Supplementary Information

Catalytic Asymmetric Synthesis of 1,1-Disubstituted Tetrahydro-β-carbolines by Phase-Transfer Catalyzed Alkylations

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General Information:

Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu IRPrestige-21 spectrometer. ¹H NMR spectra were measured on JEOL JNM-FX400 or JMTC-500 (400 MHz or 500 MHz) spectrometers. Data were reported as follows: chemical shifts in ppm from tetramethylsilane as an internal standard in $CDCl_3$, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad), coupling constants (Hz). ¹³C NMR spectra were measured on JEOL JNM-FX400 or JMTC-500 (100 MHz or 125 MHz) spectrometers with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from the residual solvent as an internal standard. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on Shimadzu 10A instruments at 220 nm using 4.6 mm × 25 cm Daicel Chiralpak IA, IC and AD-H. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were performed on Brucker microTOF. Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO DIP-1000 digital polarimeter. For thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis throughout this work, Merck precoated TLC plates (silica gel 60 GF254, 0.25 mm) were used. The products were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (silica gel 60; Merck 230-400 mesh or silica gel 60N; Kanto Chemical Co. Inc. spherical, neutral), or preparative thin layer chromatography on silica gel (PLC 60 F254. 0.5 mm). In experiments requiring dry solvent, CH₂Cl₂, toluene, and THF were purchased from Kanto Chemical Co. Inc. as "Dehydrated" and further purified by passing through neutral alumina under nitrogen atmosphere. Commercially obtained reagents were used as received.

Experimental Section: General procedure for the synthesis of 1-cyanotetrahydro-β-carbolines 2.¹



To a solution of cyclic imine (4.0 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) was added phenyl chloroformate (4.4 mmol) at 0 °C under argon atmosphere. After stirring for 10 min, trimethylsilyl cyanide (4.0 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture at 0 °C. The reaction temperature was gradually warmed to room temperature, and the mixture was stirred overnight. Then, the reaction mixture was quenched by H_2O . The resulting mixture was stirred for additional 1 h, and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The extracts were dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (CH_2Cl_2 /hexane = 1:1 as eluent) to afford the target product (62%~75% yields).



2a: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.71–7.58 (m, 14H), 6.03 (d, *J* = 30.2 Hz, 1H), 5.40–5.52 (m, 1H), 5.26 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 4.55–4.76 (m, 1H), 3.35–3.61 (m, 1H), 2.88–3.10 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.8, 153.5, 152.5, 150.7, 150.4, 137.7, 137.5, 136.2, 136.0,

129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.0, 126.3, 126.0, 125.8, 124.7, 124.2, 123.5, 123.4, 121.6, 121.4, 120.2, 120.1, 119.1, 118.9, 115.6, 115.2, 111.2, 110.6, 110.0, 109.8, 47.1, 43.0, 42.6, 40.9,

40.2, 21.1, 20.4; IR (neat) 2924, 1718, 1593, 1454, 1406, 1236, 1199, 1182; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $C_{26}H_{21}N_3O_2$: Exact Mass: m/z 430.1526 ([M+Na]⁺); found: m/z 430.1513 ([M+Na]⁺).



2b: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.17–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.12–7.14 (m, 1H), 7.06–7.07 (m, 2H), 7.00–7.02 (m, 2H), 6.90–6.93 (m, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 35.7 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (dd, *J* = 32.0, 17.0 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 4.64–4.72 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s,

^{Ph²} 17.0 HZ, 1H), 5.28 (d, J = 17.0 HZ, 1H), 4.04–4.72 (III, 1H), 5.86 (s, 3H), 3.40–3.61 (m, 1H), 2.87–3.09 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.5, 153.5, 152.4, 150.8, 150.4, 136.3, 136.1, 132.9, 132.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.0, 126.3, 126.2, 126.0, 125.2, 124.7, 121.4, 115.7, 115.6, 113.7, 113.5, 110.9, 110.7, 110.1, 100.7, 55.9, 47.4, 47.3, 43.1, 42.7, 41.1, 40.3, 21.2, 20.6; IR (neat) 2926, 1718, 1487, 1406, 1263, 1201; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₇H₂₃N₃O₃: Exact Mass: *m/z* 460.1632 ([M+Na]⁺); found: *m/z* 460.1642 ([M+Na]⁺).



