Synthetic Studies Toward Inducamide C

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General Details

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen in oven-dried (100 °C) glassware. Commercially available starting materials and reagents were used as received unless otherwise noted. All the solvents used were dried by passage through a column of activated alumina under nitrogen using an LC Technology solvent purification system. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using F254 0.2 mm silica plates, followed by visualisation with UV irradiation at 254 nm, and staining with ethanolic vanillin or potassium permanganate solution. Flash column chromatography was performed using 63-100 µm silica gel. Melting points were determined on a Kofler hotstage apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded with an FT-IR spectrometer using a diamond ATR sampling accessory. NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature in CDCl₃, (CD₃)₂SO or (CD₃)₂CO solutions using a spectrometer operating at 400 MHz for ¹H nuclei and 100 MHz for ¹³C nuclei. All chemical shifts are reported in ppm on the δ scale and were measured relative to the protium solvent in which the sample was analysed: CDCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR and δ 77.2 ppm for ¹³C NMR), (CD₃)₂SO (δ 2.50 ppm for ¹H NMR and δ 39.5 ppm for ¹³C NMR) or (CD₃)₂CO (δ 2.05 ppm for ¹H NMR and δ 29.8 ppm for ¹³C NMR) with relative integral. Coupling constants, J, are reported in Hertz [Hz] where applicable. Multiplicities are reported as "s" (singlet), "d" (doublet), "t" (triplet), "q" (quartet), "m" (multiplet), "br" (broad or combination thereof). Where distinguishable from those due to a major isomer/diastereomer or rotamer, resonances due to the minor isomer, diastereomer and rotamer are denoted by an asterisk (*). High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on a microTOF QII (electrospray ionisation, ESI) mass spectrometer.





In a sealed tube, a solution of 6-chloroindole (200 mg, 1.32 mmol, 1 equiv.), bis(pinacolato)diboron (B₂Pin₂) (1.17 g, 4.62 mmol, 3.5 equiv.), [Ir(OMe)COD]₂ (79 mg, 0.12 mmol, 9 mol%) and 4,4-di-*tert*-butyl bipyridine (dtbpy) (64 mg, 0.24 mmol, 18 mol%) in THF (5 mL) was heated to 85 °C for 72 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, quenched carefully with a few drops of methanol and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with petroleum ether-ethyl acetate (9:1) to afford **S1** (608 mg, 1.15 mmol, 87%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 289.3 – 290.5 °C; HRMS [ESI, (M + Na)⁺] found 552.2630, [C₂₆H₃₉B₃³⁵ClNO₆ + Na]⁺ requires 552.2652; v_{max}/cm⁻¹ (neat): 3441, 2980, 1593, 1538, 1495, 1371, 1266, 1130, 972, 856, 700, 669; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 9.63 (1 H, br, NH), 7.56 (1 H, s, ArH), 7.48 (1 H, d, *J* 2.2, ArH), 1.42 (12 H, s, 4 × Me), 1.36 (24 H, s, 8 × Me); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 143.9 (C), 136.5 (C), 130.4 (C), 129.4 (CH), 115.2 (CH), 84.3 (2 × C of BPin), 84.2 (2 × C of BPin), 84.0 (2 × C of BPin), 25.21 (4 × Me of Bpin), 25.17 (4 × Me of BPin), 25.1 (4 × Me of BPin), 3 × C not observed.

In a sealed tube a solution of **S1** (608 mg, 1.15 mmol, 1 equiv.) and bismuth acetate (89 mg, 0.23 mmol, 20 mol%) in THF (2 mL) and methanol (5 mL) was heated at 80 °C for 18 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with ethyl acetate-petroleum ether

(1:9) to afford the *title compound* (272 mg, 0.98 mmol, 85% over two steps) as a colorless solid. M.p. 138.7 – 141.3 °C; HRMS [ESI, $(M + Na)^+$] found 300.0928, $[C_{14}H_{17}B^{35}CINO_2 + Na]^+$ requires 300.0936; v_{max}/cm^{-1} (neat): 3438, 3324, 2979, 1599, 1575, 1371, 1134, 846, 780, 680; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 8.13 (1 H, br, NH), 7.58 (1 H, d, *J* 1.9, CH), 7.45 (1 H, dd, *J* 1.9, 1.0, CH), 7.22 (1 H, dd, *J* 3.2, 2.4, CH), 6.99 (1 H, ddd, *J* 3.1, 2.1, 1.0, CH), 1.37 (12 H, s, 4 × Me); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 135.9 (C), 131.4 (C), 128.1 (CH), 127.8 (C), 125.5 (CH), 113.8 (CH), 105.0 (CH), 84.0 (2 × C of Bpin), 25.2 (4 × Me of BPin), 1 × C not observed.

6-Chloro-4-isopropoxyindole (6)



To a stirred solution of 6-chloro-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxoborolan-2-yl)-indole (**5**) (200 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1 equiv.) in THF (3.0 mL) at 0 °C was added hydrogen peroxide (0.2 mL, 30% in H₂O) and sodium hydroxide (0.2 mL, 1 M). The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min before being diluted with ethyl acetate (25 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was further extracted with ethyl acetate (2×25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with ethyl acetate-petroleum ether (1:4) to afford **S2** (110 mg, 0.66 mmol, 91%) as a light brown solid. M.p. 113.2 – 116.4 °C; HRMS [ESI, (M – H)⁺] found 166.0067, [C₈H₆³⁵ClNO – H]⁺ requires 166.0065; v_{max}/cm⁻¹ (neat): 3510, 3329, 2920, 1624, 1581, 1456, 1405, 1353, 1248, 864, 762; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) 8.14 (1 H, br, NH), 7.10 (1 H, dd, *J* 3.3, 2.4, ArH), 6.99 (1 H, dd, *J* 1.6, 1.0, ArH), 6.55 (1 H, dd, *J* 3.3, 2.4, 1.0, ArH), 6.53 (1 H, d, *J* 1.5, ArH), 5.16 (1 H, br, OH); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 149.3 (C), 137.7 (C), 128.4 (C), 123.7 (CH), 116.5 (C), 105.8 (CH), 104.6 (CH), 99.3 (CH).

