, m, PhH), 6.57 (1H, d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, H1), 6.11 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.9 and 7.3 Hz, H2), 5.53 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.6 and 6.8 Hz, H3), 3.65 (2H, t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, H5), 2.30 (2H, q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H7), 1.98-1.71 (2H, m, H4), 1.11 (3H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H8), 0.85 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.00 (6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  173.6, 136.4, 132.4, 128.6, 127.9, 127.7, 126.6, 71.7, 59.1, 37.6, 27.9, 25.9, 18.3, 9.2, -5.4; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 349.2193; found 349.2190.

#### (2R,3R,E)-7-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methyl-3-phenylhept-4-enoic acid, S20



A solution of **S19** (576 mg, 1.65 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in toluene (16 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of LiHMDS (4.9 mL, 4.96 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (6.9 mL, 4.96 mmol, 30 equiv.) in toluene (16 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction was stirred for 1 h at -78 °C, then it was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 12 h. 1N NaOH was added to the reaction mixure, which was stirred for a further 1h and then extracted with ether. The aqueous layer was neutralized with 1N citric acid, then extracted with ether and concentrated to give acid **S20** as a colourless oil (430 mg, 1.23 mmol, 75%);  $[\alpha]_p^{25}$  +30.8 (*c* = 1.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max} / cm^{-1}$ ) 2954, 1820, 1713, 1462, 1288, 1150, 1092, 834, 755; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  10.69 (1H, s, CO<sub>2</sub>H), 7.26-7.20 (2H, m, PhH), 7.16 (3H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, PhH), 5.59-5.48 (2H, m, H4 and H5), 3.59 (2H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H7), 3.44 (1H, t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, H3), 2.79-2.70 (1H, m, H2), 2.20 (2H, q, *J* = 6.2 Hz, H6), 1.19 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H8), 0.86 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.01 (6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_C$  181.4, 142.5, 131.8, 129.5, 128.4, 127.6, 126.4, 62.8, 52.1, 45.0, 36.1, 25.9, 18.3, 15.5, -5.4; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 349.2199; found 349.2194.

# *N*-((2*R*,3S,*E*)-7-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenylhept-4-en-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide, S21



To a solution of carboxylic acid **S20** (170 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in toluene (5 mL) were added  $Et_3N$  (0.25 mL, 1.79 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and diphenylphosphoryl azide (DPPA) (0.25 mL, 1.16 mmol, 2.0 equiv.). The mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min, then stirred at 80 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and re-dissolved in THF (5 mL). 4N LiOH (2.8 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 4 h at rt, then it was diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to give the crude amine as an oil, which was used without further purification.

To a stirred solution of the crude amine (assumed 0.48 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and TsCl (91 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.75 mL, 5.36 mmol) dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 2 h, then it was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (9:1)) to give **S21** (150 mg, 0.317 mmol, 65%) as a colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  +13.0 (c = 0.8, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3280, 2954, 2928, 1599, 1304, 1253, 1158, 1093, 835; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_H$  7.68 (2H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, TsH),

7.32-7.28 (3H, m, 2 x TsH and PhH), 7.23 (2H, d, J = 7.9 Hz, PhH), 7.05 (2H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, PhH), 5.67 (1H, d, J = 15.2 and 9.4 Hz, H4), 5.55-5.46 (1H, m, H5), 4.42 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz, NHTs), 3.65 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz, H7), 3.58 (1H, dt, J = 13.2 and 6.6 Hz, H2), 3.22 (1H, dd, J = 9.3 and 6.3 Hz, H3), 2.47 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.26 (2H, q, J = 6.5 Hz, H6), 1.11 (3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz, H8), 0.91 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.07 (3H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 0.07 (3H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  143.1, 140.6, 137.8, 131.6, 129.6, 129.2, 128.6, 127.8, 127.1, 126.8, 62.6, 54.4, 53.5, 36.3, 25.9, 21.5, 18.6, 18.3, -5.3; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NNaSSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 496.2317; found 496.2308.

