## Convergent and Stereoselective Synthesis of Tetrahydroquinolines

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#### General experimental methods

All experiments were conducted under an atmosphere of nitrogen using anhydrous solvents unless otherwise stated. The racemic tetrahydroquinoline syntheses were carried out in 25 mL Schlenk tubes. The asymmetric tetrahydroquinoline syntheses were carried out in 25 mL round bottom flasks.

Sure seal toluene and DCM were purchased from Aldrich. Pinacol boronates were synthesised according to published procedures<sup>1</sup> or, in the case of 2-aminophenyl boronic acid pinacol ester and N-Boc-2-amino-phenylboronic acid pinacol ester, purchased from Alfa Aesar. N-Boc-2-amino-5-trifluoromethylphenylboronic acid pinacol ester was synthesised from the corresponding 2-amino-5trifluoromethylphenylboronic acid pinacol ester by reacting with di-tert-butyl dicarbonate. (R, R, S, S)- and (S, S, R, R)-Duanphos were purchased from Sigma Aldrich.  $[((R,R,S,S)-Duanphos)Rh(nbd)][BF_4]$  complex was supplied by Chiral Quest. All reagents were used without further purification.

Column chromatography was carried out using Fisher Matrix silica gel 60 or Biotage<sup>®</sup> SNAP KP-Sil flash cartridges. Ion-exchange chromatography was carried out using Biotage<sup>®</sup> ISOLUTE<sup>®</sup> SCX-2 columns. Glass-backed plates, pre-coated with silica gel 60 (UV<sub>254</sub>), were used for thin layer chromatography and were visualized by UV and staining either with anisaldehyde or KMnO<sub>4</sub>.

The chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra are reported in ppm relative to residual protic solvent as internal standards unless otherwise stated. Infra-red spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum One FT-IR spectrometer, with absorption reported in wavenumbers (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Optical rotations were measured on an Optical Activity AA-1000 polarimemter (using 10 cm cell) or a Jason P1030 polarimeter (using 0.2 mm or 2 mm cell) at the sodium D-line (589 nm) and are reported as follows:  $[\alpha]_D^T$ , concentration (c in g/100 mL, T in degrees Celsius) and solvent.

Diastereomeric ratios were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the purified products. The relative configuration of the products was determined by analysis of the coupling constants of  $H_3^{ax}$  proton; nOe studies were also performed for compounds **7f** and **7l**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Horn, J.; Marsden, S. P.; Nelson, A.; House, D.; Weingarten, G.G. Org. Lett. 2008, 10, 4117-4120.

The absolute configuration of compounds **7c** and **7l** was determined by comparison of their experimental and simulated vibrational circular dichroism spectra.<sup>2</sup> The experimental data was acquired using a BioTools Chiral*IR* VCD spectrometer. Molecular modelling was carried out using DGDZVP basis set at B3LYP level of theory and conformers were generated using MOE (MMFF94x forcefield). The calculated and experimental IR and VCD spectra were compared to determine the absolute configuration. Enantiomeric excesses were determined by chiral analytical HPLC by comparison with racemic standards.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> (a) Stephens, P. J. in *Computational Medicinal Chemistry for Drug Discovery*, eds. Bultinick, P.; de Winter, H.; Langenaeker, W.; Tollenare, J. P. Marcel Dekker, New York, 2004, pp 699-725; (b) Kuppens, T.; Bultinick, P.; Langenaeker, W. *Drug. Discov. Today Tech.* 2004, **1**, 269-275.

# General procedure A: Synthesis of tetrahydroquinolines from boronic acids

To a suspension of chloro(1,5-cyclooctadiene)rhodium(I) dimer (3.4 mg, 6.9  $\mu$ mol, 0.03 equiv), 2-aminophenylboronic acid (63 mg, 0.46 mmol, 2 equiv) and enone (0.23 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (1.2 mL, *ca* 0.19 M) under nitrogen was added 3.8 M aqueous potassium hydroxide solution (0.12 ml). The mixture was stirred vigorously at rt for 24 hr. To the mixture was added toluene (4 mL) and sodium triacetoxyborohydride (585 mg, 2.76 mmol, 12 equiv). The resulting suspension was stirred under nitrogen at rt until TLC indicated complete formation of the product. The reaction was then quenched with water (1 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with toluene (2 × 2 mL). The combined organic phases were concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product.

# General procedure B: Synthesis of tetrahydroquinolines from pinacolboronates

To a solution of chloro(1,5-cyclooctadiene)rhodium(I) dimer (6.8 mg, 13.8  $\mu$ mol, 0.06 equiv), pinacolboronate (0.46 mmol, 2 equiv) and enone (0.23 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (1.2 mL, *ca* 0.19 M) was added 3.8 M aqueous potassium hydroxide solution (150  $\mu$ l). The mixture was stirred vigorously at rt for 24 hr. To the mixture was added toluene (4 mL) and sodium triacetoxyborohydride (585 mg, 2.76 mmol, 12 equiv). The resulting suspension was stirred under nitrogen at rt until TLC indicated complete formation of the product. The reaction was then quenched with water (1 mL) and the aq. phase extracted with toluene (2 × 2 mL). The combined organic phases were concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which.

## General procedure C: Asymmetric synthesis of tetrahydroquinolines from pinacolboronates using a preformed catalyst

To a solution of  $[((R,R,S,S)-Duanphos)Rh(nbd)][BF_4]$  (19.9 mg, 30.0 µmol, 0.06 equiv), pinacolboronate (1.0 mmol, 2 equiv) and enone (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (1.3 mL, *ca* 0.38 M) was added 3.8 M aqueous potassium hydroxide solution (260 µl, 2 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at rt for 24 hr. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (20 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and then

concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was dissolved in DCM (1.6 mL) and TFA (0.8 mL, 10.7 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at rt for 30 min, Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (0.8 mL, 5.0 mmol) added, stirred for 2 hr, basified with 3.8 M aq. KOH (5 mL), and extracted with diethyl ether (30 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (10 mL), and extracted with 1 M aq. HCl ( $2 \times 10$  mL). The aqueous layer was basified with 2.5 M aq. KOH (15 mL) and then extracted with diethyl ether ( $5 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and then concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which was purified by flash column chromatography.

## General procedure D: Asymmetric synthesis of tetrahydroquinolines from pinacolboronates with in situ formation of the chiral catalyst

To a solution of chloro(norbornadiene)rhodium(I) dimer (6.9 mg, 15.0 µmol, 0.03 equiv), (*R*,*R*,*S*,*S*)- or (*S*,*S*,*R*,*R*)-Dunaphos (11.5 mg, 30.0 µmol, 0.06 equiv), pinacolboronate (1.0 mmol, 2 equiv) and enone (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (1.3 mL, *ca* 0.38 M) was added 3.8 M aqueous potassium hydroxide solution (260 µl, 2 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at rt for 24 hr. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (20 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The intermediate was dissolved in DCM (1.6 mL) and TFA (0.8 mL, 10.7 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at rt for 2 hr, basified with 3.8 M aq. KOH (5 mL), and extracted with diethyl ether (30 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (10 mL), and then extracted with 1 M aq. HCl (2 × 10 mL). The aqueous layer was basified with 2.5 M aq. KOH (15 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (5 × 10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and then concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which was purified by flash column chromatography.

#### Compound data

#### (2RS,4SR)-2-Methyl-4-pentyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, rac-7a



Novel compound. (Table 1, entry 1) Synthesis according to general procedure A using 0.23 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (9:1 petrol/ethyl acetate, column pre-conditioned with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N) to give 7a as a pale yellow oil (47 mg, yield 94%, d.r. = 88:12 cis:trans). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.15 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 6.96 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 6.47 (dd, J = 7.8 and 1.2 Hz, 1H, H<sub>8</sub>), 3.64 (br s, 1H, NH), 3.39 (dqd, J = 12.3, 6.4 and 2.3 Hz, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 2.83-2.93 (m, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 2.01 (ddd, J = 12.8, 5.9 and 2.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3</sub><sup>eq</sup>), 1.89-1.96 (m, 1H, 4-CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>), 1.26-1.54 (m, 8H, 3) pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>, 4-CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub> and H<sub>3</sub><sup>ax</sup>), 1.20 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H, 2-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.90 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H, pentyl-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 144.3 (C<sub>8a</sub>), 126.0 (C<sub>5</sub>), 125.5 (C<sub>7</sub>), 124.5 (C<sub>4a</sub>), 116.4 (C<sub>6</sub>), 113.3 (C<sub>8</sub>), 46.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 36.3 (C<sub>3</sub>), 34.5 (C<sub>4</sub>), 33.6 (alkyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.2 (alkyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.0 (alkyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.8 (2-Me), 21.7 (alkyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.1 (alkyl-CH<sub>3</sub>); ESI-HRMS for  $C_{15}H_{24}N$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): cald. 218.1903; found 218.1908; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3389 (br), 3020 (w), 2955 (m), 2926 (m), 2856 (m), 1605 (m), 1583 (m), 1483 (s), 1454 (m), 1376 (m), 1341 (m), 1306 (m), 1255 (m), 1168 (w), 1136 (w), 1043 (w), 970 (w), 927 (w), 843 (w), 743 (s). Diagnostic 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals for the trans isomer: 2.65-2.72 (m, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>).

