# Asymmetric domino synthesis of indanes bearing four contiguous stereocentres catalyzed by sub-mol% loadings of a squaramide in minutes

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#### **General Information**

All reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware. Starting materials and reagents were purchased directly from commercial suppliers (Acros, Sigma Aldrich, TCI Europe and ABCR) and used without further purifications unless otherwise stated. All solvents were distilled, purified and dried according to standard procedures. CHCl<sub>3</sub> used in this methodology was analytical reagent grade CHCl<sub>3</sub> stabilized with amylene from Fisher Scientific. Analytical TLC were performed using SIL G-25 UV<sub>254</sub> from MACHERY NAGEL and visualized either with ultraviolet radiation at 254 nm. 3 Å powdered molecular sieves were activated and dried under high vacuum using a heat gun before usage.

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperatures on a Varian Innova 600, Varian Innova 400 or a Varian Mercury 300 instrument with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. Chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR are reported in parts per million (ppm), with coupling constants reported in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations are used for spin multiplicity: s = singlet, bs = broad singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet and m = multiplet. Mass spectra were acquired on a Finnigan SSQ7000 (EI 70 eV) spectrometer, high resolution mass spectra (HRMS) on a Finnigan MAT 95 and high resolution ESI spectra on a ThermoFisher Scientific LTQ-Orbitrap XL. IR spectra were taken on a PerkinElmer Spectrum 100 FT-IR Spectrometer. Elemental analyses were performed with a Vario EL elemental analyzer. Analytical HPLC were carried out either on a Hewlett-Packard 1050 Series instrument or Agilent 1100 instrument using chiral stationary phases. Optical rotation values were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. Substrates **1**<sup>[1]</sup> and substrates **2a-c** were synthesized using known literature procedures.<sup>[2,3]</sup>

#### Synthesis of Substrates





F H NO<sub>2</sub> 2d To a solution of  $2d'^{[2]}$  (3.23 g, 13.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) dissolved in 57 mL of acetone was added 2N HCl (27 mL, 54 mmol, 4 equiv.) and the solution was stirred for at RT for 3 h. Upon completion of the reaction, excess distilled water was added to the flask and the precipitated solid was filtered, washed with pentane and dried under high vacuum to yield a yellow solid

(1.67 g, 64%). Mp = 68-71 °C; IR (Capillary): 3370, 3102, 3071, 2864, 2753, 2295, 2147, 2109, 1924, 1789, 1692, 1631, 1596, 1555, 1492, 1378, 1341, 1251, 1194, 1151, 1096, 951, 883, 832, 781, 721, 673 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.19 (s, 1H), 8.85 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 7.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 190.3, 164.5 (d, *J* =

256.6 Hz), 139.9 (d, J = 24.7 Hz), 136.6 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 135.2 (d, J = 20.3 Hz), 130.9 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 127.5 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 121.6 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 120.8 (d, J = 22.5 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -106.06$  ppm; MS (EI, 70 ev): m/z (%) 149.1 (100) [M-NO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 120.1 (20), 101.1 (42); Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>: C, 55.39; H, 3.10; N; 7.18. Found: C, 55.39; H, 3.06; N, 7.16.

#### **General Procedure for the Michael/Henry Domino Reaction**

To a vial containing the *o*-benzaldehyde nitroolefin **2a-d** (0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.), Bocprotected oxindole **1** (0.55 mmol, 1 equiv.) and squaramide catalyst **10** (2.50  $\mu$ mol, 0.005 equiv., 0.5 mol%) was added analytical reagent grade CHCl<sub>3</sub> (0.3 mL) and allowed to stir at room temperature for 45 min at ambient conditions. The crude mixture was then transferred to a flash column and purified by flash column chromatography to yield the pure products.