# *N*-((2*R*,3*S*,*E*)-7-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenylhept-4-en-2-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide, 5g



Prepared by General Procedures **D** and **E** using sulfonamide **S21** (230 mg, 0.49 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (95:5)) to give **5g** as a colourless oil (217 mg, 0.42 mmol, 87%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  +28.3 (c = 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2955, 2855, 1714, 1551, 1479, 1349, 1162, 1089, 815, 756; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.31 (2H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, TsH), 7.22-7.17 (5H, m, TsH and PhH), 7.11 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, PhH), 5.63 (1H, dd, J = 15.2 and 9.1 Hz, H4), 5.55-5.48 (1H, m, H5), 4.31 (1H, dq, J = 10.4 and 6.5 Hz, H2), 3.59 (2H, t, J = 6.7 Hz, H7), 3.38 (1H, t, J = 9.7 Hz, H3), 2.38 (3H, s, Me), 2.21 (2H, q, J = 6.6 Hz, H6), 1.93 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.22 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, H8), 0.86 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.00 (3H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 0.00 (3H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  143.6, 142.0, 135.6, 131.6, 129.9, 129.2, 128.4, 127.8, 127.4, 126.4, 68.8, 68.2, 62.7, 59.2, 54.3, 36.2, 25.8, 21.5, 18.3, 17.6, 3.5, -5.4; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>41</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NNaSSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 534.2474; found 534.2464.

# (3*R*,4*S*,5*R*,*Z*)-3-((*E*)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2-ethylidene-5-methyl-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine, S22



Prepared by General Procedure **F** using ynamide **5g** (100 mg, 0.195 mmol). The crude material was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (95:5)) to give **S22** as colorless oil (95 mg, 0.185 mmol, 95%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  +68.2 (c = 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2954, 2856, 1471, 1354, 1353, 1197, 1072, 835, 776; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.81 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.35 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.24-7.20 (2H, m, PhH), 7.16 (1H, t, J = 6.7 Hz, PhH), 6.94 (2H, d, J = 7.3 Hz, PhH), 5.49 (1H, dt, J = 15.1 and 5.3 Hz, H2), 5.39 (1H, qd, J = 7.1 and 1.6 Hz, H9), 4.98 (1H, dd, J = 15.1 and 8.8 Hz, H3), 4.28 (1H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, H6), 3.99 (2H, dd, J = 5.2 and 1.5 Hz, H1), 3.53 (1H, t, J = 10.0 Hz, H4), 2.44 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.31 (1H, dt, J = 13.1 and 9.8 Hz, H5), 1.98 (3H, dd, J = 7.2 and 1.9 Hz, H10), 0.86 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, H11), 0.84 (9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>) -0.02 (3H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), -0.04 (3H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  143.9, 138.5,

137.1, 136.4, 131.7, 130.6, 129.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 126.8, 118.4, 63.4, 61.9, 50.6, 48.3, 25.9, 21.6, 18.3, 15.9, -5.2; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>41</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NNaSSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 534.2474; found 534.2468.

### (E)-3-((3R,4S,5R,Z)-2-ethylidene-5-methyl-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol, S23



Prepared by General Procedure **G** using **S22** (80 mg, 0.156 mmol). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give **S23** as a colourless oil (58 mg, 0.146 mmol, 93%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  +145.7 (c = 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3378, 3028, 2919, 1677, 1452, 1304, 1164, 1053, 977, 814; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  7.82 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.36 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.27-7.21 (2H, m, PhH), 7.18 (1H, t, J = 6.2 Hz, PhH), 6.97 (2H, d, J = 7.3 Hz, PhH), 5.59 (1H, dt, J = 11.3 and 5.5 Hz, H2), 5.46-5.35 (1H, m, H9), 5.01 (1H, dd, J = 14.6 and 9.3 Hz, H3), 4.31 (1H, quint, J = 6.9 Hz, H6), 3.97 (2H, d, J = 4.5 Hz, H1), 3.55 (1H, t, J = 9.6 Hz, H4), 2.48-2.42 (1H, m, H5), 2.45 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.97 (3H, dd, J = 7.1 and 1.8 Hz, H10), 0.85 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, H11); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  144.1, 138.4, 137.0, 136.4, 132.4, 131.0, 129.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 126.9, 118.8, 63.2, 62.0, 50.7, 48.2, 21.6, 15.9, 15.8; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NNaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 420.1609; found 420.1599.