#### (2R,4S)-2-Methyl-4-pentyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, 7a



Novel compound. (Table 3, entry 1) Asymmetric synthesis according to general procedure C using 0.5 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil, which

was purified by column chromatography (100% DCM) to give 7a as a yellow oil (82 mg, yield 76%, d.r. = 94:6 *cis:trans*),  $[\alpha]_D{}^{19}$  -36.1 (c = 1.94, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), spectroscopically identical to the racemic material obtained previously. The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral analytical HPLC analysis of the derivative S1.

## (3,5-Dinitrophenyl)((2*R*,4*S*)-2-methyl-4-pentyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2*H*)yl)methanone, S1



Novel compound. To a solution of 7a (20 mg, 0.09 mmol, 1 equiv) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (14  $\mu$ l, 0.10 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL, ca. 0.05M) was added 3.5-dinitrobenzovl chloride (23 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 4 h. The reaction was guenched with H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) and then extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2  $\times$  10 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified column chromatography (100% DCM) to give S1 as a yellow solid (32 mg, yield 78%, d.r. = >95:<5 cis:trans, ee = >98%). mp 101-104°C (CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 8.93$  (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1 H, ArH<sub>4</sub>), 8.30 (d, J =2.0 Hz, 2 H, ArH<sub>2</sub>), 7.36 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, H<sub>8</sub>), 7.19 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.90 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, H<sub>6</sub>), 6.43 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, H<sub>5</sub>), 4.86 - 4.80 (m, 1 H, H<sub>2</sub>), 2.72 -2.61 (m, 2 H, H<sub>3</sub>), 2.21 - 2.07 (m, 1 H. H<sub>4</sub>), 1.75 - 1.38 (m, 8 H, 4 pentyl CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.29  $(d, J = 6.4 \text{ Hz}, 3 \text{ H}, 2\text{-}C\text{H}_3), 0.97 (t, J = 4.0 \text{ Hz}, 3 \text{ H}, \text{pentyl CH}_3); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (75 \text{ MHz}, 3 \text{ H}, 2 \text{-}C\text{H}_3), 0.97 (t, J = 4.0 \text{ Hz}, 3 \text{ H}, 2 \text{-}C\text{H}_3); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (75 \text{ MHz}, 3 \text{ H}, 2 \text{-}C\text{H}_3), 0.97 (t, J = 4.0 \text{ Hz}, 3 \text{ H}, 2 \text{-}C\text{H}_3); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (75 \text{ MHz}, 3 \text{ H}, 2 \text{-}C\text{H}_3); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (75 \text{ MHz}, 3 \text{ H}, 2 \text{-}C\text{H}_3); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (75 \text{ MHz}, 3 \text{ H}, 2 \text{-}C\text{H}_3); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (75 \text{ MHz}, 3 \text{ H}, 2 \text{-}C\text{H}_3); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (75 \text{ MHz}, 3 \text{ H}, 2 \text{-}C\text{H}_3); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (75 \text{ MHz}, 3 \text{ H}, 2 \text{-}C\text{H}_3); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (75 \text{ MHz}, 3 \text{-}C\text{H}_3); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (75 \text{-}C\text{H}_3); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{-}C\text{H}_3); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (75 \text{-}C\text{H}_3); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{-}C\text{H}_3); {}^{13$ CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 164.6 (C=O), 148.3 (q), 140.2 (q), 137.0 (q), 129.3 (2C, CH), 127.5 (q), 127.2 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 124.8 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 51.5 (CH), 39.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.9 (CH), 32.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); ESI-HRMS for C<sub>22</sub>H26N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub> ( $[M+H]^+$ ): cald. 412.1867; found 412.1861;  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  +39.13 (c = 0.23, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC: CHIRALPAK® AS-RH 250 mm x 4.6 mm, detection wavelength = 230 nm, 60% to 100% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O over 30 min, 1 mL/min)  $t_1 = 25.1$  min (minor),  $t_2 =$ 27.3 min (major). IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3090 (w), 2961 (w), 2923 (m), 2857 (w), 1644 (s), 1584 (w), 1539 (s), 1490 (m), 1457 (m), 1396 (m), 1339 (s), 1293 (w), 1193 (w), 1151 (w), 1128 (w), 1111 (m), 958 (w), 911 (m), 826 (w), 763 (m), 715 (s), 677 (m). Signals corresponding to the *trans* isomer were not observed in the 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum.

#### 2-Phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, 7b



Known compound.<sup>3</sup> (Table 1, entry 2) Synthesis according to general procedure **A** using 0.23 mmol of enone gave crude product as a black oil, which was purified by column chromatography (gradient of pure cyclohexane to 20% ethyl acetate within 15 column volumes, column pre-conditioned with 1%  $Et_3N$ ) followed by acidic ion-exchange chromatography on an Isolute SPX-cartridge (washing with dichloromethane and MeOH, elution with 2N NH<sub>3</sub> in MeOH) to give **7b** as yellow oil (16 mg, yield 33%).

(Table 2, entry 2) Synthesis according to general procedure **B** using 0.23 mmol of enone gave crude product as a black oil, which was purified by column chromatography (gradient of pure cyclohexane to 20% ethyl acetate within 15 column volumes, column pre-conditioned with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N) followed by acidic ion-exchange chromatography on an Isolute SPX-cartridge (washing with dichloromethane and MeOH, elution with 2N NH<sub>3</sub> in MeOH) to give **7b** as yellow oil (37 mg, yield 77%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.29-7.40 (m, 5H, 2-Ph), 6.95-7.04 (m, 2H, H<sub>7</sub> and H<sub>5</sub>), 6.64 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 6.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>8</sub>), 4.43 (dd, *J* = 9.4 and 3.3, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 4.01 (br s, 1H, NH), 2.92 (m, 1H, H<sub>4B</sub>), 2.73 (dt, *J* = 16.4 and 4.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>4A</sub>), 2.08-2.14 (m, 1H, H<sub>3B</sub>), 1.96-2.03 (m, 1H, H<sub>3A</sub>); UPLC/MS (BEH C18 column, I.D. 50 mm x 2.1 mm, 1.7 µm, 40 °C, 1% 10 mM NH<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O adjusted to pH 10 with NH<sub>4</sub>OH to 100% MeCN over 2 min) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N ([M]<sup>+</sup>): cald. 210.13; found 210.14; t<sub>1</sub> = 1.35 min.

#### (2RS,4SR)-2,4-Diphenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, rac-7c

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pitts, M. R.; Harrison, J. R.; Moody, C. J. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1, 2001, 955-977.



Known compound.<sup>4</sup> (Table 1, entry 3) Synthesis according to general procedure **A** using 0.23 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (9:1 petrol/ethyl acetate, column pre-conditioned with 1% NEt<sub>3</sub>) to give **7c** as colourless crystals (63 mg, yield 96%, dr = >95:<5 *cis:trans*).

(Table 2, entry 1) Synthesis according to general procedure **B** using 0.23 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (9:1 petrol/ethyl acetate, column pre-conditioned with 1% NEt<sub>3</sub>) to give **7c** as colourless crystals (62 mg, yield 95%, dr = >95:<5 *cis:trans*).

mp 86 °C (from hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.43-7.47 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.19-7.38 (m, 8H, Ph-H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 6.62-6.66 (m, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.53-6.58 (m, 2H, H<sub>8</sub> and H<sub>6</sub>), 4.60 (dd, J = 10.6 and 3.2 Hz, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 4.31 (dd, J = 11.8and 5.9 Hz, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 4.06 (s, 1H, NH), 2.29 (ddd, J = 13.1, 6.1 and 3.3 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3</sub><sup>eq</sup>), 2.22 (q, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3</sub><sup>ax</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 145.5 (C<sub>Ph</sub>), 145.3 (C<sub>Ph</sub>), 143.9 (C<sub>8a</sub>), 129.7 (C<sub>7</sub>), 128.7 (2C, C<sub>Ph</sub>), 128.5 (C<sub>Ph</sub>), 127.7 (C<sub>Ph</sub>), 127.2 (C<sub>5</sub>), 126.6 (C<sub>Ph</sub>), 126.5 (C<sub>Ph</sub>), 124.7 (C<sub>4a</sub>), 117.6 (C<sub>6</sub>), 114.3 (C<sub>8</sub>), 57.3 (C<sub>2</sub>), 45.0 (C<sub>4</sub>), 42.1 (C<sub>3</sub>); ESI-HRMS for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): cald. 286.1590; found 286.1597; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3379 (br), 3058 (w), 3025 (w), 2949, (w), 2918 (w), 2854 (w), 1603 (m), 1584 (m), 1477 (s), 1453 (m), 1312 (m), 1254 (m), 1172 (w), 1156 (w), 1107 (m), 1078 (m), 1029 (m), 908 (w), 803 (w), 747 (s), 698 (s). Signals corresponding to the *trans* isomer were not observed in the 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum.

