# Supporting Information for

#### **Highly Diastereo- and Enantioselective Construction of**

### Spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-oxindole] Scaffold via Catalytic

### Asymmetric Formal [3+2] Cycloadditions

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#### 1. General method

NMR spectra were measured respectively at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively. The solvent used for NMR spectroscopy was CDCl<sub>3</sub>, using tetramethylsilane as the internal reference. HRMS (ESI) was determined by a micrOTOF-Q II HRMS/MS instrument (Bruker). Enantiomeric excesses (*ee*) were determined by chiral high-performance liquid chromatography (chiral HPLC). The chiral columns used for the determination of enantiomeric excesses by chiral HPLC were Chiralpak IC and IA columns. Optical rotation values were measured with instruments operating at  $\lambda = 589$  nm, corresponding to the sodium D line at the temperatures indicated. Analytic grade solvents for the column chromatography and commercially available reagents were used as received. Substrates **1** and **2** were synthesized according to the literature methods.<sup>1</sup>

#### 2. Screening of catalysts and optimization of conditions

To testify our hypothesis, isatin-derived 3-indolylmethanol 1a was initially subjected to the reactions with 2-vinylindoles 2a' and 2a, respectively, in the presence of CPA 4a (Table1, entries 1-2). As expected, 2-vinylindole 2a' failed to afford the desired [3+2] cycloaddition product 3aa' (entry 1), while 3-methyl-2-vinylindole 2a successfully delivered the designed spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-oxindole] **3aa** in a high yield and good stereoselectivity within one hour (entry 2). These results demonstrated that the introduction of a methyl group to C3-position of 2-vinylindole greatly switched its reactivity, leading to the desired [3+2] cycloaddition with 3-indolylmethanol. So, substrate 2a was utilized to the experiments on screening of **BINOL**-derived **CPAs** 4 (entries 2-6), which revealed that 3,3'-(9-phenanthrenyl)-substituted CPA 4d delivered the reaction in the highest stereoselectivity (entry 5). Then, the BINOL backbone of catalyst 4d was changed to structurally more rigid H<sub>8</sub>-BINOL and SPINOL backbones, leading to further improved enantioselectivities (entries 7-8 vs 5) but with a decrease of the yield (entry

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8 vs 5). In the presence of spiro-CPA **6a**, different types of solvents were tested for the aim to increase the yield without sacrifice of the stereoselectivity (entry 8-12). Although chloroform greatly enhanced the yield, the enantioselectivity was decreased to the same level as CPA **4a** offered (entry 9 vs 5). Considering the excellent catalytic activity and synthetic simplicity of H<sub>8</sub>-BINOL derived CPA **5a** (entry 7), this catalyst was finally chosen as the most suitable one for further evaluation on the reaction temperature (entries 13-14). The results disclosed that elevating the temperature was detrimental to the enantioselectivity (entry 13 vs 7), while properly lowering the temperature to  $0^{\circ}$ C led to a higher enantioselectivity of 98% *ee* albeit with a prolonged reaction time (entry 14 vs 7).



Table 1. Screening of catalysts and optimization of conditions<sup>[a]</sup>

11	3aa	6a	AcOEt	trace	-	-
12	3aa	6a	1,4-dioxane	trace	-	-
13 <sup>[e]</sup>	3aa	5a	toluene	99	>95:5	78
14 <sup>[f]</sup>	3aa	5a	toluene	97	>95:5	98

[a] Unless indicated otherwise, the reaction was carried out in 0.05 mmol scale catalyzed by 10 mol % 4-6 in solvent (0.5 mL) at 25°C for 1 h, and the mole ratio of 1a:2a was 1:1.2. [b] Isolated yield. [c] The *dr* value was determined by <sup>1</sup>H MMR. [d] The *ee* value was determined by HPLC.
[e] Performed at 50°C. [f] Performed at 0°C for 12 h.

#### 3. General procedure for the synthesis of substrates 2



A to **B**: Under argon atmosphere, 2.7 mL anhydrous DMF (35 mmol) was added to a dried flask and cooled to 0 °C. Then, 1 mL POCl<sub>3</sub> (11 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction system and stirred for 5 min at 0 °C. Substrate **A** (10 mmol) was dissolved in 4 mL anhydrous DMF and was added to the reaction system. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min and was warmed to 60 °C to react for 4 h. After stopping the reaction, NaOH aqueous solution (2 M) was added to the reaction mixture at 0 °C and modulated the pH to 7. Subsequently, a large amount of water was added to the reaction mixture and stirred for 5 min to generate a yellow solid (compound **B**), which was filtered and subjected to the next step.