In a sealed tube, a solution of 6-chloro-4-hydroxyindole (**S2**) (110 mg, 0.66 mmol, 1 equiv.), potassium carbonate (274 mg, 1.98 mmol, 3 equiv.) and 2-bromopropane (0.12 mL, 1.32 mmol, 2 equiv.) in DMF (5 mL) was heated at 60 °C for 22 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature and poured into a saturated solution of ammonium chloride (30 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×30 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with water, brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with ethyl acetate-petroleum ether (1:4) to afford the *title compound* (115 mg, 0.55 mmol, 83%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 69.7 – 70.9 °C; HRMS [ESI, (M)⁺] found 209.0603, [C₁₁H₁₂³⁵ClNO]⁺ requires 209.0602; v_{max}/cm⁻¹ (neat): 3402, 2984, 2933, 1610, 1576, 1498, 1396, 1359, 1288, 1137, 1081, 925, 821, 768, 681; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 8.06 (1 H, br, NH), 7.06 (1 H, dd, *J* 3.2, 2.3, ArH), 6.98 (1 H, dd, *J* 1.5, 1.0, ArH), 6.59 (1 H, ddd, *J* 3.2, 2.3, 1.0, ArH), 6.51 (1 H, d, *J* 1.7, ArH), 4.65 (1 H, m, CH), 1.39 (6 H, d, *J* 6.0, 2 × Me); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 152.0 (C), 137.3 (C), 128.5 (C), 123.0 (CH), 118.6 (C), 104.3 (CH), 104.0 (CH), 100.7 (CH), 70.8 (CH), 22.4 (2 × Me).

6-Chloro-3-iodo-4-isopropoxy-1-tosylindole (7)



To a stirred solution of 6-chloro-4-isopropoxyindole (6) (125 mg, 0.60 mmol, 1 equiv.) and freshly ground sodium hydroxide (72 mg, 1.79 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) in DMF (3 mL) was added a solution of iodine (167 mg, 0.66 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in DMF (2 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Sodium hydroxide (72 mg, 1.79 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) was then again added, followed by addition p-toluensulfonyl chloride (341 mg, 1.79 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h before poured into sat. solution of sodium thiosulfate (5 mL) and then diluted with water (50 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×50 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with water, brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with petroleum ether-ethyl acetate (4:1) to afford the title compound (265 mg, 0.54 mmol, 91%) as a white foam. M.p. 53.6 - 55.7 °C; HRMS [ESI, $(M + Na)^+$] found 511.9539, $[C_{18}H_{17}I^{35}CINO_3S + Na]^+$ requires 511.9555; v_{max}/cm^{-1} (neat): 3136, 2977, 2924, 2544, 2162, 1980, 1733, 1595, 1572, 1493, 1469, 1371, 1238, 1188, 997, 934, 899, 709, 664; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.74 (2 H, m, 2 × ArH), 7.55 (1 H, d, J 1.6, ArH), 7.52 (1 H, s, ArH), 7.25 (2 H, m, 2 × ArH), 6.61 (1 H, d, J 1.3, ArH), 4.59 (1 H, hept, J 6.0, CH), 2.35 (3 H, s, Me), 1.38 (6 H, d, J 6.0, 2 × Me); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 152.1 (C), 145.8 (C), 136.2 (C), 134.9 (C), 132.2 (C), 130.4 (2 × CH), 130.0 (CH), 127.2 (2 × CH), 119.3 (C), 107.7 (CH), 106.1 (CH), 71.7 (CH), 59.7 (CH), 22.1 (2 × Me), 21.9 (Me).

(*S*)-3-(6-Chloro-4-isopropoxy-1-tosylindol-3-yl)-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)-propenamide (8)



A suspension of 6-chloro-3-iodo-4-isopropoxy-1-tosylindole (7) (100 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), *N*-phthaloyl-L-alanine-8-aminoquinoline amide¹ (77.5 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), palladium acetate (4.6 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol%) and silver trifluoroacetate (22.5 mg, 0.10 mmol, 50 mol%) in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane (1 mL) and water (2 mL) was stirred vigorously at 45 °C for 48 h then poured into a separation funnel containing aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1 M, 5 mL), water (20 mL) and dichloromethane (25 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was further extracted with dichloromethane (2×25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with dichloromethane-ethyl acetate (99:1) to afford the title compound (97 mg, 0.14 mmol, 67%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 253.5 – 256.7 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –62.5° (*c* 0.2, CHCl₃); HRMS [ESI, (M + Na)⁺] found 729.1551, $[C_{38}H_{31}^{35}ClN_4O_6S + Na]^+$ requires 729.1545; v_{max}/cm^{-1} (neat): 3317, 3106, 2930, 2160, 1778, 1717, 1690, 1596, 1529, 1486, 1370, 1329, 1268, 1187, 951, 879, 793, 717, 668; бн (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 10.29 (1 H, s, NH), 8.72 (1 H, dd, J 5.1, 3.9, ArH), 8.61 (1 H, dd, J 4.2, 1.7, ArH), 8.12 (1 H, dd, J 8.3, 1.7, ArH), 7.82 (2 H, m, 2 × ArH), 7.74 (2 H, m, 2 × ArH), 7.51 (1 H, d, J 1.5, ArH), 7.48 (4 H, m, 4 × ArH), 7.39 (1 H, dd, J 8.3, 4.2, ArH), 7.22 (1 H, s, ArH), 6.89 (2 H, d, J 8.6, 2 × ArH), 6.64 (1 H, dd, J 1.5, ArH), 5.76 (1 H, dd, J 10.7, 5.8, ArH), 4.70 (1 H, m,

CH), 3.98 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.0, 5.8, CH₂), 3.91 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.0, 10.7, CH₂), 2.21 (3 H, s, Me), 1.49 (3 H, d, *J* 6.0, Me), 1.46 (3 H, d, *J* 6.0, Me); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 168.2 (2 × CO), 166.6 (CO), 152.6 (C), 148.5 (CH), 145.0 (C), 138.7 (C), 138.6 (C), 137.1 (C), 136.5 (CH), 135.0 (C), 134.4 (2 × CH), 134.1 (C), 132.0 (2 × C), 131.8 (C), 129.9 (2 × CH), 128.1 (C), 127.5 (CH), 126.7 (2 × CH), 124.4 (CH), 123.8 (2 × CH), 122.2 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 119.1 (C), 118.0 (C), 117.0 (CH), 106.8 (CH), 106.5 (CH), 71.1 (CH), 55.9 (CH), 26.6 (CH₂), 22.2 (Me), 22.0 (Me), 21.7 (Me).

