## **Supporting Information**

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## Dearomatization of Tryptophols via a Vanadium-Catalyzed Asymmetric Epoxidation and Ring-Opening Cascade

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#### 1. General methods.

Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian instrument (300 MHz and 75 MHz, 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively) and internally referenced to tetramethylsilane signal or residual protio solvent signals. Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, brs = broad singlet, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration). Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm).

#### 2. Experimental sections



To a solution of indole **S1** (10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry  $Et_2O$  (50 mL) was added dropwise oxalyl chloride (2.7 mL, 30.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) at 0 °C. Then the ice bath was removed and the resultant yellow slurry was stirred for 6 h at room temperature and then cooled to 0 °C, followed by quenching with MeOH (2.0 mL, 50.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv). The crude reaction mixture was filtered and washed with cold  $Et_2O$ . Then the solid was dried and used directly for the next step without further purification. A solution of the above solid in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise to a suspension of LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (1.52 g, 40 mmol, 4.0 equiv) in THF (40 mL) at 0 °C. The solution was stirred for 4 h at room temperature and quenched by H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5 mL), 10% aqueous NaOH (3.0 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (4.5 mL) slowly at 0 °C. The solution was then filtered and washed with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give the corresponding crude product **S2**.

tert-Butyldimethylsilylchloride (1.66 g, 11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added to a solution of tryptophol (10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and imidazole (1.36 g, 20.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in DMF (50 mL) at 0 °C. The ice bath was then removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The mixture was quenched with water (40 mL) and extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 30$  mL), then the combined organic layers were washed with water, brine, separated, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, then filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was used directly for the next step without further purification. To a solution of the above TBS-tryptophol in THF (50 mL) was added NaH (400.0 mg, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 60% dispersion in mineral oil) at 0 °C. After stirring at 0 °C for 15 min and then at rt for 1 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, treated with MeI (700 µl, 11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) or BnBr (1.88 g, 11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) or 1-(bromomethyl)naphthalene (2.43 g, 11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) or 9-(bromomethyl)anthracene (2.98 g, 11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) or Boc<sub>2</sub>O (2.4 g, 11 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and then allowed to stir at rt for 6-12 h. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL) was added slowly. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3  $\times$ 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), separated, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was further treated with tetra-n-butylammonium fluoride (15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), after 24 h, the mixture was worked up and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (2:1, PE-EtOAc) to afford the desired product 1. Note: All the yields provided for the substrates 1 (1a to 1q) were calculated from the starting indoles S1.



#### 2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1a)

Pale yellow solid, 1.5 g, 93% yield. Analytical data for **1a**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.07 (brs, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 3.94-3.88 (m, 2H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.55 (s, 1H).

(S. Gore, S. Baskaran and B. König, Org. Lett., 2012, 14, 4568.)



#### 2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1b)

Pale yellow oil, 1.3 g, 74% yield. Analytical data for 1b: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)
δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H),
3.73 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (brs, 1H).
(O. Lozano, G. Blessley, T. Martinez del Campo, A. L. Thompson, G. T. Giuffredi, M.
Bettati, M. Walker, R. Borman and V. Gouverneur, *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.*, 2011, 50, 8105.)



#### 2-(1-benzyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1c)

Pale yellow oil, 1.9 g, 76% yield. Analytical data for 1c: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.13 (m, 7H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 3.93-3.88 (m, 2H), 3.04 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (brs, 1H).

(S. J. Garden, R. B. da Silva and A. C. Pinto, *Tetrahedron*, 2002, 58, 8399.)

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#### 2-(1-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1d)

Yellow solid, 2.3 g, 76% yield. Analytical data for **1d**: Mp = 84-87 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.73 (s, 2H), 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 137.0, 133.7, 132.4, 130.9, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 126.6, 126.5, 126.0, 125.5, 125.2, 122.6, 122.0, 119.3, 119.1, 111.5, 109.7, 62.7, 47.7, 28.8; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3673, 2987, 2901, 1597, 1468, 1376, 1327, 1260, 1177, 1041, 1011, 796, 772, 742; MS (ESI): 302 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 302.1539. Found: 302.1543.



#### 2-(1-(anthracen-9-ylmethyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1e)

Yellow solid, 2.6 g, 74% yield. Analytical data for **1e**: Mp = 155-157 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.58 (s, 1H), 8.15-8.07 (m, 4H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 6.11 (s, 2H), 3.69-3.65 (m, 2H), 2.77 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.9, 131.5, 131.3, 129.3, 129.0, 128.3, 127.1, 125.7, 125.3, 125.0, 123.5, 122.0, 119.4, 119.2, 110.8, 109.3, 62.5, 41.9, 28.6; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3276, 3055, 2922, 1623, 1458, 1340, 1237, 1098, 891, 731; MS (ESI): 352 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 352.1696. Found: 352.1695.



