Electrochemical Synthesis of 3a-Bromofuranoindolines and 3a-Bromopyrroloindolines Mediated by MgBr₂

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1. General Information

Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out under air atmosphere. Dichloromethane was distilled under argon over CaH₂. Unless otherwise noted, all reagent-grade chemicals and other solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers and were used as received. Reactions were visualized under UV (254 nm) and/or by staining with Phospho Molybdic Acid or KMnO4 solution followed by heating. Flash chromatography were performed on silica gel (Chromagel Si60ACC [70-200 µm]) as stationary phase. 1H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AC250 (250 MHz), Bruker DRX300 (300 MHz), Bruker AM360 (360 MHz) and Bruker 400 (400 MHz) instruments; chemical shifts (δ) are given in parts per million with respect to the residual protonated solvent ($\delta = 7.26$ ppm for CDCl₃, $\delta = 2.50$ ppm for d₆-DMSO), which served as an internal standard. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AC250 (62 MHz), DRX300 (75 MHz), AM360 (90 MHz) and chemical shifts are expressed with respect to the deuterated solvent $(\delta = 77.16 \text{ ppm for CDCl}_3, \delta = 39.52 \text{ ppm for } d_6\text{-DMSO})$. Coupling constant(s) in hertz (Hz) were measured from one-dimensional spectra and multiplicities were abbreviated as following: br (broad), s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quadruplet), m (multiplet). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded using Electrospray Ionization (ESI) method with a Bruker Daltonics MicrOTOF-Q instrument. Electrochemical experiments were performed with ElectraSyn 2.0 (IKA).

2. Cyclic voltammetry

Cyclic voltammetry were performed with AUTOLAB potentiostat/galvanostat PGSTAT302N. A glassy carbon disc (diameter 3 mm) working electrode, a platinum wire counter electrode and a saturated calomel electrode (SCE) as reference electrode were used at a scan rate of 100 mV/s. The experiments were conducted in a 20 mL vial without stirring in CH₃CN (10 mL) or CH₃CN/H₂O (8.0 mL/2.0 mL) with **5c** (0.05 mmol) and/or MgBr₂ (0.025 mmol) and nBu₄NBF₄ (1 mmol).



Figure S1: Cyclic voltammetry of N-Ts tryptophol 5c and/or MgBr2 in the [0-1.4 V] range vs SCE.





Figure S2: Cyclic voltammetry of N-Ts tryptophol 5c and/or MgBr₂ in the [-2.5 to 1.5 V] range vs SCE.

3. General experimental procedures

Electrolysis general informations

Electrochemical reactions were performed with ElectraSyn 2.0 package (IKA) using the constant current or constant voltage modes. The reactions were conducted in a 10 mL vial for 5 mL of solvent (20 mL vial for 15 mL of solvent) with a stir bar and a graphite-SK-50 ($5.0 \times 0.8 \times 0.2 \text{ cm}$) working electrode (anode) and a platinum-plated ($5.0 \times 0.8 \times 0.2 \text{ cm}$) counter-electrode (cathode) with a distance of 0.6 cm between the two electrodes.



Starting tryptophol, tryptamine and tryptophan derivatives were prepared according to known procedures.¹

General Procedure A for the bromocyclization of tryptophol derivatives 1, tryptamine and tryptophan derivatives 3.



To a 10 mL vial with a stir bar were successively added a tryptophol derivative **5**, tryptamine or tryptophan derivative **6** (0.2 mmol), MgBr₂ (37 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 1.0 mL of distilled H₂O and 4.0 mL of CH₃CN (0.04 M). The vial was covered with the electrode holder. The electrolysis was carried out at RT using a **constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²) or a constant cell potential of 5V** between a graphite anode and a platinum plate cathode (1.4 x 0.8 x 0.2 cm submerged in solution) with stirring (1000 rpm). The complete consumption of the starting indole derivative was checked by TLC (15% to 30% AcOEt/petroleum ether). The reaction was then quenched with H₂O and diluted with AcOEt. The organic and aqueous phases were separated. The

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aqueous phase was then extracted twice with AcOEt. The combined organic phases were then dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude was then purified by flash column chromatography or preparative TLC (15% to 25% AcOEt/ petroleum ether or 1% MeOH/ DCM).

4. Optimization Study



Table S1. Optimization of the bromocyclyzation of 5c into 7c according to general procedure A.

Br source	Equiv.	Constant Current	Constant Cell Potential	Isolated Yield of
				7c
NaBr	1.0	4.5 mA/cm ²		15%
KBr	1.0	4.5 mA/cm ²		10%
FeBr₃	1.0	4.5 mA/cm ²		13%
FeBr ₂	1.0	4.5 mA/cm ²		70%
ZnBr ₂	1.0	4.5 mA/cm ²		76%
MgBr ₂	1.0	4.5 mA/cm ²		90%
MgBr ₂	0.5	4.5 mA/cm ²		56%
MgBr ₂	10.0	4.5 mA/cm ²		89%
MgBr ₂	1.0	9 mA/cm ²		88%
MgBr ₂	1.0	2.7 mA/cm ²		82%
MgBr ₂	1.0		5 V	93%
MgBr ₂	1.0		6 V	73%
MgBr ₂	1.0		4 V	83%

5. Experimental details and characterization of compounds

tert-butyl 3a-bromo-3,3a-dihydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indole-8(8aH)-carboxylate (7a)

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7a (dr 95:5)

7a was prepared from *tert*-butyl 3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate **5a** (52 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)**. After stirring 144 minutes at room temperature (2.20 F/mol), followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 95:5) led to **7a** (54 mg, 0.159 mmol, **80%**, 95:5 dr) as white solid.

7a was prepared from *tert*-butyl 3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate **5a** (52 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V.** After stirring 62 min minutes at room temperature (2.23 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 95:5) led to **7a** (51 mg, 0,150 mmol, **75%**, 95:5 dr) as white solid.