2c: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.31–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.27 (m, 6H), 7.11–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.00–7.04 (m, 3H), 6.01 (d, = 39.1 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (dd, *J* = 35.7, 17.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 4.63–4.71 (m, 1H), 3.37–3.56 (m, 1H), 2.82–3.05 (m, 2H); ¹³C

NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 153.5, 152.4, 150.5, 150.2, 135.9, 135.7, 135.6, 135.4, 129.4, 129.0, 128.1, 126.7, 126.6, 126.2, 126.0, 125.8, 125.5, 123.7, 123.6, 121.3, 120.2, 118.6, 118.4, 115.3, 115.2, 111.1, 110.9, 110.2, 47.3, 42.8, 42.5, 40.8, 40.1, 20.9, 20.2, IR (neat) 2922, 1714, 1593, 1498, 1409, 1238, 1199; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₆H₂₀ClN₃O₂: Exact Mass: *m*/*z* 464.1136 ([M+Na]⁺); found: *m*/*z* 464.1124 ([M+Na]⁺).



2d: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.15–7.42 (m, 8H), 6.27–6.30 (m, 1H), 4.69–4.75 (m, 1H), 3.76–3.80 (m, 3H), 3.37–3.59 (m, 1H), 2.89–3.08 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.7, 152.7, 150.8, 150.6, 137.7, 137.6, 129.5, 126.2, 126.0, 125.7,

124.9, 124.2, 123.2, 123.1, 121.7, 121.5, 120.0, 119.9, 119.0, 118.8, 115.7, 115.2, 110.5, 109.8, 109.4, 43.0, 42.6, 41.1, 40.4, 29.8, 21.1, 20.6; IR (neat) 2928, 1718, 1593, 1492, 1406, 1236, 1192, 1083; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $C_{20}H_{17}N_3O_2$: Exact Mass: *m/z* 354.1213 ([M+Na]⁺); found: *m/z* 354.1218 ([M+Na]⁺)



2e: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.36 (m, 8H), 6.24–6.27 (m, 1H), 5.87–5.93 (m, 1H), 4.99–5.19 (m, 2H), 4.65–4.81 (m, 3H), 3.36–3.56 (m, 1H), 2.83–3.05 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.5, 152.5, 150.7, 150.5, 137.1, 136.9, 132.3,

132.1, 129.3, 125.9, 125.8, 125.7, 124.6, 124.0, 123.2, 123.1, 121.5, 121.4, 120.0, 119.9, 118.9, 118.8, 117.6, 117.3, 115.7, 110.8, 110.1, 109.8, 45.8, 42.8, 42.5, 40.9, 40.2, 21.0, 20.4, IR (neat) 2924, 1718, 1492, 1406, 1236, 1201; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $C_{22}H_{19}N_3O_2$: Exact Mass: *m/z* 380.1369 ([M+Na]⁺); found: *m/z* 380.1359 ([M+Na]⁺).

General procedure for the asymmetric alkylation of 1-cyanotetrahydro-\beta-carboline 2.

To a solution of 1-cyanotetrahydro- β -carboline **2** (0.050 mmol) and PTC (*S*,*S*)-**4b** (0.0010 mmol, 2 mol%) in 50% aqueous KOH (0.25 mL)-toluene (0.50 mL) was added alkyl halide (0.060 mmol) at 0 °C under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred at 0 °C for 24 h and quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl. The organic phase was separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined extracts were washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of solvents, the residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/hexane as eluent) to afford the alkylation product. The enantiomeric excess of the product was determined by chiral HPLC analysis.



