### **Supplementary Information for**

### **Ring Expansion of Sulfur Substituted** *p***-Quinamines:**

### **Regiospecific Synthesis of 4-Aminotropones**

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#### **Experimental Procedures**

Melting points were obtained in open capillary tubes. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were recorded at 500 or 300 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded at 125 or 75 MHz. All reactions were monitored by TLC, which was performed on precoated silica gel 60  $F_{254}$  plates. Flash column chromatography was effected with silica gel 60 (230-240 mesh) of Macherey-Nagel. HRMS were measured at 70 eV. Diisopropylamine was used freshly distilled over KOH in each case. NaH was washed before use with several portions of hexane. MCPBA was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution. Reagent quality solvents as THF, diethyl ether and acetonitrile were dry purchased and kept under an argon atmosphere over activated 4Å molecular sieves. For toluene and benzene, activated 3Å molecular sieves were used. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was predried over CaCl<sub>2</sub>, distilled over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and carefully kept under an argon atmosphere.

General Procedure A. Synthesis of 4-Aminotropones from sulfur substituted p-Quinamines. To a 0.2 M THF solution of the corresponding p-quinamine, under an argon atmosphere, 4 equiv of NaH were added. After the time indicated in each case, the mixture was diluted with CH<sub>3</sub>CN and filtered over Celite. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the crude purified by flash column chromatography (eluents indicated in each case).

*N*-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-4-aminotropone (9a). From  $(\pm)$ -*N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-4amino-4-[(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)methyl]-2,5-cyclo hexadienone (5a): Following general procedure A from 50 mg (0.14 mmol, 1 equiv) of  $(\pm)$ -*N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-4-amino-4-[(*p*tolylsulfinyl)methyl]-2,5-cyclohexadienone (5a), 0.7 mL of THF and 13.2 mg (0.55 mmol, 4 equiv) of NaH. Reaction time: 3 h. Purified by column chromatography in a mixture Hexane:AcOEt (1:1). Tropone 9a was obtained in a 99% yield as pale yellow crystals. When IMe (1.1 equiv) is added to the reaction mixture, 9a and MeSOTol 3 were formed and separated by column chromatography (Hexane:AcOEt 1:1 to AcOEt), in 99% (9a) and 84% (3). M.p.140-142 °C (CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.50 (s, 9H, <sup>*t*</sup>Bu), 6.83 (dd,  $J_d$  = 11.9 and  $J_d$  = 2.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.89 (brs, 1H, NH), 7.01-7.40 (ABXY system,  $J_{AB}$  = 12.9,  $J_{AX}$  = 2.6 and  $J_{BY}$  = 2.2 Hz,  $\Delta v$  =20.1 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>), 7.12 (dd,  $J_d$  = 12.1 and  $J_d$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 7.43 (dd,  $J_d$  = 9.7 and  $J_d$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H-RMN (300 MHz, MeOD-d<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  1.54 (s, 9H, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 6.83 (dd,  $J_d = 11.9$  and  $J_d = 3.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.05-7.50 (ABXY system,  $J_{AB} = 12.9$ ,  $J_{AX} =$ 3.0 and  $J_{BY}$  = 2.4 Hz,  $\Delta v$  =111.3 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>), 7.38 (dd,  $J_d$  = 11.9 and  $J_d$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 7.72 (dd,  $J_d$  = 9.9 and  $J_d$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-RMN (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  28.1 (3 C, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 82.0 (-C-<sup>t</sup>Bu), 118.6, 132.8, 136.6, 137.2, 142.0, 144.3, 152.0, 186.8 (C=O); MS (m/z) 57 (100), 93 (13), 121 (5), 148 (8), 221 (M<sup>+</sup>, 7); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> 221.10519, Found 221.10573; Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> C, 65.14; H, 6.83; N, 6.33. Found C, 65.05; H, 6.47; N, 6.20; IR (neat) v 3055, 2986, 1728, 1645, 1596, 1547, 1510, 1455, 1423, 1370, 1238, 1212, 1153, 1070, 896, 870 cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV (0.12 mM in CH<sub>3</sub>CN) 327 (0.68 AU). From N-(tertbutoxycarbonyl)-4-amino-4-[(p-tolylsulfonyl)methyl]-2,5 cyclohexadienone (6a): Following general procedure A from 45 mg (0.12 mmol, 1 equiv) of N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-4-amino-4-[(p-tolylsulfonyl)methyl]-2,5-cyclohexadienone (6a), 0.7 mL of THF and 11 mg (0.5 mmol, 4 equiv) of NaH. Reaction time: 2 h. Purified by column chromatography in a mixture Hexane:AcOEt (1:1), 97 % yield.

