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Palladium-Catalyzed Intermolecular Dearomatic Allenylaion of Hydrocycloalk[b]indoles with 2,3-Allenyl Carbonates

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General Information. All reactions were carried out under the atmosphere of Ar in oven-dried Schlenk tubes. All of hydrocycloalk[b]indoles 1a-1i were synthesized according to literature method.¹ 2,3-Dimethyl indole **1** was purchased from Adamas Reagent. Terminal 2,3-butadienol was synthesized according to literature.² All of nonterminal alka-2,3-dienols were prepared as reported.³ Pd₂(dba)₃ was synthesized according to the reported method.⁴ $Pd(acac)_2$ was purchased from 9dingchem and stored in a glove box. DPEphos was purchased from Energy Chemical. BSA was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and distilled before use. Et₃B was purchased from TCI. CH₂Cl₂ was dried over calcium hydride and distilled before use. Other reagents were used without further treatment. Petroleum ether (60 °C - 90 °C) was used for silica gel column chromatography. All the temperatures were referred to the oil baths used. Tetramethylsilane (TMS) was used as the internal standard for the ¹H NMR analysis; ¹³C NMR experiments were measured in relative to the signal of CDCl₃ (77.00 ppm). Run-Duo Gao is responsible for compounds related to Typical Procedure II, and Yizhan Zhai is responsible for compounds related to **Typical Procedure I**, **III**, **IV**, and the preparation of **4jb**.

Synthesis of methyl carbonate of alka-2,3-dienols

Compound **2a** was prepared according to literature.⁵

1. Synthesis of hepta-2,3-dienyl methyl carbonte (2b, zyz-2-34)



Typical Procedure I: hepta-2,3-dien-1-ol (1.1628 g, 10 mmol), DMAP (245.9 mg, 2 mmol), pyridine (1.6 mL, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 1.5710 g, 20 mmol), and DCM (30 mL) were added sequentially into a flask under argon at room temperature. Then methyl chloroformate (1.2 mL, d = 1.223 g/cm³, 1.4676 g, 15 mmol) was added dropwise within 5 min at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 10.8 h as monitored by TLC. Upon completion, DCM (30 mL) and 1 M HCl (30 mL) were added and the organic phase was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (30 $mL \times 2$). The combined organic phase was washed with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (30 mL) and brine (30 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and evaporation, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford **2b** (1.4074 g, 80%) (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20/1) as a liquid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.32-5.24 (m, 2 H, HC=C=CH), 4.64-4.55 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 3.78 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.05-1.97 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.44 (sext, J = 7.4 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 0.93 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.7, 155.5, 92.8, 86.2, 66.2, 54.6, 30.2, 22.0, 13.4; MS (DART) m/z 188 (M+NH₄)⁺, 171 (M+H)⁺; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2959, 2933, 2873, 1965, 1746, 1444, 1368, 1247; HRMS (DART) Calcd for $C_9H_{15}O_3$ [(M+H)⁺]: 171.1016, Found: 171.1015.

2. Synthesis of undeca-2,3-dienyl methyl carbonate (2c, zyz-2-111)



According to **Typical Procedure I**, the reaction of undeca-2,3-dienol (821.9 mg, 5 mmol), DMAP (121.1 mg, 1 mmol), pyridine (0.85 mL, $d = 0.9819 \text{ g/cm}^3$, 834.6 mg, 10 mmol), DCM (20 mL), and methyl chloroformate (0.6 mL, $d = 1.223 \text{ g/cm}^3$, 733.8 mg, 7.5 mmol) afforded **2c** (908.0 mg, 82%) (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 10/1) as a liquid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.33-5.22 (m, 2 H, HC=C=CH), 4.65-4.56 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 3.79 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.06-1.93 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.43-1.24 (m, 10 H, 5×CH₂), 0.88 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.7, 155.6, 93.1, 86.4, 66.4, 54.7, 31.8, 29.04, 28.95, 28.9, 28.2, 22.6, 14.0; MS (DART) m/z 244 (M+NH₄)⁺, 227 (M+H)⁺; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2956, 2925, 2855, 1966, 1748, 1444, 1367, 1251; HRMS (DART) Calcd for C₁₃H₂₃O₃ (M+H)⁺: 227.1642, Found: 227.1640.

3. Synthesis of nona-2,3,8-trienyl methyl carbonate (2d, zyz-2-127)



According to **Typical Procedure I**, the reaction of nona-2,3,8-trienol (278.9 mg, 2 mmol), DMAP (49.7 mg, 0.4 mmol), pyridine (0.32 mL, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 314.2 mg, 4 mmol), DCM (8 mL), and methyl chloroformate (0.23 mL, d = 1.223 g/cm³, 281.3 mg, 3 mmol) afforded **2d** (354.6 mg, 90%) (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 10/1) as a liquid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.87-5.72 (m, 1 H, =CH), 5.33-5.23 (m, 2 H, HC=C=CH), 5.05-4.92 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 4.63-4.57 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 3.78 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.13-1.99 (m, 4 H, 2×CH₂), 1.51 (quint, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.7, 155.5, 138.3, 114.7, 92.8, 86.5, 66.2, 54.7, 33.0, 28.0, 27.5; MS (DART) *m/z*: 214 (M+NH₄)⁺; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3078, 2930, 2856, 1966, 1747, 1640, 1443,1368, 1251; HRMS (DART) Calcd for C₁₁H₁₇O₃ (M+H)⁺: 197.1172, Found: 197.1172.