#### (E)-3-((3R,4S,5R,Z)-2-ethylidene-5-methyl-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)acrylaldehyde, 4e



Prepared by General Procedure I using S23 (46 mg, 0.115 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The resulting crude material was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether  $\rightarrow$  petroleum ether / EtOAc (1:1)) to give 4e as a light yellow oil (30 mg, 0.076 mmol, 66%);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  +136.8 (c = 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3030, 2919, 1686, 1632, 1453, 1165, 1053, 978, 815; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.22 (1H, d, J = 7.7 Hz, H1), 7.76 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.30 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.22-7.12 (3H, m, PhH), 6.92 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, PhH), 6.01 (1H, dd, J = 15.5 and 8.5 Hz, H3), 5.86 (1H, dd, J = 15.8 and 7.7 Hz, H2), 5.36 (1H, qd, J = 7.0 and 1.4 Hz, H9), 4.33 (1H, qt, J = 6.8 Hz, H6), 3.75 (1H, t, J = 9.5 Hz, H4), 2.63 (1H, dd, J = 10.6 and 7.1 Hz, H5), 2.38 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.92 (3H, dd, J = 7.1 and 1.8 Hz, H10), 0.82 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, H11); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  193.1, 156.4, 144.5, 136.6, 136.1, 135.9, 132.7, 129.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.9, 127.4, 121.1, 62.2, 50.9, 48.7, 21.6, 16.0, 15.9; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NNaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 418.1452; found 418.1436.

### 2-((3R,5S,6S,7R)-6-nitro-3,5-diphenyl-1-tosyl-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-indol-7-yl)acetaldehyde, 19a



Prepared by General Procedure **J** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** (1.9 μL, 0.006 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **3b** (11 mg, 0.030 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and trans-β-nitrostyrene **13a** (13.4 mg, 0.09 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) under Ar. Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave cycloadduct **19a** as a colourless oil (9.0 mg, 0.017 mmol, 58%, 8:1 dr);  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25}$  +9.35 (*c* = 0.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{\rm max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2926, 1716, 1651, 1553, 1348, 1324, 1160; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm H}$  9.77 (1H, s), 7.66 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.34 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.30-7.23 (3H, m, PhH), 7.18 (2H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, PhH), 7.07 (1H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, PhH), 6.96 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, PhH), 6.24 (2H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, PhH), 5.14 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.2 and 7.3 Hz, H6), 4.23 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.3 and 11.7 Hz, H2), 3.98 (1H, br s, H7), 3.78 (1H, br d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, H3), 3.51 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.4 and 4.8 Hz, H2), 3.45 (1H, td, *J* = 9.9 and 5.1 Hz, H5), 3.35 (1H, dd, *J* = 19.4 and 6.1 Hz, H8), 3.04 (1H, dd, *J* = 19.4 and 4.9 Hz, H4); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{\rm C}$  199.8, 144.7, 140.9, 138.6, 134.8, 132.1, 130.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.5, 127.1, 126.8, 92.5, 57.4, 48.9, 44.6, 43.6, 36.4, 28.9, 21.8; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 539.1611; found 539.1610.

**Assignment of stereochemistry:** The stereochemistry of cycloadduct **19a** was assigned by <sup>1</sup>H NMR nOe experiments (2D NOESY). On the alpha face (as depicted below), enhancements were seen between H7 and H5, and between H5 and H4 $\alpha$ , indicating these protons to be on the same face. On the beta face, enhancements was seen between H3 and H4 $\beta$ , between H4 $\beta$  and H6, and between H6 and H8 (sidechain), indicating these protons to be on the opposite face. This analysis is consistent with a top face attack of nitrostyrene, with the nitro group oriented *exo* and the phenyl ring oriented *endo*. This is consistent with the acyclic trienamine catalysis reported by Chen.<sup>8</sup> As such, the facial and diastereoselectivity of the reaction is under catalyst stereocontrol.





Prepared by General Procedure J using catalyst (*R*)-10 (i.e. *ent*-10) (1.9 μL, 0.006 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **3b** (11 mg, 0.030 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and trans-β-nitrostyrene **13a** (13.4 mg, 0.09 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) under Ar. Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave cycloadduct **19b** as a colourless oil (8.2 mg, 0.016 mmol, 53%, 20:1 dr);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  -46.0 (*c* = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film, v<sub>max</sub> / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2961, 2923, 1723, 1598, 1379, 1100, 1088, 728; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.77 (1H, s, H9), 7.76 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.44 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.32 (2H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, PhH), 7.28-7.25 (3H, m), 7.22 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, PhH), 7.12 (2H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, PhH), 7.07 (2H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, PhH), 5.19 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.8 and 5.4 Hz, H6), 4.47-4.42 (1H, m, H7), 4.12 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.0 and 9.7 Hz, H2), 3.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.0 and 7.7 Hz, H2), 3.54 (1H, br t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, H3), 3.37 (1H, td, *J* = 9.7 and 6.5 Hz, H5), 3.27 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.5 and 2.2 Hz, H8), 3.09 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3 and 8.3 Hz, H8), 2.53 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.15 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.2 and 6.5 Hz, H4), 2.00 (1H, ddt, *J* = 18.3, 9.4 and 1.8 Hz, H4); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  198.1, 144.8, 140.8, 139.2, 135.3, 133.9, 130.3, 129.3, 129.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 89.0, 58.6, 49.0, 43.4, 39.9, 32.2, 29.8, 21.9; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 539.1611; found 539.1610.