# *tert*-Butyl 3-((*1S*,*2S*,*3R*)-3-hydroxy-2-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-5-methyl-2-oxo-3-phenylindoline-1-carboxylate (3a)



Compound **3a** was isolated as a diastereomeric mixture ( $\geq 20:1$  d.r.) by flash column chromatography (3:1 Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O) to yield a white solid (233 mg, 93%); Mp = 159 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +$  190.7 (c = 0.70, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 93% ee (major diastereomer); IR (Capillary): 3477, 3251, 3089, 2980, 2926, 2322, 2180, 2063, 1922, 1743, 1601, 1550, 1488, 1336, 1247, 1148, 1066, 987, 913, 876, 819, 737, 664 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta =$  7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.19

(m, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 5.46 (m, 1H), 5.39 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (bs, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = 175.4$ , 149.0, 141.3, 138.0, 137.8, 137.2, 134.3, 130.2, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 127.9, 127.3, 124.9, 124.8, 124.4, 115.4, 91.9, 85.0, 75.7, 60.2, 57.4, 28.3, 21.4 ppm; MS (ESI, pos): m/z (%) 539.158 (20) [M+K]<sup>+</sup>, 523.184 (95) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na: 523.1840, found: 523.1834; HPLC (major diastereomer): t<sub>R</sub> 17.97 min (major) 22.11 min (minor), n-heptane/isopropanol, 95:5, 1.00 mL/min, Chiralcel-OD column.

#### *tert*-Butyl 3-((*1S*,*2S*,*3R*)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-5methyl-2-oxo-3-phenylindoline-1-carboxylate (3b)



Compound **3b** was isolated as a diastereomeric mixture ( $\geq 20:1$  d.r.) by flash column chromatography (3:1 Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O) to yield a white solid (239 mg, 89 %); Mp = 169 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +142.5$  (c = 0.74, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 90% ee (major diastereomer); IR (Capillary): 3464, 2979, 1742, 1557, 1480, 1366, 1228, 1143, 896, 826, 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = 7.61$  (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.21 (m,

1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 5.44 (app d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (bs, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta$  = 175.2, 148.8, 143.3, 137.7, 137.0, 136.5, 135.2, 134.5, 130.5, 130.0, 129.5, 129.0, 127.8, 127.1, 125.7, 125.2, 124.8, 115.6, 91.9, 85.2, 75.2, 60.0, 56.9, 28.3, 21.4 ppm; MS (EI, 70 eV):

m/z (%) 534.0 (1) [M]<sup>+</sup>, 433.6 (3) [M–Boc]<sup>+</sup>, 322.4 (20), 222.8 (100), 193.6 (30); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>ClNa: 557.1450, found: 557.1455; HPLC (major diastereomer): t<sub>R</sub> 7.34 min (major) 8.66 min (minor), n-heptane/isopropanol, 90:10, 0.50 mL/min, Chiralpak-IC column.

# *tert*-Butyl 3-((*1S*,*2S*,*3R*)-3-hydroxy-5-methoxy-2-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-5-methyl-2-oxo-3-phenylindoline-1-carboxylate (3c)



Compound **3c** was isolated as a diastereomeric mixture ( $\geq 20:1$  d.r.) by flash column chromatography (3:1 Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O) to yield a pale yellow solid (252 mg, 95 %); Mp = 163 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +157.7$  (c = 0.73, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 90% ee (major diastereomer); IR (Capillary): 3469, 2949, 1741, 1614, 1557, 1486, 1366, 1246, 1147, 1030, 822, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> major diastereomer):  $\delta = 7.60$  (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.40 (m,

5H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.67-6.73 (m, 2H), 5.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (app s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.37 (bs, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> major diastereomer):  $\delta = 175.4$ , 160.7, 149.0, 142.9, 137.9, 137.3, 134.3, 130.2, 129.7, 129.4, 128.8, 127.9, 127.4, 125.4, 124.8, 116.7, 115.4, 108.9, 92.4, 84.9, 75.6, 60.2, 56.9, 55.6, 28.3, 21.4 ppm; MS (ESI, pos): m/z (%) 553.196 (24) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na: 553.1945, found: 553.1941; HPLC (major diastereomer): t<sub>R</sub> 12.01 min (major) 13.19 min (minor), n-heptane/ethanol, 90:10, 0.50 mL/min, Chiralpak-IC column.