**B** to **C**: Under argon atmosphere, compound **B** (5 mmol) was added to a dried flask and dissolved in 40 mL anhydrous THF. Then,  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  (25 mmol) was added to the reaction system by many portions at 0 °C and stirred for 10 min at rt, which was

further refluxed at 80 °C for 5 h. After completing the reaction, NaOH aqueous solution (1 M) was added to the reaction mixture at 0 °C and modulated the pH to 7. Subsequently, the resultant reaction mixture was extracted by EtOAc and the organic layer was further purified by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1) to obtain compound **C**.

**C** to **D**: To a stirred solution of compound **C** (5 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (40 mL), MnO<sub>2</sub> (30 mmol) was added by many portions and then reacted at rt for 15 h, which indicated the completion of the reaction by TLC. Then, the reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was condensed, which was purified by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to give compound **D**.

**D** to substrates **2**: Under argon atmosphere,  $ArCH_2Ph_3PBr$  (0.96 mmol) was added to a dried flask and dissolved in 3 mL anhydrous toluene. Then, NaH (1.6 mmol) was added to the reaction system at 0 °C and stirred for 20 min at rt. Subsequently, the solution of compound **D** (0.8 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (3 mL) was added to the reaction system, which was reacted at 80 °C for 2 h. After completing the reaction, saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous solution was added to the reaction mixture, which was extracted by EtOAc. The resultant organic layer was dried by anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and purified by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1) to afford substrates **2**.

(*E*)-3-methyl-2-styryl-1H-indole (2a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 8.07$  (s, 1H), 7.56 - 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.40 - 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.28 - 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.14 - 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 16.5, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

(*E*)-3-methyl-2-(2-methylstyryl)-1H-indole (2b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ
8.08 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.29 - 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.24 - 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.18 - 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

(*E*)-2-(2-fluorostyryl)-3-methyl-1H-indole (2c): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.64 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.16 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

(*E*)-3-methyl-2-(3-methylstyryl)-1H-indole (2d): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 8.05$  (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.9, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.5, 1H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 16.5, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). (*E*)-2-(3-chlorostyryl)-3-methyl-1H-indole (2e): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 8.03$  (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.9, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 1.8, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.7, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 16.4, 1H), 2.42 (s,

3H).

(*E*)-3-methyl-2-(4-methylstyryl)-1H-indole (2f): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.9, 1H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 16.5, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

(*E*)-2-(4-fluorostyryl)-3-methyl-1H-indole (2g): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.8, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.1, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 7.24 - 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.14 - 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 16.5, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H).

#### 4. General procedure for the synthesis of products 3 and control experiments

Toluene (0.5 mL) was added to the mixture of 3-indolylmethanols **1** (0.05 mmol), 3-methyl-2-vinylindoles **2** (0.06 mmol) and the catalyst **5a** (0.005 mmol). The resultant reaction mixture was stirred at rt or 0  $^{\circ}$ C for a given time, which was purified through flash column chromatography to afford pure products **3**.

#### 5. Characterization data of products 3

#### (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-5'-methyl-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro -2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ba):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 4 h ; yield: 91% (26.7 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 169–170 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -56.0$  (c 0.45, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.29 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 7.02 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s,

3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 177.2, 144.6, 140.8, 140.5, 135.6, 135.4, 135.4, 132.5, 132.3, 130.8, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 127.0, 126.5, 124.2, 123.0, 121.9, 120.1, 119.3, 118.8, 118.5, 118.1, 112.2, 110.6, 109.7, 109.0, 70.6, 60.4, 43.6, 41.1, 21.2, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3544, 3494, 3029, 2920, 2361, 2342, 1698, 1496, 1340, 741, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 582.2545, found m/z 582.2575. Enantiomeric excess: 94%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 4.287 min (minor), t<sub>R</sub> = 4.927 min (major).