Rf: 0.62 (PE/EtOAc 9:1).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.82 (br, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (td, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 4.02-3.94 (m, 1H), 3.52-3.40 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.74 (m, 1H), 1.59 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 151.8, 141.8, 131.7, 130.5, 124.9, 123.7, 114.9, 100.8, 82.0, 67.8, 61.8, 45.0, 28.4.

HRMS-ESI: *m*/*z* 362.0350 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₅H₁₈BrNNaO₃⁺ calcd. 362.0362).

1-(3a-bromo-3,3a-dihydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-8(8aH)-yl)ethanone (7b)



7b was prepared from 1-(3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)ethanone **5b** (41 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)**. After stirring 144 minutes at room temperature (2.20 F/mol), followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to **7b** (45 mg, 0.160 mmol, **80%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless oil.

7b was prepared from 1-(3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)ethanone **5b** (41 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V.** After stirring 68 minutes at room temperature (2.19 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to **7b** (39 mg, 0.138 mmol, **69%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless oil.

Rf: 0.74 (PE/EtOAc 7:3). ¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.13 (td, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 4.00 (ddd, J = 9.0, 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.54-3.47 (m, 1H), 2.96-2.86 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.78 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 169.9, 141.9, 131.7, 130.7, 124.9, 124.7, 116.7, 101.7, 68.1, 62.3, 45.4, 23.7. HRMS-ESI: m/z 303.9947 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₂H₁₂BrNNaO₂⁺ calcd. 303.9944).

3a-bromo-8-tosyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indole (7c):

7c was prepared from tert-butyl 2-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol **5c** (63 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)**. After stirring 150 minutes at room temperature (2.37 F/mol), followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (DCM/MeOH 100:1) led to **7c** (71 mg, 0.180 mmol, **90%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless solid.

7c was prepared from tert-butyl 2-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol **5c** (63 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V**. After stirring 108 minutes at room temperature (3.00 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (DCM/MeOH 100:1) led to **7c** (73 mg, 0.186 mmol, **93%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless solid.

Rf: 0.55 (PE/EtOAc 5:1).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 3.99 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.46-3.38 (m, 1H), 2.88-2.78 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR:** (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 300 K) δ (ppm) 144.5, 140.7, 135.8, 132.6, 130.7, 129.8, 127.5,

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) 8 (ppm) 144.5, 140.7, 135.8, 132.6, 130.7, 129.8, 127.5, 125.4, 124.9, 114.3, 103.4, 68.1, 61.5, 44.8, 21.7.

HRMS-ESI: *m*/*z* 415.9926 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₇H₁₆BrNNaO₃S⁺ calcd. 415.9926).

3a-bromo-5-chloro-8-tosyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indole (7d):



7d was prepared from 2-(5-chloro-1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol **5d** (69.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)**. After stirring 128 minutes at room temperature (2.00 F/mol), followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 8:2) led to **7d** (60 mg, 0.144 mmol, **72%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless solid.

7d was prepared from 2-(5-chloro-1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol **5d** (69.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V**. After stirring 80 minutes at room temperature (2.50 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification

(PE/EtOAc 8:2) led to 7d (53 mg, 0.124 mmol, 62%, 95:5 dr) as colorless solid.

Rf: 0.35 (PE/EtOAc 7:1).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.77 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 4H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 4.04-3.99 (m, 1H), 3.47-3.40 (m, 1H), 2.86-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.71-2.66 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 144.8, 139.3, 135.3, 134.3, 130.9, 130.1, 129.9, 127.5, 125.5, 115.5, 103.7, 68.1, 60.4, 44.6, 21.7.

HRMS-ESI: *m/z* 449.9523 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₇H₁₅BrClNNaO₃S⁺ calcd. 449.9537).

3a-bromo-5-methyl-8-tosyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indole (7e):

7e (dr 95:5)

7e was prepared from 2-(5-methyl-1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol **5e** (65.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)**. After stirring 138 minutes at room temperature (2.13 F/mol), followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (DCM/MeOH 110:1) led to **7e** (51 mg, 0.126 mmol, **63%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless solid.

7e was prepared from 2-(5-methyl-1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol **5e** (65.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V**. After stirring 95 minutes at room temperature (2.96 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (DCM/MeOH 110:1) led to **7e** (48 mg, 0.118 mmol, **59%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless solid.

Rf: 0.63 (PE/EtOAc 8:2).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 8.3 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 4.02-3.97 (m, 1H), 3.47-3.40 (m, 1H), 2.85-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.73-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 144.4, 138.4, 135.6, 134.9, 132.5, 131.6, 129.8, 127.5, 125.6, 114.4, 103.5, 68.1, 61.8, 44.8, 21.7, 21.0.

HRMS-ESI: *m*/*z* 408.0248 ([M+H]⁺, C₁₈H₁₉BrNO₃S⁺ calcd.408.0264).

3a-bromo-5-methoxy-8-tosyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indole (7f):

7f was prepared from 2-(5-methoxy-1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol **7f** (69 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)**. After stirring 128 minutes at room temperature (2.00 F/mol), followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC

purification (PE/EtOAc 8:2) led to 7f (62 mg, 0.146 mmol, 73%, 95:5 dr) as colorless solid.

7f was prepared from 2-(5-methoxy-1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol **5f** (69 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V**. After stirring 70 minutes at room temperature (2.56 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 8:2) led to **7f** (70 mg, 0.166 mmol, **83%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless solid.

Rf: 0.68 (PE/EtOAc 7:3).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.72 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.85-6.81 (m, 2H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 4.01-3.96 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.49-3.41 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.73 (m, 1H), 2.71-2.66 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR:** (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 157.6, 144.4, 135.4, 134.1, 133.9, 129.8, 127.5, 116.9, 116.0, 109.8, 103.8, 68.0, 61.6, 55.8, 44.7, 21.6. **HRMS-ESI:** m/z 446.0022 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₈H₁₈BrNNaO₄S⁺ calcd.446.0032).

3a-chloro-8-tosyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indole (7g):



7g was prepared from tert-butyl 2-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol **5c** (63 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)** and MgCl₂(18.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After stirring 128 minutes at room temperature(2.00 F/mol), followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 7:3) led to **7g** (24 mg, 0.068 mmol, **34%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless solid.