4. Synthesis of pentadeca-2,3-dien-13-ynyl methyl carbonate (2e, zyz-2-131)



According to **Typical Procedure I**, the reaction of pentadeca-2,3-dien-13-ynol (438.9 mg, 2 mmol), DMAP (47.1 mg, 0.4 mmol), pyridine (0.32 mL, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 314.2 mg, 4 mmol), DCM (8 mL), and methyl chloroformate (0.23 mL, d = 1.223 g/cm³, 281.3 mg, 3 mmol) afforded **2e** (488.6 mg, 88%) (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 10/1) as a liquid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.32-5.23 (m, 2 H, HC=C=CH), 4.63-4.57 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 3.79 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.15-2.08 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 2.06-1.98 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.79-1.76 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.51-1.24 (m, 12 H, 6×CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.6, 155.5, 93.0, 86.3, 79.3, 75.2, 66.3, 54.6, 29.2, 29.02, 28.97, 28.89, 28.83, 28.78, 28.1, 18.6, 3.4; MS (DART) *m*/*z* 296 (M+NH₄)⁺, 279 (M+H)⁺; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2925, 2854, 1965, 1748, 1443, 1367, 1252; HRMS (DART) Calcd for C₁₇H₂₇O₃ (M+H)⁺: 279.1955, Found: 279.1953.

5. Synthesis of 6-phenylhexa-2,3-dienyl methyl carbonate (2f, zyz-2-112)



According to **Typical Procedure I**, the reaction of 6-phenylhexa-2,3-dienol (860.1 mg, 5 mmol), DMAP (120.1 mg, 1 mmol), pyridine (0.85 mL, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 834.6 mg, 10 mmol), DCM (20 mL), and methyl chloroformate (0.6 mL, d = 1.223 g/cm³, 733.8 mg, 7.5 mmol) afforded **2f** (974.9 mg, 86%) (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 10/1) as a liquid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31-7.24 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.22-7.15 (m, 3 H, Ar-H), 5.36-5.24 (m, 2 H, HC=C=CH), 4.53 (dd, $J_1 = 6.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2 H, OCH₂), 3.78 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.73 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 2.39-2.29 (m, 2 H, CH₂); ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.8, 155.5, 141.3, 128.4, 128.3, 125.9, 92.3, 86.9, 66.1, 54.7, 35.1, 29.8; MS (DART) *m*/*z* 250 (M+NH₄)⁺; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3027, 2954, 2854, 1966, 1745, 1444, 1367, 1251; HRMS (DART) Calcd for C₁₄H₂₀O₃N (M+NH₄)⁺: 250.1438, Found: 250.1436.

Palladium-catalyzed reaction of hydrocycloalk[*b*]indoles with 2,3-allenyl carbonates 1. Methyl 8b-(2,3-butadienyl)-2,8b-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]indole-4(*1H*)-yl carboxylate (4aaa, zyz-3-21)



Typical Procedure II: To an oven dried Schlenk tube equipped with a polytetrafluoroethylene plug were added Pd₂(dba)₃ (4.6 mg, 0.005 mmol), DPEphos (5.9 mg, 0.011 mmol), and DCM (2.0 mL) sequentially under the atmosphere of Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Compound 1a (31.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), BSA (40.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2a (33.7 mg, 0.26 mmol), and DCM (2 mL) were then added sequentially. The Schlenk tube was then sealed by screwing the polytetrafluoroethylene plug tightly and stirred at 50 °C for 10 h. After the reaction was complete as monitored by TLC, the resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature. $ClCO_2Me$ (47 µL, d = 1.223 g/cm³, 59.9 mg, 0.6 mmol) and pyridine (63 µL, d = 0.9819) g/cm³, 61.9 mg, 0.8 mmol) were added and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h as monitored by TLC. Then a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (5 mL) was added and the resulting mixture was extracted with DCM (3×10 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 After filtration and evaporation, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford **4aaa** (42.5 mg, 80%) (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 80/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (brs, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.20-7.13 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.40 (brs, 1 H,

=CH), 4.92-4.80 (m, 1 H, =CH), 4.46 (dt, $J_1 = 6.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.2$ Hz, 2 H, =CH₂), 3.85 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.81-2.70 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.46-2.35 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.25-2.13 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 2.11-2.03 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 1.99-1.89 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.1, 152.9, 149.8, 144.3, 135.4, 127.7, 123.7, 123.2, 115.0, 106.8, 85.3, 73.9, 58.5, 52.9, 37.1, 35.0, 32.4; MS (ESI) *m/z* 290 (M+Na)⁺, 268 (M+H)⁺; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2952, 2932, 2849, 1953, 1718, 1668, 1605, 1475, 1458, 1439, 1367, 1302, 1265, 1222, 1095. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈NO₂ [(M+H)⁺]: 268.1331, Found: 268.1330.

2. 4-Acetyl-8b-(2,3-butadienyl)-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]indole (4aab, grd-17-84)



According to **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (4.6 mg, 0.005 mmol), DPEphos (6.0 mg, 0.011 mmol), DCM (2 mL), **1a** (31.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (33.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), BSA (40.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), DCM (2 mL), pyridine (65 µL, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 63.8 mg, 0.8 mmol), and **3b** (43 µL, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 47.5 mg, 0.6 mmol) afforded **4aab** (39.4 mg, 79%) (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 60/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (brs, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.16 (dd, J_I = 7.4 Hz, J_2 = 1.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.07 (td, 1 H, J_I = 7.4 Hz, J_2 = 1.1 Hz, Ar-H), 5.30 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 4.93-4.83 (m, 1 H, =CH), 4.56 (dt, J_I = 6.8 Hz, J_2 = 2.3 Hz, 2 H, =CH₂), 2.90-2.79 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.55-2.47 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.43 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.32-2.26 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.25-2.19 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 2.09-1.99 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 209.9, 168.6, 151.3, 144.8, 135.9, 127.7, 124.0, 123.1, 117.1, 109.2, 85.2, 74.1, 59.1, 37.2, 35.0, 32.4, 24.6; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2931, 1953,

1675, 1602, 1455, 1376, 1350, 1284, 1205, 1106, 1014; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{17}H_{18}NO([M+H]^+)$: 252.1383, Found: 252.1384.