*N*-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-4-amino-3-methyltropone (9b). Following the general procedure A from 30 mg (0.06 mmol, 1 equiv) of (±)-*N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-4-amino-3-methyl-4-[(*p*-tolylsulfonyl)methyl]-2,5-cyclohexadienone (5b), 0.4 mL of THF and 6 mg (0.16 mmol, 4 equiv) of NaH. Reaction time: 1 h. Purified by column chromatography in a mixture Hexane:AcOEt (1:1). Tropone 9b was obtained pure in a 77% yield as pale yellow crystals. M.p. 148-150 °C (Acetone); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.55 (s, 9H, 'Bu), 2.31 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-), 6.31-6.43 (brs, 1H, NHBOC), 6.83 (ddd,  $J_d = 11.9$ ,  $J_d = 2.8$  and  $J_d = 0.8$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.12 (dd,  $J_d = 11.7$  and  $J_d = 9.9$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 7.14 (brs, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 7.74 (d,  $J_d = 9.9$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 23.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>-), 28.2 (3 C, 'Bu), 82.0 (-C-'Bu), 120.7, 136.1, 136.9, 140.2, 142.9, 143.3, 152.1, 186.2 (C=O); MS (m/z) 57 (100), 59 (22), 77 (11), 104 (14), 106 (16), 107 (23), 133 (11), 135 (10), 151 (11), 162 (11), 179 (12), 235 (M<sup>+</sup>, 8); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> 235.1208, Found 235.1204.

*N*-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-4-amino-5-methyltropone (9c). Following the general procedure A from 35 mg (0.09 mmol, 1 equiv) of (±)-*N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-4-amino-4-[1'-methyl-1'-benzenesulfonyl)methyl]-2,5-cyclohexadienone (5c), 0.5 mL of THF and 9 mg (0.36 mmol, 4 equiv) of NaH. Reaction time: 4 h. Purified by coulmn chromatography in a mixture Hexane:AcOEt (1:1). Tropone 9c was obtained pure in a 94% yield as a yellowish oil: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.51 (s, 9H, <sup>*t*</sup>Bu), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-), 6.27 (brs, 1H, NHBOC), 6.79-7.10 (ABX system,  $J_{AB}$ = 12.5 and  $J_{AX}$ = 3.0 Hz,  $\Delta v$  =72.7 Hz, 2H, H<sub>6</sub> and H<sub>7</sub>),

6.91-7.73 (ABX system,  $J_{AB} = 13.3$  and  $J_{AX} = 2.8$  Hz,  $\Delta v = 221.1$  Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) (Double signals are observed since a keto-imine equilibrium is possible to occur)  $\delta$  22.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>-), 22.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>-), 28.21 (3 C, <sup>*t*</sup>Bu), 28.23 (3 C, <sup>*t*</sup>Bu), 81.9 (-C-<sup>*t*</sup>Bu), 130.1, 132.1, 134.9, 135.0, 137.5, 137.9, 138.5, 138.6, 139.8, 140.3, 140.8, 141.0, 152.5 (<sup>*t*</sup>BuO-C(O)-), 153.6 (<sup>*t*</sup>BuO-C(O)-), 186.40 (C=O), 186.44 (C=O); MS (m/z) 57 (100), 59 (13), 77 (14), 78 (11), 83 (19), 85 (12), 104 (14), 106 (18), 107 (35), 108 (14), 133 (10), 135 (16), 151 (19), 162 (13), 179 (15), 207 (M<sup>+</sup>, 13); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> 235.1208, Found 235.1200.