7g was prepared from tert-butyl 2-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol **5c** (63 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V** and MgCl₂ (18.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After stirring 303 minutes at room temperature (6.96 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 7:3) led to **7g** (26 mg, 0.074 mmol, **37%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless solid.

Rf: 0.33 (PE/EtOAc 5:1).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (td, J = 7.5 Hz, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 4.13-4.07 (m, 1H), 3.53-3.44 (m, 1H), 2.80-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.66-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR:** (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 144.6, 141.2, 135.7, 131.4, 130.9, 129.8, 127.5, 125.0, 124.9, 114.3, 102.7, 72.9, 68.3, 43.9, 21.7. **HRMS-ESI:** m/z 372.0428 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₇H₁₆ClNNaO₃S⁺ calcd. 372.0432).

di-tert-butyl-3a-bromo-2,3,3a,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1,8-dicarboxylate (8a):



8a (dr 95:5)

8a was prepared from tert-butyl 3-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)ethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate **6a** (69.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)**. After stirring 138 minutes at room temperature (2.15 F/mol), followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to **8a** (53 mg, 0.122 mmol, **61%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless oil.

8a was prepared from tert-butyl 3-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)ethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate **6a** (69.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V**. After stirring 60 minutes at room temperature, the solution was charged to 2.36 F/mol followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to **8a** (40 mg, 0.092 mmol, **46%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless oil.

Rf: 0.54 (PE/EtOAc 9:1).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.58 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (td, J = 7.6 Hz, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td, J = 7.4 Hz, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 3.75-3.69 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.69 (m, 3H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.48 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 153.5, 152.3, 142.2, 132.8, 130.4, 124.2, 123.9, 117.5, 83.9, 82.2, 80.9, 62.3, 46.3, 41.7, 28.5, 28.4.

HRMS-ESI: *m*/*z* 461.1029 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₀H₂₇BrN₂NaO₄⁺ calcd. 461.1046).

1-benzyl 8-tert-butyl 3a-bromo-3,3a-dihydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1,8(2H,8aH)-dicarboxylate (8b)

8b (dr 95:5)

8bwaspreparedfrom*tert*-butyl3-(2-(((benzyloxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate6b(39mg,0.1mmol),following general procedure A using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²). After stirring140 minutes at room temperature (2.20 F/mol), followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLCpurification (PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to 8b (33 mg, 0.069 mmol, 70%, 95:5 dr) as white solid.

8bwaspreparedfrom*tert*-butyl3-(2-(((benzyloxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate6b(79mg,0.2mmol),following general procedure A using a constant cell potential of 5 V. After stirring 67 minutes atroom temperature,(2.4F/mol)followed by aqueous work-up,preparative TLC purification(PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to 8b(60 mg,0.127 mmol,63%,95:5 dr) as white solid.

Rf: 0.41 (PE/EtOAc 9:1).

¹**H** NMR: (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.64 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.27 (m, 7H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 3.85-3.75 (m, 1H), 2.99-2.67 (m, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 154.1, 152.2, 142.1, 136.6, 132.5, 130.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 124.3, 123.8, 117.5, 84.1, 82.3, 67.3, 62.1, 46.4, 40.9, 28.3. HRMS-ESI: m/z 495.0870 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₃H₂₅BrN₂NaO₄⁺ calcd. 495.0890).

8-*tert*-butyl 1-methyl 3a-bromo-3,3a-dihydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1,8(2H,8aH)-dicarboxylate (8c)

8c (dr 95:5)

8c was prepared from *tert*-butyl 3-(2-((methoxycarbonyl)amino)ethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate **6c** (64 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)**. After stirring 150 minutes at room temperature (2.30 F/mol), followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 8:2) led to **8c** (70 mg, 0.176 mmol, **89%**, 95:5 dr) as white solid.

8c was prepared from *tert*-butyl 3-(2-((methoxycarbonyl)amino)ethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate **6c** (64 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V**. After stirring 94 minutes at room temperature (2.61 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 8:2) led to **8c** (69 mg, 0.174 mmol, **87%**, 95:5 dr) as white solid.

Rf: 0.66 (PE/EtOAc 7:3).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.62 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.5, 1H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 3.78-3.73 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.92-2.65 (m, 3H), 1.58 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 154.7, 152.1, 142.0, 132.4, 130,6, 124.3, 123.8, 117.4, 84.0, 82.2, 62.1, 52.8, 46.3, 41.1, 28.3.

HRMS-ESI: *m*/*z* 419.0558 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₇H₂₁BrN₂NaO₄⁺ calcd. 419.0577).

tert-butyl 3a-bromo-8-tosyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1(2H)-carboxylate (8d)

8d (dr 95:5)

8d was prepared from *tert*-butyl (2-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate **6d** (83 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)**. After stirring 140 minutes at room temperature (2.25 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to **8d** (90 mg, 0.182 mmol, **91%**, 95:5 dr) as white solid.

8d was prepared from *tert*-butyl (2-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate **6d** (83 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V.** After stirring 58 minutes at room temperature, (1.93 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to **8d** (80 mg, 0.162 mmol, **81%**, 95:5 dr) as white solid.

Rf: 0.56 (PE/EtOAc 8:2).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.68 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 3H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 3.78-3.73 (m, 1H), 2.76-2.62 (m, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 153.2, 144.2, 141.3, 135.7, 133.8, 130.6, 129.5, 127.9, 125.9, 124.3, 117.8, 86.8, 81.9, 62.2, 45.9, 42.5, 28.4, 21.6.

HRMS-ESI: *m*/*z* 515.0585 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₂H₂₅BrN₂NaO₄S⁺ calcd. 515.0611).

benzyl 3a-bromo-8-tosyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1(2H)-carboxylate (8e)



8e (dr 95:5)

8e was prepared from benzyl (2-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate **6e** (90 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)**. After stirring 140 minutes at room temperature (2.20 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to **4e** (73 mg, 0.138 mmol, **69%**, 95:5 dr) as white solid.