3. 8b-(2,3-Butadienyl)-4-propionyl-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]indole (4aac, grd-17-83-2)



According to **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of Pd₂(dba)₃ (4.6 mg, 0.005 mmol), DPEphos (6.0 mg, 0.011 mmol), DCM (2 mL), **1a** (31.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (33.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), BSA (40.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), DCM (2 mL), pyridine (65 μ L, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 63.8 mg, 0.8 mmol), and **3c** (53 μ L, d = 1.065 g/cm³, 56.4 mg, 0.6 mmol) afforded **4aac** (45.7 mg, 86%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40/1): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.31 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, =CH), 4.93-4.84 (m, 1 H, =CH), 4.60-4.50 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 2.90-2.61 (m, 3 H, one proton of CH₂ and another CH₂), 2.56-2.44 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.33-2.18 (m, 3 H, CH₂ and another one proton of CH₂), 2.08-1.98 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.9, 172.3, 150.9, 145.0, 135.9, 127.7, 123.9, 123.1, 117.1, 109.1, 85.2, 74.0, 59.2, 37.1, 34.8, 32.4, 29.5, 8.8; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2984, 2942, 2851, 1954, 1675, 1600, 1453, 1376, 1325, 1258, 1197, 1169, 1104, 1072, 1020; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₀NO ([M+H]⁺): 266.1539, Found: 266.1541.

4. 8b-(2,3-Butadienyl)-4-(2-methylpropionyl)-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]indole (4aad, zyz-2-158)



Typical Procedure III: To an oven dried Schlenk tube were added Pd(acac)₂ (2.4 mg, 0.008 mmol), DPEphos (5.9 mg, 0.012 mmol), and DCM (2 mL) sequentially under the atmosphere of Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature 30 min. Compound 1a (31.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), BSA (41.7 mg, 0.2 mmol)/DCM (1 mL), 2a (33.7 mg, 0.26 mmol)/DCM (1 mL), and Et₃B (1M in THF, 0.2 mL, 0.2 mmol) were then added sequentially and the resulting mixture stirred at room temperature for 8 h. After the reaction was complete as monitored by TLC, pyridine (64 μ L, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 62.8 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 3d (62 μ L, d = 1.107 g/cm³, 68.6 mg, 0.6 mmol) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h as monitored by TLC. A saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (15 mL) was added and the resulting mixture was extracted with DCM (15 mL×3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and evaporation, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford 4aad (51.5 mg, 91%) (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 30/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.24 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.36 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 4.90 (quint, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H, =CH), $4.59-4.51 \text{ (m, 2 H, =CH_2)}, 3.28 \text{ (sep, } J = 6.7 \text{ Hz}, 1 \text{ H}, \text{ CH}), 2.91-2.79 \text{ (m, 1 H, one proton)}$ of CH₂), 2.57-2.46 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.34-2.16 (m, 3 H, CH₂ and one proton of another CH₂), 2.09-1.99 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 1.28 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H, CH₃), 1.23 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.0, 175.9, 150.8, 145.0, 136.3, 127.7, 124.0, 123.0, 117.5, 109.1, 85.3, 74.1, 59.2, 37.1, 34.8, 33.0, 32.2, 19.5, 19.2; MS (ESI) m/z 581 (2M+Na)⁺, 302 (M+Na)⁺, 280 (M+H)⁺; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3070, 2966, 2933, 2852, 1954, 1672, 1602, 1472, 1456, 1389, 1362, 1259, 1193, 1108; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{22}NO([M+H]^+)$: 280.1696, Found: 280.1693.

5. 8b-(2,3-Butadienyl)-4-chloroacetyl-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]indole (4aae,

zyz-2-155C)



According to **Typical Procedure III**, the reaction of Pd(acac)₂ (4.6 mg, 0.008 mmol), DPEphos (5.9 mg, 0.012 mmol), DCM (2 mL), 1a (30.9 mg, 0.2 mmol), BSA (40.7 mg, 0.2 mmol)/DCM (1 mL), 2a (33.1 mg, 0.26 mmol)/DCM (1 mL), Et₃B (1M in THF, 0.2 mL, 0.2 mmol), pyridine (64 μ L, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 62.8 mg, 0.8 mmol), and **3e** (48 μ L, d = 1.419 g/cm^3 , 68.1 mg, 0.6 mmol) afforded **4aae** (49.3 mg, 88%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.4Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.50 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 4.88 (quint, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, =CH), 4.57 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H, =CH₂), 4.45 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1 H, one proton of CH₂Cl), 4.41 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H, one proton of CH₂Cl), 2.94-2.80 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.60-2.48 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.31 (dd, $J_1 = 12.0$, $J_2 = 6.0$ Hz, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.25-2.23 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 2.07 (dd, $J_1 = 21.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 9.6$ Hz, 1 H, one proton of CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.9, 163.8, 150.0, 144.2, 136.2, 127.9, 124.9, 123.2, 117.4, 110.7, 85.0, 74.2, 59.2, 42.8, 37.2, 35.0, 32.4; MS (ESI) m/z 308 (M(³⁵Cl)+Na)⁺, 288 (M(³⁷Cl)+H)⁺, 286 $(M(^{35}Cl)+H)^+$, 288 $(M(^{37}Cl)+H)^+$; IR (neat, cm⁻¹); 2936, 2852, 1953, 1672, 1602, 1473, 1456, 1379, 1314, 1260, 1195, 1171, 1229, 1107, 1080, 1019; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{17}H_{17}^{35}$ ClNO ([M+H]⁺): 286.0993, Found: 286.0993.