#### tert-butyl 3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (1f)

Pale yellow oil, 1.7 g, 65% yield. Analytical data for **1f**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 3.92 (m, 2H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (s, 9H), 1.61 (brs, 1H). (H.-C. Hsu and D.-R. Hou, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 2009, **50**, 7169.)



#### 2-(1-benzyl-4-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1g)

Brown yellow solid, 750 mg, 28% yield. Analytical data for **1g**: Mp = 58-62 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.21-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.04-6.97 (m, 4H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 3.78 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.19 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 137.8, 137.3, 131.1, 128.9, 127.7, 127.0, 126.9, 126.7, 122.1, 121.2, 112.2, 107.9, 63.7, 50.0, 30.6, 20.6; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3321, 2918, 2857, 1605, 1548, 1494, 1430, 1358, 1327, 1242, 1158, 1044, 730, 695, 611; MS (ESI): 266 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 266.1539. Found: 266.1541.



#### 2-(1-benzyl-5-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1h)

Brown yellow oil, 2.4 g, 73% yield. Analytical data for **1h**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.11-7.05 (m, 3H), 6.99 (s, 1H),

5.21 (s, 2H), 3.85 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 137.0, 135.3, 129.8, 128.8, 127.7, 126.6, 124.6, 121.6, 112.5, 111.2, 111.2, 62.5, 50.0, 28.4; IR (film):  $v_{max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3350, 2925, 1605, 1468, 1354, 1296, 1169, 1051, 864, 788, 733, 698, 646; MS (ESI): 282 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrNO [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 330.0488. Found: 330.0487.



#### 2-(1-benzyl-5-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1i)

Brown yellow solid, 1.3 g, 49% yield. Analytical data for **1i**: Mp = 61-64 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 3.88 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.55 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 137.6, 135.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.5, 126.7, 123.5, 118.7, 110.7, 109.5, 62.6, 49.9, 28.7, 21.4; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3263, 2921, 2852, 1603, 1553, 1487, 1450, 1380, 1355, 1311, 1173, 1039, 788, 735, 703, 639; MS (ESI): 266 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 266.1539. Found: 266.1543.



#### 2-(1-benzyl-5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1j)

Brown yellow solid, 2.0 g, 71% yield. Analytical data for **1j**: Mp = 44-47 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 3.89 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 153.8, 137.7, 132.0, 128.7, 128.5, 127.5, 127.2, 126.7, 122.0, 111.0, 110.6, 100.9, 62.6, 55.9, 50.0, 28.7; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3525,

3420, 2919, 1617, 1577, 1486, 1451, 1394, 1351, 1221, 1180, 1100, 1041, 897, 832, 796, 697, 635; MS (ESI): 282 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 282.1489. Found: 282.1492.



#### 2-(1-benzyl-6-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1k)

Pale yellow solid, 1.1 g, 41% yield. Analytical data for **1k**: Mp = 62-64 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.53-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.94-6.84 (m, 2H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 3.87 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.9 (d, *J* = 236.8 Hz), 136.9, 128.7, 127.7, 126.8, 126.7, 126.7, 124.6, 119.7 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 111.7, 107.8 (d, *J* = 24.4 Hz), 96.1 (d, *J* = 26.1 Hz), 62.6, 50.0, 28.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -120.52; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3446, 2899, 1618, 1555, 1483, 1449, 1333, 1241, 1162, 1063, 900, 816, 791, 769, 707, 621; MS (ESI): 270 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FNO [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 270.1289. Found: 270.1289.



#### 2-(1-benzyl-6-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (11)

Brown yellow oil, 1.3 g, 49% yield. Analytical data for **11**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 3.82 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.93 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 137.7, 137.2, 131.7, 128.7, 127.5, 126.7, 126.0, 120.9, 118.7, 111.3, 109.6, 62.6, 49.6, 28.7, 21.9; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3356, 3028, 2917, 1620, 1554, 1468, 1452, 1377, 1355, 1326,

1170, 1039, 797, 733, 704; MS (ESI): 266 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 266.1539. Found: 266.1539.



#### 2-(1-benzyl-6-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1m)

Brown yellow solid, 500 mg, 18% yield. Analytical data for **1m**: Mp = 77-80 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.46 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 3.83 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.95 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.84 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.4, 137.5, 137.4, 128.7, 127.5, 126.7, 125.4, 122.5, 119.6, 111.4, 108.8, 93.4, 62.6, 55.6, 49.7, 28.7; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3263, 2925, 2854, 1621, 1557, 1491, 1451, 1376, 1357, 1261, 1168, 1043, 794, 740, 708, 630; MS (ESI): 282 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 282.1489. Found: 282.1490.