AQ OMe BF3.Et2O (20 eq) NH2-NH2 (50% in H2O) O*i*Pr O*i*Pr MeOH, 110 °C CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (1:1) NPhth NPhth rt, 72 h 72 h 90% 87% CI CI Τs Ts **S**3 8 Mg (20 eq) OMe OMe NH₄CI (cat.) O*i*Pr O*i*Pr MeOH NH₂ NH_2 rt, 1 h quant. CI CI Ťs S4 9

6-Chloro-4-isopropoxytryptophan methyl ester (9)

In a sealed tube, a solution of **8** (80 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (0.28 mL, 2.26 mmol, 20 equiv.) in methanol (3 mL) was heated at 110 °C for 72 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane (15 mL), and quenched carefully with triethylamine (0.4 mL, 2.83 mmol, 25 equiv.) before being concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with ethyl acetate-petroleum ether (1:4) to afford **S3** (58 mg, 0.098 mmol, 87%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 182.3 – 183.8 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ –176.5° (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); HRMS [ESI, (M + Na)⁺] found 617.1106, $[C_{30}H_27^{35}CIN_2O7S + Na]^+$ requires 617.1120; v_{max}/cm^{-1} (neat): 2962, 2922, 2159, 1976,

1745, 1716, 1597, 1559, 1469, 1386, 1259, 1176, 1100, 1018, 799, 720, 669; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, acetone-d₆) 7.94 (2 H, m, 2 × ArH), 7.84 (2 H, m, 2 × ArH), 7.57 (2 H, m, 2 × ArH), 7.46 (1 H, d, *J* 1.5, ArH), 7.24 (1 H, d, *J* 1.0, ArH), 7.06 (2 H, m, 2 × ArH), 6.83 (1 H, d, *J* 1.5, ArH), 5.51 (1 H, dd, *J* 11.9, 4.1, CH), 4.88 (1 H, m, CH), 3.80 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.3, 4.1, CH₂), 3.77 (3 H, s, OMe), 3.62 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.3, 11.9, CH₂), 2.30 (3 H, s, Me), 1.47 (3 H, d, *J* 6.0, Me), 1.42 (3 H, d, *J* 6.0, Me); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, acetone-d₆) 170.0 (CO), 168.1 (2 × CO), 153.7 (C), 146.5 (C), 137.7 (C), 135.7 (2 × CH), 135.5 (C), 132.5 (2 × C), 132.1 (C), 131.0 (2 × CH), 127.5 (2 × CH), 125.1 (CH), 124.4 (2 × CH), 120.1 (C), 119.1 (C), 107.6 (CH), 106.8 (CH), 71.7 (CH), 53.4 (CH), 53.2 (OMe), 26.8 (CH₂), 22.2 (Me), 22.0 (Me), 21.6 (Me).

To a stirred solution of **S3** (58 mg, 0.098 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dichloromethane (1.5 mL) and methanol (1.5 mL) was added hydrazine hydrate (19 μ L, 0.294 mmol, 3 equiv., 50% in H₂O). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 72 h before being concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with dichloromethane-methanol (19:1) to afford **S4** (41 mg, 0.088 mmol, 90%) as a colourless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -15.3° (*c* 0.9, CHCl₃); HRMS [ESI, (M + Na)⁺] found 487.1049, [C_{22H25}³⁵ClN₂O₅S + Na]⁺ requires 487.1065; v_{max}/cm⁻¹ (neat): 3382, 3107, 2979, 2928, 1736, 1594, 1557, 1472, 1404, 1372, 1237, 1173, 1110, 1074, 1017, 962, 900, 836, 811, 702, 667; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, acetone-d₆) 7.84 (2 H, m, 2 × ArH), 7.56 (1 H, d, *J* 1.6, ArH), 7.42 (2 H, m, 2 × ArH), 7.23 (1 H, t, *J* 0.8, ArH), 6.80 (1 H, dd, *J* 13.7, 4.6, CH₂), 3.00 (1 H, dd, *J* 13.7, 8.6, CH₂), 2.81 (2 H, d, *J* 13.7, NH₂), 2.39 (3 H, s, Me), 1.38 (3 H, d, *J* 1.9, Me), 1.36 (3 H, d, *J* 1.9, Me); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, acetone-d₆) 172.8 (CO), 153.8 (C), 146.7 (C), 137.7 (C), 136.1 (C), 131.8 (C), 131.2 (2 × CH), 127.8 (2 × CH), 124.9 (CH),

120.5 (C), 120.2 (C), 107.5 (CH), 106.9 (CH), 71.5 (CH), 64.5 (CH), 52.0 (CH), 31.2 (CH₂), 22.12 (Me), 22.07 (Me), 21.5 (Me).

Magnesium powder (43 mg, 1.76 mmol, 20 equiv.) and ammonium chloride (1 drop) were added to methanol (5 mL) at room temperature. After hydrogen gas had evolved, a solution of **S4** (41 mg, 0.088 mmol, 1 equiv.) in methanol (1 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h before quenched with a sat. solution of ammonium chloride (10 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 25 mL) and the combined organic layers washed with sodium bicarbonate (sat. solution), brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the *title compound* (27 mg, 0.088 mmol, ~100%) as a colourless oil. The resulting residue was used for the next step without further purification. HRMS [ESI, (M + H)⁺] found 311.1158, $[C_{15}H_{19}^{35}CIN_2O_3 + H]^+$ requires 311.1157; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.99 (1 H, s, NH), 6.90 (1 H, d, *J* 1.5, ArH), 6.86 (1 H, d, *J* 2.3, ArH), 6.45 (1 H, d, *J* 1.5, ArH), 4.67 (1 H, m, CH), 3.90 (1 H, dd, *J* 9.3, 4.5, CH), 3.71 (3 H, s, OMe), 3.47 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.0, 4.5, CH₂), 2.79 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.0, 9.3, CH₂), 1.43 (6 H, d, *J* 5.6, 2 × Me).

Calculating the enantiomeric excess of the C(sp³)-H arylation product

The enantiomeric excess of the tryptophan (-)-S4 was calculated upon coupling with (*R*)-mandelic acid to give the amide S5. The crude ¹H NMR of S5 spectrum was compared to that of the diastereomeric amides S6 prepared from the racemic tryptophan (\pm)-S4.



Methyl (S)-3-(6-chloro-4-isopropoxy-1-tosylindol-3-yl)-2-((R)-2-hydroxy-2

phenylacetamido)-propanoate (S5)



To a stirred solution of (*R*)-mandelic acid (5.0 mg, 0.032 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and HATU (15.0 mg, 0.034 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (2 mL) was added *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (16.0 μ L, 0.092 mmol, 2.8 equiv.). After stirring for 10 min, a solution of tryptophan (-)-**S4** (15.0 mg, 0.032 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (3 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min then poured onto water (25 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl ether (3 × 25 mL) and the combined organic layers washed with water, brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with dichloromethane-methanol (19:1) to afford the *title compound* (12 mg, 0.020 mmol, 62%), as a colourless solid. M.p. 54.6 – 57.3 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –26.4° (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); HRMS [ESI, (M + Na)⁺] found 621.1457, [C₃₀H₃₁³⁵ClN₂O₇S + Na]⁺ requires 621.1433; v_{max}/cm⁻¹ (neat): 3388, 2924, 2852, 1742, 1662, 1596, 1558, 1520, 1473, 1405, 1365, 1239, 1173, 1115, 1089, 969, 901, 840, 813, 701, 667; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, acetone-d₆) 7.85