#### (2S,4R)-2,4-Diphenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, 7c



(Table 3, entry 2) Asymmetric synthesis according to general procedure C using 0.5 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (100% DCM) to give 7c as a yellow solid (85 mg, yield 60%, dr = >95:<5 *cis:trans*, ee = >98 %).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> no NMR data reported in the literature

(Table 3, entry 8) Asymmetric synthesis according to general procedure **D** using 0.5 mmol of enone and (*R*,*R*,*S*,*S*)-Duanphos gave the crude product as a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (100% DCM) to give **7c** as a yellow solid (115 mg, yield 81%, >95:<5 *cis:trans*, ee = >98 %),  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  +102.8 (c = 0.24, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), spectroscopically identical in both cases to the racemic material obtained previously. HPLC: CHIRALPAK® AS-RH 250 mm x 4.6 mm, detection wavelength = 210 nm, 80% to 100% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O over 30 min, 1 mL/min) t<sub>1</sub> = 15.7 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 16.9 min (major); also resolved on CHIRALPAK® AD 250 mm x 4.6 mm, detection wavelength = 215 nm, 10% EtOH/ heptane, 1 mL/min) t<sub>1</sub> = 5.6 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 7.3 min (minor). The absolute configuration of the product was determined by VCD analysis.

#### (2R,4S)-2,4-Diphenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, ent-7c



The enantiomeric tetrahydroquinoline *ent*-7c was prepared for the use in VCD analysis according to general procedure **D** using 0.5 mmol of enone and (*S*,*S*,*R*,*R*)-Duanphos to give a crude product as a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (100% DCM) to give *ent*-7c as a colourless solid (111 mg, yield 78%, d.r. = >95:<5 *cis:trans*, ee = >98 %),  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -111.2 (c = 0.52, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), spectroscopically identical to the racemic material previously obtained. HPLC: CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> AD 250 mm x 4.6 mm, detection wavelength = 215 nm, 10% EtOH/ heptane, 1 mL/min) t<sub>1</sub> = 5.6 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 7.3 min (major).

#### (2RS,4SR)-2,4-Dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, rac-7d



Known compound.<sup>5</sup> (Table 1, entry 4) Synthesis according to general procedure **A** using 0.23 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (9:1 petrol/ethyl acetate, column pre-conditioned with 1% <sup>5</sup> Shaw, J. E.; Stapp, P.R. *J. Het. Chem.* **1987**, *24*, 1477-1483.

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Et<sub>3</sub>N) to give **7d** as yellow oil (20 mg, yield 54%, d.r. = 88:12 *cis:trans*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 7.13 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 6.96 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.65 (td, J = 7.4 and 1.3 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 6.46 (dd, J = 7.9 and 1.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>8</sub>), 3.66 (br s, 1H, NH), 3.46 (dqd, J = 11.0, 6.4 and 2.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 2.88-3.03 (m, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 1.93 (ddd, J = 12.8, 5.4 and 2.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3</sub><sup>eq</sup>), 1.34 (dt, J = 12.0 and 11.3 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3</sub><sup>ax</sup>), 1.31 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, 4-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.19 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H, 2-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 143.6 (C<sub>8a</sub>), 125.7 (2C, C<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>7</sub>), 125.3 (C<sub>4a</sub>), 116.3 (C<sub>6</sub>), 113.0 (C<sub>8</sub>), 46.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 39.6 (C<sub>3</sub>), 29.8 (C<sub>4</sub>), 21.7 (2-Me), 19.3 (4-Me); ESI-HRMS for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): cald. 162.1277; found 162.1270; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3422 (br), 2979 (m), 1675 (w), 1605 (w), 1472 (m), 1448 (m), 1371 (s), 1340 (m), 1271 (w), 1142 (s), 1008 (w), 982 (w), 949 (s), 833 (m), 851 (m), 828 (m), 747(w), 672 (m). Diagnostic signals for the *trans* isomer in the 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum: 1.63-1.67 (m, 2H, H<sub>3</sub><sup>eq+ax</sup>), 1.26 (d, J = 7.2Hz, 3H, 4-Me); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 143.0 (C<sub>8a</sub>), 128.1 (C<sub>5</sub>), 116.0 (C<sub>6</sub>), 113.1 (C<sub>8</sub>), 41.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 36.1 (C<sub>3</sub>), 29.1 (C<sub>4</sub>), 28.7 (2-Me), 23.7 (4-Me).



Novel compound. (Table 1, entry 5) Synthesis according to general procedure A using 0.23 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (8:1 petrol/ethyl acetate, column pre-conditioned with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N) to give **7e** as yellow oil, that crystallised eventually (53 mg, yield 91%, d.r. = 95:5 *cis:trans*). mp 76°C (hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,)  $\delta$ : 7.13 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, MeOPh-H<sub>2</sub>), 6.96 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 6.86 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, MeOPh-H<sub>3</sub>), 6.57-6.61 (m, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.48-6.53 (m, 2H, H<sub>8</sub> and H<sub>6</sub>), 4.09 (dd, J = 12.5 and 5.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.77 (br s, 1H, NH), 3.60 (dqd, J = 12.3, 6.1 and 2.3 Hz, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 2.10 (ddd, J = 12.9, 5.4 and 2.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3</sub><sup>eq</sup>), 1.80 (q, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3</sub><sup>ax</sup>), 1.22 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, 2-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 157.1 (MeOPh-C<sub>4</sub>), 144.2 (C<sub>8a</sub>), 136.9 (MeOPh-C<sub>1</sub>), 128.6 (2C, C<sub>7</sub> and MeOPh-C<sub>2</sub>), 126.0 (C<sub>5</sub>), 124.2 (C<sub>4a</sub>), 116.3 (C<sub>6</sub>), 113.0 (C<sub>8</sub>), 112.9 (MeOPh-C<sub>3</sub>), 54.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 46.7 (C<sub>2</sub>), 42.7 (C<sub>4</sub>),

40.3 (C<sub>3</sub>), 21.6 (2-CH<sub>3</sub>); ESI-HRMS for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): cald. 254.1539; found 254.1529; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3427 (br), 2980 (m), 1670 (s), 1512 (m), 1453 (m), 1359 (m), 1254 (m), 1200 (s), 1180 (s), 1139 (s), 1034 (m), 833 (m), 798 (w), 751 (w), 722 (w). Diagnostic signals for the *trans* isomer in the 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum: 3.25-3.33 (m, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 1.88-1.92 (m, 2H, H<sub>3</sub><sup>eq+ax</sup>).

## *(2RS,4SR)*-2-(1-Methyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2,3,4tetrahydroquinoline, *rac*-7f



Novel compound. (Table 1, entry 6) Synthesis according to general procedure A using 0.23 mmol of enone gave the crude product as an orange oil, which was purified by column chromatography (7:1 petrol/ethyl acetate, column pre-conditioned with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N) to give **7f** as a yellow oil (61 mg, yield 80%, d.r. = >95:<5 *cis:trans*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(300 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta$ : 8.18 (d,  $J = 8.7 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}, \text{NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-H}_3)$ , 7.41 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, 2H, 2H, 3H, 3NO<sub>2</sub> C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.02 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>), 6.50-6.61 (m, 4H, pyrrol-H, C<sub>8</sub>, C<sub>6</sub> and  $C_7$ ), 6.17 (dd, J = 3.6 and 1.8 Hz, 1H, pyrrol-H), 6.17-6.10 (m, 1H, pyrrol-H), 4.69  $(dd, J = 11.0 and 2.6 Hz, 1H, H_2), 4.43 (dd, J = 12.0 and 5.9 Hz, 1H, H_4), 4.02 (br s, 1H, H_2), 4.02 (br s, 1H, H_2), 4.03 (br$ 1H, NH), 3.70 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.35 (ddd, J = 12.8, 5.6 and 2.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3ea</sub>), 2.24 (q, J =12.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3ax</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 153.3 (NO<sub>2</sub>Ph-C<sub>4</sub>), 146.8 (C<sub>pytrol-2</sub>) or C<sub>8</sub>), 145.0 (C<sub>pvrrol-2</sub> or C<sub>8</sub>), 133.4 (NO<sub>2</sub>Ph-C<sub>1</sub>), 129.5 ((NO<sub>2</sub>Ph-C<sub>2</sub>), 127.8 (C<sub>5</sub>), 123.9 (NO<sub>2</sub>Ph-C<sub>3</sub>), 122.9 (2C, C<sub>7</sub> and C<sub>pvrrol</sub>), 118.0 (C<sub>6</sub>), 114.9 (C<sub>8</sub>), 107.2 (C<sub>pvrrol</sub>), 106.3 (C<sub>pvrrol</sub>), 49.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 44.8 (C<sub>4</sub>), 39.4 (C<sub>3</sub>), 34.1 (NCH<sub>3</sub>); ESI-HRMS for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): cald. 334.1550; found 334.1535. IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3301 (br), 2928 (w), 1717 (w), 1649 (m), 1602 (m), 1517 (s), 1405 (m), 1343 (s), 1158 (s), 1065 (w), 987 (w), 846 (m), 746 (m), 697 (w). Minor trans-isomer was not observed.