### (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-5'-chloro-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ca):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 6 h ; yield: 74% (22.2 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 160–161 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} =$ -122.2 (c 0.248, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.20 - 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.17 - 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.11 - 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.03 - 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 16.0Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 176.7$  144.7, 141.8, 140.4, 135.6, 134.9, 134.8 132.6 131.9, 129.3 129.2, 128.7 128.6 128.3, 128.3 127.9, 127.2, 126.5 123.9 122.8, 122.1, 122.1 120.4 119.4, 118.6 118.1 118.0, 112.2, 110.6, 110.3, 110.1, 70.7, 60.5, 43.7, 41.0, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3524, 3493, 3294, 2960, 2922, 2853, 2360, 2341, 1715, 1698, 1487, 1456, 1170, 1028, 741, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for  $(C_{41}H_{32}CIN_3O-H)^-$  requires m/z 602.1998, found m/z 602.2010. Enantiomeric excess: 91%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm):  $t_R = 3.943$ min (minor),  $t_R = 4.300$  min (major).

(1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-6'-methoxy-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihyd ro-2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3da):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 4 h ; yield: 97% (29 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 158–159 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -216.0 (c 0.488, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.12 - 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.08 - 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.97 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J =7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.13 (d, J = 2.2Hz, 1H), 5.87 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta =$ 177.7, 160.2, 144.5, 144.4, 140.4, 135.6, 135.4, 135.3, 132.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.1, 126.5, 124.1, 123.0, 122.5, 121.9, 121.8, 120.2, 119.3, 118.9, 118.5, 118.1, 112.1, 110.6, 109.7, 106.6, 97.3, 70.6, 59.9, 55.3, 43.6, 40.87, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3534, 3488, 3309, 3199, 2921, 2361, 2343, 1699, 1503, 1377, 1161, 1031, 742, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>: ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for  $(C_{41}H_{33}N_3O-H)^-$  requires m/z 598.2494, found m/z 598.2515. Enantiomeric excess: 93%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm):  $t_{\rm R} = 4.333 \text{ min (minor)}, t_{\rm R} = 4.820 \text{ min (major)}$ 

# (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-6'-bromo-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro -2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ea):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 4 h ; yield: 97% (31.4 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 186–187 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -155.7 (c 0.56, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 7.09 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 177.1, 144.7, 144.6, 140.4, 135.6, 135.0, 134.6, 132.1, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 127.3, 126.4, 125.8, 124.8, 122.8, 122.0, 122.0, 122.0, 120.3, 119.4, 118.5, 118.0, 117.9, 112.6, 112.2, 110.7, 109.9, 70.5, 60.1, 43.6, 41.01, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3546, 3494, 2921, 2361, 2342,

1699, 1603, 1487, 1456, 1260, 1171, 740, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for  $(C_{40}H_{30}BrN_{3}O-H)^{-}$  requires m/z 646.1493, found m/z 646.1508. Enantiomeric excess: 96%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IA, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 19.683 min (minor), t<sub>R</sub> = 26.087 min (major).

# (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-7'-methyl-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro -2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3fa):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 4 h ; yield: 95% (27.8 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 184–185 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -861.4 (c 0.51, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.16 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 7.07 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.87 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 178.1, 144.5, 141.4, 140.4, 137.4, 135.6, 135.4, 132.5, 131.5, 129.4, 129.4, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 126.6, 125.3, 122.9, 122.9, 121.8, 121.7, 120.1, 119.7, 119.3, 119.1, 118.5, 118.0, 112.2, 110.7, 109.7, 70.9, 59.8, 44.9, 41.1, 18.7, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3564, 3498, 2971, 2360, 2341, 1683, 1540, 1456, 1339, 742, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 582.2545, found m/z 582.2566. Enantiomeric excess: 93%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IA, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 24.543 min (major), t<sub>R</sub> = 39.460 min (minor).

### (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-7'-bromo-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro -2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ga):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 4 h ; yield: 97% (31.5 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 178–179 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -165.2 (c 0.488, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.27 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H),

7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 7.12 – 7.06 (m, 5H), 7.02 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.84 (d, J =9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (dd, J = 37.8, 16.7 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 177.9$ , 144.6, 140.8, 140.4, 137.2, 135.6, 134.9, 134.5, 134.2, 132.1, 129.4, 129.2, 128.4, 128.4, 128.1, 126.5, 125.7, 124.2, 122.9, 122.7, 122.0, 122.0, 120.3, 119.4, 118.5, 118.4, 117.9, 112.2, 110.7, 109.8, 102.4, 71.0, 60.1, 44.4, 41.16, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3554, 3493, 3307, 2923, 2855, 2360, 2341, 1698, 1450, 1339, 1116, 1021, 739, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>30</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 646.1493, found m/z 646.1468. Enantiomeric excess: 93%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IA, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 9.717 min (major), t<sub>R</sub> = 28.957 min (minor).