#### *tert*-butyl 3-((*1S*,2*S*,3*R*)-5-fluoro-3-hydroxy-2-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-5methyl-2-oxo-3-phenylindoline-1-carboxylate (3d)



Compound **3d** was isolated as a diastereomeric mixture ( $\geq 20:1$  d.r.) by flash column chromatography (3:1 Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O) to yield a white solid (239 mg, 83 %); Mp = 160 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +172.7$  (c = 0.66, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 90% ee (major diastereomer); IR (Capillary): 3467, 2980, 1741, 1607, 1557, 1487, 1367, 1312, 1248, 1146, 935, 876, 824, 729 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = 7.60$  (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (app s, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 7.

8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (td, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.40-5.46 (m, 1H), 5.37 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (app s, 1H), 2.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = 175.3$ , 163.3 (d, J = 256.7 Hz), 148.8, 143.6 (d, J = 7.85 Hz), 137.8, 137.0, 134.4, 133.5 (d, J = 2.42 Hz), 130.4, 129.5, 128.9, 127.9, 127.2, 126.0 (d, J = 8.61 Hz), 124.8, 117.2 (d, J = 22.8 Hz), 115.5, 111.9 (d, J = 23.1 Hz), 92.2, 85.2, 75.2, 60.1, 56.8, 28.3, 21.4; <sup>19</sup>F (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = -112.1$  ppm; MS (ESI, pos): m/z (%) 541.175 (50) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>FNa: 541.1745, found: 541.1744; HPLC (major diastereomer): t<sub>R</sub> 7.76 min (major) 9.02 min (minor), n-heptane/ethanol, 90:10, 0.50 mL/min, Chiralpak-IC column.

*tert*-butyl 3-((*1S*,*2S*,*3R*)-3-hydroxy-2-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-2-oxo-3-phenyl indoline-1-carboxylate (3e)



Compound **3e** was isolated as a diastereomeric mixture ( $\geq 20:1$  d.r.) by flash column chromatography (3:1 Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O) to yield a white solid (209 mg, 86 %); Mp = 158 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = + 215.2$  (c = 0.61, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 90% ee (major diastereomer); IR (Capillary): 3475, 2981, 2931, 1739, 1606, 1556, 1466, 1369, 1316, 1286, 1250, 1146, 1106, 1066, 1024, 921, 838, 751, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> major diastereomer):  $\delta = 7.71$  (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.14-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.12 (m, 3H), 5.50 (d, J = 6.0 Hz,

1H), 5.39 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (bs, 1H), 1.64 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> major diastereomer):  $\delta = 175.3$ , 148.9, 141.3, 140.2, 138.0, 137.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 127.9, 127.2, 124.9, 124.6, 124.3, 115.6, 91.9, 85.2, 75.6, 60.1, 57.5, 28.3 ppm; MS (ESI, pos): m/z (%) 509.167 (75) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na: 509.1683, found: 509.1682; HPLC (major diastereomer): t<sub>R</sub> 9.83 min (minor) 13.35 min (major), n-heptane/ethanol, 70:30, 0.50 mL/min, (*S*, *S*)-Whelk O1 column.

# *tert*-butyl 3-((*1S*,*2S*,*3R*)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-2-oxo-3-phenylindoline-1-carboxylate (3f)



Compound **3f** was isolated as a diastereomeric mixture ( $\geq$ 20:1 d.r.) by flash column chromatography (3:1 Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O) to yield a white solid (240 mg, 92 %); Mp = 162 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +$  168.3 (c = 0.55, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 90% ee (major diastereomer); IR (Capillary): 3469, 2980, 2926, 1745, 1605, 1557, 1471, 1314, 1252, 1146, 1089, 1022, 922, 879, 834, 759, 692 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> major diastereomer):  $\delta = 7.74$  (d, J = 7.8 Hz,

1H), 7.32-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.10-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (bs, 1H), 1.64 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = 175.2$ , 148.8, 143.2, 140.1, 136.8, 136.4, 135.3, 130.1, 130.0, 129.6, 129.0, 127.8, 127.0, 125.6, 125.3, 124.8, 124.3, 115.8, 91.9, 85.5, 75.1, 59.9, 56.9, 28.3 ppm; MS (ESI, pos): m/z (%) 543.127 (10) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>ClNa: 543.1293, found: 543.1289; HPLC (major diastereomer): t<sub>R</sub> 3.79 min (major) 4.32 min (minor), n-heptane/ethanol, 90:10, 1.00 mL/min, Chiralpak-IC column.