#### (2RS,4RS)-4-Pentyl-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, rac-7g



Novel compound. (Table 2, entry 3) Synthesis according to general procedure **B** using 0.23 mmol of enone at 50 °C gave the crude product as a black oil, which was purified by column chromatography (gradient of pure cyclohexane to 10% ethyl acetate within 15 column volumes, column pre-conditioned with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N) to give 7g as a yellow oil (61 mg, yield 76%, d.r. = 95:5 cis:trans). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,)  $\delta$ : 7.28-7.46 (m, 5H, Ph), 7.20 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 7.00 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.71 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 6.54 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>8</sub>), 4.41 (dd, J = 11.2 and 2.7 Hz, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 3.94 (br s, 1H, NH), 3.01-3.08 (m, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 2.19 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 5.6 and 2.5 Hz, 1H,  $H_{3eq}$ ), 1.93-2.05 (m, 1H, 4-CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>), 1.72 (dt, J = 12.6 and 11.6 Hz, 1H,  $H_{3^{ax}}$ ), 1.26-1.56 (m, 7H, 3 pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub> and 4-CH<sub>4</sub>H<sub>B</sub>), 0.88 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, pentyl-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 145.4 (PhC<sub>1</sub> or C<sub>8a</sub>), 144.7 (C<sub>8a</sub> or PhC<sub>1</sub>), 128.7 (Ph), 127.6 (Ph), 127.0 (C<sub>5</sub>), 126.7 (2C, C<sub>7</sub> and Ph), 125.3 (C<sub>4a</sub>), 117.7 (C<sub>6</sub>), 114.5 (C<sub>8</sub>), 57.1 (C<sub>2</sub>), 38.5 (C<sub>3</sub>), 36.0 (C<sub>4</sub>), 34.5 (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.3 (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.1 (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.7 (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (pentyl-CH<sub>3</sub>); LC-ESI-HRMS for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): cald 280.2065; found 280.2052; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3406 (br), 2980 (m), 1673 (m), 1473 (m), 1447 (m), 1372 (m), 1340 (m), 1140 (s), 1008(m), 982 (m), 949 (m), 883 (m), 829 (m), 673 (m).

#### (2S,4S)-4-Pentyl-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, 7g



(Table 3, entry 9) Asymmetric synthesis according to general procedure **D** using 0.5 mmol of enone and (*R*,*R*,*S*,*S*)-Duanphos gave the crude product as a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (10% 40-60 petrol in DCM) to give **7g** as a yellow oil (86 mg, yield 62%, d.r. = >95:<5 *cis:trans*, ee = 87%);  $[\alpha]_D^{19}$ -123.3 (c = 1.52, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); HPLC: CHIRALCEL® 250 mm x 4.6 mm, detection wavelength =

215 nm, 1% EtOH/heptane, 0.5 mL/min)  $t_1 = 10.8 \text{ min (major)}, t_2 = 12.2 \text{ min (minor)}.$ Spectroscopically identical to the racemic material obtained previously. Minor *trans*-isomer was not observed.

(2*RS*,4*SR*)-4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(thiophen-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, *rac*-7h



Novel compound. (Table 2, entry 4) Synthesis according to general procedure **B** using 0.23 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a black oil, which was purified by column chromatography (gradient of pure cyclohexane to 10% ethyl acetate within 15 column volumes, column pre-conditioned with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N) to give 7h as a yellow solid (61 mg, yield 81%, d.r. = >95:<5 *cis:trans*). mp 118-122°C (DCM); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,)  $\delta$ : 7.27-7.33 (m, 4H, ClPh-H<sub>3</sub>, thienyl-H<sub>2</sub> and thienyl-H<sub>4 or 5</sub>), 7.17 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, ClPh- H<sub>2</sub>), 7.15 (dd, J = 4.8 and 1.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 7.02 (m, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.56-6.61 (m, 3H, H<sub>8</sub>, H<sub>6</sub> and thienyl- H<sub>4 or 5</sub>), 4.73 (dd, J = 11.2 and 2.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 4.28 (dd, J = 12.3 and 5.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 4.10 (br s, 1H, NH), 2.31 (ddd, J = 12.8, 5.6 and 2.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3</sub><sup>eq</sup>), 2.17 (q, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3</sub><sup>ax</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 145.1 (ClPh-C<sub>4</sub>), 144.9 (ClPh-C<sub>1</sub>), 143.9 (C<sub>8a</sub>), 132.2 (C<sub>thienvl-1</sub>), 130.0 (ClPh-C<sub>3</sub>), 129.6 (C<sub>thienvl</sub>), 128.7 (ClPh-C<sub>2</sub>), 127.5 (C<sub>7</sub>), 126.3 (C<sub>Thienvl</sub> or C<sub>5</sub>), 126.0 (C<sub>Thienvl</sub> or C<sub>5</sub>), 124.2 (C<sub>4a</sub>), 121.0 (C<sub>thienvl</sub>), 117.9 (C<sub>6</sub>), 114.5 (C<sub>8</sub>), 52.8 (C<sub>2</sub>), 44.2 (C<sub>4</sub>), 41.4 (C<sub>3</sub>); LC-ESI-HRMS for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>CINS ([M-H]<sup>+</sup>): cald. 324.0614; found 324.0602. IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3383 (br), 3016 (w), 2962 (w), 2926 (w), 2867 (w), 1600 (m), 1580 (m), 1472 (s), 1426 (m), 1308 (m), 1293 (m), 1248 (m), 1186 (w) 1087 (m), 1013 (m), 964 (w), 936 (w), 885 (w), 832 (s), 789 (s), 750 (s). Signals corresponding to the trans isomer were not observed in the 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>N NMR spectrum. The relative configuration was determined by nOe analysis.

#### (2S,4R)-4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(thiophen-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, 7h



(Table 3, entry 3) Asymmetric synthesis according to general procedure C using 0.43 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (100% DCM) to give **7h** as a yellow solid (62 mg, yield 45%, >95:<5 *cis:trans*),  $[\alpha]_D^{19}$  +78.60 (c = 0.70, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), spectroscopically identical to the racemic material obtained previously. The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral analytical HPLC analysis of the derivative **S2**.

## ((2*S*,4*R*)-4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(thiophen-3-yl)-3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2*H*)-yl)(3,5-dinitrophenyl)methanone, S2



Novel compound. To a solution of **7h** (10 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 equiv) and triethylamine (4  $\mu$ l, 0.03 mmol, 1 equiv) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 ml, ca. 0.02M) was added 3,5-dinitrobenzoyl chloride (7 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 15 min. The reaction was quenched with 2.5 M aq. KOH (2 mL) and then extracted with DCM (2 x 10 mL), washed with brine (10 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified column chromatography (25% to 100% DCM in petrol) to give **S2** as a yellow oil (12 mg, yield 77%, d.r. = >95:<5 *cis:trans*, ee = >98%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.96 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1 H, 3,5- NO<sub>2</sub>Ph-H<sub>4</sub>), 8.34 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2 H, 3,5-NO<sub>2</sub>Ph-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2 H, ClPh-H<sub>3</sub>), 7.33 - 7.25 (m, 3 H ClPh-H<sub>2</sub> and thienyl-H<sub>4 or 5</sub>), 7.21 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1 H, thienyl-H<sub>2</sub>), 7.14 - 7.07 (m, 1 H, H<sub>8</sub>), 6.99 - 6.89 (m, 2 H, H<sub>5</sub> and thienyl-H<sub>4 or 5</sub>), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.55 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, H<sub>6</sub>), 5.98 (t, *J* =

9.0 Hz, 1 H, H<sub>2</sub>), 4.12 (dd, J = 3.1, 12.8 Hz, 1 H, H<sub>4</sub>), 2.98 (ddd, J = 3.7, 9.0, 13.0 Hz, 1 H, H<sub>3eq</sub>), 2.25 (td, J = 7.8, 13.0 Hz 1 H, H<sub>3ax</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 148.0$  (q), 142.7 (q), 139.3 (q), 139.2 (q), 137.7 (q), 136.6 (q), 133.5 (q), 130.1 (Ar ), 129.2 (Ar), 128.9 (Ar), 127.3 (q), 127.2 (Ar), 126.6 (Ar), 126.6 (Ar), 125.8 (Ar), 12 2.1 (q), 121.9 (Ar), 119.9 (Ar), 53.4 (CH), 42.3 (CH), 41.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), C=O signal not observed due to low intensity. ESI-HRMS for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>58</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): cald. 520.0728; found 520.0750;  $[\alpha]_D^{19}$  +60.00 (c = 0.50, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC: CHIRALPAK® AD-RH 250 mm x 4.6 mm, detection wavelength = 210 nm, 93% to 97% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O over 30 min, 1 mL/min) t<sub>1</sub> = 12.5 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 17.2 min (minor). IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3400 (w), 3103 (w), 2961 (w), 2924 (w), 2865 (w), 1721 (m), 1630 (s), 1539 (s), 1484 (s), 1339 (s), 1256 (s), 1091 (s), 1015 (s), 923 (w), 833 (w), 793 (s), 723 (s). Signals corresponding to the *trans* isomer were not observed in the 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum.