### (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-7-methoxy-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydr o-2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ha):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 4 h ; yield: 92% (27.5 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 173–174 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -191.3 (c 0.424, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.20 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 7.14 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 177.3, 154.3, 145.6, 143.2, 135.6, 135.6, 135.3, 132.4, 130.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 127.1, 126.5, 123.5, 123.5, 122.9, 121.9, 119.3, 118.5, 118.3, 112.6, 110.8, 110.6, 109.7, 109.3, 101.2, 70.6, 60.3, 55.9, 43.6, 41.0, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3565, 3413, 3236, 2360, 2341, 1715, 1697, 1637, 1615, 1488, 1456, 1170, 744, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 598.2494, found m/z 598.2516. Enantiomeric excess: 95%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC,

hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm):  $t_R$  = 4.643 min (minor),  $t_R$  = 6.027 min (major).

#### (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-7-bromo-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ia):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 7 h ; yield: 79% (25.8 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 153–155 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} =$ 703.7 (c 0.428, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.15 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 7.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.12 - 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.07 - 7.01 (m, 4H), 6.97 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.63- 6.54 (m, 4H), 5.85 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 177.8$ , 145.1, 143.0, 141.2, 135.5, 135.1, 135.1, 132.0, 130.5, 129.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 127.2, 126.5, 123.5, 123.3, 123.1, 122.0, 121.4, 119.4, 118.6, 118.1, 115.2, 115.1, 110.7, 109.6, 109.5, 70.5, 60.5, 43.7, 41.6, 8.8. IR (KBr): 3555, 3423, 2924, 2360, 2341, 1715, 1696, 1684, 1614, 1456, 1173, 746, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for  $(C_{40}H_{30}BrN_3O-H)^2$  requires m/z 646.1493, found m/z 646.1480. Enantiomeric excess: 93%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm):  $t_R$  = 3.690 min (minor),  $t_R = 4.067$  min (major).

# (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-6-methyl-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ja):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 4 h ; yield: 83% (24.3 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 167–168 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -991.2 (c 0.306, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.29 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 5.87 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, *J* 

= 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 177.4$ , 143.8, 143.2, 141.0, 135.6, 135.4, 135.3, 132.6, 131.6, 130.8, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 127.1, 126.5, 123.5, 122.8, 121.8, 121.7, 120.7, 119.3, 118.5, 118.4, 117.5, 112.2, 110.6, 109.6, 109.2, 70.6, 60.5, 43.6, 41.2, 21.7, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3565, 3433, 3291, 3057, 2920, 2857, 1696, 1611, 1488, 1465, 1174, 803, 741, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 582.2545, found m/z 582.2569. Enantiomeric excess: 93%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 4.227 min (minor), t<sub>R</sub> = 5.860 min (major).

# (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-6-bromo-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ka):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 7 h ; yield: 81% (26.3 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 157–158 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -494.8 (c 0.426, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.14 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.11 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.99 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.64 – 6.52 (m, 4H), 5.85 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 177.8, 145.2, 143.0, 141.2, 135.5, 135.1, 135.1, 132.0, 130.5, 129.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 127.2, 126.5, 123.5, 123.3, 123.1, 121.0, 122.4, 119.4, 118.6, 118.1, 115.2, 115.1, 110.7, 109.6, 109.5, 70.4, 60.5, 43.7, 41.6, 8.8. IR (KBr): 3545, 3493, 3274, 3057, 2921, 2361, 1687, 1606, 1457, 1261, 1173, 802, 746, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>30</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 646.1493, found m/z 646.1483. Enantiomeric excess: 90%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 3.693 min (minor), t<sub>R</sub> = 4.067 min (major).