3a: $[\alpha]^{21}{}_{D} = -63.9$ (*c* = 1.01, CHCl₃; 94% ee), HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 20:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; retention time: 38.3 min (major) and 50.0 min (minor). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz,

2H), 7.19–7.32 (m, 12H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 5.88 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 4.18–4.31 (br, 1H), 3.78–3.84 (br, 1H), 3.25–3.33 (m, 2H), 2.73–2.78 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.17 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.7, 150.7, 138.9, 136.8, 132.8, 130.3, 129.5, 128.9, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 126.3, 125.9, 125.0, 123.9, 121.8, 120.4, 119.0, 118.2, 114.0, 110.9, 55.7, 48.3, 42.5, 42.3, 20.2; IR (neat) 3032, 2924, 1720, 1593, 1494, 1454, 1367, 1193, 1168; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₃₃H₂₇N₃O₂: Exact Mass: m/z 520.1995 ([M+Na]⁺); found: m/z 520.2011 ([M+Na]⁺).



3b: $[\alpha]^{21}{}_{D} = -62.8$ (c = 1.49, CHCl₃; 92% ee), HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak IC, hexane/2-propanol = 5:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; retention time: 19.2 min (minor) and 42.2 min (major). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H),

7.42 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.31 (m, 11H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 5.88 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.09–4.26 (br, 1H), 3.78–3.91 (br, 1H), 3.19–3.28 (m, 2H), 2.73–2.78 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.17–2.22 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.7, 150.7, 138.9, 137.5, 136.8, 130.2, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 127.6, 127.3, 126.2, 125.9, 125.1, 123.8, 121.8, 120.3, 119.0, 118.2, 113.9, 110.9, 55.7, 48.3, 42.4, 41.9, 21.1, 20.2; IR (neat) 3032, 2922, 1722, 1593, 1494, 1452, 1369, 1195, 1165; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₃₄H₂₉N₃O₂: Exact Mass: m/z 534.2152 ([M+Na]⁺); found: m/z 534.2150 ([M+Na]⁺).



3c: $[\alpha]^{20}{}_{D} = -84.5$ (c = 0.93, CHCl₃; 95% ee), HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak IC, hexane/2-propanol = 3:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; retention time: 11.2 min (minor) and 23.2 min (major). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.6 Hz,

2H), 7.17–7.31 (m, 11H), 6.78 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.53–6.59 (m, 2H), 5.86 (d, J = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.19–4.31 (br, 1H), 3.73–3.81 (br, 1H), 3.39–3.53 (br, 1H), 3.23 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.74–2.79 (m, 1H), 2.10–2.16 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 163.4, 161.4, 153.7, 150.6, 138.8, 136.7, 131.8, 131.7, 129.5, 128.9, 128.5, 127.7, 126.8, 126.2, 126.0, 124.9, 124.0, 121.7, 120.5, 119.1, 117.9, 115.1, 114.9, 114.2, 110.9, 55.6, 48.3, 42.5, 41.7, 20.2; IR (neat) 3034, 2929, 1720, 1600, 1508, 1452, 1365, 1192, 1161; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $C_{33}H_{26}FN_3O_2$: Exact Mass: *m/z* 538.1901 ([M+Na]⁺); found: *m/z* 538.1913 ([M+Na]⁺).



3d: $[\alpha]_{D}^{23} = -98.9$ (c = 1.02, CHCl₃; 96% ee), HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak IA, hexane/2-propanol = 3:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; retention time: 9.5 min (major) and 13.0 min (minor). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (dd, J = 7.9, 0.8 Hz,

1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.33 (m, 13H), 6.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.87 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.18–4.27 (br, 1H), 3.73–3.80 (br, 1H), 3.44–3.56 (br, 1H), 3.21(d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.74–2.81 (m, 1H), 2.13–2.20 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.7, 150.6, 138.9, 136.7, 131.9, 131.8, 131.2, 129.5, 128.9, 127.8, 126.8, 126.2, 126.0, 124.9, 124.1, 122.0, 121.7, 120.6, 119.2, 117.9, 114.3, 110.9, 55.4, 48.3, 42.6, 42.0, 20.2; IR (neat) 3032, 2924, 1722, 1593, 1487, 1452, 1234, 1193, 1163; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₃₃H₂₆BrN₃O₂: Exact Mass: *m/z* 598.1101 ([M+Na]⁺); found: *m/z* 598.1101 ([M+Na]⁺).