(2 H, m, 2 × ArH), 7.79 (1 H, d, *J* 8.4, NH), 7.51 (2 H, d, *J* 1.6, 2 × ArH), 7.40 (4 H, m, 4 × ArH), 7.27 (3 H, m, 3 × ArH), 6.79 (1 H, d, *J* 1.6, ArH), 5.21 (1 H, d, *J* 4.5, OH), 4.87 (2 H, m, 2 × CH), 4.80 (1 H, m, CH), 3.63 (3 H, s, OMe), 3.47 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.0, 4.8, CH₂), 3.19 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.0, 10.4, CH₂), 2.37 (3 H, s, Me), 1.41 (3 H, d, *J* 6.0, Me), 1.38 (3 H, d, *J* 6.0, Me); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, acetoned₆) 172.9 (CO), 172.7 (CO), 153.8 (C), 146.7 (C), 141.2 (C), 137.7 (C), 135.9 (C), 131.8 (C), 131.2 (2 × CH), 129.0 (2 × CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.0 (2 × CH), 127.9 (2 × CH), 125.4 (CH), 120.4 (C), 119.3 (C), 107.5 (CH), 106.8 (CH), 74.9 (CH), 71.7 (CH), 53.5 (CH), 52.3 (CH), 29.4 (CH₂), 22.1 (Me), 22.0 (Me), 21.6 (Me).

Methyl 3-(6-chloro-4-isopropoxy-1-tosylindol-3-yl)-2-((*R*)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetamido)propanoate (S6)



To a stirred solution of (*R*)-mandelic acid (6.5 mg, 0.043 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and HATU (20 mg, 0.052 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (2 mL) was added *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (21 μ L, 0.12 mmol, 2.8 equiv.). After stirring for 10 min, a solution of tryptophan (±)-**S4** (20 mg, 0.043 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (3 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h then poured onto water (30 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl ether (3 × 30 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with water, brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was

purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with dichloromethane-methanol (19:1) to afford the *title compound* (13.5 mg, 0.022 mmol, 52%), as a colourless solid.

A comparison of the crude ¹H NMR spectra of amides **S5** and **S6** showed that the enantioenriched compound **S5** had an enantiomeric excess of 94 %



3-Chloro-6-methoxy-2-methylbenzoic acid (10)



To a stirred solution of methyl-3-chloro-6-methoxy-2-methylbenzoate² (50 mg, 0.23 mmol, 1 equiv.) in methanol (3 mL) was added 1 M sodium hydroxide (3.03 mL, 3.029 mmol, 13 equiv.). The resulting mixture was heated at reflux for 8 h then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was washed with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and the extracted organic layer discarded. The aqueous layer was acidified to pH 2 with 1 M HCl (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl ether (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the *title compound* (46 mg, 0.023 mmol, ~100%) as a colourless solid. M.p. 153.6 – 156.4 °C; HRMS [ESI, (M + Na)⁺] found 223.0134, [C₉H₉³⁵ClO₃ + Na]⁺ requires 223.0132; v_{max}/cm⁻¹ (neat): 2974, 2918, 2843, 1689, 1583, 1464, 1431, 1267, 1085, 899, 802, 657; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, acetone-d₆) 7.39 (1 H, d, *J* 8.9, ArH), 6.96 (1 H, dd, *J* 8.9, ArH), 3.83 (3 H, s, OMe), 2.31 (3 H, s, Me), OH not observed; $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, acetone-d₆) 168.2 (CO), 155.9 (C), 133.9 (C), 131.0 (CH), 127.8 (C), 126.6 (C), 111.4 (CH), 56.6 (OMe), 17.3 (Me).

Methyl-(S)-3-(6-chloro-4-isopropoxyindol-3-yl)-2-(3-chloro-6-methoxy-2-

methylbenzamido)-propanoate (11)



To a stirred solution of 3-chloro-6-methoxy-2-methylbenzoic acid $(10)^2$ (53 mg, 0.27 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and HATU (121 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.8 equiv.) in N,N-dimethylformamide (3 mL) was added *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (56 µL, 0.32 mmol, 1.8 equiv.). After stirring for 10 min, a solution of the crude tryptophan 9 (55 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in N,N-dimethylformamide (3 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min before poured into water (25 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl ether (3 \times 25 mL); the combined organic layers were washed with water, brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with dichloromethane-methanol (19:1) to give the *title compound* (83 mg, 0.17 mmol, 95%) as a colourless solid. M.p. 95.3 – 99.6 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +62.3° (*c* 0.4, CHCl₃); HRMS [ESI, (M + Na)⁺] found 515.1100, $[C_{24}H_{26}^{35}Cl_2N_2O_5 + Na]^+$ requires 515.1111; v_{max}/cm^{-1} (neat): 3311, 2920, 2850, 1743, 1647, 1578, 1495, 1434, 1365, 1266, 1211, 1081, 928, 883, 803, 729, 661; δ_H (400 MHz, acetoned₆) 10.20 (1 H, s, NH), 7.62 (1 H, d, J7.3, NH), 7.29 (1 H, d, J 8.8, ArH), 7.15 (1 H, d, J 2.4, ArH), 7.02 (1 H, d, J 1.6, ArH), 6.81 (1 H, d, J 8.8, ArH), 6.50 (1 H, d, J 1.6, ArH), 4.91 (1 H, ddd, J 10.4, 7.3, 5.0, CH), 4.74 (1 H, hept, J 6.0, CH), 3.72 (3 H, s, OMe), 3.52 (3 H, s, OMe), 3.48 (1 H, dd, J 14.0, 5.0, CH₂), 3.20 (1 H, dd, J 14.0, 10.4, CH₂), 2.10 (3 H, s, Me), 1.42 (3 H, d, J 6.0, Me), 1.33 (3 H, d, J 6.0, Me); δ_C (100 MHz, acetone-d₆) 173.4 (CO), 166.9 (CO), 156.0 (C), 153.4 (C), 139.4 (C), 135.1 (C), 130.5 (CH), 130.2 (C), 128.2 (C), 126.6 (C), 124.6 (CH), 117.8 (C), 112.0 (C), 111.1 (CH), 105.3 (CH), 102.9 (CH), 71.0 (CH), 56.1 (OMe), 55.6 (CH), 52.1 (OMe), 29.4 (CH₂), 22.3 (Me), 22.1 (Me), 16.8 (Me).