(1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-5-methyl-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3la): (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 4 h ; yield: 88% (25.6 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 176–178 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -166.9 (c 0.528, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.29 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.14 – 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 7.10 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.95 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 5.96 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 177.2, 144.2, 143.3, 140.0, 135.6, 135.4, 135.3, 132.6, 130.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 127.0, 126.5, 123.5, 122.8, 122.7, 122.5, 122.0, 121.3, 120.4, 119.4, 119.3, 118.5, 115.8, 110.7, 109.9, 109.3, 70.6, 60.5, 43.6, 41.1, 16.8, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3552, 3416, 3236, 2919, 1694, 1638, 1616, 1465, 1383, 1299, 1080, 741, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 582.2545, found m/z 582.2584. Enantiomeric excess: 96%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 4.010 min (major), t<sub>R</sub> = 4.483 min (minor).

# (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-5-bromo-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ma):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 9 h ; yield: 72% (23.3 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 150–151 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -97.1 (c 0.344, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.43 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.55 – 6.50 (m, 3H), 5.95 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 176.7, 145.2, 143.3, 138.9, 135.7, 135.2, 134.9, 131.8, 130.3, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.87, 127.1, 126.5, 124.4, 124.2, 123.4, 122.9, 122.2, 121.5, 120.0, 119.5, 118.6, 117.3, 110.7, 110.2, 109.4, 105.3, 70.6, 60.3, 43.7, 40.9, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3542, 3466, 2923, 2854, 2360, 1697, 1488, 1456, 1418, 1362, 741, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>;

ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for  $(C_{40}H_{30}BrN_3O-H)^-$  requires m/z 646.1493, found m/z 646.1467. Enantiomeric excess: 94%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IA, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 18.930 min (minor), t<sub>R</sub> = 44.390 min (major).

#### (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[ cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3aa):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 12 h; yield: 97% (27.6 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p.  $171-173 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} =$ -195.7 (c 0.506, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.18 - 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.16 - 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13 - 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.11 - 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.09 - 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, J =10.0, 7.7 Hz, 3H), 5.90 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta =$ 177.2, 144.7, 143.2, 140.5, 135.6, 135.3, 135.3, 132.4, 130.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.1, 126.5, 123.5, 123.0, 122.9, 121.9, 120.2, 119.3, 118.6, 118.5, 118.0, 112.2, 110.7, 109.7, 109.3, 70.6, 60.4, 43.6, 41.0, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3525, 3443, 3277, 3029, 2918, 1695, 1608, 1488, 1353, 1173, 1080, 1012, 740, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 568.2388, found m/z 568.2399. Enantiomeric excess: 98%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm):  $t_R = 4.273$ min (minor),  $t_R = 4.870$  min (major).

# (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-(o-tolyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-spir o[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ab):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 12 h ; yield: 93% (27.1 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 167–168 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} =$  –197.2 (c 0.608, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.34 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.20 (m,

1H), 7.19 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.11 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.98 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.59 – 6.54 (m, 3H), 5.75 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 177.7$ , 144.6, 143.1, 140.6, 137.7, 135.6, 135.4, 134.3, 132.6, 131.2, 130.2, 129.7, 129.5, 128.6, 128.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 126.1, 124.0, 122.9, 122.6, 121.9, 121.8, 120.1, 119.3, 118.6, 118.5, 118.1, 112.2, 110.7, 109.6, 109.3, 65.2, 60.4, 43.8, 43.7, 20.0, 8.4. IR (KBr): 3544, 3423, 3292, 3055, 3030, 2922, 2855, 2360, 2341, 1697, 1610, 1488, 1171, 740, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 582.2545, found m/z 582.2587. Enantiomeric excess: 97%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 4.420 min (minor), t<sub>R</sub> = 5.213 min (major).

#### (1R,2S,3R)-1'-benzyl-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ac):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 12 h ; yield: 81% (23.9 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 156–157 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -652.3 (c 0.52, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.97 - 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 - 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 - 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.19 - 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.17 - 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.15 - 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.12 - 7.08 (m, 6H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 - 6.74 (m, 2H), 6.61 - 6.56 (m, 3H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 177.3, 162.5, 160.0, 144.4, 142.8, 140.4, 135.6, 135.4, 132.0, 130.9, 130.9, 130.2, 129.3, 129.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 127.1, 126.5, 124.2, 124.0, 124.0, 122.9, 122.9, 122.8, 122.7, 122.0, 121.9, 120.2, 119.3, 118.7, 118.5, 118.0, 115.4, 115.2, 112.1, 110.7, 109.9, 109.1, 60.6, 60.0, 43.6, 41.3, 8.6. IR (KBr): 3545, 3413, 3307, 3196, 3056, 2921, 2359, 1697, 1608, 1489, 1384, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>30</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 586.2294, found m/z 586.2335. Enantiomeric excess: 97%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm):  $t_R = 4.227 \text{ min (minor)}, t_R = 4.673 \text{ min (major)}.$ 