#### *tert*-butyl 3-((*1S*,*2S*,*3R*)-3-hydroxy-5-methoxy-2-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-2-oxo-3-phenylindoline-1-carboxylate (3g)



Compound **3g** was isolated as a diastereomeric mixture ( $\geq 20:1$  d.r.) by flash column chromatography (3:1 Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O) to yield a white solid (238 mg, 92 %); Mp = 155 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +200.1$  (c = 0.70, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 90% ee (major diastereomer); IR (Capillary): 3471, 2979, 2934, 1738, 1610, 1557, 1493, 1464, 1369, 1342, 1315, 1280, 1249, 1147, 1073, 1025, 924, 835, 759, 696, 656 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major

diastereomer):  $\delta = 7.74$  (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.23-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.96-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.68-6.74 (m, 2H), 5.44 (app t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.31-2.38 (m, 1H), 1.64 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> major diastereomer):  $\delta = 175.3$ , 160.8, 148.9, 142.9, 140.2, 137.1, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 127.9, 127.4, 125.3, 124.6, 124.4, 116.8, 115.7, 108.9, 92.3, 85.2, 75.5, 60.2,

57.0, 55.6, 28.3 ppm; MS (ESI, pos): m/z (%) 555.152 (20)  $[M+K]^+$ ; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na: 539.1789, found: 539.1787; HPLC (major diastereomer): t<sub>R</sub> 11.39 min (minor) 15.93 min (major), n-heptane/ethanol, 70:30, 0.50 mL/min, (*S*, *S*)-Whelk O1 column.



#### *tert*-butyl 3-((*1S*,*2S*,*3R*)-5-fluoro-3-hydroxy-2-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1Hinden-1-yl)-2-oxo-3-phenylindoline-1-carboxylate (3h)

Compound **3h** was isolated as a diastereomeric mixture ( $\geq 20:1$  d.r.) by flash column chromatography (3:1 Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O) to yield a white solid (220 mg, 87 %); Mp = 149 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +170.9$  (c = 0.53, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 89 % ee

(major diastereomer); IR (Capillary): 3472, 2980, 2930, 2287, 2021, 1779, 1740, 1608, 1558, 1486, 1369, 1342, 1317, 1252, 1145, 1107, 1065, 1023, 1000, 928, 875, 835, 757, 696, 656 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = 7.73$  (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.04 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (td, J = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (app t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (app s, 1H), 2.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = 175.2$ , 163.6 (d, J = 256.7 Hz), 148.8, 143.6 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 140.1, 136.8, 133.4, 129.9, 129.5, 129.0, 127.8, 127.1, 125.9 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 124.7, 124.3, 117.2 (d, J = 23.0 Hz), 115.7, 111.9 (d, J = 22.8 Hz), 92.1, 85.4, 75.1, 60.1, 56.9, 28.3; <sup>19</sup>F (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = -112.1$  ppm; MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) 504.0 (10) [M]<sup>+</sup>, 447.8 (31), 404.4 (30) [M-Boc]<sup>+</sup>, 387.0 (12), 338.8 (21), 327.2 (14), 308.7 (83), 294.0 (18), 283.4 (16), 253.2 (65), 234.5 (14), 207.9 (100), 189.4 (16), 179.2 (43), 164.6 (28), 151.4 (46), 126.4 (11), 54.6 (55); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>FNa: 527.1589, found: 527.1588; HPLC (major diastereomer): t<sub>R</sub> 4.00 min (major) 4.38 min (minor), n-heptane/ethanol, 90:10, 1.00 mL/min, Chiralpak-IC column.