#### 2-(1-benzyl-7-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1n)

Pale yellow solid, 1.2 g, 45% yield. Analytical data for **1n**: Mp = 60-62 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93-6.89 (m, 4H), 5.53 (s, 2H), 3.91-3.86 (m, 2H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.57 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.6, 135.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 127.2, 125.3, 124.8, 121.2, 119.4, 116.9, 111.3, 62.5, 51.9, 28.6, 19.4; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3253, 2931, 2861, 1603, 1494, 1450, 1414, 1354, 1330, 1168, 1049, 781, 745, 703, 637; MS (ESI): 266 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 266.1539. Found: 266.1539.



#### tert-butyl 3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (10)

Pale yellow oil, 870 mg, 33% yield. Analytical data for **1o**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 4H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.75 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (brs, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H).

(V. Khedkar, A. Tillack, K. Michali and M. Beller, Tetrahedron, 2005, 61, 7622.)



#### 2-(2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1p)

Pale yellow solid, 1.2 g, 51% yield. Analytical data for 1p: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.19 (brs, 1H), 7.61-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.09 (m, 2H), 3.89 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (brs, 1H).
(C. Liu, W. Zhang, L.-X. Dai and S.-L. You, *Org. Lett.*, 2012, 14, 4525.)



#### 2-(1-benzyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1q)

White solid, 200 mg, 6.1% yield. Analytical data for **1q**: Mp = 113-115 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.16 (m, 6H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 3.84 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.3, 138.1, 136.7, 131.5, 130.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.0, 126.0, 122.0, 119.7, 119.0, 110.4, 109.4, 63.2, 47.5, 28.2; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 2921, 2318, 1603, 1464, 1340, 1043, 1011, 736, 698;

MS (ESI): 328  $[M+1]^+$ ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{23}H_{22}NO [M+1]^+$ : 328.1696. Found: 328.1695.



#### 2-(1-(4-methylbenzyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1r)

Pale yellow solid, 2.3 g, 88% yield. Analytical data for **1r**: Mp = 42-44 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.61 (brs, 1H).; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.3, 136.8, 134.4, 129.4, 128.1, 126.9, 126.5, 121.9, 119.1,119.0, 111.2, 109.8, 62.7, 49.7, 28.7, 21.1; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3331, 2920, 1613, 1514, 1466, 1436, 1333, 1179, 1021, 797, 736; MS (ESI): 266 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 266.1539. Found: 266.1543.



#### 2-(1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1s)

Yellow solid, 1.6 g, 60% yield. Analytical data for **1s**: Mp = 38-40 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.00 - 6.96 (m, 3H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 3.90 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.4, 161.0, 136.7, 133.2 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 128.5 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 128.1, 126.4, 122.1, 199.2 (d, *J* = 16.7 Hz), 115.7 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 111.6, 109.7, 62.7, 49.3, 28.7; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -114.79; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3253, 2929, 1603, 1508, 1466, 1331, 1218, 1154, 1053, 816, 737; MS (ESI): 270 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FNO [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 270.1289. Found: 270.1290.

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#### 2-(1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1t)

Yellow oil, 2.3 g, 83% yield. Analytical data for **1t**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.62 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.02 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 159.1, 136.8, 129.6, 128.3, 128.2, 126.5, 121.9, 119.2, 119.1, 114.2, 111.4, 109.9, 62.7, 55.3, 49.4, 28.8; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3356, 2930, 1612, 1511, 1465, 1244, 1174, 1031, 818, 735; MS (ESI): 282 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 282.1489. Found: 282.1491.



#### 2-(1-(3-methylbenzyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1u)

Yellow oil, 1.9 g, 72% yield. Analytical data for **1u**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 3.90 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.5, 137.5, 136.8, 128.4, 127.6, 124.0, 121.9, 119.0, 111.3, 109.8, 62.7, 49.9, 28.7, 21.4; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3336, 2920, 1610, 1465, 1332, 1260, 1174, 1039, 737; MS (ESI): 266 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 266.1539. Found: 266.1540.



#### 2-(1-(3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1v)

Pale yellow solid, 2.3 g, 74% yield. Analytical data for **1v**: Mp = 48-50 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 3.94 – 3.81 (m, 5H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.03 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.2, 148.5, 136.9, 129.8, 126.4, 121.9, 119.4, 119.2, 119.0, 111.3, 111.2, 110.2, 109.7, 62.7, 55.9, 55.9, 49.7, 28.7; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3262, 2916, 1588, 1517, 1463, 1333, 1264, 1240, 1158, 1137, 1017, 871, 734, 669; MS (ESI): 312 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 312.1594. Found: 312.1594.