(S)-3-(6-Chloro-4-hydroxyindol-3-yl)-2-(3-chloro-6-hydroxy-2-methylbenzamido)propanoic acid (13)



To a stirred solution of **11** (25 mg, 0.051 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dichloromethane (5 mL) at -78 °C was slowly added boron tribromide (0.3 mL, 0.31 mmol, 6.0 equiv., 1 M in dichloromethane). The resulting mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 min, then warmed to 0 °C before quenched with 1 M HCl (10 mL) and diluted with dichloromethane (25 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was further extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **12** (21 mg, 0.048 mmol, ~94%) as a colourless solid that was used in the subsequent step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of crude **12** (20 mg, 0.046 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in methanol (5 mL) was added 1 M sodium hydroxide (0.18 mL, 0.18 mmol, 4.0 equiv.). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h before being concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was dissolved in water (5 mL) and basified to pH 9 with sodium bicarbonate (sat. solution). The aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate (5 mL), and the organic layer was discarded. The aqueous layer was then acidified to pH 2 with 1 M HCl and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the *title compound* (~20 mg, 0.046 mmol, ~100%), as a brown oil and used for the next step without further purification. HRMS [ESI, (M – H)⁺] found 421.0353, $[C_{19}H_{16}^{35}Cl_2N_2O_5 - H]^+$ requires 421.0364; δ_H (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) 10.75 (1 H, s, NH), 8.38 (1 H, d, *J* 7.0, NH), 7.17 (1 H, d, *J* 8.7, CH), 7.0 (1 H, d, *J* 2.3, ArH), 6.80 (1 H, d, *J* 1.7, ArH), 6.66 (1 H, dd, *J* 8.7, ArH), 6.31 (1 H, d, *J* 1.7, ArH), 4.64 (1 H, dd, *J* 9.9, 4.4, CH), 3.38 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.5, 4.4, CH₂), 3.06 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.5, 9.9, CH₂), 1.98 (3 H, s, Me), 3 × OH not observed.

(*S*)-3-Chloro-*N*-(8-chloro-2-oxo-2,3,4,6-tetrahydrooxepino[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-3-yl)-6-hydroxy-2methylbenzamide (14)



To a stirred solution of 1-ethyl-3-(dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride salt (EDC.HCl) (8 mg, 0.041 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole (HOAt) (6 mg, 0.041 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in dichloromethane (25 mL) was added a solution of crude **13** (12 mg, 0.027 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dichloromethane (25 mL), over a period of 30 min. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h before washed with brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by quickly passing through

a glass pipette filled with silica gel eluting with dichloromethane-acetone (9:1) to afford the *title compound* (0.5 mg, 0.0012 mmol, 5%) as an unstable colorless solid. HRMS [ESI, $(M - H)^+$] found 403.0259, $[C_{19}H_{14}^{35}Cl_2N_2O_4 - H]^+$ requires 403.0259; δ_H (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) 11.42 (1 H, s, NH), 9.72 (1 H, s, OH), 9.12 (1 H, s, NH), 7.37 (1 H, d, *J* 2.3, ArH), 7.29 (1 H, d, *J* 1.6, ArH), 7.23 (1 H, d, *J* 8.7, ArH), 6.87 (1 H, d, *J* 1.6, ArH), 6.71 (1 H, d, *J* 8.8, ArH), 4.68 (1 H, ddd, *J* 9.3, 6.1, 4.4, CH), 3.19 (2 H, dd, *J* 9.3, 4.4, CH₂), 2.21 (3 H, s, Me); δ_C (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) 169.5 (CO), 166.4 (CO), 152.9 (C), 137.9 (C), 133.4 (C), 129.4 (CH), 126.9 (C), 126.0 (C), 125.2 (C), 123.6 (CH), 123.0 (C), 115.0 (C), 114.6 (CH), 108.3 (C), 107.8 (CH), 107.2 (CH), 54.5 (CH), 26.9 (CH₂), 16.5 (Me). The NMR spectroscopic data had to be collected within 1 h of the final purification due to stability issues

Methyl (*S*)-3-(6-chloro-4-isopropoxyindol-3-yl)-2-(3-chloro-6-hydroxy-2-methylbenzamido) -propanoate (17)



To a stirred solution of **11** (76 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dichloromethane (5 mL) at -78 °C was slowly added boron tribromide (0.15 mL, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv., 1 M in dichloromethane) and stirred at the same temperature for 30 min. The resulting mixture was then warmed to 0 °C before quenched with 1 M HCl (10 mL) and diluted with dichloromethane (35 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was further extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 35 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered,

and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with dichloromethane-methanol (95:5) to afford the *title compound* (65 mg, 0.14 mmol, 89%) as a colourless solid. M.p. 163.8 – 166.2 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ +20.8° (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); HRMS [ESI, (M + Na)⁺] found 501.0956, $[C_{23}H_{24}^{35}Cl_2N_2O_5 + Na]^+$ requires 501.0954; v_{max}/cm^{-1} (neat): 3313, 2963, 2924, 2851, 1730, 1638, 1579, 1541, 1493, 1436, 1364, 1326, 1291, 1258, 1211, 1136, 1081, 1031, 926, 883, 805, 662; δ_{H} (400 MHz, acetone-d₆) 10.16 (1 H, s, NH), 8.70 (1 H, s, OH), 7.76 (1 H, d, *J* 7.2, NH), 7.21 (1 H, d, *J* 8.7, ArH), 7.15 (1 H, d, *J* 2.3, ArH), 7.00 (1 H, d, *J* 1.7, ArH), 6.72 (1 H, d, *J* 8.7, ArH), 6.52 (1 H, d, *J* 1.7, ArH), 5.01 (1 H, ddd, *J* 9.1, 7.3, 5.0, CH), 4.78 (1 H, hept, *J* 6.0, CH), 3.73 (3 H, s, OMe), 3.55 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.1, 5.1, CH₂), 3.23 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.1, 9.1, CH₂), 2.09 (3 H, s, Me), 1.42 (3 H, d, *J* 6.0, Me), 1.39 (3 H, d, *J* 6.0, Me); δ_C (100 MHz, acetone-d₆) 173.7 (CO), 168.2 (CO), 155.1 (C), 153.4 (C), 139.5 (C), 135.0 (C), 131.4 (CH), 128.3 (C), 126.2 (C), 125.6 (C), 124.7 (CH), 117.7 (C), 116.0 (CH), 111.8 (C), 105.4 (CH), 103.0 (CH), 71.0 (CH), 55.9 (CH), 52.3 (OMe), 29.3 (CH₂), 22.3 (Me), 22.2 (Me), 17.6 (Me).