### *tert*-butyl 3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-((1S,2S,3R)-3-hydroxy-2-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-5-methyl-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate (3i)



Compound **3i** was isolated as a diastereomeric mixture (20:1 d.r.) by flash column chromatography (3:1 Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O) to yield a white solid (251 mg, 87 %); Mp = 174 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +$  166.7 (c = 0.63, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 98 % ee (major diastereomer); IR (Capillary): 3482, 3033, 2980, 2928, 1736, 1601, 1556, 1485, 1396, 1370, 1332, 1308, 1279, 1248, 1149, 1112, 1065, 1006, 950, 912, 821, 752, 696, 661 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> major diastereomer):  $\delta = 7.55-7.62$  (m, 5H),

7.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 5.44-5.51 (m, 2H), 5.35 (app s, 1H), 2.36 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (app s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> major diastereomer):  $\delta = 174.4$ , 149.0, 141.7, 141.3, 140.3, 138.0, 137.9, 136.2, 134.4, 130.3, 129.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.3, 124.9, 124.8, 124.5, 115.4, 92.0, 85.0, 75.8, 60.1, 57.4, 28.3, 21.4 ppm; MS (ESI, pos): m/z (%) 599.211 (53) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 615.184 (99) [M+K]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na: 599.2153, found: 599.2144; HPLC (major diastereomer): t<sub>R</sub> 12.24 min (major) 14.03 min (minor), n-heptane/ethanol, 90:10, 0.70 mL/min, Chiralcel-OD column.

# *tert*-butyl 3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-((1S,2S,3R)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-5-methyl-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate (3j)



Compound **3j** was synthesized using the general procedure with 1 mol% squaramide catalyst loading (20 min reaction time) and was isolated as a diastereomeric mixture ( $\geq 20:1$  d.r.) by flash column chromatography (4:1 to 2:1 Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O) to yield a white solid (254 mg, 83 %); Mp = 193 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +135.4$  (c = 0.55, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 99 % ee (major diastereomer); IR (Capillary): 3421, 2980, 2926, 2324, 2058, 1738, 1599, 1557, 1484, 1370, 1310, 1248, 1148, 1004, 956, 917,

894, 824, 756, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = 7.54-7.67$  (m, 5H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 5.38-5.51 (m, 2H), 5.27 (app s, 1H), 2.46 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = 175.2$ , 148.8, 143.3, 141.8, 140.2, 137.8, 136.4, 135.9, 135.3, 134.6, 130.6, 130.0, 129.1, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3, 127.2, 125.8, 125.2, 124.7, 115.6, 92.0, 85.3, 75.2, 59.9, 56.9, 28.3, 21.4 ppm; MS (ESI, pos): *m/z* (%) 633.178 (22) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 649.152 (13) [M+K]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>ClNa: 633.1763, found: 633.1769; HPLC (major diastereomer): t<sub>R</sub> 20.86 min (major) 24.90 min (minor), n-heptane/ethanol, 95:5, 0.70 mL/min, Chiralcel-OD column.

#### *tert*-Butyl 3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-((1*S*,2*S*,3*R*)-3-hydroxy-5-methoxy-2-nitro-2,3dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-5-methyl-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate (3k)



Compound **3k** was isolated as a diastereomeric mixture ( $\geq 20:1$  d.r.) after flash chromatography (2:1 Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O) as white solid (282 mg, 92%). Mp = 169-172 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +162.2$  (c = 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); 89% ee (major diastereomer); IR (Capillary): 3475, 2978, 2931, 2299, 2071, 1988, 1915, 1736, 1613, 1557, 1488, 1396, 1370, 1304, 1276, 1248, 1150, 1114, 1072, 1026, 957, 928, 900, 820, 757, 696

cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = 7.62$  (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60– 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (tt, J = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.73–6.70 (m, 2H), 5.40-5.47 (m, 2H), 5.25 (app s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.39 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = 175.4$ , 160.7, 148.9, 142.9, 141.5, 140.2, 137.8, 136.2, 134.3, 130.2, 129.6, 129.0, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 127.2, 125.3, 124.7, 116.6, 115.4, 108.8, 92.3, 84.9, 75.6, 60.1, 56.8, 55.5, 28.3, 21.4.ppm; MS (ESI, pos): m/z (%) 629.226 (100) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 645.200 (76) [M+K]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>K: 645.2003, found: 645.1999; HPLC (major diastereomers): t<sub>R</sub> 9.07 min (major), t<sub>R</sub> 12.30 min (minor), n-heptane/ethanol, 90:10, 1.00 mL/min, Chiralcel-OD column.