3e: $[\alpha]^{24}{}_{D} = -100.2$ (*c* = 0.99, CHCl₃; 94% ee), HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak IC, hexane/2-propanol = 3:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; retention time: 11.4 min (minor) and 24.8 min (major). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.16–7.34 (m, 12H), 6.87–6.93 (m, 2H), 6.31–6.43 (br, 1H), 5.86 (d, *J*)

= 18.1 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.18–4.31 (br, 1H), 3.73–3.79 (br, 1H), 3.49–3.57 (br, 1H), 3.21 (d, J =13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.75–2.80 (m, 1H), 2.11–2.17 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.8, 150.6, 138.9, 136.7, 135.1, 133.4, 130.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.6, 127.7, 126.6, 126.2, 126.0, 124.9, 124.1, 122.1, 121.9, 120.5, 119.2, 117.8, 114.4, 110.9, 55.5, 48.2, 42.6, 42.0, 20.3; IR (neat) 3061, 2927, 1722, 1593, 1452, 1367, 1234, 1194, 1163; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₃₃H₂₆BrN₃O₂: Exact Mass: *m*/*z* 598.1101 ([M+Na]⁺); found: *m*/*z* 598.1092 ([M+Na]⁺)



3f: $[\alpha]_{D}^{26} = -29.5$ (*c* = 0.93, CHCl₃; 90% ee), HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak IC, hexane/2-propanol = 3:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; retention time: 18.6 min (minor) and 40.7 min (major). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06–7.29 (m, 13H), 6.93–6.96 (m, 1H), 5.77 (s, 2H),

4.21–4.32 (br, 1H), 4.11–4.15 (m, 1H), 3.62 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.44–3.51 (br, 1H), 2.89–2.95 (m, 1H), 2.47–2.51 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.2, 150.6, 138.4, 136.7, 133.4, 133.1, 132.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.1, 126.2, 125.7, 125.6, 125.2, 123.8, 121.7, 120.3, 119.0, 117.3, 112.9, 111.0, 56.1, 48.4, 42.6, 42.3, 20.6; IR (neat) 3061, 2924, 1724, 1494, 1454, 1384, 1234, 1195, 1163; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₃₃H₂₆BrN₃O₂: Exact Mass: *m/z* 598.1101 ([M+Na]⁺); found: *m/z* 598.1093 ([M+Na]⁺).



3g: $[\alpha]^{29}{}_{D}$ = -92.4 (*c* = 0.99, CHCl₃; 93% ee) HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak IC, hexane/2-propanol = 3:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; retention time: 12.9 min (minor) and 34.8 min (major)). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.33 (m, 12H), 6.59–6.70 (br, 1H),

5.92 (d, J = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.36–4.50 (br, 1H), 3.70–3.82 (br, 1H), 3.47 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.21–3.33 (br, 1H), 2.67–2.72 (m, 1H), 2.03–2.08 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.8, 150.7, 138.9, 136.8, 133.0, 132.6, 130.3, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 126.3, 126.2, 126.1, 126.0, 125.1, 123.9, 121.8, 120.4, 119.1, 118.2, 114.2, 110.9, 55.7, 48.4, 42.7, 42.5, 20.3; IR (neat) 3057, 2929, 1720, 1593, 1494, 1452, 1371, 1193, 1163; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₃₇H₂₉N₃O₂: Exact Mass: *m/z* 570.2152 ([M+Na]⁺); found: *m/z* 570.2155 ([M+Na]⁺).



3h: $[\alpha]^{28}{}_{D} = -95.0$ (c = 1.65, CHCl₃; 95% ee), HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak IC, hexane/2-propanol = 3:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; retention time: 14.6 min (minor) and 37.6 min (major). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.32 (m, 11H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H),

6.25–6.32 (br, 1H), 5.86 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.76–3.78 (m, 1H), 3.47 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.17–3.24 (m, 1H), 2.75–2.81 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.26 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.7, 150.6, 139.5, 139.4, 138.9, 136.8, 129.3, 128.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 126.3, 126.1, 126.0, 125.1, 124.3, 124.2, 124.0, 122.6, 121.8, 121.6, 120.5, 119.1, 117.8, 114.1, 110.9, 55.8, 48.4, 42.4, 35.3, 20.3; IR (neat) 3059, 2929, 1718, 1591, 1494, 1462, 1361, 1193, 1163; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₃₅H₂₇N₃O₂S: Exact Mass: *m/z* 576.1716 ([M+Na]⁺); found: *m/z* 576.1700 ([M+Na]⁺).