8e was prepared from benzyl (2-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate **6e** (90 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V.** After stirring 73 minutes at room temperature, (2.32 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to **8e** (44 mg, 0.083 mmol, **42%**, 95:5 dr) as white solid.

Rf: 0.55 (PE/EtOAc 8:2).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.64 (br, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 5.41-5.11 (m, 2H), 3.86-3.80 (m, 1H), 2.86-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.61 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 153.9, 144.4, 141.3, 136.3, 135.5, 133.6, 130.8, 129.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.4, 118.0, 86.9, 67.9, 61.8, 46.1, 42.4, 21.7.
HRMS-ESI: *m/z* 549.0441 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₅H₂₃BrN₂NaO₄S⁺ calcd. 549.0454).

Ethyl-3a-bromo-8-tosyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1(2H)-carboxylate (8f):



8f (dr 95:5)

8f was prepared from ethyl (2-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate **6f** (77.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)**. After stirring 130 minutes at room temperature (2.13 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 7:3) led to **4f** (72 mg, 0.156 mmol, **78%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless oil.

8f was prepared from ethyl (2-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate **6f** (77.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V**. After stirring 83 minutes at room temperature (2.55 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 7:3) led to **8f** (76 mg, 0.164 mmol, **82%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless oil.

Rf: 0.69 (PE/EtOAc 7:3).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.67 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 4.24 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.81-3.76 (m, 1H), 2.83-2.62 (m, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 154.2, 144.4, 141.3, 135.6, 133.7, 130.8, 129.5, 128.0, 126.1, 124.3, 118.1, 86.8, 62.3, 61.9, 45.9, 42.2, 21.6, 14.6.

HRMS-ESI: *m/z* 487.0289 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₀H₂₁BrN₂NaO₄S⁺ calcd. 487.0298).

di-tert-butyl

(3aR,8aR)-3a,6-dibromo-2,3,3a,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1,8-dicarboxylate (8g):

8g (dr 95:5)

8gwaspreparedfromtert-butyl6-bromo-3-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)ethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate6g(87.6mg,0.2mmol), following general procedure A using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²). Afterstirring 140 minutes at room temperature (2.18 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparativeTLC purification (PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to 8g (91 mg, 0.176 mmol, 88%, 95:5 dr) as white solid.

Rf: 0.61 (PE/EtOAc 9:1).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.82 (br, 1H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 3.76-3.71 (m, 1H), 2.83-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.63 (m, 2H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.46 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 153.3, 151.8, 143.2, 131.7, 127.1, 125.1, 124.3, 120.5, 84.4, 82.8, 80.9, 61.5, 46.3, 42.0, 28.4, 28.3.

HRMS-ESI: *m*/*z* 517.0311 ([M+H]⁺, C₂₀H₂₇Br₂N₂O₄⁺ calcd. 517.0332).

8-tert-butyl

1-methyl

3a,6-dibromo-3,3a-dihydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1,8(2H,8aH)-dicarboxylate (8h)



8hwaspreparedfromtert-butyl6-bromo-3-(2-(((methylperoxy)methylene)amino)ethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate6h(79mg,0.2mmol), following general procedureA using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²). Afterstirring 140 minutes at room temperature (2.21 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparativeTLC purification (PE/EtOAc 8:2) led to 8h (77 mg,0.162 mmol,81%,95:5 dr) as colorless oil.

8hwaspreparedfromtert-butyl6-bromo-3-(2-(((methylperoxy)methylene)amino)ethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate6h(79 mg, 0.2mmol), following general procedure A using a constant cell potential of 5 V. After stirring 78minutes at room temperature, (2.15 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLCpurification (PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to 8h (78 mg, 0.164 mmol, 82%, 95:5 dr) as colorless oil.

Rf: 0.60 (PE/EtOAc 8:2).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 10.4, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.91-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.80-2.66 (m, 2H), 1.58 (s, 9H). ¹³**C NMR:** (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 154.6, 151.8, 143.1, 131.4, 127.3, 125.0, 124.5, 120.6, 84.5, 82.8, 61.4, 52.9, 46.4, 41.3, 28.3. **HRMS-ESI:** m/z 496.9663 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₇H₂₀Br₂N₂NaO₄⁺ calcd. 496.9682).

tert-butyl (2-(6-bromo-1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate (6i)



6i (white solid, 718 mg, **76%**) was prepared from 2-(6-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanamine (458 mg, 1.91 mmol), according to the procedure reported by Tong.¹

Rf: 0.26 (PE/EtOAc 8:2).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 8.15 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (brs, 1H), 3.37 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 155.9, 145.3, 136.0, 135.1, 130.1, 129.7, 126.9, 126.6, 123.9, 120.7, 119.9, 118.6, 116.9, 79.6, 40.2, 28.5, 25.7, 21.7.

HRMS-ESI: *m/z* 515.0592 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₂H₂₅BrN₂NaO₄S⁺ calcd. 515,0611).

tert-butyl 3a,6-dibromo-8-tosyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1(2H)-carboxylate (8i)



8i (dr 95:5)

8i was prepared from *tert*-butyl (2-(6-bromo-1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate **6i** (99 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)**. After stirring 135 minutes at room temperature (2.1 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to **4i** (100 mg, 0.175 mmol, **88%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless oil.

8i was prepared from *tert*-butyl (2-(6-bromo-1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate **6i** (99 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V.** After stirring 80 minutes at room temperature, (2.31 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to **8i** (95 mg, 0.166 mmol, **83%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless oil.

Rf: 0.65 (PE/EtOAc 8:2).

¹**H** NMR: (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.75-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.26 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 3.78 (m, 1H), 2.73 (m, 1H), 2.66-2.58 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 153.1, 144.6, 142.5, 135.5, 132.8, 129.7, 129.0, 127.9, 125.6, 124.5, 120.7, 87.3, 82.0, 61.5, 46.0, 42.6, 28.4, 21.7.