(S)-3-(6-Chloro-4-isopropoxyindol-3-yl)-2-(3-chloro-6-hydroxy-2-methylbenzamido)propanoic acid (15)



To a stirred solution of **17** (65 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in methanol (5 mL) was added 1 M sodium hydroxide (0.56 mL, 0.56 mmol, 4.0 equiv.). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h before concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was dissolved in water (5

mL), basified to pH 9 with sodium bicarbonate (sat. solution), washed with ethyl acetate (5 mL), and the organic layer discarded. The aqueous layer was then acidified to pH 2 with 1 M HCl and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 \times 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to afford the title compound (64 mg, 0.14 mmol, 100%), as a brown oil and used for the next step without further purification. $[\alpha]_D^{24} - 16.4^\circ$ (c 0.2, MeOH); HRMS [ESI, (M - H)⁺] found 463.0845, [C₂₂H₂₂³⁵Cl₂N₂O₅ - H]⁺ requires 463.0833; v_{max}/cm⁻¹ (neat): 3302, 2976, 2925, 2854, 1703, 1635, 1607, 1580, 1539, 1439, 1361, 1291, 1228, 1112, 1086, 1035, 931, 878, 820; δ_H (400 MHz, acetone-d₆) 10.19 (1 H, s, NH), 8.79 (1 H, s, OH), 7.76 (1 H, d, J 7.4, NH), 7.21 (1 H, d, J 8.7, ArH), 7.18 (1 H, d, J 2.2, ArH), 7.01 (1 H, d, J 1.4, ArH), 6.73 (1 H, d, J 8.7, ArH), 6.51 (1 H, d, J 1.5, ArH), 5.04 (1 H, dd, J 10.5, 7.4, 4.5, CH), 4.77 (1 H, hept, J 6.0, CH), 3.66 (1 H, dd, J 14.2, 4.5, CH₂), 3.26 (1 H, dd, J 14.2, 10.5, CH₂), 2.07 (3 H, s, Me), 1.43 (3 H, d, J 6.0, Me), 1.39 (3 H, d, J 6.0, Me); 1 × OH not observed; $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, acetone-d₆) 174.3 (CO), 168.4 (C), 155.1 (C), 153.4 (C), 139.4 (C), 131.5 (CH), 126.3 (C), 125.5 (C), 124.8 (CH), 117.7 (C), 116.1 (CH), 112.0 (C), 105.4 (CH), 103.0 (CH), 71.1 (C), 55.7 (CH), 29.1 (CH₂), 22.2 (Me), 22.3 (Me), 17.6 (Me), 1 \times C not observed.

O-Isopropylinducamide C (16)



To a stirred solution of 1-ethyl-3-(dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride salt (EDC.HCl) (10 mg, 0.052 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole (HOAt) (7.0 mg, 0.052 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in dichloromethane (25 mL) was added crude 15 (16 mg, 0.034 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dichloromethane (25 mL), over a period of 30 min. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h, washed with sodium bicarbonate (sat. solution), brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by quickly passing through a glass pipette filled with silica gel eluting with dichloromethane-acetone (9:1) to afford the *title compound* (5 mg, 0.011 mmol, 35%) as a unstable colorless solid. M.p. 213.6 – 215.8 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ +6.75° (c 0.5, CHCl₃); HRMS [ESI, (M + Na)⁺] found 469.0696, $[C_{22}H_{20}^{35}Cl_2N_2O_4 + Na]^+$ requires 469.0692; v_{max}/cm^{-1} (neat): 3315, 2975, 2928, 2853, 1783, 1668, 1615, 1582, 1494, 1439, 1366, 1257, 1230, 1206, 1115, 1083, 1032, 928, 883, 824, 791, 733, 664; δ_H (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) 10.97 (1 H, s, NH), 9.17 (1 H, d, J 6.9, NH), 7.64 (1 H, d, J 8.8, ArH), 7.17 (1 H, d, J 8.8, ArH), 7.09 (1 H, dd, J 2.3, ArH), 6.92 (1 H, d, J 1.6, ArH), 6.37 (1 H, d, J 1.5, ArH), 4.58 (1 H, hept, J 6.0, CH), 4.35 (1 H, dd, J 7.1, 6.8, CH), 3.30 (1 H, dd, J 14.3, 6.8, CH₂), 3.12 (1 H, dd, J 14.3, 7.1, CH₂), 2.38 (3 H, s, Me) 1.00 (3 H, dd, J 6.0, Me), 0.95 (3 H, dd, J 6.0, Me); δ_{C} (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) 168.2 (CO), 165.5 (CO), 151.3 (C), 148.1 (C), 137.7 (C), 136.5 (C), 132.4 (C), 132.0 (CH), 126.3 (C), 126.2 (C), 124.6 (CH), 119.7 (CH), 115.8 (C), 108.7 (C), 104.3 (CH), 101.5 (CH), 68.7 (CH), 52.4 (CH), 25.6 (CH₂), 21.3 (Me), 21.0 (Me), 17.7 (Me). The product was deployed in the subsequent step within one hour.





To a stirred solution of *O*-isopropylinducamide C (**16**) (14 mg, 0.031 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dichloromethane (5 mL) at -78 °C was slowly added boron tribromide (95 µL, 0.095 mmol, 3.0 equiv., 1 M in dichloromethane). The resulting mixture was warmed to 0 °C, stirred for 30 min, then quenched with water (10 mL) and diluted with dichloromethane (15 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was further extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by quickly passing through a glass pipette filled with silica gel eluting with dichloromethane-acetone (9:1) to afford **14** (0.5 mg, 0.0012 mmol, 5%) as a colourless solid. Spectroscopic data as described previously (see page 18).

Benzoxazepine stability studies

Methanolysis of O-isopropylinducamide C (16)



To a stirred solution of *O*-isopropylinducamide C (**16**) (1.0 mg, 0.0023 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in methanol (1.0 mL) was added silica gel (20 mg). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min then filtered. The silica was washed with methanol (1.0 mL) and the filtrate concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **17** (1.0 mg, 0.0023 mmol, ~100%) as a colorless solid. Spectroscopic data as described previously (see page 18).

Acid-mediated hydrolysis of O-isopropylinducamide C (16)



A solution of *O*-isopropylinducamide C (**16**) (5 mg, 0.011 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in acetonitrile-waterformic acid (2 mL, 50:50:0.1) was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The resulting mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **15** (5.0 mg, 0.011 mmol, ~100%) as a brown oil. Spectroscopic data as described previously (see page 19).