**Assignment of stereochemistry:** The stereochemistry of cycloadduct **19b** was assigned through <sup>1</sup>H NMR nOe experiments (2D NOESY). On the alpha face (as depicted below), enhancements were seen between H5 and H4 $\alpha$ , and between H5 and H8 (sidechain), indicating these protons to be on the same face. On the beta face, enhancements was seen between H3 and H4 $\beta$ , between H4 $\beta$  and H6, and between H6 and H7, indicating these protons to be on the opposite face. This analysis is consistent with a bottom face attack of nitrostyrene, with the nitro group oriented *endo* and the phenyl ring oriented *exo*. This *reverses* the diastereoselectivity of trienamine catalysis observed by Chen,<sup>8</sup> and likely arises from an avoidance of steric interactions between the C3-phenyl group, and the phenyl ring of nitrostyrene, in the Diels-Alder transition state. As such, the facial selectivity of the reaction is under catalyst stereocontrol, but the diastereoselectivity is under substrate control.



(3*R*,3'*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-1'-*tert*-butyl

hexahydrospiro[indole-6,3'-indoline]-1',5-dicarboxylate, 11e



Prepared by General Procedure **K** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** (1.9  $\mu$ L, 0.011 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **3b** (11 mg, 0.030 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole **9a** (28 mg, 0.090 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) under Ar. Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave **11e** as a colourless oil (13 mg, 0.019 mmol, 63%, 7:1 dr);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  -67.8 (*c* = 0.8, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2930, 1787, 1756, 1722, 1597, 1484, 1278, 1155, 771; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.74 (1H, s, H9), 8.02 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, oxindole H7), 7.37 (1H, t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, oxindole H6'), 7.33 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.20 (1H, t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, PhH), 7.15-7.11 (4H, m, TsH and PhH), 6.81 (1H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, oxindole H5'), 6.58 (1H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, oxindole H4'), 6.51 (2H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, PhH), 4.36 (1H, t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, H2), 3.89-3.81 (3H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, H3 and H7), 3.77 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.9 and 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.58 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9 and 6.3 Hz, H2), 3.35-3.27 (2H, m, H5 and H8), 3.15 (1H, d, *J* = 17.8 Hz, H8), 2.52 (3H, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.58-2.48 (1H, m, H4), 2.03 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.4 and 11.8 Hz, H4), 1.65 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.95 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  198.1, 176.5, 171.3, 149.2, 144.1, 141.0, 140.0, 136.2, 133.1, 130.8, 130.2, 128.8, 128.4, 128.4, 127.6, 127.3, 123.6, 123.4, 122.5, 115.5, 84.2, 61.3, 56.8, 50.1, 49.9, 43.8, 41.3, 37.5, 28.2, 24.5, 21.8, 13.7; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 707.2397; found 707.2391.

**Assignment of stereochemistry:** The stereochemistry of cycloadduct **11e** was assigned through <sup>1</sup>H NMR nOe experiments (2D NOESY). Several key protons are overlapping, but assignment can be made on the following basis: On the alpha face (as depicted below), a key enhancement was seen between oxindole H4' and H4 $\alpha$ , indicating these protons to be on the same face. H4 $\alpha$  did not show enhancements to any aliphatic protons aside from H4 $\beta$ . On the beta face, enhancements was seen between H4 $\beta$  and the overlapped H3/H7 peak (this must be an enhancement with H3 based on other compounds), and between H4 $\beta$  and H5, indicating these protons all to be on the opposite face. This analysis is consistent with a top face attack of the oxindole, with the oxindole carbonyl oriented *endo* and the ester group oriented *exo*. These observations are consistent with the model proposed by Jørgensen and Chen for acyclic trienamine reactions with oxindole alkene dienophiles.<sup>8</sup>