3i: $[\alpha]^{28}{}_{\rm D}$ = -51.3 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃; 60% ee), HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 20:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; retention time: 21.4 min (major) and 45.2 min (minor). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06–7.42 (m,

18H), 6.23 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 5.65–5.75 (m, 2H), 4.12–4.16 (m, 1H), 4.01–4.03 (m, 1H), 3.80–3.86 (m, 1H), 2.89–3.01 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.7, 150.7, 138.7, 136.7, 136.5, 135.6, 129.6, 129.5, 128.9, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 126.2, 125.9, 125.8, 125.1, 123.9, 121.7, 120.7, 120.6, 120.5, 119.1, 118.1, 115.3, 113.1, 110.8, 55.2, 48.0, 43.2, 41.2, 20.9; IR (neat) 3030, 2927, 1724, 1593, 1494, 1462, 1363, 1194, 1163; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₃₅H₂₉N₃O₂: Exact Mass: *m*/*z* 562.1891 ([M+K]⁺).



6a: $[\alpha]^{28}{}_{D}$ = -74.2 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃; 92% ee), HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 20:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; retention time: 43.7min (major) and 44.8 min (minor). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (t, *J* =7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.10–7.32 (12H, m), 6.90–6.95 (m, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 17.6

Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.14–4.30 (br, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.70–3.86 (br, 1H), 3.24–3.33 (m, 2H), 2.68–2.74 (m, 1H), 2.08–2.14 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.6, 153.7, 150.7, 136.9, 133.9, 132.8, 130.4, 129.5, 128.9, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 126.2, 125.9, 125.4, 118.1, 115.3, 113.9, 113.5, 111.8, 100.6, 55.8, 55.7, 48.4, 42.5, 42.1, 20.2; IR (neat) 3030, 2929, 1722, 1593, 1367, 1232, 1193, 1161; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₃₄H₂₉N₃O₃: Exact Mass: *m*/*z* 550.2101 ([M+Na]⁺); found: *m*/*z* 550.2102 ([M+Na]⁺).



6b: $[\alpha]^{28}{}_{D}$ = -93.4 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃; 96% ee), HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 20:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; retention time: 41.6min (major) and 45.8 min (minor). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.51 (m, 3H), 7.10–7.33 (m, 13H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, *J* = 17.4

Hz, 1H), 4.19–4.31 (br, 1H), 3.72–3.81 (br, 1H), 3.27–3.36 (m, 2H), 2.66–2.73 (m, 1H), 2.02–2.09 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.9, 150.7, 138.7, 131.9, 131.7, 131.3, 129.6, 126.5, 126.1, 124.6, 123.6, 122.0, 121.7, 120.3, 119.1, 117.9, 113.5, 109.7, 55.4, 42.8, 41.9, 31.9, 20.1; IR (neat) 3030, 2920, 1720, 1593, 1365, 1234, 1193, 1163; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₃₃H₂₆ClN₃O₂: Exact Mass: *m*/*z* 554.1606 ([M+Na]⁺); found: *m*/*z* 554.1594 ([M+Na]⁺).



6c: $[\alpha]^{24}{}_{D}$ = +7.2 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃; 92% ee), HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 20:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; retention time: 27.8 min (major) and 43.1 min (minor). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.17-7.48 (m, 12H), 6.58–6.65 (br, 2H),

4.37–4.45 (br, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.74–3.81 (br, 1H), 3.51–3.55 (m, 1H), 3.20–3.33 (br, 1H), 2.67–2.70 (m, 1H), 2.07–2.10 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.8, 150.7, 138.6, 132.7, 130.3, 129.6, 129.5, 128.2, 127.8, 125.9, 124.8, 123.4, 121.8, 120.0, 119.0, 118.1, 113.2, 109.6, 55.7, 42.6, 42.2, 31.8, 20.0; IR (neat) 3061, 2924, 1720, 1593, 1494, 1462, 1371, 1195, 1163; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₇H₂₃N₃O₂: Exact Mass: *m/z* 444.1682 ([M+Na]⁺); found: *m/z* 444.1672 ([M+Na]⁺).