6. 4-Benzoyl-8b-(2,3-butadienyl)-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]indole (4aaf, grd-17-79-2)



According to **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of Pd₂(dba)₃ (4.6 mg, 0.005 mmol), DPEphos (6.0 mg, 0.011 mmol), DCM (2 mL), **1a** (31.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), BSA (40.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (33.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), DCM (2 mL), pyridine (65 μ L, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 63.8 mg, 0.8 mmol), and **3f** (70 μ L, d = 1.211 g/cm³, 84.8 mg, 0.6 mmol) afforded **4aaf** (39.2 mg, 63%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.71-7.64 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.54-7.46 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.06-4.95 (m, 1 H, =CH), 4.68-4.58 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 4.45 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 2.72-2.60 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.38 (dt, *J*₁ = 8.0, *J*₂ = 2.4 Hz, 2 H, CH₂), 2.35-2.23 (m, 2 H, one proton of CH₂ and one proton of another CH₂), 2.06-1.96 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.0, 168.6, 151.3, 145.2, 136.3, 136.0, 131.0, 128.25, 128.16, 127.7, 124.3, 123.4, 116.8, 109.8, 85.7, 74.3, 58.8, 37.5, 35.2, 32.2; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3062, 2931, 2851, 1953, 1659, 1600, 1454, 1362, 1306, 1174, 1106, 1053, 1024; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₂H₂₀NO ([M+H]⁺): 314.1539, Found: 314.1540.

7. 8b-(2,3-Butadienyl)-4-cinnamoyl-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]indole (4aag, grd-17-83-3)



According to **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (4.6 mg, 0.005 mmol), DPEphos (6.0 mg, 0.011 mmol), DCM (2 mL), **1a** (31.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (33.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), BSA (40.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), DCM (2 mL), pyridine (65 μ L, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 63.8 mg, 0.8 mmol), and *E*-**3g** (100 mg, 0.6 mmol) afforded *E*-**4aag** (39.6 mg, 58%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1 H, =CH), 7.62-7.56 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 3 H, Ar-H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 2 H, Ar-H and =CH), 7.20 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1 H, =CH), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, =CH), 4.98-4.88 (m, 1 H, =CH), 4.62-4.50 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 2.97-2.84 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.60-2.48 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.0, 164.3, 151.2, 144.9, 143.2, 136.3, 134.9, 130.0, 128.9, 128.1, 127.9, 124.3, 123.2, 119.6, 117.3, 111.0, 85.2, 74.2, 58.8, 37.2, 35.3, 32.2; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3063, 2929, 1953, 1661, 1619, 1453, 1367, 1284, 1257, 1198, 1167, 1107, 1078; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₄H₂₂NO ([M+H]⁺): 340.1696, Found: 340.1700.

8. 8b-(2,3-Butadienyl)-4-(phenylsulfonyl)-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]indole (4aah, zyz-2-155B)



According to **Typical Procedure III**, the reaction of $Pd(acac)_2$ (2.4 mg, 0.008 mmol), DPEphos (6.0 mg, 0.012 mmol), DCM (2 mL), **1a** (30.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), BSA (40.9 mg, 0.2 mmol)/DCM (1 mL), **2a** (33.9 mg, 0.26 mmol)/DCM (1 mL), Et₃B (1M in THF, 0.2 mL, 0.2 mmol), pyridine (64 μ L, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 62.8 mg, 0.8 mmol), and **3h** (77 μ L, d = 1.384 g/cm³, 106.6 mg, 0.6 mmol) afforded **4aah** (40.2 mg, 58%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6

Hz, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.08 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.60 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, =CH), 4.82 (quint, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H, =CH), 4.56-4.47 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 2.83-2.70 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.52-2.39 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.23 (dd, $J_1 = 11.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.8$ Hz, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.02-1.84 (m, 2 H, one proton of CH₂ and one proton of another CH₂), 1.67-1.59 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.1, 149.7, 144.0, 137.7, 135.6, 133.5, 128.9, 127.9, 127.1, 124.2, 123.8, 114.2, 107.8, 85.1, 74.0, 59.1, 37.0, 34.5, 32.3; MS (ESI) m/z 372 (M+Na)⁺, 350 (M+H)⁺; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3066, 2934, 2852, 1953, 1664, 1603, 1450, 1364, 1169, 1091, 1022; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₀NO₂S ([M+H]⁺): 350.1209, Found: 350.1205.

9. 4-Acetyl-8b-(2,3-butadienyl)-7-methyl-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]indole (4bab, grd-17-102)



According to **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (4.6 mg, 0.005 mmol), DPEphos (6.0 mg, 0.011 mmol), DCM (2 mL), **1b** (34.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (37.1 mg, 2.9 mmol), BSA (40.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), DCM (2 mL), pyridine (65 µL, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 63.8 mg, 0.8 mmol), and **3b** (43 µL, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 47.5 mg, 0.6 mmol) afforded **4bab** (43.8 mg, 83%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate = 50:1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (brs, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 6.97 (s, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.35-5.22 (m, 1 H, =CH), 4.95-4.83 (m, 1 H, =CH), 4.62-4.53 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 2.89-2.78 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.54-2.46 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.41 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.33 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.30-2.19 (m, 3 H, one proton of CH₂ and another CH₂), 2.08-1.97 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.9, 168.3, 151.6, 142.5, 136.0, 133.6, 128.1, 123.8, 116.8, 109.0, 85.3, 74.1, 59.0, 37.2, 34.9, 32.4, 24.5, 21.1; IR

(neat, cm⁻¹): 2929, 2852, 1954, 1673, 1473, 1372, 1346, 1303, 1195, 1013; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{18}H_{20}NO([M+H]^+)$: 266.1539, Found: 266.1541.