hexahydrospiro[indole-6,3'-indoline]-1',5-dicarboxylate, 11f



Prepared by General Procedure K using catalyst (R)-10 (i.e. ent-10) (1.9 µL, 0.011 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), 3b (11 mg, 0.030 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole 9a (28 mg, 0.090 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) under Ar. Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave cycloadducts **11f** as a light yellow oil (11 mg, 0.016 mmol, 53%, 1:1 dr);  $[\alpha]_{p}^{25}$  -6.2 (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $v_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2985, 2929, 1792, 1759, 1723, 1479, 1395, 1350, 1164, 1108, 775; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ<sub>H</sub> 9.74 (1H, s, H9A), 9.38 (1H, s, H9B), 7.98 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, PhH), 7.93 (1H, d, J = 7.9 Hz, PhH), 7.84 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, TsH), 7.44 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.41-7.29 (10H, m, TsH and PhH), 7.19 (2H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, PhH), 7.10 (2H, d, J = 7.1 Hz, PhH), 7.05 (3H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, PhH), 6.89 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz, PhH), 6.76 (1H, t, J = 7.6 Hz, oxindole H4'B), 6.63 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz, oxindole H4'A), 4.28 (1H, dd, J = 13.4 and 8.3 Hz, H2), 4.04-3.91 (3H, m, H2), 3.87-3.72 (6H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> and H3), 3.38-3.24 (1H, m, H7 and H8A), 3.25-3.12 (3H, m, H5, H7, and H8A), 2.76 (1H, dt, J = 17.7 and 2.3 Hz, H8B), 2.53 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.53-2.50 (1H, m, H8B), 2.50-2.46 (1H, m, H4A/B), 2.42 (3H, s), 2.45-2.37 (1H, m, H4), 2.35-2.20 (2H, m, H4A and H4B), 2.19-2.11 (1H, m, H4A/B), 1.67 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.65 (9H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.96-0.90 (6H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ<sub>C</sub> 199.2, 198.1, 177.3, 176.3, 171.3, 170.2, 149.2, 149.1, 145.0, 143.9, 141.9, 141.0, 139.9, 139.2, 137.3, 136.9, 133.5, 133.2, 132.1, 130.6, 130.1, 130.0, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.8, 127.4, 126.1, 124.6, 124.2, 123.9, 123.6, 123.0, 115.7, 115.34, 84.7, 84.3, 61.5, 61.2, 58.6, 57.7, 52.8, 50.7, 50.0, 48.5, 46.5, 43.9, 41.9, 41.5, 41.0, 37.0, 28.3, 28.2, 26.0, 23.9, 23.7, 21.9, 21.8, 13.7, 13.6; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 707.2397; found 707.2391.

Assignment of stereochemistry: The two diastereomers produced in this reaction are <u>different</u> to those prepared in the matched reaction (to give **11e**) assigned above. This supports an opposite (catalyst controlled) facial selectivity, and a 1:1 mixture of *endo* and *exo* adducts, which would be consistent with a steric effect imposed by the C3-phenyl affecting the mismatched catalyst-imposed diastereoselectivity. Additional evidence for the stereochemistry of these diastereomers is as follows: For isomer **11fA**, an enhancement was seen between the oxindole H4' and H4( $\beta$ ), but no enhancement was seen from oxindole H4' to H8. For isomer **11fB**, enhancements were seen between oxindole H4'B and H4( $\alpha$ ), as well as between oxindole H4'B and H8, implying these protons to be on the same face.



(2*R*,3*R*,3'*R*,4*R*,6*R*,7*R*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 6-ethyl 2,7-dimethyl-2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-3-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12h



Prepared by General Procedure **K** using catalyst (*R*)-**10** (i.e. *ent*-**12a**) (3.56  $\mu$ L, 0.011 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **4e** (21 mg, 0.055 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole **9a** (52 mg, 0.165 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) under Ar. Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave cycloadduct **12h** as a colourless oil (24 mg, 0.033 mmol, 60% yield, 20:1 dr);  $[\alpha]_{p}^{25}$  -10.38 (*c* = 1.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $\nu_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2980, 2931, 1789, 1758, 1726, 1291, 1252, 1150; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.50 (s, 1H, H10), 7.85-7.81 (3H, m, TsH and PhH), 7.38-7.26 (5H, m, TsH and PhH), 7.11-7.04 (2H, m, PhH), 6.95 (2H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, PhH), 6.58 (2H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, PhH), 4.54 (1H, dq, *J* = 13.9 and 6.9 Hz, H2), 3.91-3.80 (4H, m, OC<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, H7 and H3), 3.22 (1H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H6), 3.20 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.6 and 7.4 Hz, H9), 2.78 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.3 and 4.9 Hz, H4), 2.47 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.38 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.5, 4.8 and 1.5 Hz, H9), 1.59 (9H, s, *t*-Bu), 1.51 (1H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, H8), 1.09 (1H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H12), 0.91 (1H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  199.4, 176.6, 171.0, 149.1, 143.7, 142.9, 139.5, 139.3, 135.1, 130.4, 130.0, 129.7, 129.0, 128.3, 127.4, 127.0, 124.6, 123.6, 122.3, 115.1, 84.4, 64.7, 61.4, 52.8, 52.0, 51.3, 44.9, 36.3, 30.5, 28.2, 23.7, 21.7, 17.2, 13.6; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 735.2716; found 735.2711.