*N,N'*-Dimethyl-4-aminotropone (9d). Following the general procedure A from 7 mg (0.02 mmol, 1 equiv) of (±)-*N,N'*-dimethyl-4-amino-4-[(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)methyl]-2,5-cyclohexadienone (5d), 0.1 mL of THF and 3 mg (0.10 mmol, 4 equiv) of NaH. Reaction time: 2 h. Purified by chromatography on 500 mg silica gel for amines prepacked cartridges [BondElut LRC-SCX in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 2.0 M solution of ammonia in MeOH]. Tropone 9d was obtained pure in a 99% yield as a yellowish oil: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.86 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 2.87 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 5.80 (dd, *J*<sub>d</sub> = 9.9 and *J*<sub>d</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 6.50 (dd, *J*<sub>d</sub> = 11.8 and *J*<sub>d</sub> = 2.7 Hz, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.60-7.00 (ABXY system, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 12.9, *J*<sub>AX</sub> = 2.8 and *J*<sub>AX</sub> = 2.7 Hz,  $\Delta v$ = 175.9 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>), 7.09 (dd, *J*<sub>d</sub> = 11.8 and *J*<sub>d</sub> = 9.9 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  30.2 (2CH<sub>3</sub>N), 104.5, 128.0, 132.2, 139.1, 142.3, 153.9, 186.2 (C=O); MS (m/z) 55 (14), 76 (21), 77 (10), 88 (20), 89 (14), 91 (15), 93 (16), 107 (26), 120 (13), 121 (10), 124 (13), 135 (80), 137 (70), 139 (38), 150 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 7); HRMS (FAB+) Calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO 135.0684, Found 135.0689.

*N*-Methyl-4-aminotropone (9e). Following the general procedure A from 13 mg (0.05 mmol, 1 equiv) of (±)-*N*-methyl-4-amino-4-[(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)methyl]-2,5-cyclohexadienone (5e), 0.3 mL of THF and 5 mg (0.20 mmol, 4 equiv) of NaH. Reaction time: 2 h. Purified by chromatography on 500 mg silica gel for amines prepacked cartridges [BondElut LRC-SCX in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 2.0 M solution of ammonia in MeOH]. Tropone 9e was obtained pure in a 70% yield as a yellowish oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.13 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>NH), 6.00 (dd,  $J_d$  = 9.9 and  $J_d$  = 1.9 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 6.51 (dd,  $J_d$  = 11.1 and  $J_d$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.08-7.11 (m, 2H, H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>), 7.09 (dd,  $J_d$  = 11.1 and  $J_d$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>-), 108.6, 128.1, 128.2, 138.5, 142.2, 155.6, 185.8 (C=O); MS (m/z) 55 (26), 57 (33), 65 (18), 68 (19), 71 (14), 71 (22), 77 (34), 84 (17), 106 (100), 107 (76), 120 (20), 135 (M<sup>+</sup>, 38); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO 135.0684, Found 135.0689.

*N*-Benzyl-4-aminotropone (9f). Following the general procedure A from 23 mg (0.07 mmol, 1 equiv) of  $(\pm)$ -*N*-benzyl-4-amino-4-[(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)methyl]-2,5-cyclohexadienone (9f), 0.3 mL of THF and 6 mg (0.26 mmol, 4 equiv) of NaH. Reaction time: 2 h. Purified by chromatography on 500 mg silica gel for amines prepacked cartridges [BondElut LRC-SCX

in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 2.0 M solution of ammonia in MeOH]. Tropone **9f** was obtained in a 99% yield as green-yellowish oil, that slowly decomposes on standing at rt. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.31 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-Ph), 5.87 (dd,  $J_d$  = 10.5 and  $J_d$  = 2.9 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 6.51 (dd,  $J_d$  = 12.3 and  $J_d$ = 2.7 Hz, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.63-7.03 (ABX system,  $J_{AB}$  = 12.4,  $J_{AX}$  = 2.7 Hz,  $\Delta v$  =64.0 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>), 7.06 (dd,  $J_d$  = 12.4 and  $J_d$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 7.31-7.42 (m, 5H, Ph); MS (m/z) 57 (12), 60 (12), 65 (19), 66 (34), 91 (100), 121 (M<sup>+</sup>-91, 36); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO –C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub> 121.0528, Found 121.0522.