10.4-Acetyl-8b-(2,3-butadienyl)-6,8-dimethyl-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]indole (4cab, zyz-2-168)



Typical Procedure IV: To a 50 mL oven dried pear-shaped Schlenk flask were added Pd(acac)₂ (12.3mg, 0.04 mmol), DPEphos (32.7 mg, 0.06 mmol), and DCM (10 mL) under the atmosphere of Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then compound 1c (185.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), BSA (203.9 mg, 1.0 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), 2a (167.7 mg, 1.3 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), and Et₃B (1 M in THF, 1.0 mL, 1.0 mmol) were added sequentially. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 h as monitored by TLC. Then **3b** (0.23 mL, $d = 1.104 \text{ g/cm}^3$, 253.9 mg, 3.2 mmol) and pyridine (0.32 mL, $d = 0.9819 \text{ g/cm}^3$, 314.2 mg, 4.0 mmol) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12.5 h as monitored by TLC. A saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (20 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (20 mL \times 2). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and evaporation, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford 4cab (227.3 mg, 81%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (brs, 1 H, Ar-H), 6.70 (s, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.26 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 4.83-4.71 (m, 1 H, =CH), 4.58-4.45 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 2.89-2.76 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.53-2.43 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.40 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.40 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.38-2.32 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.31 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.28-2.14 (m, 6 H, CH₃, CH₂ and one proton of CH₂); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.5, 168.3, 151.4, 144.9, 137.5, 132.6, 130.5, 126.6, 115.2, 108.9, 85.2, 73.8, 58.6, 36.3, 36.0, 32.5, 24.5,

21.5, 17.9; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 279 (M⁺, 8.08), 184 (100); IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2928, 2853, 1954, 1673, 1594, 1411, 1372, 1351, 1303, 1266, 1252, 1232, 1094, 1070, 1032; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₂NO ([M+H]⁺): 280.1696, Found: 280.1692.

11. 4-Acetyl-8b-(2,3-butadienyl)-7-methoxy-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]indole (4dab, grd-17-94)



According to **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (4.6 mg, 0.005 mmol), DPEphos (6.0 mg, 0.011 mmol), DCM (2 mL), **1d** (37.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (33.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), BSA (40.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), DCM (2 mL), pyridine (65 μ L, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 63.8 mg, 0.8 mmol), and **3b** (43 μ L, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 47.5 mg, 0.6 mmol) afforded **4dab** (49.5 mg, 88%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 6.77-6.71 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 5.27 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 4.94-4.85 (m, 1 H, =CH), 4.58 (dt, *J*₁ = 6.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.2 Hz, 2 H, =CH₂), 3.79 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.89-2.78 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.56-2.46 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.40 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.30-2.19 (m, 3 H, CH₂ and one proton of another CH₂), 2.09-1.98 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.0, 168.0, 156.4, 151.5, 138.5, 137.4, 117.8, 111.7, 109.7, 109.0, 85.2, 74.1, 59.1, 55.5, 37.1, 34.8, 32.3, 24.4; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2934, 2846, 1956, 1664, 1610, 1475, 1449, 1379, 1344, 1293; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₂₀NO₂ ([M+H]⁺): 282.1489, Found: 282.1487.

12. 4-Acetyl-8b-(2,3-butadienyl)-7-phenyl-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]indole (4eab, grd-17-97)



According to **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of Pd₂(dba)₃ (4.6 mg, 0.005 mmol), DPEphos (6.0 mg, 0.011 mmol), DCM (2 mL), **1e** (46.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (33.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), BSA (40.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), DCM (2 mL), pyridine (65 μ L, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 63.8 mg, 0.8 mmol), and **3b** (43 μ L, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 47.5 mg, 0.6 mmol) afforded **4eab** (58.2 mg, 89%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (brs, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.48 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4, *J*₂ =1.6 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 3 H, Ar-H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.31 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 4.94 (quint, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H, =CH), 4.61-4.49 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 2.92-2.80 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.57-2.48 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.44 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.36-2.22 (m, 3 H, CH₂ and one proton of another CH₂), 2.14-2.03 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.0, 168.5, 151.4, 144.2, 140.8, 137.1, 136.5, 128.7, 127.0, 126.8, 126.5, 121.8, 117.2, 109.2, 85.2, 74.2, 59.2, 37.2, 34.9, 32.4, 24.6; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3031, 2930, 1953, 1675, 1601, 1466, 1371, 1344, 1300, 1204, 1124, 1011; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₂NO ([M+H]⁺): 328.1696, Found: 328.1696.

13. 4-Acetyl-8b-(2,3-butadienyl)-7-fluoro-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]indole (4fab, grd-18-6)



According to **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of Pd₂(dba)₃ (4.6 mg, 0.005 mmol), DPEphos (6.0 mg, 0.011 mmol), DCM (2 mL), **1f** (35.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (33.3 mg, 0.26 mmol), BSA (40.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), DCM (2 mL), pyridine (65 μ L, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 63.8 mg, 0.8 mmol), and **3b** (49 μ L, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 54.1 mg, 0.7 mmol) afforded **4fab** (45.7 mg, 85%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (brs, 1 H, Ar-H), 6.92 (td, J_1 = 8.8 Hz, J_2 = 2.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 6.87 (dd, J_1 = 8.0, J_2 = 2.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.31 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 4.93-4.84 (m, 1 H, =CH), 4.58 (dt, J_1 = 6.6, J_2 = 2.3 Hz, 2 H, =CH₂), 2.90-2.79 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.57-2.47 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.42 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.30-2.18 (m, 3 H, CH₂ and one proton of another CH₂), 2.09-1.98 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.0, 168.3, 159.5 (d, J = 242.1 Hz), 151.1, 140.81 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 137.86 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 118.08 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 113.8 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 110.7 (d, J = 23.8 Hz), 109.5, 84.8, 74.3, 59.1, 37.0, 34.8, 32.2, 24.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -118.1 (s); IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2934, 2852, 1954, 1675, 1599, 1465, 1374, 1345, 1305, 1256, 1013; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇FNO ([M+H]⁺): 270.1289, Found: 270.1291.