**Assignment of stereochemistry:** The stereochemistry of cycloadduct **12h** was assigned through <sup>1</sup>H NMR nOe experiments (1D nOe / 2D NOESY). On the beta face (as depicted below), an enhancement was seen between H6 and H8 (side chain methyl), indicating these groups to be on the same face; on the alpha face, an enhancement was seen between H4 and oxindole H4', indicating this arene to positioned on the top face of the molecule and oriented into / over the indoline ring system.



(2*R*,3*R*,3'*S*,4*S*,6*S*,7*S*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 6-ethyl 2,7-dimethyl-2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-3-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12i



Prepared by General Procedure **K** using catalyst (*S*)-**10** (1.6  $\mu$ L, 0.005 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), **4e** (10 mg, 0.025 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and olefinic oxindole **9a** (23.7 mg, 0.075 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) under Ar. Purification via flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc (2:1)) gave cycloadduct **12i** as a colourless oil (8 mg, 0.011 mmol, 45% yield, 7:1 dr);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  –117.6 (*c* = 0.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); **IR** (thin film,  $\nu_{max}$  / cm<sup>-1</sup>); 2980, 2931, 1789, 1758, 1726, 1291, 1252, 1150; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{H}$  9.12 (1H, s, H10), 7.98 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.78 (1H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, PhH), 7.42 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, TsH), 7.27-7.22 (5H, m, PhH), 7.20-7.14 (1H, m, PhH), 7.03 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.6 and 1.7 Hz, PhH), 6.41 (1H, td, *J* = 7.6 and 0.9 Hz, PhH), 6.31 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, PhH), 4.39-4.33 (1H, m, H2), 3.98-3.93 (1H, m, H7), 3.86-3.78 (2H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.48 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5 and 2.3 Hz, H3), 3.26 (1H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, H6), 3.00 - 2.91 (2H, m, H9 and H4), 2.53 (3H, s, TsCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.67-1.60 (4H, m, H9 and H12), 1.56 (9H, s), 1.27 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H8), 0.86 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta_{C}$  198.2, 176.6, 171.0, 148.9, 144.3, 143.7, 139.1, 137.8, 135.3, 130.7, 130.1, 129.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 123.5, 122.9, 121.9, 114.7, 84.1, 62.4, 61.2, 55.5, 52.0, 51.2, 44.0, 37.5, 29.1, 27.9, 24.2, 21.7, 18.3, 13.3; **HRMS** (ES<sup>+</sup>) calc. for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 735.2710; found 735.2709.

**Assignment of stereochemistry:** The stereochemistry of cycloadduct **12i** was assigned through <sup>1</sup>H NMR nOe experiments (1D nOe / 2D NOESY). On the alpha face (as depicted below), a strong enhancement was seen between H6 and H8 (side chain methyl), indicating these groups to be on the same face; on the beta face, a strong enhancement was seen between H4 and oxindole H4', and also between H2 and H3, and H2 and oxindole H4', indicating this arene to positioned on the top face of the molecule and oriented into / over the indoline ring system.



Notably, the minor diastereomers produced in the above two reactions were also different – the matched and mismatched cycloadditions thus giving two different sets of diastereoisomers, each corresponding to endo and exo isomers from the opposite sense of facial selectivity – i.e. the facial selectivity of cycloaddition in each case is very high, as observed for the equivalent oxindole cycloadditions with **3b**.

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### **3.NMR SPECTRA**

3.1 Intermediates in the synthesis of dienal 3a

Methyl but-3-en-1-yl(tosyl)carbamate, S1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# *N*-(But-3-en-1-yl)-*N*-(4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)but-1-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide, 5a <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# (*Z*)-2-(3-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)propylidene)-3-methylene-1-tosylpyrrolidine, S3 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### (Z)-3-(3-Methylene-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-ylidene)propan-1-ol, S4

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



Note: EtOAc contamination.