HRMS-ESI: *m/z* 592.9703 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₂H₂₄Br₂N₂NaO₄S⁺calcd. 592.9716).

di-tert-butyl-3a-bromo-2,3,3a,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1,8-dicarboxylate (8j):

8j (dr 95:5)

8j was prepared from tert-butyl 3-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)ethyl)-5-methyl-1H-indole-1-carboxylate **6j** (74.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)**. After stirring 128 minutes at room temperature (2.00 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 9:1) led to **8j** (69 mg, 0.154 mmol, **77%**, 95:5 dr) as white solid.

Rf: 0.52 (PE/EtOAc 9:1).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.43 (br, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 3.73-3.69 (m, 1H), 2.83-2.68 (m, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.48 (s, 9H). ¹³**C NMR:** (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 153.5, 152.3, 139.9, 133.9, 132.7, 131.2, 124.1, 117.4, 84.0, 82.0, 80.8, 77.5, 77.2, 76.8, 62.6, 46.2, 41.6, 28.5, 28.4, 21.1. **HRMS-ESI:** m/z 475.1182 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₁H₂₉BrN₂NaO₄⁺ calcd. 475.1203).

(2S,3aR,8aS) - 8-tert-butyl - 2-methyl - 3a-brom o-1-tosyl - 1,3,3a,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo [2,3-b] indo and a start and a star



8k (dr 90:10)

8kwaspreparedfrom(S)-tert-butyl3-(3-methoxy-2-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)-3-oxopropyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate6k(47.2mg, 0.1 mmol), following general procedure A using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)and 18.4 mg of MgBr₂ (0.1 mmol). After stirring 65 minutes at room temperature (2.00 F/mol)followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 8:2) led to 8k (50 mg, 0.091 mmol, 91%, 90:10 dr in favor of the *exo* isomer) as colorless oil.

8kwaspreparedfrom(S)-tert-butyl3-(3-methoxy-2-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)-3-oxopropyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate6k(47.2mg, 0.1 mmol), following general procedure A using a constant cell potential of 5 V. Afterstirring 61 minutes at room temperature (2.78 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparativeTLC purification (PE/EtOAc 8:2) led to 8k (48 mg, 0.087 mmol, 87%, 90:10 dr in favor of theexo isomer) as colorless oil.

Data for the mixture of diastereoisomers (dr 90:10).

Rf: 0.65 (PE/EtOAc 7:3). [α]_D²⁵ = +99.5 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃).

¹**H** NMR: (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.93 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 0.2H), 7.52 (br, 1.8H), 7.29-7.00 (m, 6H), 6.48 (s, 0.1H), 6.37 (s, 0.9H), 4.03-3.90 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 2.7H), 3.22 (dd, J = 12.9 Hz, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (s, 0.3H), 2.96 (t, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 0.3H), 2.35 (s, 2.7H), 1.63 (s, 8H), 1.44 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 171.2, 151.8, 143.6, 140.4 (minor), 136.9, 131.2 (minor), 130.4, 129.5 (minor), 129.4 (two C), 127.3 (two C), 124.8, 124.2 (minor), 122.9, 117.9, 117.4 (minor), 85.5, 83.2, 61.9, 61.6 (minor), 59.9, 53.1, 52.4 (minor), 44.9 (minor), 42.1, 28.3, 28.1 (minor), 21.6.

HRMS-ESI: *m/z* 573.0658 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₄H₂₇BrN₂NaO₆S⁺ calcd. 573.0665).

(2S,3aR,8aR)-8-benzyl-1-tert-butyl-2-methyl-3a-bromo-3,3a-dihydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1,2,8(2H,8aH)-tricarboxylate (8l):

8I (dr 90:10)

81waspreparedfromethylbenzyl(S)-3-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate71(90.4mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²).

After stirring 128 minutes at room temperature (2.00 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 7:3) led to **81** (73 mg, 0.138 mmol, **69%**, 90:10 dr in favor of the *exo* isomer) as colorless oil.

81waspreparedfromethylbenzyl(S)-3-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate71(90.4mg, 0.2mmol), following general procedure A using a constant cell potential of 5 V. Afterstirring 145minutes at room temperature (3.42 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparativeTLC purification (PE/EtOAc 7:3) led to 81(76 mg, 0.144 mmol, 72%, 90:10 dr in favor of the *exo*isomer) as colorless oil.

Data for the mixture of diastereoisomers (dr 90:10).

Rf: 0.34 (PE/EtOAc 7:3). [α]_D²⁵ = -91.2 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.63 (br, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 0.1H), 6.46 (s, 0.9H), 5.46 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (br, 1H), 3.93 (dd, J = 10.5 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.24 (dd, J = 12.1 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J = 12.3 Hz, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 1H), 1.38 (s, 8H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 171.5, 153.4, 153.3, 142.0 (minor), 140.9, 135.9, 132.8, 132.5 (minor), 131.0, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 124.9, 124.4 (minor), 124.0 (minor), 123.5, 118.4, 84.6, 83.8, 81.9, 68.2, 59.6, 52.6, 52.2 (minor), 41.7, 28.4 (minor), 28.3. HRMS-ESI: *m*/*z* 553.0921 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₅H₂₇BrN₂NaO₆⁺ calcd.553.0945).

(2S,3aR,8aS)-1-tert-butyl-2-methyl-8-acetyl-3a-bromo-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]ind ole-1,2(2H)-dicarboxylate (8m):

8m (dr 90:10)

8m was prepared from methyl 1-acetyl-N^a-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-L-tryptophanate **6m** (72 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)**. After stirring 120 minutes at room temperature (2.00 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 8:2) led to **8m** (82 mg, 0.188 mmol, **94%**, 90:10 dr in favor of the *exo* isomer) as white solid.

8m was prepared from methyl 1-acetyl-N^a-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-L-tryptophanate **6m** (72 mg, 0.2 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V**. After stirring 68 minutes at room temperature (2.50 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 8:2) led to **8m** (84 mg, 0.192 mmol, **96%**, 90:10 dr in favor of the *exo* isomer) as white solid.