**4-Aminotropone (10a)**. Following the general procedure A from 77 mg (0.28 mmol, 1 equiv) of 4-amino-4-[(*p*-tolylsulfonyl)methyl]-2,5-cyclohexadienone **(8a)**, 1.4 mL of THF and 27 mg (1.11 mmol, 4 equiv) of NaH. Reaction time: 6 h. Purified by chromatography on 500 mg silica gel for amines prepacked cartridges [BondElut LRC-SCX in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 2.0 M solution of ammonia in MeOH]. Tropone **10a** was obtained pure in a 99% yield as a yellowish oil: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, MeOD-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 6.38 (dd,  $J_d$  = 10.3 and  $J_d$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 6.47 (dd,  $J_d$  = 11.5 and  $J_d$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.06-7.16 (AB system,  $J_{AB}$  = 14.1 Hz,  $\Delta v$  =2.1 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>), 7.20 (dd,  $J_d$  = 11.3 and  $J_d$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-RMN (75 MHz, MeOD-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 113.1, 127.2, 134.6, 144.1, 144.9, 161.3, 187.5 (C=O); MS (m/z) 57 (12), 60 (12), 65 (19), 66 (34), 93 (100), 121 (M<sup>+</sup>, 36); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO 121.0527, Found 121.0533.

**4-Amino-3-methyltropone (10b)**. Following the general procedure A from 13 mg (0.04 mmol, 1 equiv) of (±)-4-amino-3-methyl-4-[(*p*-tolylsulfonyl)methyl]-2,5-cyclohexadienone **(8b)**, in 0.3 mL of THF and 5 mg (0.18 mmol, 4 equiv) of NaH. Reaction time: 24 h. Purified by chromatography on 500 mg silica gel for amines prepacked cartridges [BondElut LRC-SCX in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 2.0 M solution of ammonia in MeOH]. Topone **10b** was obtained pure in a 97% yield as a yellowish oil: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, Acetone-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.33 (d, *J<sub>d</sub>*= 1.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-), 6.06-6.25 (brs, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.39 (d, *J<sub>d</sub>*= 10.3 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 6.44 (dd, *J<sub>d</sub>*= 11.3 and *J<sub>d</sub>*= 2.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.02 (dd, *J<sub>d</sub>*= 11.5 and *J<sub>d</sub>*= 10.3 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 7.14 (*J<sub>d</sub>*= 2.1 and *J<sub>d</sub>*= 1.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, Acetone-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  24.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>-), 111.0, 128.7, 140.1, 146.0, 157.7, 163.0, 185.4 (C=O); MS (m/z) 55 (20), 57 (19), 58 (64), 63 (13), 65 (19), 69 (54), 77 (23), 91 (70), 92 (25), 107 (20), 123 (22), 124 (51), 135 (M<sup>+</sup>, 5); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO 135.0684, Found 135.0687.

**4-Amino-5-methyltropone (10c)**. Following the general procedure A from 17 mg (0.06 mmol, 1 equiv) of ( $\pm$ )-4-amino-4-[1'-methyl-1'-benzenesulfonyl)methyl]-2,5- cyclohexadienone **(8c)**, 0.3 mL of THF and 6 mg (0.24 mmol, 4 equiv) of NaH. Reaction time: 2 h and the crude was purified by chromatography on 500 mg silica gel for amines prepacked cartridges [BondElut LRC-SCX in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 2.0 M solution of ammonia in MeOH]. Tropone **10c** was obtained in a 99% yield as pale yellow crystals: M.p. 148-150 °C

(acetone), <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.20 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-), 4-20-4.40 (brs, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.58-7.08 (ABX system,  $J_{AB}$  = 12.3 and  $J_{AX}$  = 3.0 Hz,  $\Delta v$  =140.8 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>), 6.74-7.02 (dd,  $J_d$  = 12.9 and  $J_d$  = 3.0 Hz, 2H, H<sub>6</sub> and H<sub>7</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-RMN (125 MHz, Acetone-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  22.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>-), 117.7, 128.8, 133.6, 142.2, 144.4, 153.0, 185.7 (C=O); MS (m/z) 55 (13), 57 (15), 77 (19), 79 (14), 80 (10), 106 (100), 107 (86), 135 (M<sup>+</sup>, 45); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO 135.0684, Found 135.0690.