#### 2-(1-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanol (1w)

Pale yellow solid, 2.56 g, 75% yield. Analytical data for **1w**: Mp = 95-97 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.36 (s, 2H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 3.89 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.5, 137.3, 136.9, 133.1, 128.1, 126.5, 121.9, 119.2, 119.0, 111.5, 109.7, 103.9, 62.7, 60.8, 56.0, 50.1, 28.7; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3286, 2933, 1592, 1507, 1464, 1418, 1328, 1235, 1120, 1000, 819, 736; MS (ESI): 342 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 342.1700. Found: 342.1705.

# 2.2 General procedure for the cascade asymmetric epoxidation/ring opening reaction



To a solution of VO(acac)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 2.6 mg) in toluene (1 mL) was added ligand **3** (0.012 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The above mixture was cooled to -10 °C, *t*-Butylhydroperoxide (0.75 mmol, 104 ul, 70% aqueous solution) and substrate **1** (0.5 mmol) were then added and the stirring was continued at the same temperature. The process of epoxidation was monitored by TLC. After the reaction was complete, aqueous saturated Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) was added slowly. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 2 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), separated, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4:1, PE-EtOAc) to afford the desired product **2**.

Note: The synthesis of ligand **3** was followed the procedures reported by: a) W. Zhang, A. Basak, Y. Kosugi, Y. Hoshino and H. Yamamoto, *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.*, 2005, **44**, 4389; b) W. Zhang and H. Yamamoto, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2007, **129**, 286.



#### (3a*R*,8a*S*)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2a)

Brown oil, 56 mg, 63% yield, 61% ee. Analytical data for **2a**:  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -86.7$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 61% ee); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.27 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 4.58 (brs, 1H), 3.98-3.94 (m, 1H), 3.64-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.11 (brs, 1H), 2.43-2.33 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.23 (m, 1H). The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 22.6 min, t (minor) = 15.3 min. The absolute configuration was assigned as (3a*R*,8a*S*) by comparing the optical rotation with the same compound reported in the literature. [ $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -114$  (c = 0.84, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 99% ee) T. Hirose, T. Sunazuka, D. Yamamoto, N. Kojima, T. Shirahata, Y. Harigaya, I. Kuwajima, S. Ōmura *Tetrahedron*, 2005, **61**, 6015.]



#### (3a*R*,8a*S*)-8-methyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2b)

Brown oil, 63 mg, 66% yield, 43% ee. Analytical data for **2b**:  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -53.5$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 43% ee); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.24-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.70 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.97 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.56-3.48 (m, 1H), 2.93 (s, 1H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.39-2.21 (m, 2H). The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 8.4 min, t (minor) = 9.9 min.

(T. Hirose, T. Sunazuka, D. Yamamoto, N. Kojima, T. Shirahata, Y. Harigaya, I. Kuwajima and S. Ōmura *Tetrahedron*, 2005, **61**, 6015.)



#### (3a*R*,8a*S*)-8-benzyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2c)

Brown oil, 94 mg, 70% yield, 87% ee. Analytical data for **2c**:  $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -119.8$  (c = 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 84% ee); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 4.46 (AB, *J<sub>AB</sub>* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (BA, *J<sub>BA</sub>* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.64-3.57 (m, 1H), 2.77 (brs, 1H), 2.40-2.33 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.26 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.4, 138.2, 130.3, 130.2, 128.6, 127.4, 127.2, 123.9, 118.0, 106.3, 103.6, 87.9, 67.2, 49.1, 41.4; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3359, 2872, 1608, 1488, 1355, 1316, 1259, 1160, 1076, 1011, 942, 796, 742, 696; MS (ESI): 268 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 268.1332. Found: 268.1333. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 10.2 min, t (minor) = 11.3 min.



(3a*R*,8a*S*)-8-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3 a-ol (2d)

Brown oil, 125 mg, 79% yield, 80% ee. Analytical data for **2d**:  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -90.9$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 80% ee); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98-7.96 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 4.89-4.80 (m, 2H), 3.96 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66-3.60 (m, 1H), 2.81 (brs, 1H), 2.38-2.25 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.6, 133.8, 132.8, 131.4, 130.5, 130.3, 128.9, 127.9, 126.2, 125.8, 125.6, 125.1, 124.0, 123.0, 118.2, 106.5, 816

103.1, 87.9, 67.5, 46.7, 41.3; IR (film):  $v_{max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3347, 2961, 1607, 1486, 1366, 1162, 1112, 1009, 943, 896, 869, 775, 739, 626; MS (ESI):328 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 318.1489. Found: 318.1486. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, t (major) = 15.6 min, t (minor) = 13.6 min.