Data for the mixture of diastereoisomers (dr 90:10). **Rf**: 0.46 (PE/EtOAc 8:2), [α]_D²⁵ = -200.8 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃). ¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.98 (br, 1H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 3.89 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 12.6 Hz, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 171.7, 170.9, 151.7, 141.5, 132.4, 130.9, 125.3, 123.1, 119.9, 85.4, 81.9, 59.9, 59.7, 52.6, 42.1, 28.1, 23.7.

HRMS-ESI: *m*/*z* 439.0846 ([M+H]⁺, C₁₉H₂₄BrN₂O₅⁺ calcd. 439.0863).

(2R,3aS,8aS)-methyl-3a-bromo-1,8-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,8,8a-hexahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-2-ca rboxylatecarboxylate (8n):



8nwaspreparedfrom(S)-methyl2-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)-3-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate6n(52.6 mg, 0.1 mmol),following general procedure A using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm^2) and 18.4 mg ofMgBr2(0.1 mmol). After stirring 65 minutes at room temperature (2.02 F/mol) followed byaqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 6:4) led to 8n (31 mg, 0.051 mmol,51%, 95:5 dr in favor of the *exo* isomer) as colorless solid.

8n was prepared from (S)-methyl 2-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)-3-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate **6n** (52.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), following general procedure A **using a constant cell potential of 5 V**. After stirring 111 minutes at room temperature, the solution was charged to 3.69 F/mol followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 6:4) led to **8n** (33 mg, 0.055 mmol, **55%**, 95:5 dr in favor of the *exo* isomer) as colorless solid.

Rf: 0.53 (PE/EtOAc 6:4). [α]_D²⁵ = +215.7 (c = 0.5, CHCl₃).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.75 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.03 (m, 6H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 3.84 (dd, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 6.3Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.05 (dd, J = 12.6 Hz, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, J = 13.0 Hz, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 170.8, 144.8, 143.6, 139.5, 136.8, 135.4, 134.2, 130.6, 129.5, 129.3, 128.2, 128.1, 126.9, 123.5, 118.9, 87.9, 61.6, 59.1, 53.1, 43.2, 21.6 (two C).
HRMS-ESI: *m/z* 627.0212 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₆H₂₅BrN₂NaO₆S₂⁺ calcd. 627.0230).

1-(tert-butyl)-2-methyl-(2R,3aS,8aS)-1-tert-butyl-2-methyl-3a-bromo-8-(phenylsulfonyl)-3,3 a,8,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1,2(2H)-dicarboxylate (80):



To a 20 mL vial with a stir bar were successively added **60** (0.6 mmol), MgBr₂ (0.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 3.0 mL of distilled H₂O and 12.0 mL of CH₃CN (0.04 M). The vial was covered with the electrode holder. The electrolysis was carried out at room temperature **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (1.8 mA/cm²)** between a graphite anode and a platinum plate cathode (0.8 cm x 3.4 cm x 0.2 cm submerged in solution) with stirring (1000 rpm). The complete consumption of the starting indole derivative was checked by TLC (15% AcOEt/petroleum ether). After stirring 385 minutes at room temperature (2.00 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 75:25) led to **80** (260 mg, 0.486 mmol, **81%**, dr 95:5 in favor of the *exo* isomer) as white foam.

To a 20 mL vial with a stir bar were successively added **60** (0.6 mmol), MgBr₂ (0.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 3.0 mL of distilled H₂O and 12.0 mL of CH₃CN (0.04 M), The vial was covered with a screw-cap. The electrolysis was carried out at room temperature **using a constant cell potential of 5 V** between a graphite anode and a platinum plate cathode (0.8 cm x 3.4 cm x 0.2 cm submerged in solution) with stirring (1000 rpm). The complete consumption of the starting indole derivative was checked by TLC (15% AcOEt/petroleum ether). After stirring 120 minutes at room temperature (2.95 F/mol) followed by aqueous work-up, preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 75:25) led to **80** (270 mg, 0.504 mmol, **84%**, dr 95:5 in favor of the *exo* isomer) as white foam.

Rf: 0.33 (PE/EtOAc 3:1). [α]_D²⁵ = +232.8 (c = 0.15, CHCl₃).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.89-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 10.4 Hz, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 12.6 Hz, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (br, 9H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 171.0, 153.3, 140.5, 138.5, 134.2, 133.6, 131.1, 128.8, 128.5, 126.5, 124.0, 118.9, 86.8, 83.0, 59.6, 59.5, 52.6, 43.2, 28.4.

HRMS-ESI: *m/z* 537.0672 ([M+H]⁺, C₂₃H₂₆BrN₂O₆S⁺ calcd. 537.0689).

3a-allyl-8-tosyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indole (9)



Bromopyrroloindoline **7c** (78.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) was dried under reduced pressure and placed under an argon atmosphere. Anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (200 μ L) and allyltrimethylsilane (95 μ L, 0.6 mmol) were added. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and poured into a stirred suspension of AgOTf (77.1 mg, 0.3 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (100 μ L) via cannula at 0 °C. After stirring at the same temperature for 30 min, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and the resulting mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 five times. The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered through a pad of Celite, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 4/1) to afford allylpyrroloindoline **9** (40 mg, 0.112 mmol, **56%**, 95:5 dr) as colorless solid.

Rf: 0.49 (PE/EtOAc 4:1).

¹**H** NMR: (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.10 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (td, J = 7.4 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 5.39-5.28 (m, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.43-3.36 (m, 1H), 2.46-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.34-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.19-2.10 (m, 1H), 2.06-2.01 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm)144.1, 141.8, 136.5, 134.2, 132.8, 129.6, 128.7, 127.5, 124.1, 123.8, 119.1, 113.2, 99.3, 67.6, 56.7, 42.4, 39.5, 21.6.

HRMS-ESI: *m*/*z* 378.1118 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₀H₂₁NNaO₃S⁺ calcd. 378.1134).