**Diels-Alder Adduct (11).** To a solution of 50 mg (0.23 mmol, 1 equiv) *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-4-aminotropone **(9a)** in 2 mL of toluene, 44 mg (0.45 mmol, 2 equiv) of maleimide were added under an argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was allowed to reflux for 24 h. After removal of the solvent at reduced pressure, the crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent Hexane:AcOEt, 1:1). Compound **11** was obtained in 74% yield. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.49 (s, 9H, <sup>*t*</sup>Bu), 3.37 (d, *J*<sub>d</sub> = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 3.69 (d, *J*<sub>d</sub> = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 3.95 (d, *J*<sub>d</sub> = 7.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 5.75 (dd, *J*<sub>d</sub> = 11.5 and *J*<sub>d</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 1H, H<sub>12</sub>), 6.10 (t, *J*<sub>t</sub> = 7.7 Hz, 1H, H<sub>9</sub>), 6.48 (d, *J*<sub>d</sub> = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H<sub>10</sub>), 6.70 (brs, 1H, NHBOC), 7.19 (d, *J*<sub>d</sub> = 11.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>11</sub>), 8.18 (s, 1H,-C(O)-NH-C(O)-); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  28.3 (3C, <sup>*t*</sup>Bu), 42.4, 48.4, 53.0, 58.9, 81.0 (<sup>*t*</sup>BuOC(O)-), 124.0, 125.9, 135.1, 140.9, 156.5, 175.0 (C=O), 175.4 (C=O), 191.6 (C=O); MS (m/z) 57 (100), 59 (13), 65 (11), 69 (15), 77 (11), 93 (45), 97 (24), 119 (14), 121 (10), 130 (159), 131 (10), 146 (13), 149 (14), 173 (16), 190 (12), 201 (14), 217 (25), 218 (29), 245 (11), 262 (M<sup>+</sup>-56, 6). HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 262.0589, Found 262.0582.

(±)-N-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-1-amino-[3.2.0]hepta-2,6-dien-4-ona (12). A solution of 50 mg (0.23 mmol, 1 equiv) N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-4-aminotropone (9a) in 2 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN was degasified with a stream of dry argon for 15 min. Then, the reaction mixture was irradiated with a high pressure Hg lamp (400 W) under continuous stirring for 4 h at room temperature (overheating was not detected). The reaction was monitored by TLC and after 4 h the solvent was removed in vacuo without overheating the water bath, (water bath temperature 20-25 °C since the  $4\pi$ -electrocyclic reaction is reversible). The bicyclic dienone 12 was obtained in a 60% yield after flash column chromatography on silica gel (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:AcOEt, 9:1): <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.43 (s, 9H, <sup>*t*</sup>-Bu), 3.33 (s, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.12 (brs, 1H, NHBOC), 5.96 (d,  $J_d$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>), 6.54 (d,  $J_d$  = 2.2 Hz, 2H, H<sub>6</sub>), 6.67 (s, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), ), 7.57 (d,  $J_d = 6.9$  Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  28.7 (3C, <sup>*t*</sup>Bu), 58.7, 68.3, 81.0 (<sup>t-</sup>BuOC(O)-), 131.6, 139.6, 143.1, 155.1, 161.3, 200.6 (C=O); MS (m/z) 58 (21), 59 (37), 64 (10), 65 (259, 66 (22), 77 (15), 83 (129, 91 (16), 93 (100), 105 (13), 119 (17), 121 (24), 137 (27), 147 (25), 221 (M<sup>+1</sup>, 0.28); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> 221.10519, Found 221.10469; IR (neat) 3055, 2931, 2306, 1706, 1597, 1548, 1485, 1422, 1394, 1369, 1238, 1159, 1061, 896 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR

# Regiospecific Synthesis of 4-Aminotropones by Ring Expansion of Sulfur Substituted *p*-Quinamines

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<sup>1</sup> H-NMR for compound <b>9b</b> S-5	
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR for compound <b>9b</b> S-6	
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR for compound <b>9c</b> S-7	
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR for compound <b>9c</b> S-8	
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR for compound <b>9d</b> S-9	
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR for compound <b>9d</b> S-10	
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR for compound <b>9e</b> S-11	
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR for compound <b>9e</b> S-12	
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR for compound <b>9f</b> S-13	

<sup>1</sup> H-NMR for compound <b>10a</b> S-14
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR for compound 10aS-15
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR for compound <b>10b</b> S-16
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR for compound <b>10b</b> S-17
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR for compound <b>10c</b> S-18
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR for compound <b>10c</b> S-19
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR for compound <b>11</b> S-20
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR for compound 11S-21
NOESY for compound 11S-22/24
<sup>1</sup> H-NMR for compound <b>12</b> S-25
<sup>13</sup> C-NMR for compound <b>12</b> S-26
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