(3a*R*,8a*S*)-8-(anthracen-9-ylmethyl)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a -ol (2e)

Brown oil, 104 mg, 56% yield, 10% ee. Analytical data for **2e**:  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -154.4$  (c = 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 10% ee); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.45 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.81-6.77 (m, 2H), 5.37 (AB, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (BA, *J*<sub>BA</sub> = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 3.95-3.91 (m, 1H), 3.61-3.55 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.27 (m, 2H), 1.93 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.5, 131.4, 130.6, 129.1, 128.2, 126.2, 125.0, 124.4, 118.2, 106.1, 100.1, 87.2, 67.5, 40.5, 40.5; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3531, 2924, 1605, 1487, 1459, 1299, 1241, 1160, 1117, 1023, 943, 882, 781, 727, 618; MS (ESI): 368 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 368.1645. Found: 368.1643. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 22.6 min, t (minor) = 13.4 min.



(3aR,8aS)-8-benzyl-4-methyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2g)

Brown oil, 73 mg, 52% yield, 86% ee. Analytical data for **2g**:  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -116.0$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 86% ee). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 4.48 (AB,  $J_{AB} = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.39 (BA,  $J_{BA} = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.05-4.01 (m, 1H), 3.71-3.65 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.32 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.7, 138.6, 135.7, 130.5, 128.9, 127.6, 127.4, 120.4, 104.8, 104.2, 88.6, 67.3, 49.6, 40.4, 17.9; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3375, 2977, 2928, 1720, 1608, 1511, 1468, 1465, 1368, 1254, 1165, 1032; MS (ESI): 282 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 282.1489. Found: 282.1489. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, t (major) = 8.6 min, t (minor) = 11.4 min.



(3a*R*,8a*S*)-8-benzyl-5-bromo-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2h) Brown solid, 75 mg, 43% yield, 90% ee. Analytical data for 2h:  $[α]_D^{25} = -103.3$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 90% ee); Mp = 106-109 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 4.46 (AB, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (BA, *J*<sub>BA</sub> = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05-4.00 (m, 1H), 3.66-3.59 (m, 1H), 2.67 (brs, 1H), 2.42-2.34 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.26 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.2, 137.5, 132.9, 132.2, 128.7, 127.3, 127.3, 126.9, 109.3, 107.8, 103.6, 87.6, 67.2, 49.0, 41.4; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3317, 2883, 1601, 1483, 1351, 1129, 1065, 1013, 926, 882, 819, 753, 697, 639; MS (ESI): 346 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 346.0437. Found: 346.0439. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 10.0 min, t (minor) = 13.4 min. Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI) for Chemical Communications This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry 2014



(3a*R*,8a*S*)-8-benzyl-5-methyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2i) Brown oil, 74 mg, 53% yield, 85% ee. Analytical data for 2i:  $[α]_D^{25} = -105.6$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 85% ee); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.31-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 4.46 (AB, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (BA, *J*<sub>BA</sub> = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.04-4.00 (m, 1H), 3.67-3.60 (m, 1H), 2.54 (brs, 1H), 2.42-2.35 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.27 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.3, 138.4, 130.7, 130.3, 128.5, 127.3, 127.1, 124.4, 106.3, 103.9, 88.0, 67.2, 49.4, 41.3, 20.7; IR (film):  $v_{max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3400, 3029, 2867, 1614, 1496, 1355, 1315, 1119, 1070, 1017, 945, 799, 736, 696; MS (ESI): 282 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 282.1489. Found: 282.1488. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, t (major) = 9.5 min, t (minor) = 10.3 min.



(3a*R*,8a*S*)-8-benzyl-5-methoxy-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2j)

Brown solid, 79 mg, 53% yield, 88% ee. Analytical data for **2j**:  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -96.3$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 88% ee); Mp = 96-98 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 4.43 (AB,  $J_{AB} = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.35 (BA,  $J_{BA} = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.06-4.01 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.68-3.63 (m, 1H), 2.71 (brs, 1H), 2.43-2.35 (m, 1H), 2.30 (ddd, J = 12.1, 5.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.8, 144.6, 138.4, 131.2, 128.5, 127.4, 127.1, 115.5, 110.4, 107.1, 104.4, 87.9, 67.2, 56.1, 50.0, 41.3; IR (film):  $v_{max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3335, 2956, 1594, 1492, 1281, 1215, 1118, 1038,

1006, 949, 870, 804, 757, 698, 637; MS (ESI): 298  $[M+1]^+$ ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{18}H_{20}NO_3$   $[M+1]^+$ : 298.1438. Found: 298.1436. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 16.7 min, t (minor) = 19.3 min.