1-(tert-butyl)-2-methyl-(2S,3aS,8aS)-1-tert-butyl-2-methyl-3a-(1H-indol-3-yl)-8-(phenylsulfo nyl)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1,2(2H)-dicarboxylate (10):



As described by Ye:² To a solution of indole (23.4mg, 0.2 mmol) and bromopyrroloindoline **80** (192 mg, 1.8 equiv) in THF (0.05 M based on indole) at 0 °C was added triethylborane (1.5 equiv), which was followed by dropwise addition of a solution of potassium tert-butoxide in THF (3.5 equiv, 1 M solution). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C. After complete consumption of starting material was observed by TLC analysis, the reaction was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH4Cl and diluted with ethyl acetate. Layers were separated. The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Preparative TLC purification (PE/EtOAc 65:35) led to **10** (90 mg, 0.158 mmol, **79%**, dr 95:5 in favor of the *endo* isomer) as white solid.

Rf: 0.27 (PE/EtOAc 65:35). [α]_D²⁵ = -70.1 (c = 0.1, CHCl₃).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.84 (br, 1H), 7.58 (br, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.99 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 5.02-4.67 (m, 1H), 3.25-3.06 (m, 4H), 2.78 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (br, 9H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 171,8, 154.2, 142.3, 139.5, 137.2, 135.3, 132.3, 129.4, 128.2, 126.8, 125.1, 124.9, 124.4, 123.3, 122.7, 120.3, 119.0, 118.4, 116.0, 111.9, 84.7, 82.6, 60.2, 57.1, 52.1, 40.3, 28.5.

HRMS-ESI: *m*/*z* 596.1807 ([M+Na]⁺, C₃₁H₃₁N₃NaO₆S⁺ calcd. 596.1826).

² H. Lei, L. Wang, Z. Xu, T. Ye, Org. Lett. 2017, 19, 5134–5137.

The spectral data matched the reported data by Ye.²



To a 10 mL vial with a stir bar were successively added bistryptophan diketopiperazine **11** (57.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, prepared according to Tokuyama³), MgBr₂ (0.2mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1.0 mL of distilled H₂O and 4.0 mL of CH₂Cl₂ (0.02 M), The vial was covered with a screw-cap. The electrolysis was carried out at room temperature **using a constant cell potential of 5 V** between a graphite anode and a platinum plate cathode (1.4 x 0.8 x 0.2 cm submerged in solution) with stirring (400 rpm). The complete consumption of the starting indole derivative was checked by TLC (30% to 50% toluene/AcOEt). The reaction was then quenched with H₂O and diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic and aqueous phases were separated. The aqueous phase was then extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phases were then dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude was then purified by preparative TLC (8:2 to 7:3 toluene/AcOEt) and led to **12** (13 mg, 0.018 mmol, **18%**) as white solid, to **13** (10 mg, 0.014 mmol, **14%**) as white solid and to **14** (17 mg, 0.026 mmol, **26%**, dr 50:50) as white foam.

To a 10 mL vial with a stir bar were successively added bistryptophan diketopiperazine **11** (57.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), MgBr₂ (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1.0 mL of distilled H₂O and 4.0 mL of CH₂Cl₂ (0.02 M), The vial was covered with the electrode holder. The electrolysis was carried out at room temperature **using a constant current of 5.0 mA (4.5 mA/cm²)** between a graphite anode and a platinum plate cathode (1.4 x 0.8 x 0.2 cm submerged in solution) with stirring (1000 rpm). The complete consumption of the starting indole derivative was checked by TLC (30% to 50% toluene/AcOEt). The reaction was then quenched with H₂O and diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic and aqueous phases were separated. The aqueous phase was then extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂. The organic multiplication of the starting by preparative TLC (8:2 to 7:3 toluene/AcOEt) and led to **12** (11 mg, 0.014 mmol, **14%**) as white solid, to **13** (8 mg, 0.011 mmol, **11%**) as white solid and to **14** (21 mg, 0.033 mmol, **33%**, dr 50:50) as white foam.

Bis-bromopyrroloindoline 8:

³ Hakamata, H.; Sato, S.; Ueda, H.; Tokuyama, H. Org. Lett. 2017, 19, 5308–5311.



Rf: 0.45 (toluene/EtOAc 85:15). [α]_D²⁵ = -70.2 (c = 0.2, CHCl₃).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 4.26 (dd, J = 9.7 Hz, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, J = 10.3 Hz, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dd, J = 14.3 Hz, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, J = 13.5 Hz, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 14.3 Hz, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 13.2 Hz, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (s, 9H), 1.56 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 164.7, 163.5, 151.8, 151.6, 141.7, 139.9, 133.0, 131.8, 131.1, 130.9, 124.9, 124.7, 124.5, 123.6, 117.7, 117.1, 85.0, 83.1, 82.9, 82.8, 60.4, 60.2, 58.9, 58.8, 42.3, 38.2, 28.4, 28.2.

HRMS-ESI: m/z 753.0703 ([M+Na]⁺, C₃₂H₃₄Br₂N₄NaO₆⁺ calcd. 753.0717). The spectral data matched the reported data by Tokuyama.³

Bis-bromopyrroloindoline 9:



Rf: 0.28 (toluene/EtOAc 2:1). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +166.8$ (c = 0.2, CHCl₃).

¹**H NMR:** (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 7.31 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.04-6.98 (m, 4H), 6.07 (s, 2H), 4.21 (dd, J = 10.4 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (dd, J = 13.7 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (dd, J = 13.8 Hz, J = 10.3 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (s, 18H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 164.2, 151.4, 139.2, 131.4, 130.8, 124.6, 123.7, 117.4, 83.9, 82.4, 60.7, 60.1, 36.4, 28.3.

HRMS-ESI: *m/z* 753.0693 ([M+Na]⁺, C₃₂H₃₄Br₂N₄NaO₆⁺ calcd. 753.0717).

The spectral data matched the reported data by Tokuyama.³

Mono-bromopyrroloindoline product (10):



Data for the mixture of diastereoisomers (dr 50:50).

Rf: 0.31 (toluene/EtOAc 2:1).