# (E)-3-(3-Methyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)acrylaldehyde, 3a





### 3.2 Cycloaddition products of dienal **3a**

# (3'*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 5-ethyl 2'-oxo-7-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,5,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-6,3'-indoline]-1',5-dicarboxylate, 11a <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





(3'*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 5-ethyl 5'-chloro-2'-oxo-7-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,5,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-6,3'-indoline]-1',5-dicarboxylate, 11b <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



(3'*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 5-ethyl 5'-methoxy-2'-oxo-7-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,5,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-6,3'-indoline]-1',5-dicarboxylate, 11c <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



(3'*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-di-*tert*-Butyl 2'-oxo-7-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,5,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-6,3'-indoline]-1',5-dicarboxylate, 11d <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# (*E*)-Ethyl 4-((5*S*,6*S*,7*R*)-5-phenyl-6-nitro-1-tosyl-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-indol-7-yl)but-2-enoate, 14a <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### (E)-Ethyl 4-((5S,6S,7R)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-nitro-1-tosyl-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-indol-7-yl)but-2-enoate, 14b

Note: a small amount of the Z-alkene (E:Z = 20:1) is observed (J = 11.6 Hz), but no diastereomer from the cycloaddition could be detected. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### (E)-Ethyl 4-((5S,6S,7R)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-6-nitro-1-tosyl-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-indol-7-yl)but-2-enoate, 14c

Note: a small amount of the Z-alkene (E: $Z \sim 20:1$ ) is observed (J = 11.6 Hz), in addition to the 13.5:1 ratio of diastereomers from the cycloaddition. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### (E)-Ethyl 4-((5S,6S,7R)-6-nitro-1-tosyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-indol-7-yl)but-2-enoate, 14d

Note: a small amount of the Z-alkene (E:Z ~ 20:1) is observed (J = 11.6 Hz), in addition to the 8:1 ratio of diastereomers from the cycloaddition. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



#### (E)-Ethyl 4-((5S,6S,7R)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-nitro-1-tosyl-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-indol-7-yl)but-2-enoate, 14e

Note: a small amount of the Z-alkene (E:Z ~ 30:1) is observed (J = 11.6 Hz), but no diastereomer from the cycloaddition could be detected. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)


### (E)-Ethyl 4-((5R,6R,7R)-5-(furan-2-yl)-6-nitro-1-tosyl-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-indol-7-yl)but-2-enoate, 14f

Note: a small amount of the Z-alkene (E:Z ~ 20:1) is observed (J = 11.6 Hz), in addition to the 9:1 ratio of diastereomers from the cycloaddition. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







(E)-Ethyl 4-((4'R,5S,7R)-5'-oxo-2',5-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,5,7-hexahydro-5'H-spiro[indole-6,4'-oxazol]-7-yl)but-2-enoate, 16a

(*E*)-Ethyl 4-((4'R,5S,7R)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-5'-oxo-2'-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,5,7-hexahydro-5'H-spiro[indole-6,4'-oxazol]-7-yl)but-2-enoate, 16b <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



(*E*)-Ethyl 4-((4'*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5'-oxo-2'-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,5,7-hexahydro-5'H-spiro[indole-6,4'-oxazol]-7-yl)but-2-enoate, 16c <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





#### 3.3 Intermediates in the synthesis of dienals 4a-d and 8a

#### (E)-Methyl (6-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-3-en-1-yl)(tosyl)carbamate, S6



## (E)-N-(6-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy) hex-3-en-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide, S7

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



(*E*)-*N*-(6-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-3-en-1-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide, 5b <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



## (*Z*)-3-((*E*)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2-heptylidene-1-tosylpyrrolidine, S8a <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### (E)-3-((Z)-2-heptylidene-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol, S9a





## (*E*)-3-((*Z*)-2-heptylidene-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)acrylaldehyde, 4a





## (*E*)-3-(2-heptyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)acrylaldehyde, 8a <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



(*E*)-*N*-(6-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-3-en-1-yl)-*N*-(5-chloropent-1-yn-1-yl)-4-ethylbenzenesulfonamide, 5c <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# (*Z*)-3-((*E*)-3-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2-(4-chlorobutylidene)-1-tosylpyrrolidine, S8b <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### (E)-3-((Z)-2-(4-Chlorobutylidene)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol, S9b



(*E*)-3-((*Z*)-2-(4-chlorobutylidene)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)acrylaldehyde, 4b <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



(*E*)-*N*-(6-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)hex-3-en-1-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide, 5d <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



## (*Z*)-3-((*E*)-3-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2-ethylidene-1-tosylpyrrolidine, S8c <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



## (E)-3-((Z)-2-Ethylidene-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol, S9c



### (E)-3-((Z)-2-Ethylidene-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)acrylaldehyde, 4c





(E)-N-(6-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy) hex-3-en-1-yl)-4-methyl-N-(phenylethynyl) benzene sulfon a mide, 5e-sulfon a mide, 5