14. 4-Acetyl-8b-(2,3-butadienyl)-7-chloro-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]indole (4gab, grd-18-7)



According to **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (4.6 mg, 0.005 mmol), DPEphos (6.0 mg, 0.011 mmol), DCM (2 mL), **1g** (38.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (33.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), BSA (40.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), DCM (2 mL), pyridine (65 µL, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 63.8 mg, 0.8 mmol), and **3b** (43 µL, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 47.5 mg, 0.6 mmol) afforded **4gad** (49.0 mg, 85%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.20 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.31 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 4.88 (quint, 1 H, =CH), 4.62-4.53 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 2.90-2.78 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.57-2.47 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.42 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.32-2.15 (m, 3 H, CH₂ and one proton of another CH₂), 2.03 (dd, 1 H, J_1 = 20.6 Hz, J_2 = 9.8 Hz, one proton of CH₂); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.1, 168.5, 150.8, 143.3, 137.6, 129.1, 127.5, 123.5, 118.1, 109.6, 84.7, 74.3, 59.1, 36.9, 34.8, 32.3, 24.5; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2986, 2957, 2934, 2847, 1953, 1679, 1459, 1373, 1341, 1301, 1261, 1169, 1070; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇³⁵CINO ([M+H]⁺): 286.0993, Found: 286.0995.

15. 4-Acetyl-7-bromo-8b-(2,3-butadienyl)-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]indole (4hab, grd-17-101)



According to **Typical Procedure II**, the reaction of $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (4.6 mg, 0.005 mmol), DPEphos (6.0 mg, 0.011 mmol), DCM (2 mL), **1h** (47.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (37.1 mg, 0.26 mmol), BSA (40.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), DCM (2 mL), pyridine (65 μ L, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 63.8 mg, 0.8 mmol), and **3b** (43 μ L, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 47.5 mg, 0.6 mmol) afforded **4had** (51.3 mg, 78%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.35 (dd, *J_I* = 8.6 Hz, *J₂* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.31 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 4.93-4.83 (m, 1 H, =CH), 4.59 (dt, *J_I* = 6.4 Hz, *J₂* = 2.0 Hz, 2 H, =CH₂), 2.89-2.79 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.57-2.48 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.42 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.31-2.16 (m, 3 H, CH₂ and one proton of another CH₂), 2.08-1.98 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.1, 168.5, 150.7, 143.8, 138.0, 130.5, 126.4, 118.6, 116.8, 109.6, 84.7, 74.4, 59.2, 37.0, 34.8, 32.3, 24.6; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2932, 2852, 1953, 1678, 1456, 1370, 1342, 1302, 1257, 1174, 1012; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇⁷⁹BrNO ([M+H]⁺): 330.0488, Found: 330.0489.

16. 4-Acetyl-6-bromo-8b-(2,3-butadienyl)-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]indole (4iab, zyz-2-166)



According to **Typical Procedure IV**, the reaction of Pd(acac)₂ (12.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), DPEphos (32.9 mg, 0.06 mmol), DCM (10 mL), **1i** (236.7 mg, 1.0 mmol), BSA (205.1 mg, 1.0 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), **2a** (167.9 mg, 1.3 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), Et₃B (1 M in THF, 1.0 mL, 1.0 mmol), **3b** (0.23 mL, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 253.9 mg, 3.2 mmol), and pyridine (0.32 mL, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 314.2 mg, 4.0 mmol) afforded **4iab** (265.1 mg, 80%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37 (brs, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.22 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.31 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1 H, =CH), 4.91-4.81 (m, 1 H, =CH), 4.61-4.52 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 2.90-2.79 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.57-2.47 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.42 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.32-2.14 (m, 3 H, CH₂ and one proton of another CH₂), 2.06-1.97 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.9, 168.5, 150.8, 145.7, 134.8, 126.8, 124.2, 121.0, 120.2, 109.5, 84.8, 74.2, 58.8, 36.9, 34.9, 32.3, 24.5; MS (EI, 70eV) *m/z* (%) 331 ((M(⁸¹Br)))⁺, 4.98), 329 ((M(⁷⁹Br)⁺, 5.25), 234 (100); IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2933, 2851, 1953, 1678, 1596, 1574, 1408, 1373, 1302, 1254, 1203, 1172, 1117, 1089, 1058, 1031, 1014; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇⁷⁹BrNO ([M+H]⁺): 330.0488, Found: 330.0482.