(3a*R*,8a*S*)-8-benzyl-6-fluoro-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2k) Brown solid, 83 mg, 58% yield, 83% ee. Analytical data for 2k:  $[α]_D^{25} = -89.8$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 83% ee); Mp = 118-120 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.32-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.16 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.38-6.33 (m, 1H), 6.04 (dd, J = 10.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.44 (AB,  $J_{AB} = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.38 (BA,  $J_{BA} = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.06-4.01 (m, 1H), 3.66-3.60 (m, 1H), 2.55 (brs, 1H), 2.43-2.35 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.25 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.1 (d, J = 243.1 Hz), 152.0 (d, J = 12.2 Hz), 137.4, 128.7, 127.4, 127.3, 125.7, 124.7 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 104.1 (d, J = 23.1 Hz), 103.8, 94.2 (d, J = 27.1 Hz), 87.4, 67.4, 48.9, 41.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -111.08; IR (film):  $v_{max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3363, 2964, 1599, 1492, 1324, 1245, 1225, 1098, 1008, 949, 899, 823, 758, 698, 622; MS (ESI): 286 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 286.1238. Found: 286.1239. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 10.1 min, t (minor) = 11.8 min.



(3aR,8aS)-8-benzyl-6-methyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2l)

Brown solid, 84 mg, 60% yield, 85% ee. Analytical data for **21**:  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -94.7$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 85% ee); Mp = 88-91 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 4.45 (AB,  $J_{AB} = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.37 (BA,  $J_{BA} = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.00-3.95 (m, 1H), 3.63-3.57 (m, 1H), 2.72 (brs, 1H), 2.39-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.27-2.23 (m, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.7, 140.6, 138.3, 128.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 123.6, 118.8, 107.0, 103.8, 87.7, 67.3, 49.0, 41.4, 21.9; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3323, 2880, 1619, 1495, 1346, 1290, 1151, 1060, 1015, 955, 823, 760, 700, 635; MS (ESI): 282 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 282.1489. Found: 282.1490. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, t (major) = 9.7 min, t (minor) = 11.3 min.



### (3a*R*,8a*S*)-8-benzyl-6-methoxy-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2m)

Brown oil, 64 mg, 43% yield, 83% ee. Analytical data for **2m**:  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -92.4$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 83% ee); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.48 (AB, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (BA, *J*<sub>BA</sub> = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.07-4.02 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.67-3.61 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.33 (brs, 1H), 2.32-2.27 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.5, 152.2, 138.3, 128.9, 127.7, 127.5, 124.7, 123.0, 104.2, 102.7, 93.5, 87.8, 67.7, 55.6, 49.2, 41.6; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3397, 2939, 1619, 1497, 1268, 1208, 1115, 1016, 946, 815, 697, 637; MS (ESI): 298 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 298.1438. Found: 298.1436. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 7.4 min, t (minor) = 8.9 min.



(3a*R*,8a*S*)-8-benzyl-7-methyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2n) Yellow solid, 100 mg, 71% yield, 89% ee. Analytical data for 2n:  $[α]_D^{26} = -107.4$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 89% ee); Mp = 75-77 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.29-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 4.75 (AB,  $J_{AB} = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.61 (BA,  $J_{BA} = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.95 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.59 (m, 1H), 2.43-2.35 (m, 2H), 2.28-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.8, 139.7, 133.5, 131.6, 128.6, 127.0, 126.8, 121.9, 119.7, 119.4, 104.9, 87.2, 67.0, 52.0, 41.2, 19.1; IR (film):  $v_{max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3359, 2870, 1603, 1464, 1308, 1220, 1001, 951, 781, 747, 725, 694; MS (ESI): 282 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 282.1489. Found: 282.1488. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, t (major) = 9.0 min, t (minor) = 12.8 min.



## (3a*R*,8a*S*)-8-benzyl-8a-methyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (20)

Yellow solid, 100 mg, 71% yield, 48% ee. Analytical data for **20**:  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -41.0$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 48% ee); Mp = 73-76 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.03 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (AB, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (BA, *J*<sub>BA</sub> = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.90-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.49-3.42 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.32 (m, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.4, 139.3, 130.3, 129.6, 128.5, 126.8, 126.7, 123.7, 117.7, 106.2, 104.2, 87.8, 65.0, 46.4, 41.4, 19.9; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3418, 1607, 1483, 1349,

1294, 1133, 1096, 1040, 1019, 922, 732; MS (ESI): 282  $[M+1]^+$ ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>  $[M+1]^+$ : 282.1489. Found: 282.1487. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 5.8 min, t (minor) = 9.6 min.