#### (2RS,4RS)-2-Methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, rac-7i



Known compound.<sup>6</sup> (Table 2, entry 5) Synthesis according to general procedure **B** using 1 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil which was purified by column chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in petrol) to give **7i** as a colourless oil (202 mg, yield 91%, d.r. = >95:<5 cis:trans). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.20-7.34 (m, 5H, Ph), 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 6.48-6.59 (m, 3H, H<sub>6</sub>, H<sub>7</sub> and H<sub>8</sub>), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 5.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 3.77 (br s, 1H, NH), 3.60 (ddt, *J* = 2.7, 6.3, 12.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 2.12 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 5.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3eq</sub>), 1.83 (q, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3ax</sub>), 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 144.9 (C<sub>8a</sub>), 144.3 (C<sub>ph</sub>), 128.7 (Ar), 127.7 (Ar), 127.5 (Ar), 126.1 (Ar), 125.4 (Ar), 123.9 (q), 116.3 (Ar), 113.0 (Ar), 46.7 (CH), 43.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.2 (CH), 21.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); ESIHRMS for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N ([M+H]): calcd. 224.1434; found 224.1439); IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3389 (br), 3025 (w), 2961 (w), 2859 (w), 1721 (w), 1603 (m), 1484 (s), 1451 (s), 1377 (w), 1339 (w), 1310 (m), 1256 (m), 1163 (w), 1121 (w), 1099 (w), 1062 (w), 1029 (w), 908 (m), 867 (w),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> no NMR data reported in the literature

846 (w), 746 (s), 731 (s), 698 (s). Signals corresponding to the *trans* isomer were not observed in the 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum.

#### (2R,4R)-2-Methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, 7i



Asymmetric synthesis according to general procedure C using 0.5 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil which was purified by column chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in petrol) to give 7i as a colourless oil (72 mg, yield 65%, dr = >95:<5 *cis:trans*, ee = >98%),  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  +3.92 (c = 0.51, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), spectroscopically identical to the racemic material obtained previously. HPLC (CHIRALPAK® AD-RH 250 mm x 4.6 mm, detection wavelength = 210 nm, 65% to 70% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O over 30 min, 1 mL/min) t<sub>1</sub> = 21.8 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 23.9 min (major).

#### (2RS,4SR)-2,6-Dimethyl-4-pentyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, rac-7j



Novel compound. (Table 2, entry 6) Synthesis according to general procedure **B** using 0.23 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (12:1 petrol/ethyl acetate, column pre-conditioned with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N) to give **7j** as a brownish oil (37 mg, yield 70%, 90:10 *cis:trans*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 6.96 (s, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.41 (d, *J* = 8.2, 1H, H<sub>8</sub>), 3.52 (br s, 1H, NH), 3.34 (dqd, *J* = 12.5, 6.4 and 2.3 Hz, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 2.80-2.91 (m, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 2.22 (s, 3H, 6-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.01 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 6.0 and 2.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3</sub><sup>eq</sup>), 1.87-1.96 (m, 1H, 4-CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>), 1.23-1.57 (m, 8H, 3 pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>3</sub><sup>ax</sup> and 4-CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H, 2-Me), 0.90 (*J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H, pentyl-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 134.0 (C<sub>8a</sub>), 127.6 (C<sub>5</sub>), 127.0 (C<sub>7</sub>), 126.6 (C<sub>4a</sub> or C<sub>6</sub>), 125.7 (C<sub>4a</sub> or C<sub>6</sub>), 114.5 (C<sub>8</sub>), 47.6 (C<sub>2</sub>), 37.6 (C<sub>3</sub>), 35.5 (C<sub>4</sub>), 34.9 (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.2 (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.1 (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.9 (2-CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.7 (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.7 (6-Me), 14.1 (pentyl-CH<sub>3</sub>); ESI-HRMS for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): cald. 232.2060; found 232.2063; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3391 (br),

3018 (w), 2954 (m), 2921 (m), 1609 (m), 1581 (m), 1485 (s), 1455 (m), 1377 (m), 1341 (m), 1307 (m), 1251 (m), 1168 (w), 1132 (w), 1043 (w), 971 (w), 933 (w), 740 (s). Signals of the *trans*-isomer visible at <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.13 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 2.60-2.69 (m, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 1.76-1.82 (m, 2H, H<sub>3ax+eq</sub>).

## *(2RS,4SR)-2-*Methyl-4-pentyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, *rac-*7k



Novel compound. (Table 2, entry 7) Synthesis according to general procedure **B** using 0.23 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a black oil, which was purified by column chromatography (gradient of pure cyclohexane to 5% ethyl acetate within 15 column volumes, column pre-conditioned with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N) to give 7k as a colourless oil (48 mg, yield 73%, 90:10 *cis:trans*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.21 (d, J = 8.1Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 6.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 6.67 (s, 1H, H<sub>8</sub>), 3.83 (br s, 1H, NH), 3.43  $(dqd, J = 12.4, 6.3 and 2.5 Hz, 1H, H_2), 2.83-2.93 (m, 1H, H_{3ax}), 2.03 (ddd, J = 12.8)$ 5.4 and 2.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3ea</sub>), 1.90-1.99 (m, 1H, 4-CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>), 1.27-1.56 (m, 8H, 3 pentyl- $CH_2$ ,  $H_3^{ax}$  and  $4-CH_4H_B$ ), 1.22 (d, J=6.1 Hz, 3H, 2-Me), 0.91 (t, J=6.6 Hz, 3H, pentyl-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 146.9 (C<sub>8a</sub>), 129.4 (m, C<sub>7</sub>), 129.2 (m, CF<sub>3</sub>), 127.6 (C<sub>5</sub>), 126.1 (C<sub>4a</sub>), 113.8 (q, J 4.0, C<sub>6</sub>), 110.7 q, J 4.0, C<sub>8</sub>), 47.8 (C<sub>2</sub>), 36.9 (C<sub>3</sub>), 35.9 (C<sub>4</sub>), 34.5 (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.6 (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.3 (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.1 (2C, (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.5 (pentyl-CH<sub>3</sub>); LC-ESI-HRMS for  $C_{16}H_{23}NF_3$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): cald. 286.1783; found 286.1779. IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3414 (br), 2958 (w), 2930 (w), 2859 (w), 1782 (w), 1619 (w), 1583 (w), 1485 (m), 1453 (w), 1325 (s), 1244 (w), 1163 (s), 1115 (s), 1378 (s), 979 (m), 947 (w), 903 (w), 861 (m), 807 (m), 723 (w), 665 (w). Signals of the *trans*-isomer visible at  $\delta$ : 7.04 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 6.80 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 2.70-2.76 (m, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 1.81-1.86 (m, 2H, H<sub>3eq+ax</sub>).

#### (2R,4S)-2-Methyl-4-pentyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, 7k



(Table 3, entry 6) Asymmetric synthesis according to general procedure C using 0.5 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (gradient of 10% to 33% DCM in 40-60 petrol) to give 7k as a yellow oil (103 mg, yield 72%, >95:<5 *cis:trans*, ee = >98%),  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -34.62 (c = 0.39, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), spectroscopically identical to the racemic material obtained previously. HPLC (CHIRALPAK® AS-RH, detection wavelength = 210 nm, 60% to 90% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O over 30 min, 1 ml/min) t<sub>1</sub> = 23.8 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 24.4 min (minor). Minor *trans*-isomer was not observed.

## (2RS,4RS)-4-Pentyl-2-phenyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline,

rac-71



Novel compound. (Table 2, entry 8) Synthesis according to general procedure **B** at 50°C using 0.23 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a red-brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (gradient of pure cyclohexane to 10% ethyl acetate within 15 column volumes, column pre-conditioned with 1 % NEt<sub>3</sub>) followed by an acidic ion-exchange chromatography on an Isolute SPX-cartridge (washing with dichloromethane, elution with MeOH) to give **71** as a yellow oil (61 mg, yield 81%, dr = 95:5 *cis:trans*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 7.30-7.45 (m, 5H, Ph), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 6.74 (s, 1H, H<sub>8</sub>), 4.44 (dd, *J* = 11.1 and 2.8, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 4.14 (br s, 1H, NH), 3.00-3.10 (m, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 2.20 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 5.3 and 2.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3eq</sub>), 1.94-2.04 (m, 1H, 4-CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>), 1.71 (dt, *J* = 13.0 and 11.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3ax</sub>), 1.49-1.58 (m, 1H, 4-CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>), 1.24-1.45 (m, 6H, 3 pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H, pentyl-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) &: 145.9 (C<sub>8a</sub> or Ph), 144.4 (C<sub>8a</sub> or Ph), 129.6 (C<sub>4a</sub>), 129.2 (2C, m, Ph and CF<sub>3</sub>), 129.1 (m, C<sub>7</sub>), 128.3 (Ph), 127.7 (C<sub>5</sub>),

127.0 (Ph), 114.2 (q, *J* 4.0, C<sub>6</sub>), 111.1 (q, *J* 4.0, C<sub>8</sub>), 57.3 (C<sub>2</sub>), 36.1 (C<sub>3</sub>), 36.4 (C<sub>4</sub>), 34.4 (4-CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.6 (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.3 (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.1 (pentyl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.5 (pentyl-CH<sub>3</sub>); LC-ESI-HRMS for  $C_{21}H_{25}NF_3$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): cald. 348.1939; found 348.1931. IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3399 (br), 3032 (w), 2930 (w), 2859 (w), 1617 (w), 1583 (w), 1478 (m), 1326 (s), 1240 (w), 1216 (w), 1163 (m), 1118 (s), 1074 (m), 1029 (w), 907 (w), 864 (w), 810 (w), 756 (s), 698 (s), 665 (m). Diagnostic signal in the 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the *trans* isomer: 2.76-2.81 (m, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>). The relative configuration was confirmed by 1D nOe studies.