17. 4-Acetyl-8b-(2,3-heptadienyl)- 1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]indole (4abb, zyz-2-105)



According to **Typical Procedure IV**, the reaction of Pd(acac)₂ (12.3 mg, 0.04 mmol), DPEphos (32.7 mg, 0.06 mmol), DCM (10 mL), **1a** (157.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), BSA (215.0 mg, 1.0 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), **2b** (221.9 mg, 1.3 mmol)/DCM (5 mL)/DCM(5 mL), Et₃B (1 M in THF, 1.0 mL, 1.0 mmol), pyridine (0.32 mL, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 314.2 mg, 4.0 mmol), and **3b** (0.23 mL, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 253.9 mg, 3.2 mmol) afforded **4abb** (198.3 mg, 68%, dr =1.2:1) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (brs, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.10-7.03 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.28 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 5.00-4.77 (m, 2 H, CH=C=CH), 2.90-2.78 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.54-2.45 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.44-2.40 (m, 3 H, CH₃), 2.34-2.26 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.25-2.10 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 2.09-1.98 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 1.91-1.77 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.37-1.27 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 0.90-0.83 (m, 3 H, CH₃); MS (EI, 70 eV) *m/z* (%): 293 (M⁺, 6.49), 156 (100); IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2956, 2930, 2853, 1960, 1677, 1602, 1472, 1456, 1375, 1350, 1304, 1282, 1206, 1174, 1108, 1068, 1012; Anal. calcd for C₂₀H₂₃NO (%): C 81.87, H 7.90, N 4.77, Found: C 81.63, H 8.06, N 4.77.

18. 4-Acetyl-8b-(2,3-undecadienyl)-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]indole (4acb, zyz-2-113)



According to **Typical Procedure IV**, the reaction of Pd(acac)₂(12.3 mg, 0.04 mmol), DPEphos (32.7 mg, 0.06 mmol), DCM (10 mL), **1a** (157.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), BSA (214.7 mg, 1.0 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), **2c** (294.7 mg, 1.3 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), Et₃B (1 M in THF, 1.0 mL, 1.0 mmol), pyridine (0.32 mL, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 314.2 mg, 4.0 mmol), and **3b** (0.23 mL, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 253.9 mg, 3.2 mmol) afforded **4acb** (210.7 mg, 60%, dr = 1.4:1) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (brs, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.29 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 5.01-4.78 (m, 2 H, CH=C=CH), 2.90-2.79 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.55-2.45 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.45-2.40 (m, 3 H, CH₃), 2.35-2.26 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.24-2.13 (m, 2 H, one proton of CH₂ and another CH₂), 2.09-1.98 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 1.93-1.76 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.36-1.20 (m, 10 H, 5×CH₂), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H, CH₃); MS (EI, 70 eV) *m/z* (%): 349 (M⁺, 8.35), 156 (100); IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2954, 2924, 2852, 1960, 1679, 1602, 1456, 1375, 1350, 1282, 1206, 1174, 1108, 1012; HRMS (ESI) Calced for C₂₄H₃₂NO (M+H)⁺: 350.2478, Found: 350.2474.

19. 4-Acetyl-8b-(2,3,8-nonatrienyl)-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]indole (4adb, zyz-2-128)



According to **Typical Procedure IV**, the reaction of Pd(acac)₂ (12.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), DPEphos (32.9 mg, 0.06 mmol), DCM (10 mL), **1a** (157.7 mg, 1.0 mmol), BSA (214.3 mg, 1.0 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), **2d** (255.9 mg, 1.3 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), Et₃B (1 M in THF, 1.0 mL, 1.0 mmol), pyridine (0.32 mL, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 314.2 mg, 4.0 mmol), and **3b** (0.23 mL, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 253.9 mg, 3.2 mmol) afforded **4adb** (152.3 mg, 48%, dr = 1.1:1) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (brs, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.10-7.03 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.85-5.71 (m, 1 H, =CH), 5.29 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 5.04-4.80 (m, 4 H, CH=C=CH and =CH₂), 2.90-2.79 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.55-2.46 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.42 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.36-2.26 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.26-2.12 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 2.08-1.98 (m, 3 H, CH₂ and one proton of another CH₂), 1.95-1.83 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.40 (quint, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H, CH₂); MS (EI, 70 eV) *m/z* (%): 319 (M⁺, 3.87), 156 (100); IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3073, 2929, 2851, 1960, 1677, 1602, 1456, 1376, 1303, 1282, 1206, 1174, 1108, 1012; Anal. calcd for C₂₂H₂₅NO (%): C 82.72, H 7.89, N 4.38, Found: C 82.50, H 8.12, N 4.35.

20. 4-Acetyl-8b-(2,3-pentadecadien-13-ynyl)-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta [b]indole (4aeb, zyz-2-137)



According to **Typical Procedure IV**, the reaction of Pd(acac)₂ (12.3 mg, 0.04 mmol), DPEphos (32.8 mg, 0.06 mmol), DCM (10 mL), **1a** (157.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), BSA (214.9 mg, 1.0 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), **2e** (360.7 mg, 1.3 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), Et₃B (1 M in THF, 1.0 mL, 1.0 mmol), pyridine (0.32 mL, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 314.2 mg, 4.0 mmol), and **3b** (0.23 mL, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 253.9 mg, 3.2 mmol) afforded **4aeb** (268.1 mg, 68%, dr = 1.2:1) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (brs, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.28 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 5.01-4.78 (m, 2 H, HC=C=CH), 2.90-2.78 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.55-2.45 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.42 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.35-2.00 (m, 6 H, 3×CH₂), 1.92-1.80 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.77 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.52-1.40 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.39-1.21 (m, 10 H, 5×CH₂); MS (EI, 70 eV) *m/z* (%): 401 (M⁺, 11.99), 156 (100); IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2925, 2852, 1960, 1679, 1602, 1472, 1456, 1376, 1350, 1304, 1282, 1206, 1174, 1108, 1012; Anal. calcd for C₂₈H₃₅NO (%): C 83.74, H 8.78, N 3.49, Found: C 83.68, H 8.78, N 3.47.