(3aR,8aS)-8a-phenyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2p)

Yellow oil, 113 mg, 89% yield, 85% ee. Analytical data for  $2\mathbf{p}$ :  $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -119.8$  (c = 0.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 85% ee); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.53-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (brs, 1H), 4.21-4.15 (m, 1H), 3.79-3.65 (m, 1H), 2.43-2.38 (m, 2H), 1.64 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.2, 139.0, 130.1, 129.2, 128.5, 128.2, 126.8, 124.6, 119.2, 108.5, 104.7, 89.8, 65.9, 40.8; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3359, 3030, 2872, 1608, 1488, 1355, 1316, 1259, 1160, 1076, 1011, 942, 796, 742, 696; MS (ESI): 254 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 254.1176. Found: 254.1175. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Phenomenex Lux Cellulose-4, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 12.2 min, t (minor) = 9.3 min.



## (3a*R*,8a*S*)-8-benzyl-8a-phenyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2q)

Pale yellow solid, 128 mg, 75% yield, 75% ee. Analytical data for  $2\mathbf{q}$ :  $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -46.1$ (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 75% ee); Mp = 108-110 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.19 (m, 9H), 7.10 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31-4.17 (m, 3H), 3.86-3.79 (m, 1H), 2.47-2.43 (m, 2H), 1.58 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.6, 138.7, 137.3, 128.6, 128.6, 128.3, 127.2, 126.7, 118.2, 109.1, 106.7, 89.2, 65.9, 48.8, 41.4; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3499, 2969, 2330, 1609, 1489, 1447, 1357, 1125, 1026, 967, 886, 805, 734, 700, 649; MS (ESI): 344 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 344.1465. Found: 344.1467. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 14.1 min, t (minor) = 13.0 min.



(3aR,8aS)-8-(4-methylbenzyl)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2r)

Brown oil, 100 mg, 70% yield, 84% ee. Analytical data for **2r**:  $[\alpha]_D^{19} = -106.5$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 84% ee); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.22 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 4.40 (AB, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (BA, *J*<sub>BA</sub> = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.61 – 3.54 (m, 1H), 2.86 (s, 1H), 2.37 – 2.22 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.4, 136.7, 135.0, 130.3, 130.2, 129.2, 127.4, 123.8, 117.9, 106.3, 103.5, 87.8, 67.2, 48.8, 41.4, 21.1; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3381, 2867, 1609, 1488, 1316, 1159, 1115, 1011, 944, 805, 740, 627; MS (ESI): 282 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 282.1489. Found: 282.1490. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 10.2 min, t (minor) = 13.5 min.



(3aR,8aS)-8-(4-fluorobenzyl)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2s) Brown oil, 62 mg, 43% yield, 87% ee. Analytical data for 2s:  $[α]_D^{19} = -96.6$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 87% ee); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 4.47 (AB, *J<sub>AB</sub>* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (BA, *J<sub>BA</sub>* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08 – 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.68 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 2.49 – 2.31 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.9 (d, *J* = 243.7 Hz), 150.1, 133.7 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 130.2 (d, *J* = 26.5 Hz), 128.8 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 123.7, 118.1, 115.4, 115.2, 106.2, 103.5, 87.8, 67.2, 48.5, 41.2; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -115.74; IR (film):  $v_{max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3382, 2871, 1608, 1488, 1352, 1219, 1156, 1073, 1011, 944, 822, 742, 624; MS (ESI): 286 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 286.1238. Found: 286.1239. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 12.1 min, t (minor) = 9.4 min.



## (3aR,8aS)-8-(4-methoxybenzyl)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2t)

Brown oil, 96 mg, 64% yield, 84% ee. Analytical data for **2t**:  $[\alpha]_D^{16} = -116.3$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 84% ee); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 4.44 (AB, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (BA, *J*<sub>BA</sub> = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 2.47 – 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.34 – 2.28 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.7, 150.3, 130.3, 130.1, 130.0, 128.6, 123.8, 117.9, 113.9, 106.3, 103.4, 87.8, 67.2, 55.2, 48.4, 41.3; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3372, 2933, 1609, 1488, 1354, 1243, 1173, 1011, 943, 817, 742, 625; MS (ESI): 298 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 298.1438. Found: 298.1445. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 17.5 min, t (minor) = 23.1 min. S<sup>22</sup>



(3aR,8aS)-8-(3-methylbenzyl)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-ol (2u)

Brown oil, 99 mg, 70% yield, 76% ee. Analytical data for **2u**:  $[\alpha]_D^{18}$  = -94.6 (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 76% ee); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.24 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 4.43 (AB, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (BA, *J*<sub>BA</sub> = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.02 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.64 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.67 (s, 1H), 2.41 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.30 – 2.25 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.4, 138.1, 138.1, 130.3, 130.1, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 124.4, 123.8, 117.9, 106.3, 103.5, 87.9, 67.2, 49.0, 41.4, 21.5; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3383, 2868, 1608, 1488, 1346, 1315, 1162, 1074, 1012, 942, 739, 694; MS (ESI): 282 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 282.1489. Found: 282.1491. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 10.4 min, t (minor) = 14.5 min.