## (Z)-2-Benzylidene-3-((E)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine, S8d

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# (*E*)-3-((*Z*)-2-Benzylidene-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol, S9d <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



(*E*)-3-((*Z*)-2-benzylidene-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)acrylaldehyde, 4d





### 1.3.4 Cycloaddition reactions of dienals 4a-d

(3'*S*,4*S*,6*S*,7*S*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 6-ethyl 7-hexyl-2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12a <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



(3'*S*,4*S*,6*S*,7*S*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 6-ethyl 7-(3-chloropropyl)-2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12b <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



(3'*S*,4*S*,6*S*,7*S*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 6-ethyl 7-methyl-2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12c <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







(3'*S*,4*S*,6*S*,7*R*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 6-ethyl 2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-7-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12d <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



(3'S,4S,6S,7S)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 6-ethyl 5'-chloro-7-hexyl-2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12e <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



(3'*S*,4*S*,6*S*,7*S*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl 6-ethyl 7-hexyl-5'-methoxy-2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12f <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



(3'*S*,4*S*,6*S*,7*S*)-di-*tert*-Butyl 7-methyl-2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate, 12g <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

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#### (3*S*,4'*S*,6'*S*,7'*S*)and

(3*R*,4'S,6'*R*,7'S)-Ethyl

## carboxylate, 18a and 18b

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## 3.5 Synthesis of dienals **3b** and **4e**

## (S)-2-phenylbut-3-en-1-ol, S10

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### (S)-methyl (2-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)(tosyl)carbamate, S11

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(*S*)-*N*-(4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)but-1-yn-1-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(2-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide, 5f <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





(*R*,*Z*)-2-(3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)propylidene)-3-methylene-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine, S13 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

### (*R*,*Z*)-3-(3-methylene-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-ylidene)propan-1-ol, S14 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# (*R*,*E*)-3-(3-methyl-4-phenyl-1-tosyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)acrylaldehyde, 3b <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### 5-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-phenylpent-1-yn-3-ol, S16

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### 5-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-phenylpent-1-yn-3-one, S17





### (S,E)-5-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-phenylpent-1-en-3-ol, S18

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



(*S*,*E*)-5-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-phenylpent-1-en-3-yl propionate, S19 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### (2*R*,3*R*,*E*)-7-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methyl-3-phenylhept-4-enoic acid, S20

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# *N*-((2*R*,3S,*E*)-7-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenylhept-4-en-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide, S21 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



*N*-((2*R*,3*S*,*E*)-7-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-phenylhept-4-en-2-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide, 5g <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



(3*R*,4*S*,5*R*,*Z*)-3-((*E*)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)-2-ethylidene-5-methyl-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine, S22 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### (E)-3-((4S,5R,Z)-2-ethylidene-5-methyl-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol, S23

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### (*E*)-3-((4*S*,5*R*,*Z*)-2-ethylidene-5-methyl-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)acrylaldehyde, 4e

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### 3.6 Double stereodifferentiating cycloaddition reactions of dienals 3b and 4e

2-(((3R,5S,6S,7R)-6-nitro-3,5-diphenyl-1-tosyl-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1H-indol-7-yl)acetaldehyde, 19a







Ph, H, H, H, Ph 3, 4, 5, ...,H N, 7, 6, ...,NO<sub>2</sub> TS, H<sup>V</sup>, H, OHC, 8, H,

## 2-((3*R*,5*R*,6*R*,7*S*)-6-nitro-3,5-diphenyl-1-tosyl-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-1*H*-indol-7-yl)acetaldehyde, 19b

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)







(3*R*,3'*S*,5*S*,7*R*)-1'-*tert*-butyl 5-ethyl 2'-oxo-7-(2-oxoethyl)-3-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,5,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-6,3'-indoline]-1',5-dicarboxylate, 11e







(3*R*,3'*R*,5*R*,7*S*)-1'-*tert*-butyl 5-ethyl 2'-oxo-7-(2-oxoethyl)-3-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,5,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-6,3'-indoline]-1',5-dicarboxylate, 11f <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)









(2*R*,3*R*,3'*S*,4*S*,6*S*,7*S*)-1'-*tert*-Butyl

6-ethyl

2,7-dimethyl-2'-oxo-4-(2-oxoethyl)-3-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4,6,7-hexahydrospiro[indole-5,3'-indoline]-1',6-

### dicarboxylate, 12h

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)













OHC

`N⁻ Ts NBoc

H CO<sub>2</sub>Et