#### (2S,4S)-4-Pentyl-2-phenyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, 7l



(Table 3, entry 6) Asymmetric synthesis according to general procedure C using 0.5 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil, which was purified by column chromatography (gradient of 10% to 50% DCM in 40-60 petrol) to give **71** as a yellow oil (112 mg, yield 65%, 92:8 *cis:trans*, ee = 92%),  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  +42.59 (c = 0.54, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), spectroscopically identical to the racemic material obtained previously. HPLC: CHIRALCEL<sup>®</sup> OJ 250 mm x 4.6 mm, detection wavelength = 215 nm, 20% EtOH/heptane, 1 ml/min) t<sub>1</sub> = 5.8 min (minor), t<sub>2</sub> = 7.8 min (major). The absolute configuration of the product was determined by VCD analysis.

## *(2RS,4RS)*-2-Methyl-4-phenyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, *rac*-7m

Novel compound. (Table 2, entry 9) Synthesis according to general procedure **B** using 1 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil which was purified by column chromatography (25% DCM in petrol) to give **7m** as a colourless oil (252 mg, yield 87%, >95:<5 cis:trans). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.18-7.36 (m, 5H, Ph), 6.30-6.72 (m, 3H, H<sub>5</sub>, H<sub>6</sub> and H<sub>8</sub>), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 3.97 (br s, 1H, NH),

3.63 (ddt, J = 12.3, 6.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 2.15 (ddd, J = 13.2, 5.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3eq</sub>), 1.83 (q, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3ax</sub>), 1.24 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3)  $\delta$ : 145.1 (q), 130.5 (q), 129.9 (q, J = 32 Hz, C7), 129.8 (Ar), 129.7 (Ar), 129.2 (Ar), 129.1 (Ar), 127.2 (q), 126.6 (q, J = 242 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 114.3 (d, J = 12 Hz, C6), 111.2 (d, J = 12 Hz, C8), 48.3 (CH), 44.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.7 (CH), 22.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>); ESIHRMS for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NF<sub>3</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): calcd. 292.1308; found 292.1313); IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3407 (br), 3029 (w), 2958 (w), 2875 (w), 1618 (w), 1583 (w), 1487 (m), 1452 (w), 1404 (w), 1379 (w), 1325 (s), 1240 (m), 1161 (s), 1116 (s), 1076 (s) 1015 (w), 975 (m), 917 (m), 861 (m), 811 (m), 744 (m), 719 (m), 699 (s). Signals corresponding to the *trans* isomer were not observed in the 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum.

#### (2R,4R)-2-Methyl-4-phenyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, 7m



(Table 3, entry 2) Asymmetric synthesis according to general procedure C using 0.5 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a brown oil which was purified by column chromatography (25% DCM in petrol) to give **7m** as a colourless oil (105 mg, yield 72%, >95:<5 *cis:trans*, ee = >98%),  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  +14.89 (c = 0.47, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), spectroscopically identical to the racemic material obtained previously. HPLC (CHIRALPAK<sup>®</sup> AD-RH 250 mm x 4.6 mm, detection wavelength = 210 nm, 60% to 100% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O over 30 min, 1 ml/min) t<sub>1</sub> = 21.0 min (major), t<sub>2</sub> = 22.3 min (minor).

#### (2RS,3SR)-3-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, rac-9



Known compound.<sup>7</sup> Synthesis according to general procedure **B** at 40°C using 0.23 mmol of enone gave the crude product as a black oil, which was purified by column chromatography (gradient of pure cyclohexane to 15% ethyl acetate within 15 column volumes, column pre-conditioned with 1%  $Et_3N$ ) followed by an acidic ion-exchange chromatography on an Isolute SCX-cartridge (washing with dichloromethane and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Guo, Q.-S.; Du, D.-M.; Xu, J. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2008, 47, 759-762.

MeOH, elution with 2N NH<sub>3</sub> in MeOH) to give **9** as yellow oil (35 mg, yield 67%, >95:<5 *cis:trans*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.24-7.35 (m, 5H, Ph), 6.99-7.04 (m, 2H, H<sub>7</sub> and H<sub>5</sub>), 6.65 (td, *J* = 7.3 and 1.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 6.55 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>8</sub>), 4.51 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 4.12 (br s, 1H, NH), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 16.2 and 4.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>4B</sub>), 2.50 (dd, *J* = 16.0 and 6.7 Hz, 1H, H<sub>4A</sub>), 2.26-2.35 (m, 1H, H<sub>3</sub>), 0.82 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H, 3-CH<sub>3</sub>). UPLC/MS (BEH C18 column, I.D. 50 mm x 2.1 mm, 1.7 µm, 40 °C, 1% 10 mM NH<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O adjusted to pH 10 with NH<sub>4</sub>OH to 100% MeCN over 2 min) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): cald. 224.14; found 224.17; t<sub>1</sub> = 1.42 min. Signals corresponding to the *trans* isomer were not observed in the 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum.

## *tert*-Butyl-(2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)carbamate, 10 ( $R^3 = CF_3$ )



The boronate **8** ( $\mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{CF}_3$ ) (3.53 g, 12.3 mmol, 1 equiv.), di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (4.03g, 18.4 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and triethylamine (2.59 ml, 18.4 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was heated in toluene (50 ml, *ca*. 0.25 M) for 3 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residues oil was purified by flash chromatography (4% ethyl acetate/petrol) to give **10** ( $\mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{CF}_3$ ) as a yellow oil which solidified after standing to give an orange solid (2.66 g, 56%). mp 80-83°C (40-60 petrol); 1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.79 (s, 1H, NH), 8.52 (s, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (s, 9H, 'Bu), 1.37 (s, 12H, pinacol CH<sub>3</sub>). 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 153.3, 147.2, 146.1, 137.0, 134.9, 134.7 (q, *J* = 32 Hz), 124.4 (q, *J* = 271 Hz), 118.2, 114.6, 85.6, 85.1, 28.7, 25.3. ESIHRMS for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BNF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> ([M+H]): calcd. 388.1907; found 388.1901; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3376 (w), 2978 (w), 2934 (w), 1805 (w), 1757 (w), 1727 (m), 1612 (w), 1583 (m), 1533 (m), 1476 (w), 1449 (m), 1352 (s), 1234 (m), 1143 (s), 1120 (s), 1077 (s), 1045 (s), 1024 (m), 961 (m), 901 (w), 857 (m), 839 (m), 766 (m), 750 (m), 659 (s).

#### (R)-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1H)-one, 83



Known compound.<sup>8</sup> To a solution of  $[((R,R,S,S)-Duanphos)Rh(nbd)][BF_4]$  (20 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.06 equiv), 10 M aq. KOH (0.1 mL, 1.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) and tertbutyl (2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)carbamate (319 mg, 1.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in dioxane (1.4 mL, ca. 0.33 M), was added methyl cinnamte (82 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux temperature for 4 hr. After cooling to rt, TFA (0.33 mL, 3.00 mmol, 6.00 equiv) was added to the mixture and then stirred for 3 days. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated, residue was dissolved in EtOAc, washed with 1 M aq. HCl twice, 2.5 M aq. KOH twice, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and then concentrated to give the crude product which was purified by flash chromatography (3:2 petrol/EtOAc) to give S3 as a yellow solid (18 mg, 16% yield, ee = >98%),  $[\alpha]_D^{28}$  +51.8 (c = 0.05, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 181-182°C (DCM/MeOH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 9.43 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.18-7.37 (m, 6H, Ph-H), 6.84-6.99 (m, 3H, Ph-H), 4.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 2.92-2.96 (app. dd, J = 8.5, 6.0 Hz, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 170.6 (C=O), 141.5 (q), 137.1 (q), 128.9 (C<sub>Ph</sub>), 128.4 (C<sub>Ph</sub>), 128.0 (C<sub>Ph</sub>), 127.8 (C<sub>Ph</sub>), 127.2 (C<sub>Ph</sub>), 126.8 (q), 123.4 (C<sub>Ph</sub>), 115.6 (C<sub>Ph</sub>), 42.1 (C<sub>4</sub>), 38.4 (C<sub>3</sub>); ESI-HRMS for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): cald. 224.1070; found 224.1061; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3429 (m), 1648 (s), 1485 (m), 1376, (m); HPLC: CHIRALPAK® AS-RH 250 mm x 4.6 mm, detection wavelength = 250 nm, 30% to 100% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O over 30 min, 1 mL/min)  $t_1 = 24.1$ min (minor),  $t_2 = 26.0$  min (major). The absolute configuration was determined by comparing the optical rotation to that previously reported.<sup>8</sup> The racemic standard was prepared according to the literature procedure.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Dong, C.; Alper, H. Tetrahedron: Asymmetry, 2004, 15, 35-40.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Horn, J.; Li, H. Y.; Marsden, S. P.; Nelson, A.; Shearer, R. J.; Campbell, A. J.; House, D.; Weingarten, G. G. *Tetrahedron* **2009**, *65*, 9002-9007.