# *tert*-Butyl 3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-((1*S*,2*S*,3*R*)-5-fluoro-3-hydroxy-2-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-5-methyl-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate (3l)



Compound **31** was isolated as a diastereomeric mixture ( $\geq 20:1$  d.r.) after flash chromatography (4:1 Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O) as pale orange solid (268 mg, 90%). Mp = 161-172 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +$  175.5 (c = 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); 91% ee (major diastereomer); IR (Capillary): 3824, 3457, 3032, 2979, 2928, 2721, 2500, 2287, 2080, 2009, 1984, 1912, 1739, 1608, 1558, 1487, 1448, 1395, 1370, 1309, 1249, 1148, 1112, 1050,

1004, 936, 873, 820, 757, 696, 659 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta$  =7.64–7.54 (m, 5H), 7.48–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.11–7.05 (m, 2H), 7.00–6.95 (m, 1H), 6.88 (ddd, J = 19.4, 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 5.47–5.42 (m, 2H), 5.28 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, J = 10.7 Hz, 3H), 1.63 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta$  =175.3, 163.5 (d, J = 248.4 Hz), 148.8, 143.6 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 141.7, 140.1, 137.7, 135.9, 134.5, 133.3 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 130.4, 129.0, 128.2, 128.0, 127.86, 127.2, 127.2, 125.9 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 124.7, 117.1 (d, J = 23.0 Hz), 115.5, 111.8 (d, J = 23.0 Hz), 92.2, 85.1, 75.2, 60.0, 56.7, 28.2, 21.3; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = -112.09$  ppm; MS (ESI, pos): m/z (%) 617.207 (100) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 633.181 (76) [M+K]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>31</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>K: 633.1798, found: 633.1799; HPLC (major diastereomers): t<sub>R</sub> 14.16 min (major), t<sub>R</sub> 17.14 min (minor), n-heptane/ethanol, 95:05, 1.00 mL/min, Chiralcel-OD column.

### (S)-*tert*-Butyl 3-((1R,2S,3R)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-3-methyl-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate (3m)



Compound **3m** was isolated as a diastereomeric mixture (20:1 d.r.) after flash chromatography (2:1 Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O) as a off-white solid (90 mg, 39%). Mp = 117 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +19.5$  (c = 0.55, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); 39% ee (major diastereomer); IR (Capillary): 3455, 2979, 2928, 1776, 1607, 1557, 1472, 1368, 1346, 1315, 1285, 1252, 1145, 1092, 1012, 961, 881, 835, 757, 679.

616, 584, 552, 522 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = 7.71$  (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (app s, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.20 (m, 3H), 5.46 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (m, 1H), 4.25 (app s, 1H), 2.56 (bs, 1H), 1.65 (s, 9H), 1.64 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = 177.0$ , 148.8, 143.5, 139.2, 136.1, 135.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 126.7, 125.0, 124.9, 122.7, 115.6, 91.2, 85.3, 75.1, 57.3, 51.0, 28.3, 22.7 ppm; MS (ESI, pos): m/z (%) 481.114 (66) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>ClNa: 481.1137, found: 481.1136; HPLC (major diastereomers): t<sub>R</sub> 7.92 min (minor), t<sub>R</sub> 9.28 min (major), n-heptane/ethanol, 90:10, 1.00 mL/min, Daicel-OD column.