#### (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-(m-tolyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-spir o[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ad):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 12 h ; yield: 83% (24.2 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 168–170 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -205.9 (c 0.544, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.26 (s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 5H), 7.05 (s, 3H), 6.97 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.55 – 6.50 (m, 3H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 177.2, 144.8, 143.3, 140.4, 137.6, 135.6, 135.4, 135.2, 132.5, 130.8, 129.9, 129.4, 128.5, 128.1, 127.1, 126.5, 126.2, 123.5, 123.0, 122.8, 121.9, 121.8, 120.1, 119.3, 118.6, 118.5, 118.0, 112.1, 110.6, 109.8, 109.2, 70.6, 60.3, 43.6, 40.9, 21.3, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3515, 3433, 3293, 3197, 3055, 2918, 2359, 1697, 1608, 1488, 1384, 1173, 739, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 582.2545, found m/z 582.2578. Enantiomeric excess: 98%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 4.037 min (minor), t<sub>R</sub> = 4.760 min (major).

### (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-2-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ae):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 12 h ; yield: 96% (28.9 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 164–165 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -223.6 (c 0.602, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.24 (s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.13 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* 

= 15.9 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 176.9, 144.3, 143.2, 140.5, 137.5, 135.6, 135.3, 134.0, 131.9, 130.2, 129.5, 129.3, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.4, 127.3, 126.6, 123.5, 123.0, 122.9, 122.1, 122.0, 120.3, 119.4, 118.6, 118.1, 112.2, 110.68, 109.9, 109.4, 69.9, 60.2, 43.64, 4.03, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3515, 3453, 3293, 3199, 3057, 2921, 1699, 1459, 1431, 1363, 1173, 740, 696 cm-1; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>30</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 602.1998, found m/z 602.2024. Enantiomeric excess: 96%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 3.853 min (minor), t<sub>R</sub> = 4.260 min (major).

# (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-(p-tolyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-spir o[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3af):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 12 h ; yield: 99% (29.1 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 176–177 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -524.5 (c 0.548, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.05 (m, 7H), 6.96 – 6.93 (m, 3H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.8 Hz, 3H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 177.3, 144.8, 143.2, 140.4, 137.2, 135.6, 135.3, 132.5, 132.3, 130.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 127.0, 126.6, 123.5, 123.0, 122.8, 121.8, 120.1, 119.3, 118.6, 118.5, 118.0, 112.1, 110.6, 109.7, 109.2, 70.3, 60.4, 43.6, 41.1, 21.2, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3552, 3475, 3414, 3236, 3056, 2919, 1697, 1638, 1616, 1488, 1464, 1172, 1012, 740, 621 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 582.2545, found m/z 582.2563. Enantiomeric excess: 98%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 4.453 min (minor), t<sub>R</sub> = 5.453 min (major).

(1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ag):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 12 h; yield: 99% (29.2 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 188–189 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} =$ -355.9 (c 0.54, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 18.3, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 - 7.24 (m 1H), 7.24 - 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.18 - 7.17 (m, 7.18), 7.18 - 7.18 (m, 7.18), 7.18 - 7.17 (m, 7.18), 7.18 - 7.18 (m, 7.18), 7.18 - 7.17 (m, 7.18), 7.18 - 7.18 (m, 7.18), 7.18 - 7.17 (m, 7.18), 7.18 (m, 7.2H), 7.16 - 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.13 - 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.09 - 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 6.63 – 6.54 (m, 3H), 5.82 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, J= 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 177.2$ , 163.7, 161.3, 144.4, 143.2, 140.5, 135.6, 135.2, 132.16, 131.17, 131.14, 130.89, 130.81, 130.46, 129.36, 128.66, 128.54, 127.29, 126.51, 123.49, 122.0, 123.9, 122.0, 122.0, 120.2, 119.4, 118.6, 118.5, 118.0, 115.2, 115.0, 112.2, 110.7, 109.8, 109.3, 69.8, 60.3, 43.6, 41.3, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3428, 3266, 3056, 2922, 2360, 2341, 1694, 1609, 1509, 1458, 1216, 739, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>30</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 586.2294, found m/z 586.2329. Enantiomeric excess: 97%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm):  $t_R = 4.037$ min (minor),  $t_R = 4.467$  min (major).