¹**H** NMR: (300 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 8.14 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 0.5H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 0.5H), 7.49-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.5H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 0.5H), 6.62 (s, 0.5H), 6.34 (s, 0.5H), 5.85 (s, 0.5H), 5.50 (s, 0.5H), 4.36-4.31 (m, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 10.9 Hz, J = 3.5 Hz, 0.5H), 3.84 (dd, J = 11.4 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 0.5H), 3.68 (dd, J = 14.3 Hz, J = 3.8 Hz, 0.5H), 3.64 (dd, J = 10.2 Hz, J = 2.7 Hz, 0.5H), 3.58 (dd, J = 15.1 Hz, J = 2.5 Hz, 0.5H), 3.24 (dd, J = 12.8 Hz, J = 5.6 Hz, 0.5H), 3.11 (dd, J = 14.6 Hz, J = 10.1 Hz, 0.5H), 2.99 (dd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 10.3 Hz, 0.5H), 2.78-2.68 (m, 1H), 1.68 (s, 9H), 1.65 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR: (75 MHz, <u>CDCl₃, 300 K</u>) δ (ppm) 167.9, 166.8, 165.8, 164.1, 151.9, 151.8, 149.4, 142.1, 140.0, 135.9, 132.9, 131.5, 131.1, 130.8, 129.4, 125.2, 124.9, 124.7, 124.6, 124.5, 124.0, 122.9, 118.9, 118.7, 117.3, 117.2, 115.8, 114.5, 114.3, 85.0, 84.3, 84.2, 83.8, 83.0, 82.9, 60.2, 58.9, 58.5, 57.9, 54.26, 54.21, 45.1, 38.1, 28.5, 28.32, 28.30, 27.3, 25.8.

HRMS-ESI: *m*/*z* 673.1599 ([M+Na]⁺, C₃₂H₃₅BrN₄NaO₆⁺ calcd. 673.1632).

The spectral data matched the reported data by Tokuyama.³

6. NMR spectra

¹H NMR (<u>CDCl₃ 300K</u>), **6i**





¹H NMR (<u>CDCl_{3.} 300K</u>), **7b**



¹H NMR (<u>CDCl_{3.} 300K</u>), **7c**











¹H NMR (<u>CDCl_{3.} 300K</u>), 8a





¹H NMR (<u>CDCl₃ 300K</u>), **8c**





¹H NMR (<u>CDCl_{3.} 300K</u>), **8e**



¹H NMR (<u>CDCl₃ 300K</u>), 8f







¹H NMR (<u>CDCl₃, 300K</u>), **8i**



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¹H NMR (<u>CDCl₃, 300K</u>), **8k** (*exo/endo* 90:10 mixture of diastereoisomers)



¹H NMR (<u>CDCl₃ 300K</u>), 8l (*exo/endo* 90:10 mixture of diastereoisomers)

¹³C NMR (<u>CDCl₃ 300K</u>), **81** (*exo/endo* 90:10 mixture of diastereoisomers)





¹H NMR (<u>CDCl₃, 300K</u>), **8m** (*exo/endo* 90:10 mixture of diastereoisomers)







¹H NMR (<u>CDCl₃ 300K</u>), **10**









¹H NMR (<u>CDCl₃, 300K</u>), **14** (1:1 mixture of diastereoisomers)



7. X-ray structure analysis



Figure S3. ORTEP drawing of compound 80. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 30% level.

X-ray diffraction data for compound **80** were collected by using a VENTURE PHOTON100 CMOS Bruker diffractometer with Micro-focus IuS source Cu K α radiation. Crystals were mounted on a CryoLoop (Hampton Research) with Paratone-N (Hampton Research) as cryoprotectant and then flashfrozen in a nitrogen-gas stream at 100 K. For compounds, the temperature of the crystal was maintained at the selected value by means of N-Helix cooling device to within an accuracy of ±1K. The data were corrected for Lorentz polarization, and absorption effects. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97⁴ and refined against F^2 by full-matrix least-squares techniques using SHELXL-2018⁵ with anisotropic displacement parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms. Hydrogen atoms were located on a difference Fourier map and introduced into the calculations as a riding model with isotropic thermal parameters. All calculations were performed by using the Crystal Structure crystallographic software package WINGX.⁶

The crystal data collection and refinement parameters are given in Table S2.

The crystallographic analysis revealed the absolute structure of **80** with a Flack parameter⁷ of in 0.027(6) the monoclinic $P 2_1$ space group.

⁴ Sheldrick, G. M. SHELXS-97, Program for Crystal Structure Solution, University of Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany, **1997**.

⁵ Sheldrick, G. M. Acta Crystallogr., Sect. A: Found. Crystallogr., 2008, 64, 112-122.

⁶ Farrugia, L. J. J. Appl. Cryst. **1999**, 32, 837.

⁷ G. Bernardinelli and H. D. Flack, Acta Crystallogr., Sect. A: Found. Crystallogr., **1985**, 41, 500-511.

CCDC 1910836 (**80**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via <u>http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/Community/Requestastructure</u>.

Empirical Formula	C ₂₆ H ₂₅ Br N ₂ O ₆ S ₂
Mr	605.51
Crystal size, mm ³	0.13 x 0.09 x 0.025
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁
a, Å	8.6142(9)
b, Å	15.2562(15)
c, Å	10.0113(10)
α, °	90
β, °	93.761(4)
γ, °	90
Cell volume, Å ³	1312.9(2)
Z ; Z'	2;1
Т, К	100 (1)
Radiation type ; wavelength Å	CuKa; 1.54178
F ₀₀₀	620
μ , mm ⁻¹	4.001
heta range, °	4.426 - 66.959
Reflection collected	14 066
Reflections unique	4 552
R _{int}	0.0358
GOF	
Refl. obs. $(I>2\sigma(I))$	4 467
Parameters	1.036
wR ₂ (all data)	0.0562
R value $(I > 2\sigma(I))$	0.0227
Flack parameter	0.027(6)
Largest diff. peak and hole (eÅ ⁻³)	0.398 ; -0.235

Table S2. Crystallographic data and structure refinement details for compound 80.