#### (S)-tert-butyl 3-((1S,2S,3R)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-2oxoindoline-1-carboxylate (3n)



Compound 3n was isolated as a diastereomeric mixture (12:1 d.r.) after flash chromatography (2:1 Pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O) as a off-white solid (99 mg, 44%). Mp = 73 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +$  22.7 (c = 0.75, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); % ee (major diastereomer); IR (Capillary): 3463, 2923, 2854, 2321, 2053, 1780, 1737, о́н 1607, 1553, 1471, 1370, 1349, 1287, 1250, 1196, 1146, 1089, 1053, 1002, 878, 835, 753, 678 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major diastereomer):  $\delta = 7.86$  (d, J =8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.12 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (t, J = 6 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (t, J = 6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (m, 1H), 4.21 (d, J = 3 Hz, 1H), 2.61-2.67 (m, 1H), 1.57 (s, 9H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 174.1$ , 148.8. 142.2, 140.6, 137.0, 135.1, 130.8, 129.6, 126.3, 125.3, 125.1, 125.0, 123.9, 115.7, 89.8, 85.2, 84.3 (minor), 73.9, 47.4, 47.1, 29.9 (minor), 28.3 (minor), 28.2 ppm; MS (ESI, pos): m/z (%) 467.099 (99)  $[M+Na]^+$ ; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $C_{22}H_{21}O_6N_2CINa$ : 467.0980, found: 467.0980; HPLC (major diastereomers): t<sub>R</sub> 10.93 min (minor), t<sub>R</sub> 19.28 min (major), nheptane/isopropanol, 80:20, 0.70 mL/min, Chiralpak-IC column.

#### 3-((1S,2S,3R)-3-hydroxy-5-methoxy-2-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-3-phenyl indolin -2-one (11)



To a solution of **3g** (300 mg, 0.581 mmol, 1 equiv.) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (0.224 mL, 2.90 mmol, 5 equiv.) and stirred at RT for 2h. Distilled water was then added to quench the reaction and the product was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 x 50 mL). The combined fractions are subsequently concentrated under vacuo and purified by flash column chromatography (2% MeOH in CH2Cl2) to yield a white solid

(232 mg, 96%); Mp = 147 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +$  193.9 (c = 0.79, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), 88 % ee (major diastereomer, >20:1 d.r.); IR (Capillary): 3219, 2937, 2327, 2079, 1981, 1703, 1616, 1553, 1493, 1469, 1370, 1321, 1273, 1193, 1156, 1112, 1069, 1026, 967, 861, 832, 743, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR(600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> major diastereomer):  $\delta = 8.18$  (bs, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.68-6.75 (m, 3H), 5.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.76 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> major diastereomer):  $\delta =$ 178.5, 160.6, 142.8, 140.8, 137.3, 130.0, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 127.7, 125.7, 124.9, 122.9, 116.8, 110.8, 108.8, 92.4, 75.4, 60.1, 56.0, 55.5 ppm; MS (ESI, pos): m/z (%) 455.099 (98)  $[M+K]^+$ ; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>K: 455.1004, found: 455.0988; HPLC (major diastereomer): t<sub>R</sub> 13.46 min (minor) 26.46 min (major), n-heptane/ethanol, 70:30, 1.00 mL/min, Daicel-AD column.

# Determination of the relative configuration of 3a and 3b by NOESY and $^{13}\mathrm{C}\ \mathrm{NMR}$

Only long range NOESY contacts can be reliably used in structure elucidation of five member rings due to ring flexibility. Vicinal NOESY contacts are unreliable in five membered rings in determining *cis/trans* spatial positioning.<sup>[4,5]</sup> Relative configuration of the cascade products were assigned in analogy to long range NOESY contacts from compound **3a** and **3b**.

Long Range NOESY contacts







# Determination of the relative configuration of 3a and 3b by $\alpha,\beta$ hydroxyl effects on the $^{13}C$ NMR shift

The  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  hydroxyl effects on the <sup>13</sup>C NMR shifts provide information of *cis/trans* relative configuration of the proton on C1 and C2.

By inspection of the <sup>13</sup>C NMR shift of C1 ( $\alpha$ -carbon) and C2 ( $\beta$ -carbon) with known literature values, the measured data is consistent with reported values for *cis*-nitroindanols. Therefore, the OH and NO<sub>2</sub> groups are *cis*- positioned, confirming the data obtained from the long range NOESY contacts.<sup>[3,5]</sup>



<sup>13</sup> C NMR shift	C1	C2
Compound <b>3a</b>	75.7 ppm	91.9 ppm
Compound <b>3b</b>	75.2 ppm	91.9 ppm
Compound <b>12</b>	74.8 ppm	94.1 ppm