# (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-4-methyl-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3na):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 4 h ; yield: 70.5% (20.6 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 210–212 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -190.3 (c 0.412, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.11 (s, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 5H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64 – 6.44 (m, 3H), 5.94 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 177.2, 145.7, 143.2, 141.4, 135.3, 132.5, 130.9, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 127.0, 126.5, 123.5, 122.8, 122.6, 121.8, 121.4, 119.8, 119.3, 118.5, 118.1, 110.61, 109.9, 109.2, 70.5, 60.2, 43.6, 30.1, 8.6. IR (KBr): 3419, 3383, 2923, 1645, 1616, 1456, 1416, 1340, 1261, 1158, 1080, 1029, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for

 $(C_{41}H_{33}N_3O-H)^-$  requires m/z 582.2545, found m/z 582.2579. Enantiomeric excess: 73%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 80/20, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 4.553 min (major), t<sub>R</sub> = 5.123 min (minor).

# 1'-benzyl-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[cyclopenta[ b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (3ai):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1); Reaction time = 16 h ; yield: 29% (8.4 mg); >95:5 dr; white solid; m.p. 170–172 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -46.4 (c 0.168, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J*=7.9, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J*=8.2, 1H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.95 (t, *J*=7.5, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J*=7.9, 1H), 6.51 (t, *J*=8.3, 3H), 5.91 (d, *J*=9.8, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J*=16.0, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J*=9.8, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J*=16.0, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 177.0, 144.7, 143.3, 140.4, 135.6, 135.3, 132.4, 130.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.0, 126.5, 123.5, 123.0, 122.8, 121.9, 120.2, 119.3, 118.5, 118.11, 112.07, 110.6, 109.9, 109.2, 70.6, 60.3, 43.6, 40.9, 8.6. IR (KBr): 3544, 3385, 2961, 2922, 1698, 1614, 1456, 1363, 1261, 1157, 1082, 1030, 803, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 568.2388, found m/z 568.2416. Enantiomeric excess: 93%, determined by HPLC (Daicel Chirapak IC, hexane/isopropanol = 70/30, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, T = 30 °C, 254 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 4.333 min (minor), t<sub>R</sub> = 4.950 min (major).

#### 6. Procedure and characterization data for the derivation of product 3ea

Under argon atmosphere, compound **3ea** (0.05 mmol), 4-chlorophenylboronic acid (0.075 mmol), CsCO<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.0025 mmol) and butyldi-1-adamantylphosphine (0.003 mmol) were added to a dried tube. After adding DME (0.6 mL) to the reaction system, the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 15 h. Then, the reaction mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6/1) to give pure product **7**.

#### (1R,2R,3R)-1'-benzyl-6'-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(3-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenyl-3, 4-dihydro-2H-spiro[cyclopenta[b]indole-1,3'-indolin]-2'-one (7):

(Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6/1); Reaction time = 15 h ; yield: 92% (31.2 mg); white solid; m.p. 141–143 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -91.3$  (c 0.624, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.75 (s, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 3H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.12-7.05 (m, 4H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.90 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 177.3$ , 145.0, 143.9, 140.6, 140.4, 139.3, 135.7, 135.4, 135.2, 133.5, 132.6, 130.3, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128. 9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.3, 127.7, 127.1, 126.5, 123.9, 123.0, 121.8, 121.7, 121.6, 120.1, 119.2, 118.4, 118.3, 118.0, 112.3, 110.7, 109.6, 107.6, 70.5, 60.2, 43.6, 41.0, 8.7. IR (KBr): 3375, 3030, 2963, 2852, 1714, 1617, 1485, 1449, 1376, 1261, 1093, 1009, 810, 741, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; ESI FTMS exact mass calcd for (C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>34</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O-H)<sup>-</sup> requires m/z 678.2311, found m/z 678.2308.







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3ab





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3ae



3af



3ag



#### 3na



3ai

#### Compound 7



#### 8. Chiral HPLC analyses of products 3















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3ca





3da



3ea





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#### 3ga





3ha





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3na





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#### 9. X-ray single crystal data for product 3ae



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