## NMR and HPLC data

**Compound 7a** 



## **Compound S1**



#### Compound rac-S1



No.	Ret.Time min	Peak Name	Height mAU	Area mAU*min	Rel.Area %	Amount	Туре
1	25.05	n.a.	37.284	19.170	49.40	n.a.	BMB*
2	27.34	n.a.	35.576	19.633	50.60	n.a.	BMB*
Total:			72.860	38.802	100.00	0.000	

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No.	Ret.Time	Peak Name	Height	Area	Rel.Area	Amount	Туре	
	min		mAU	mAU*min	%			
1	27.33	n.a.	85.334	47.691	100.00	n.a.	BMB	
Total:		7	85.334	47.691	100.00	0.000		

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## Compound 7b



### Compound 7c



#### Compound rac-7c (resolved on AS-RH column)



No.	Ret.Time	Peak Name	Height mAU	Area mAU*min	Rel.Area %	Amount	Гуре
1	15.72	n.a.	85.957	44.264	49.66	n.a.	BMb
2	16.90	n.a.	90.843	44.871	50.34	n.a.	bMB
Total:			176.800	89.136	100.00	0.000	

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#### Compound rac-7c (resolved on AD column)

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### Compound 7c (resolved on AD column) (Table, entry 8)

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Sample Info	: 25cm Chiralpak AD ,col.no.ADOOCE-A1074,10%ETOH/C7,1ml/min,wavelength 215 m,RT



Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=215,10 Ref=450,80

Peak 1	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	%
1	5.624	BV	0.2405	2.77303e4	1853.98340	99.0244
2	7.383	BB	0.3235	273.20352	12.18699	0.9756
Total:	s :			2.80035e4	1866.17039	

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#### Compound ent-7c (resolved on AD column)

Data File K:\HOYTEN\HPCHEM\1\DATA\ERIC\LI1.D Sample Name: N13681-33-A1

Acq. Operator	: ERIC HORTENSE
Acq. Instrument	: HOYTEN Location : Vial 1
Injection Date	: 09/11/2009 11:00:14
	Inj Volume : 10 µl
Acq. Method	: K:\HOYTEN\HOYTENS METHODS\CHIMETH1.M
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	(modified after loading)
Analysis Method	: K:\HOYTEN\HOYTENS METHODS\CHIMETH1.M
Last changed	: 09/11/2009 11:41:35 by ERIC HORTENSE
	(modified after loading)
Method Info	: Chiral Method 1. Isocratic Analysis at 1.000 ml/min.
Sample Info	: 25cm Chiralpak AD
	,col.no.ADOOCE-A1074,10%ETOH/C7,1ml/min,wavelength 215n
	m, RT
	m,RT



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## Compound 7d



## Compound 7e



## Compound 7f



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## Compound 7g



#### Compound rac-7g

Data File K:\HPCHEM\1\DATA\ERIC\JOHN.D Sample Name: N13681-16-A1

Acq. Operator	: ERIC HORTENSE
Acq. Instrument	: LALANDRY Location : Vial 1
Injection Date	: 19/11/2009 14:38:32
	Inj Volume : 5 µl
Method	: C:\CHEM32\1\METHODS\ERIC1.M
Last changed	: 19/11/2009 14:20:34 by ERIC HORTENSE
	(modified after loading)
Sample Info	: 25cm Chiralcel OD-H ,col.no.ODHOCE-CG100,1%IETOH/C7,0.5
	ml/min,wavelength 215nm,RT



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			]				
1	10.880	VV	0.4873	1.42736e4	443.70905	51.3587	
2	12.265	VB	0.3869	1.35184e4	534.73755	48.6413	
Total	s:			2.77920e4	978.44659		

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#### Compound 7g (Table, entry 9)

Data File K:\HOYTEN\HPCHEM\1\DATA\ERIC\LI2.D Sample Name: N13681-22-A1

Acq. Operator	:	ERIC HORTENSE				
Acq. Instrument	1	HOYTEN Location :	Vial 1			
Injection Date	:	09/11/2009 11:43:12				
		Inj Volume :	5 µl			
Method	:	K:\HOYTEN\HOYTENS METHODS\CHIMETH1.M				
Last changed	÷	09/11/2009 11:41:35 by ERIC HORTENSE				
		(modified after loading)				
Method Info	:	Chiral Method 1. Isocratic Analysis at 1.	000 ml/min.			
		*				
Sample Info	3	25cm Chiralpak AD				
		.col.no.ADOOCE-A1074.10%ETOH/C7.1ml/min.wa	velength 215n			
		m.RT	2			
		m, KT				



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## Compound 7h



### **Compound S2**



#### Compound *rac*-S2



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#### Compound S2 (Table, entry 3)



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## Compound 7i



#### Compound rac-7i



No.	Ret.Time	Peak Name	Height	Area	Rel.Area	Amount	Туре
	min		mAU	mAU*min	%		22524
1	21.76	n.a.	206.584	176.915	49.59	n.a.	BM *
2	23.86	n.a.	190.432	179.823	50.41	n.a.	MB*
Total:			397.016	356.739	100.00	0.000	

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#### Compound 7i (Table, entry 4)



No.	Ret.Time	Peak Name	Height	Area	Rel.Area	Amount	Туре
	min		mAU	mAU*min	%		
1	21.61	n.a.	0.253	0.147	0.09	n.a.	BMB*
2	23.88	n.a.	168.691	155.383	99.91	n.a.	BMB*
Total:	-		168.943	155.531	100.00	0.000	

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## Compound 7j



## Compound 7k





#### Compound *rac*-7k



459.427

150.315

100.00

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Total:

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0.000

#### Compound 7k (Table, entry 5)



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## Compound 7l



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#### Compound rac-71

Data File K:\HOYTEN\HPCHEM\1\DATA\ERIC\LI8.D Sample Name: N13681-17-A1

Acq. Operator	ERIC HORTENSE
Acq. Instrument	HOYTEN Location : Vial 1
Injection Date	23/11/2009 14:04:45
	Inj Volume : 10 µl
Method	K:\HOYTEN\HOYTENS METHODS\CHIMETH1.M
Last changed	23/11/2009 13:37:38 by ERIC HORTENSE
	(modified after loading)
Method Info	Chiral Method 1. Isocratic Analysis at 1.000 ml/min.
Sample Info	25cm Chiralcel OJ
	,col.no.OJOOCE-IF013,20%ETOH/C7,1ml/min,wavelength 215n
	m, RT
Sample Info	25cm Chiralcel OJ ,col.no.OJOOCE-IF013,20%ETOH/C7,1ml/min,wavelength 215n m,RT



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#### Compound 7l (Table, entry 6)

Data File K:\HOYTEN\HPCHEM\1\DATA\ERIC\LI9.D Sample Name: N13681-24-A1

Acq. Operator	: ERIC HORTENSE
Acq. Instrument	: HOYTEN Location : Vial 1
Injection Date	: 23/11/2009 14:32:18
	Inj Volume : 10 µl
Method	: K:\HOYTEN\HOYTENS METHODS\CHIMETH1.M
Last changed	: 23/11/2009 13:37:38 by ERIC HORTENSE (modified after loading)
Method Info	: Chiral Method 1. Isocratic Analysis at 1.000 ml/min.
Sample Info	: 25cm Chiralcel OJ ,col.no.OJOOCE-IF013,20%ETOH/C7,1ml/min,wavelength 215n m,RT



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#### **Compound 7m**



#### Compound *rac-7*m



No.	Ret.Time	Peak Name	Height	Area	Rel.Area	Amount	Туре
	min		mAU	mAU*min	%		75404
1	21.01	n.a.	101.393	70.650	48.16	n.a.	BM *
2	22.33	n.a.	99.285	76.034	51.84	n.a.	MB
Total:			200.678	146.684	100.00	0.000	

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No.	Ret.Time	Peak Name	Height	Area	Rel.Area	Amount	Туре
	min		mAU	mAU*min	%		
1	21.46	n.a.	449.895	268.819	100.00	n.a.	BMB*
Total:		() 	449.895	268.819	100.00	0.000	

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## Compound rac-9



## **Compound 10** ( $R^3 = CF_3$ )



## **Compound S3**



### Compound rac-S3

Operator:chmhplc Timebase:griggdionex Sequence:Hyl-1-20

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19 hyl-2-12	4 Racemic AS-RH		
Sample Name: Vial Number:	hyl-2-124 Racemic AS-RH GC7	Injection Volume: Channel:	10.0 UV_VIS_4
Sample Type:	unknown	Wavelength:	n.a
Control Program:	RP (30-100) 30 mins	Bandwidth:	n.a.
Quantif. Method:	Default	Dilution Factor:	1.0000
Recording Time:	16/4/2009 12:39	Sample Weight:	1.0000
Run Time (min):	40.00	Sample Amount:	1.0000



No.	Ret.Time	Peak Name	Height	Area	Rel.Area	Amount	Туре
	min		mAU	mAU*min	%		
1	24.13	n.a.	510.568	212.655	48.61	n.a.	BMB
2	25.96	n.a.	464.819	224.782	51.39	n.a.	BMB
Total:			975.387	437.437	100.00	0.000	

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#### **Compound S3**

Operator:chmhplc Timebase:griggdionex Sequence:Hyl-1-20

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No.	Ret.Time	Peak Name	Height	Area	Rel.Area	Amount	Туре
	min		mAU	mAU*min	%		
1	25.97	n.a.	404.220	197.625	100.00	n.a.	BMB
Total:			404.220	197.625	100.00	0.000	

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### nOe for compound 7h





### nOe for compound 7l



#### VCD for compound 7c

#### Ab Initio VCD Analysis of N13681-33-A1

- I. Sample Information:
  - Date: September 30, 2011
  - Analyst: Doug Minick
  - Analytical Reference: N21881-13
- II. Technique: VCD
- III. Experiment:
  - Determination of absolute stereochemistry
- IV. Objective:
  - Assign the absolute configurations for a single enantiomer with the following general structure:



V. Assigned Structure:



(2S,4R)-2,4-diphenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline

VI. Comments:

• The relative stereochemistry was determined from NMR analysis.