(3aR,8aS)-8-(3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3aol (2v)

Brown oil, 91 mg, 55% yield, 66% ee. Analytical data for  $2\mathbf{v}$ :  $[\alpha]_D^{19} = -74.7$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 66% ee); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.25 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 4.43 (AB, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (BA, *J*<sub>BA</sub> = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.67 - 3.58 (m,

1H), 2.76 (s, 1H), 2.45 – 2.28 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.4, 149.1, 148.1, 130.6, 130.4, 130.1, 123.7, 119.5, 118.0, 111.0, 110.7, 106.4, 103.6, 88.0, 67.3, 55.9, 55.8, 49.2, 41.4; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3357, 2932, 1609, 1514, 1417, 1251, 1129, 1023, 944, 862, 809, 745, 653; MS (ESI): 328 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 328.1543. Found: 328.1549. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 27.3 min, t (minor) = 29.5 min.



(3aR,8aS)-8-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indol-3 a-ol (2w)

Brown oil, 100 mg, 56% yield, 39% ee. Analytical data for **2w**:  $[\alpha]_D^{18} = -40.5$  (c = 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 39% ee); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.26 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 2H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.43 (AB, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (BA, *J*<sub>BA</sub> = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.69 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 2.86 (s, 1H), 2.47 – 2.30 (m, 2H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.2, 150.2, 136.7, 134.0, 130.2, 130.1, 123.7, 118.0, 106.3, 104.0, 103.9, 87.7, 67.1, 60.7, 55.9, 49.9, 41.4; IR (film): v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3403, 2938, 1592, 1490, 1327, 1232, 1120, 1006, 910, 730, 622; MS (ESI): 358 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+1]<sup>+</sup>: 358.1649. Found: 358.1653. The enantiomeric excess was determined by Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t (major) = 30.7 min, t (minor) = 24.9 min.

## 3. Copies of <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the compounds

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## 4. Copies of HPLC analysis



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	RT (min)	Area (µV*sec)	% Area	Height (µ∨)	% Height	
1	10.179	8045499	93.56	480468	94.11	
2	11.317	554021	6.44	30067	5.89	

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	(min)	(µ√*sec)	70 Alca	(µ∨)	Height
1	8.637	1817465	92.83	128955	94.54
2	11.423	140421	7.17	7448	5.46







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	RT (min)	Area (µV*sec)	% Area	Height (µ∨)	% Height
1	16.730	15130959	93.87	487489	94.40
2	19.292	988745	6.13	28918	5.60





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	(min)	Area (µV*sec)	(µV*sec) % Area		% Height	
1	9.699	4053387	92.26	262765	93.19	
2	11.252	339903	7.74	19200	6.81	

















	(min)	(µ∨*sec)	% Area (µV)		Height	
1	9.330	573966	7.65	30413	12.79	
2	12.153	6927982	92.35	207446	87.21	











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R R	OH VO(acac) <sub>2</sub> (2 mol%) ligand <b>3a</b> (2.4 mol%) <i>t</i> BuOOH (1.5 equiv) toluene, T °C	HO	N H R	$ \begin{array}{c} & & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ H & & \\ $		
1		2	2			3a
entry	<b>1</b> , R	Т	time (h)	yield of	f <b>2</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	1c, Bn	0	12	2c	62	82
	<b>1c</b> , Bn	-10	24	2c	70	87
2	1d, 1-naphthyl	0	18	2d	79	80
	1d, 1-naphthyl	-10	24	2d	62	79
3	1r, 4-methylbenzyl	0	24	2r	70	84
	1r, 4-methylbenzyl	-10	24	2r	69	86
4	1s, 4-fluorobenzyl	0	24	2s	43	87
	1s, 4-fluorobenzyl	-10	24	<b>2s</b>	62	86
5	1t, 4-methoxybenzyl	0	24	2t	64	84
6	1u, 3-methylbenzyl	0	24	2u	70	76
7	1v, 3,4-dimethoxybenzyl	0	24	2v	56	66
8	<b>1w</b> , 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl	0	24	2w	56	39

## 5. Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions – more protecting groups

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction conditions: 0.5 mmol **1**, 2.0 mol% VO(acac)<sub>2</sub>, 2.4 mol% ligand **3a** and 0.75 mmol *t*BuOOH (70% wt aqueous solution) in toluene (1.0 mL) at 0 °C or -10 °C . <sup>*b*</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>*c*</sup> Determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H or Chiralcel OD-H ).

## 6. The gram-scale reaction