21. 4-Acetyl-8b-(6-phenyl-2,3-hexadienyl)-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]indole (4afb, zyz-2-139)



According to **Typical Procedure IV**, the reaction of Pd(acac)₂ (12.3 mg, 0.04 mmol), DPEphos (32.8 mg, 0.06 mmol), DCM (10 mL), **1a** (157.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), BSA (202.9 mg, 1.0 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), **2f** (302.5 mg, 1.3 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), Et₃B (1 M in THF, 1.0 mL, 1.0 mmol), **3b** (0.23 mL, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 253.9 mg, 3.2 mmol), and pyridine (0.32 mL, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 314.2 mg, 4.0 mmol) afforded **4afb** (277.7 mg, 78%, dr = 1.4:1) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (brs, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.29-7.10 (m, 7 H, Ar-H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.26 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 5.12-4.77 (m, 2 H, HC=C=CH), 2.87-2.74 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.64-2.52 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 2.51-2.43 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.40 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.29-1.95 (m, 6 H, 3×CH₂); MS (EI, 70 eV) *m/z* (%): 355 (M⁺, 9.14), 156 (100); IR (neat, cm ¹): 3062, 3025, 2930, 2851, 1960, 1676, 1602, 1473, 1376, 1282, 1205, 1174, 1107, 1078, 1012; Anal. calcd for C₂₅H₂₅NO (%): C 84.47, H 7.09, N 3.94, Found: C 84.51, H 7.15, N 3.71.

22. Gram scale of 4-acetyl-8b-(2,3-butadienyl)-1,2,4,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta [*b*]indole(4aab, zyz-3-12)



According to **Typical Procedure IV**, the reaction of Pd(acac)₂ (61.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), DPEphos (161.3 mg, 0.3 mmol), DCM (50 mL), **1a** (786.7 mg, 5.0 mmol), BSA (1.0179 g, 1.0 mmol)/DCM (25 mL), **2a** (833.9 mg, 6.5 mmol)/DCM (25 mL), Et₃B (1 M in THF, 5.0 mL, 5.0 mmol), pyridine (1.6 mL, d = 0.9819 g/cm³, 1.5710 g, 20 mmol) and **3b** (1.1 mL, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 1.2144 g, 15 mmol) afforded **4aab** (1.0410 g, 83%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (brs, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.16 (d, *J*_{*I*} = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.07 (t, 1 H, *J*_{*I*} = 7.4 Hz, Ar-H), 5.30 (brs, 1 H, =CH), 4.89 (quint, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, =CH), 4.59-4.52 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 2.90-2.79 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.55-2.46 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.43 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.32-2.19 (m, 3 H, CH₂ and one proton of another CH₂), 2.10-1.98 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.9, 168.6, 151.3, 144.8, 135.9, 127.7, 124.0, 123.1, 117.1, 109.2, 85.2, 74.1, 59.1, 37.1, 34.9, 32.3, 24.6. **23. 3-(Buta-2,3-dienyl)-2,3-dimethyl-3***H***-indole (4jab, zyz-2-189) and 1-acetyl-3-(buta-2,3-dienyl)-3-methyl-2-methylene indoline (4jab, zyz-2-190)**



To a oven dried Schlenk tube were added Pd(acac)₂ (12.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), DPEphos (32.4 mg, 0.06 mmol), and DCM (10 mL) under the atmosphere of Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Compound **1j** (146.7 mg, 1.0 mmol), **2a** (167.7 mg, 1.3 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), BSA (205.1 mg, 1.0 mmol)/DCM (5 mL), and Et₃B (1 M in THF, 1.0 mL, 1.0 mmol) were added sequentially. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h as monitored by TLC. A saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (20 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (20 mL × 2). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, After filtration and evaporation, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford **4ja** (69.3 mg, 35%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1 (600 mL) to

1/1 (400 mL)) as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, and Ar-H), 7.34-7.25 (m, 2 H, Ar-H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 4.61-4.38 (m, 3 H, =CH and =CH₂), 2.62-2.54 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.44-2.36 (m, 1 H, one proton of CH₂), 2.27 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.32 (s, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.3, 186.4, 154.2, 142.9, 127.7, 125.0, 121.7, 119.8, 84.2, 74.6, 57.6, 36.1, 21.7, 15.8; MS (ESI) *m/z* 198 (M+H)⁺; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3049, 2962, 2928, 2867, 1954, 1578, 1451, 1427, 1376, 1309, 1254, 1206, 1185, 1093, 1014; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆N (M+H)⁺: 198.1277, Found: 198.1275.

Compound 4ja (69.3 mg, 0.35 mmol) was dissolved in DCM (10 mL). Pyridine (85 μ L, d = 0.9817 g/cm³, 83.4 mg, 1.05 mmol) and **3b** (50 μ L, d = 1.104 g/cm³, 55.2 mg, 0.7 mmol) were added sequentially and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h as monitored by TLC. A saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (10 mL \times 2). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and evaporation, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford **4jab** (74.2 mg, 31%, overall two steps) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) as an oil: ¹H NMR ($400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3$) δ 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, Ar-H), 5.15 (s, 1 H, one proton of =CH₂), 4.84-4.71 (m, 2 H, one proton of =CH₂ and =CH), 4.58-4.43 (m, 2 H, =CH₂), 2.50 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.41-2.27 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 1.44 (s, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.9, 169.6, 154.5, 141.8, 136.3, 127.7, 124.2, 122.3, 116.5, 95.8, 84.7, 74.0, 48.0, 42.2, 25.9, 25.7; MS (ESI) m/z 262 (M+Na)⁺, 240 (M+H)⁺; IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 3051, 2965, 2932, 1954, 1669, 1599, 1477, 1462, 1367, 1341, 1321, 1283, 1226, 1206, 1176, 1108, 1072, 1051, 1031, 1013; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{16}H_{18}NO([M+H]^+)$: 240.1383, Found: 240.1382.

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