VII. Theoretical Analysis:

• Model:



Model with (2R,4S)-configuration

- Conformational Search: MOE stochastic csearch using MMFF94x force field
- Model Chemistry: # opt freq=(noraman,vcd) b3lyp/dgdzvp
- Conformational Analysis: Fractional populations estimated using Boltzmann statistics
- Lorentzian band width: 6 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- Frequency scale factor: 0.975
- Estimation of Confidence Limit: Compare VOA (BioTools, Inc.) analysis (Section IX)

#### VIII. Experimental:

- Spectrometer: BioTools ChiralIR VCD spectrometer operated at 4 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- Frequency Range: 2000-800 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- PEM Calibration: PEM calibrated at 1400 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- PEM Retardation Settings: PEM1 = 0.250\*λ; PEM2 = 0.260\*λ
- Scan Method: single block scan [2 min. DC scan + 360 min. AC scan]
- Solvent: CCl<sub>4</sub>
- Concentration: ~9mg/125ul
- Baseline Correction Method: modified half-difference (VCD<sub>E1</sub> (corr'd) = VCD<sub>E1</sub> minus VCD<sub>E2</sub>; VCD<sub>E2</sub> (corr'd) = VCD<sub>E2</sub> minus VCD<sub>E1</sub>)
- Additional Processing: Savitsky-Golay 9-point smooth

#### IX. Results:

• Analysis of Experimental and Calculated Data:

The experimental VCD and IR spectra of N13681-33-A1 are compared in Figure 1 with corresponding spectral data calculated for Model 1. The green box in each panel highlights the VCD spectral range used to assign the absolute configuration and estimate the level of reliability (Section X). The smaller green box designates the spectral range excluded from this VCD study.

In the upper panel of Figure 1, the experimental VCD spectrum inside the highlighted box is the mirror image of the calculated VCD spectrum, indicating that the chiral centers in this molecule are inverted relative to the model. Therefore, N13681-33-A1 was assigned as the (2S,4R) enantiomer.

Note: The IR spectrum calculated for the model is in very good overall agreement with experimental, indicating adequate coverage of the conformational space (required for a reliable VCD assignment)



Figure 1. Upper panel: VCD spectrum of N13681-33-A1 (red trace) vs calculated VCD spectrum (black trace). Lower panel: IR spectrum of N13681-33-A1 (red) vs calculated IR spectrum (black).

#### X. Estimated Level of Reliability

- The confidence limit in this study was estimated using Compare VOA<sup>™</sup> (BioTools, Inc.), an automated tool for quantifying the level of agreement between two sets of spectral data.
- The degree of reliability (the confidence limit) is assessed using the absolute values of two parameters: total neighborhood similarity for the VCD correlation (TNS (VCD)) and the enantiomeric similarity index (ESI).

*TNS (VCD) (range)	*ESI (range)	Confidence Limit (CL) (range)
<u>≥</u> 70	$\geq$ 60	> 99 %
60 - 70	50 - 60	95 - 99 %
50 - 60	40 - 50	90 - 95 %
< 50	< 40	< 90 %
	*TNS (VCD) (range) ≥ 70 60 - 70 50 - 60 < 50	*TNS (VCD)         *ESI (range) $\geq 70$ $\geq 60$ $60 - 70$ $50 - 60$ $50 - 60$ $40 - 50$ $< 50$ $< 40$

The degrees of reliability based on Compare VOA analysis are as follows:

absolute value

- Compare VOA results for the current study: o Spectral range: 1400-850 cm<sup>-1</sup>

  - Region omitted: 1320-1285 0
  - Range of statistical analysis (minimum 400 cm<sup>-1</sup>): 660 cm<sup>-1</sup> 0
  - Width of triangular weighting function: 20 cm<sup>-1</sup> 0
  - TNS (VCD): 71.2 (absolute value) 0
  - ESI: 67.3 (absolute value) 0
  - Optimized scale factor: 0.980 0
- *Level of Reliability:*

High (CL > 99%)

#### XI. Optical Rotation Data:

Not measured.

#### VCD for compound 7l

#### Ab Initio VCD Analysis of N13681-24-A1

#### I. Sample Information:

- Date: September 15, 2011
- Submitter: Paolo Tosatti
- Analyst: Doug Minick
- Analytical Reference: N21881-12
- II. Technique: VCD
- **III. Experiment:** 
  - Determination of absolute stereochemistry
- **IV. Objective:** 
  - Assign the absolute configurations for a single enantiomer with the following general structure:



cis-relative stereochemistry from NMR

V. Assigned Structure:



(2S,4S)-4-pentyl-2-phenyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline

#### **VI.** Comments:

- The relative stereochemistry was determined from NMR analysis.
- The VCD analysis was performed using N-deuterium exchanged models and sample.

#### VII. Theoretical Analysis:

• Model:



Model with (2R,4R)-configuration (VCD assignment based on N-deutereo model)

- Conformational Search: MOE stochastic csearch using MMFF94x force field
- Model Chemistry: # opt freq=(noraman,vcd) b3lyp/dgdzvp
- Conformational Analysis: Fractional populations estimated using Boltzmann statistics
- Lorentzian band width: 10 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- Frequency scale factor: 0.975
- Estimation of Confidence Limit: CompareVOA (BioTools, Inc.) analysis (Section IX)

#### VIII. Experimental:

- Spectrometer: BioTools ChiralIR VCD spectrometer operated at 4 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- Frequency Range: 2000-800 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- PEM Calibration: PEM calibrated at 1400 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- PEM Retardation Settings: PEM1 =  $0.250*\lambda$ ; PEM2 =  $0.260*\lambda$
- Scan Method: single block scan [2 min. DC scan + 360 min. AC scan]
- Solvent: CDCl<sub>3</sub> saturated with D<sub>2</sub>O
- Concentration: ~16mg/300ul
- Baseline Correction Method: modified half-difference (VCD<sub>E1</sub> (corr'd) = VCD<sub>E1</sub> minus VCD<sub>E2</sub>; VCD<sub>E2</sub> (corr'd) = VCD<sub>E2</sub> minus VCD<sub>E1</sub>)
- Additional Processing: Savitsky-Golay 9-point smooth

#### **IX. Results:**

- Analysis of Experimental and Calculated Data:
  - The experimental VCD and IR spectra of N13681-24-A1 are compared in figure 1 with corresponding spectral data calculated for Model 1. The green box in each figure highlights the VCD spectral range used to assign the absolute configuration and estimate the level of reliability (Section X). The smaller green box designates the spectral range excluded from this VCD study.

In the upper panel of Figure 1, the experimental VCD spectrum inside the highlighted box is the mirror image of the calculated VCD spectrum, indicating that the chiral centers in this molecule is inverted relative to the model. Therefore, N13681-24-A1 was assigned as the (2S,4S) enantiomer.

Note: The IR spectrum calculated for the model is in good overall agreement with experimental, indicating adequate coverage of the conformational space (required for a reliable VCD assignment).





#### X. Estimated Level of Reliability

- The confidence limit in this study was estimated using Compare VOA<sup>TM</sup> (BioTools, Inc.), an automated tool for quantifying the level of agreement between two sets of spectral data.
- The degree of reliability (the confidence limit) is assessed using the absolute values of two parameters: total neighborhood similarity for the VCD correlation (TNS (VCD)) and the enantiomeric similarity index (ESI).

Reliability	*TNS (VCD) (range)	*ESI (range)	Confidence Limit (CL) (range)
High	≥ 70	$\geq$ 60	>99 %
Medium	60 - 70	50 - 60	95 – 99 %
Low	50 - 60	40 - 50	90 - 95 %
Unreliable	< 50	< 40	< 90 %
*abso	lute value	•	•

• The degrees of reliability based on Compare VOA analysis are as follows:

- Compare VOA results for the current study:
  - Spectral range: 1420-820 cm<sup>-1</sup>
  - o Region omitted: 1295-1150
  - Range of statistical analysis (minimum 400 cm<sup>-1</sup>): 455 cm<sup>-1</sup>
  - Width of triangular weighting function: 20 cm<sup>-1</sup>
  - TNS (VCD): 78.3 (absolute value)
  - ESI: 67.5 (absolute value)
  - Optimized scale factor: 0.972

• Level of Reliability:

*High (CL > 99%)* 

#### XI. Optical Rotation Data:

• Not measured.