#### Determination of the absolute configuration by analogy

While efforts were conducted to yield crystals for absolute configuration, no suitable X-ray quality crystals could be obtained through testing a series of solvents and crystallization techiques. Therefore, the absolute configuration of **3a** was determined by analogy of the first Michael addition reaction of this domino reaction to previously reported Michael additions using TMS-protected di-dodecyl prolinol **4** as catalyst (eqn 1, figure below).<sup>[6]</sup>





In our catalyst screening (Table 1 in manuscript), the relative topicity is the same for both catalyst **4** and catalyst **10** used in our methodology. Hence catalyst **4** and catalyst **10** generates the same major enantiomer **3a** based on chiral HPLC comparison (see HPLC chromatograms below). With that, the absolute configuration at carbon 3 and carbon 4 (labeled in figure above) of **3a**, can be deduced by analogy to reference 6.

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# Proposed mechanism for diastereo- and enantiocontrol of the domino reaction



The control of enantio-induction of the cascade product **3a-l** can be attributed to transition state **TS 12** where a *Si-Re* attack occurs between the oxindole **1** and the *o*-carbaldehyde nitroolefin **2** in the hydrogen bonding catalyzed first Michael addition step. The proposed transition state using catalyst **10** is consistent with that suggested by Jørgensen *et. al.* for other Michael additions with the same catalyst.<sup>[7]</sup>

In the second Henry reaction step, our proposed mechanism involved catalyst **10** binding both the nitro group and the aldehyde moiety in a *cis*-positioned transition state **TS13** through bifunctional kinetic control, a concept we previously introduced.<sup>[3]</sup> The cascade products **3a-l** were then subsequently generated with the nitro-indanol functionalities positioned *cis* relative to each other, and the squaramide catalyst **10** re-enters the catalytic cycle.

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#### **Chiral HPLC Data**

The enantioinductions for product **3a-n** obtained for catalyst **10** (in our methodology, Table 2 in manuscript) are determined by comparing the HPLC data to the opposite enantiomer obtained when catalyst **9** is used.









3.92 BV 0.15 34.79 4.03 0.13 4.24 VB 0.60 0.10 0.02 4.12 5.67 BV 3.96 938.00 109.90 0.13 6.59 VV 2.89 684.60 16.85 0.51 7.34 VB 87.44 20722.68 1825.22 0.17 8.66 BB 4.41 1044.66 76.19 0.21 9.94 BB 0.83 195.61 11.01 0.27 13.02 BB 0.32 75.75 3.41 0.34 Sum 100.00 23700.22





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	RT [min]	Тура	Area%	Area	Height V	Vidth [min]
	3.91	BV	0.15	106.45	9.06	0.16
	4.24	VV	0.08	53.46	6.79	0.12
	4.42	VB	0.01	8.11	1.09	0.11
	7.38	BV	0.59	412.30	35.38	0.18
	7.97	VV	3.64	2529.38	143.88	0.25
	11.79	VV	6,76	4703.22	147.13	0.45
	12.88	VB	88.22	61363.82	2784.41	0.34
	14.56	BB	0.16	108.40	4.92	0.35
	15.59	BB	0.16	114.53	3.04	0.61
	19,11	BB	0.22	156.11	3.90	0.61
		Sum	100.00	69555.78		



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Height Width Imin]

3.92 BV	0.08	52.58	5.53	0.16
4.25 VV	0.06	40.47	6.58	0.10
5.47 BV	0.01	7.78	0.96	0.13
7.47 BB	3.16	2165.96	185.68	0.18
8.09 BV	0.31	213.93	13.55	0.23
9.42 VV	2.09	1432.10	18.22	1.00
10.06 VB	1.46	999.70	19.27	0.67
12.01 BV	86.65	59400.14	2856.15	0.32
13.19 VB	4.65	3188.32	140.64	0.35
14.91 BB	0.31	209.80	8.64	0.38
16.18 BB	1.23	841.35	31.19	0.42
Sum	100.00	68552.14		

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6.94 VB

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9.02 VB

10.07 BB

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3.31 VB

3.79 BV

4.32 VV

4.92 BB

6.54 BB

Sum

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