(*S*)-3-((Indol-3-yl)Methyl)-7-chloro-6-methyl-3,4-dihydrobenzo[*f*][1,4]oxazepine-2,5-dione (18)



To a stirred solution of *N*-ethyl-*N*'-3-(dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride salt (EDC.HCl) (25 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole (HOAt) (17.5 mg,

0.13 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in dichloromethane (25 mL) was added a solution of (-)-inducamide B^2 (40 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dichloromethane (25 mL), over a period of 30 min. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h then washed with brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by quickly passing through the glass pipette filled with silica gel eluting with dichloromethane-acetone (9:1) to afford the *title compound* (25 mg, 0.070 mmol, 66%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 64.3 - 66.6 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{24}$ +5.9° (c 1.0, CHCl₃); HRMS [ESI, (M + Na)⁺] found 377.0650, $[C_{19}H_{15}^{35}ClN_{2}O_{3} + Na]^{+}$ requires 377.0663; v_{max}/cm⁻¹ (neat): 3321, 3076, 2962, 2924, 1777, 1705, 1661, 1590, 1456, 1438, 1354, 1259, 1228, 1098, 1067, 1029, 913, 792, 739, 685; δ_H (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) 10.85 (1 H, s, NH), 9.03 (1 H, d, J 7.1, NH), 7.63 (1 H, d, J 8.8, ArH), 7.55 (1 H, d, J 7.9, ArH), 7.32 (1 H, d, J 8.1, ArH), 7.22 (1 H, d, J 2.3, ArH), 7.16 (1 H, d, J 8.8, ArH), 7.03 (1 H, ddd, J 8.1, 7.0, ArH), 6.92 (1 H, ddd, J 7.9, 7.0, ArH), 4.27 (1 H, ddd, J 9.5, 7.1, 4.9, CH), 3.25 (1 H, dd, J 15.0, 4.9, CH₂), 3.12 (1 H, dd, J 15.0, 9.5, CH₂), 2.33 (3 H, s, Me); δ_C (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) 168.9 (CO), 165.8 (CO), 148.5 (C), 136.3 (C), 135.9 (C), 132.1 (CH), 131.5 (C), 127.0 (C), 126.4 (C), 124.3 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 118.4 (CH), 118.3 (CH), 111.4 (CH), 108.8 (C), 51.7 (CH), 23.6 (CH₂), 17.6 (Me).

Methyl 3-chloro-2-hydroxy-6-methylbenzoate (22)



To a stirred solution of methyl 6-hydroxy-2-methyl benzoate $(21)^3$ (50 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1 equiv.) and 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine (5.5 µL, 0.030 mmol, 10 mol%) in toluene (10 mL) at 100 °C

was added SO₂Cl₂ (24 µL, 0.301 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) dropwise. The resulting mixture was heated at the same temperature for 30 min, then cooled to room temperature and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (25 mL), washed with water, brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with diethyl ether-petroleum ether (1:9) to afford the *title compound* (51 mg, 0.25 mmol, 84%) as a pale-yellow solid. M.p. 29.1 – 30.7 °C; HRMS [ESI, (M + Na)⁺] found 223.0126, [C₉H₉³⁵ClO₃ + Na]⁺ requires 223.0132; v_{max}/cm⁻¹ (neat): 2957, 2850, 1662, 1600, 1567, 1411, 1345, 1297, 1253, 1196, 1151, 1122, 1057, 1034, 979, 958, 858, 789, 760; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 11.81 (1 H, s, OH), 7.36 (1 H, d, *J* 8.1, ArH), 6.66 (1 H, d, *J* 8.1, ArH), 3.97 (3 H, s, OMe), 2.50 (3 H, s, Me); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 172.1 (CO), 158.4 (C), 140.2 (C), 134.4 (CH), 123.1 (CH), 120.2 (C), 113.8 (C), 52.8 (OMe), 24.0 (Me).

3-Chloro-2-methoxy-6-methylbenzoic acid (23)



In a sealed tube, a solution of methyl 3-chloro-2-hydroxy-6-methyl benzoate (**22**) (50 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv.), potassium carbonate (103 mg, 0.75 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and iodomethane (19 μ L, 0.299 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in acetone (10 mL) was heated at 65 °C for 18 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature before concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (20 mL) and washed with water (25 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was further extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in*

vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel eluting with diethyl ether-petroleum ether (1:9) to afford **S7** (46 mg, 0.22 mmol, 86%) as a colourless oil. HRMS [ESI, $(M + Na)^+$] found 237.0296, $[C_{10}H_{11}{}^{35}ClO_3 + Na]^+$ requires 237.0289; v_{max}/cm^{-1} (neat): 2948, 1733, 1574, 1467, 1433, 1403, 1269, 1220, 1147, 1107, 1061, 999, 968, 922, 854, 810, 736; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.27 (1 H, d, *J* 8.2, ArH), 6.88 (1 H, d, *J* 8.2, ArH), 3.91 (3 H, s, OMe), 3.87 (3 H, s, OMe), 2.25 (3 H, s, Me); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 167.9 (CO), 153.2 (C), 135.5 (C), 131.4 (CH), 130.5 (C), 126.8 (CH), 125.3 (C), 62.2 (OMe), 52.6 (OMe), 19.2 (Me).

To a stirred solution of methyl-3-chloro-2-methoxy-6-methylbenzoate (**S7**) (46 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1 equiv.) in methanol (2 mL) was added 1 M sodium hydroxide (2.86 mL, 2.86 mmol, 13 equiv.). The resulting mixture was heated to reflux for 8 h, then cooled to room temperature before washed with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and the extracted organic layer was discarded. The aqueous layer was acidified with to pH 2 with 1 M HCl (5 mL) and extracted with ethyl ether (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the *title compound* (44 mg, 0.22 mmol, ~100%) as a colourless solid. M.p. 51.2 – 52.7 °C; HRMS [ESI, (M + Na)⁺] found 223.0127, [C₉H₉³⁵ClO₃ + Na]⁺ requires 223.0132; v_{max}/cm⁻¹ (neat): 2955, 2924, 1687, 1587, 1569, 1467, 1414, 1383, 1287, 1268, 1223, 1153, 1121, 1060, 1000, 920, 896, 855, 794, 739, 721; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.33 (1 H, d, *J* 8.2, ArH), 6.95 (1 H, d, *J* 8.2, ArH), 3.94 (3 H, s, OMe), 2.40 (3 H, s, Me), OH not observed; $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 153.7 (C), 136.8 (C), 132.2 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 125.6 (C), 62.5 (OMe), 19.9 (Me), 2 × C not observed.



(*S*)-2-(3-Chloro-2-hydroxy-6-methylbenzamido)-3-(6-chloro-4-hydroxyindol-3-yl)propanoic acid (24)

To a stirred solution of 3-chloro-2-methoxy-6-methyl benzoic acid (**23**) (52 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and HATU (148 mg, 0.39 mmol, 1.8 equiv.) in *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (2.5 mL) was added *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (68 μ L, 0.39 mmol, 1.8 equiv.). After stirring for 5 min, a solution of tryptophan **9** (67 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (3 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min before poured into water (25 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl ether (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the **S8** (80 mg, 0.16 mmol, 75%), as a colourless solid that was used in the next step without further purification.