6d: $[α]^{24}{}_D = -31.8$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃; 94% ee), HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 20:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; retention time: 28.9min (major) and 48.2 min (minor). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.11–7.49 (m, 12H), 6.63–6.75 (br, 2H),

6.08–6.16 (1H, m), 5.05–5.33 (m, 4H), 4.32–4.47 (br, 1H), 3.72–3.84 (br, 1H), 3.49–3.55 (m, 1), 3.22–3.32 (br, 1H), 2.67-2.72 (m, 1H), 2.07–2.13 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.8, 150.7, 138.3, 132.8, 130.3, 129.5, 128.1, 127.8, 126.7, 125.9, 125.0, 123.6, 121.8, 120.2, 119.0, 118.2, 117.9, 113.6, 100.9, 55.5, 47.3, 42.5, 42.4, 20.0; IR (neat) 3062, 2929 1718, 1593, 1363, 1317, 1232, 1194, 1163; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₉H₂₅N₃O₂: Exact Mass: *m/z* 470.1839 ([M+Na]⁺); found: *m/z* 470.1828 ([M+Na]⁺).

Transformation of the alkylation product.

To a solution of the alkylation product 3a (0.020 mmol, 94% ee) in MeOH (0.30 mL) was

added a mixture of LiOH·H₂O (0.20 mmol) and 30% aqueous H₂O₂ (23 μ L) in H₂O (0.15 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, and then quenched with saturated aqueous Na₂SO₃. The organic materials were extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and the extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ as eluent) to afford the product 7 in 98% yield (94% ee).



7: $[\alpha]^{28}_{D} = +20.6$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃; 94% ee), HPLC analysis: Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 3:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm; retention time: 13.2 min (major) and 19.0 min (minor). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62–7.69 (br, 1H), 7.53–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.27

(m, 9H), 7.05 (dd, J = 7.4, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, J = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, J = 13.3, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 3.18–3.26 (m, 1H), 3.01–3.10 (m, 2H), 2.88–2.93 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.5, 154.8, 138.2, 137.9, 133.2, 130.1, 129.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.5, 127.1, 126.0, 125.6, 123.3, 120.0, 118.7, 110.8, 110.5, 68.3, 48.6, 42.0, 35.7, 21.3; IR (neat) 3061, 3030, 2924, 1768, 1712, 1409, 1350, 1267, 1195, 1114; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₇H₂₃N₃O₂: Exact Mass: m/z 444.1682 ([M+Na]⁺); found: m/z 444.1696 ([M+Na]⁺).

Determination of Absolute Configuration

The alkykation product **3d** was recrystallized from hexane/AcOEt. The single crystal was mounted on a MicroMeshTM (MiTeGen). Data of X-ray diffraction were collected by a Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID Imaging Plate two-dimensional area detector using graphite-monochromated CuKa (l = 1.54187 Å) to a maximam 2 θ value of 136.5°. The crystal structure was solved by the direct methods and refined by the full-matrix least squares using the program SHELXL-97.² All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined by using the riding model. The absolute configuration was determined by reference to the Flack parameter³ –0.01(3).

	The crystallographic	data were summ	arized in the	following table.
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empirical formula	$C_{33}H_{26}BrN_3O_2$
formula weight	576.49
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	P2 ₁ (#4)
<i>a</i> , Å	10.73100(19)
b, Å	21.0995(4)
<i>c</i> , Å	11.9876(3)
β	91.2195(11)°
<i>V</i> , Å ³	2713.60(9)
Ζ	4
Dcalc, g/cm ³	1.411
<i>T</i> , °C	-150
μ (CuK α), cm ⁻¹	23.472

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no. of reflns meased	27742
no. of reflns obsd	9568
no. of reflns variable	704
$R_1 (I > 2\sigma(I))$	0.0686
R (All reflections)	0.1212
Rw (All reflections)	0.2107
Goodness of Fit	1.111
Flack Parameter (Friedel pairs = 4467)	-0.01(3)

The crystal structure has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC 787177). The data can be obtained free of charge via the Internet at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif.

ORTEP view of the alkykation product **3d** with thermal ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level (hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity).



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