To a solution of **S8** (30 mg, 0.061 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dichloromethane (5 mL) at -78 °C was slowly added boron tribromide (365 µL, 0.36 mmol, 6.0 equiv., 1 M in dichloromethane). The resulting mixture was warmed to 0 °C, stirred for 30 min before quenched with 1 M HCl (10 mL) and diluted with dichloromethane (10 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was further extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **S9** (27 mg, 0.061 mmol, ~100%), as a colourless solid that was used in the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of **S9** (27 mg, 0.061 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in methanol (5 mL) was added 1 M sodium hydroxide (0.61 mL, 0.61 mmol, 10.0 equiv.) and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the resulting residue was dissolved in water (10 mL), washed with ethyl acetate (10 mL), and the organic phase was discarded. The aqueous phase was then acidified to pH 2 with 1 M HCl and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by C18 reverse-phase column chromatography using aqueous formic acid (0.1%) in a gradient of 0% to 50% in acetonitrile to afford the *title compound* (26 mg, 0.061 mmol, ~100%) as a colourless solid. M.p. 39.1 - 40.9 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -10.0° (*c* 0.5, MeOH); HRMS [ESI, (M + Na)⁺] found 445.0320, $[C_{19}H_{16}^{35}Cl_2N_2O_5 + Na]^+$ requires 445.0328; v_{max}/cm^{-1} (neat): 3240, 2924, 1710, 1622, 1587, 1539, 1456, 1416, 1358, 1323, 1242, 1202, 1133, 1045, 1021, 988, 887, 810, 761; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, acetone-d₆) 10.19 (1 H, s, NH), 7.99 (1 H, d, *J* 6.0, NH), 7.22 (1 H, d, *J* 8.2, ArH), 7.16 (1 H, s, ArH), 6.91 (1 H, d, *J* 1.6, ArH), 6.65 (1 H, d, *J* 8.2, ArH), 6.46 (1 H, d, *J* 1.6, ArH), 4.99 (1 H, ddd, *J* 9.9, 6.0,

5.0, CH), 3.67 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.5, 5.0, CH₂), 3.37 (1 H, dd, *J* 14.5, 9.9, CH₂), 2.15 (3 H, s, Me); 3 × OH not observed; δ_C (100 MHz, acetone-d₆) 175.4 (CO), 169.2 (CO), 153.1 (C), 152.7 (C), 139.8 (C), 136.3 (C), 131.5 (CH), 127.9 (C), 124.2 (CH), 124.3 (C), 123.0 (CH), 119.3 (C), 116.8 (C), 111.8 (C), 105.2 (CH), 104.4 (CH), 56.3 (CH), 28.6 (CH₂), 19.9 (Me).

(*S*)-3-Chloro-*N*-(8-chloro-2-oxo-2,3,4,6-tetrahydrooxepino[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-3-yl)-2-hydroxy-6methylbenzamide (25)



To a stirred solution of 1-ethyl-3-(dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride salt (EDC.HCl) (15 mg, 0.080 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole (HOAt) (11 mg, 0.080 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) in dichloromethane (25 mL) was added a solution of **24** (17 mg, 0.040 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dichloromethane (25 mL) and *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (0.2 mL), over a period of 30 min. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h before poured into water (30 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous phase was further extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (sat. solution), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by quickly passing through a glass pipette filled with silica eluting with dichloromethane-acetone (9:1), to afford the *title compound* (2.5 mg, 0.0062 mmol, 16%) as a yellow solid. M.p. 42.3 – 44.8 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ +5.9° (*c* 0.2, CHCl₃); HRMS [ESI, (M – H)⁺] found 403.0259, [C₁₉H₁₄³⁵Cl₂N₂O₄ – H]⁺

requires 403.0259; v_{max}/cm⁻¹ (neat): 3263, 2922, 2852, 1744, 1630, 1541, 1451, 1415, 1363, 1322, 1300, 1240, 1198, 1150, 1065, 1045, 1024, 989, 887; δ_H (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) 11.43 (1 H, s, NH), 9.41 (1 H, s, OH), 9.19 (1 H, d, *J* 6.1, NH), 7.38 (1 H, d, *J* 2.1, ArH), 7.29 (1 H, d, *J* 1.6, ArH), 7.26 (1 H, d, *J* 8.1, ArH), 6.87 (1 H, d, *J* 1.6, ArH), 6.72 (1 H, d, *J* 8.1, ArH), 4.73 (1 H, ddd, *J* 10.5, 6.1, 3.1, CH), 3.23 (1 H, dd, *J* 15.7, 3.1, CH₂), 3.16 (1 H, dd, *J* 15.7, 10.5, CH₂), 2.19 (3 H, s, Me); δ_C (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) 169.5 (CO), 166.3 (CO), 149.2 (C), 143.8 (C), 137.9 (C), 135.1 (C), 129.3 (CH), 127.2 (C), 126.0 (C), 123.5 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 118.1 (C), 115.1 (C), 108.3 (C), 107.8 (CH), 107.3 (CH), 54.5 (CH), 26.9 (CH₂), 18.4 (Me).



Scheme S1: *Ab initio* Hartree-Fock point energy $(6-31+G^* \text{ basis set})$ calculations for inducamide C (3) and oxepanoindole 14.

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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.63 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 1H), 1.36 (s, 1H).

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¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone) δ 7.97 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.86 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 14.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.62 (dd, J = 14.3, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.47 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H).

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-6E+05 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone) δ 7.39 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H). -6E+05 OMe O ЮH -5E+05 Me -4E+05 ĊI 10 -4E+05 -4E+05 B (d) 6.96 -3E+05 A (d) C (s) D (s) 7.39 3.83 2,31 H -2E+05 -2E+05 -2E+05 -1E+05 -50000 -0 1.00-= 1.10-= 3.11---3.09-----50000 59 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 -1 -2 -3 -4 f1 (ppm)



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-2E+05 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone) δ 10.19 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, J = 1.6, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (ddd, J = 10.5, 7.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.80 - 4.69 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 1H), 3.48 (ddd, J = 14.1, 5.0, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (ddd, J = 14.1, 10.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (s, 1H), 1.43 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H) 1H), 1.33 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H). 0 OMe Ο OiPr OMe -2E+05 н Me C C 11

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¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone) δ 10.16 (s, 1H), 8.70 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, J = 8.7, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, J = 1.7, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (ddd, J = 9.1, 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.83 – 4.74 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.55 (ddd, J = 14.1, 5.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd, J = 14.1, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.39 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H).

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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

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