

## Supporting Information

### **Diastereoselective desymmetrization reaction of prochiral *para*-quinamines with in situ generated cyclopropenes: access to fused-hydroindol-5-one scaffolds**

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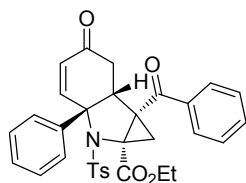
**General Information:** All reactions were carried out either under inert atmosphere or air and monitored by TLC using Merck 60 F254 pre coated silica gel plates (0.25 mm thickness) and the products were visualized by UV detection. Flash chromatography was carried out with silica gel (200-300 mesh).  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance (III) 400 and 500 MHz spectrometers. Data for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR are reported as a chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant  $J$  (Hz), integration, and assignment, data for  $^{13}\text{C}$  are reported as a chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm). High resolutions mass spectral analyses (HRMS) were carried out using ESI-TOF-MS. Melting points were recorded on an electrothermal melting points apparatus and are uncorrected.

**Preparation of starting materials:** The *para*-quinamines (**1a-h**)<sup>1</sup> and ethyl 1-chloro-2-arylcyclopropanecarboxylates (**2a-j**)<sup>2</sup> were prepared according to the literature procedures. All chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise stated.

**Representative procedure for the synthesis of ethyl 6b-benzoyl-5-oxo-2a-phenyl-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3aa):** To a stirred solution of compounds **1a** (0.2 mmol) and **2a** (0.26 mmol) in dry MeCN (2.0 mL) was added  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.4 mmol) at room temperature, followed by heating at 80 °C for 16 h under  $\text{N}_2$ -atmosphere. Upon completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was extracted three times with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 10$  mL), washed with water and brine, respectively, and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The combined organic phases were evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the crude residue. Finally, the product **3aa** was isolated in a pure form (68 mg; 62% yield) through column chromatography over silica gel using a mixture of EtOAc/hexane (25:75, v/v) as the eluent. The product was fully characterized by its spectroscopic data ( $^1\text{H}$ NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, and HRMS). Moreover, the relative configuration was assigned by its single crystal X-ray diffraction data. The minor isomer was unable to isolate.

All the prepared products in Table 2 were followed the above procedure and characterized by their corresponding spectroscopic data ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, and HRMS).

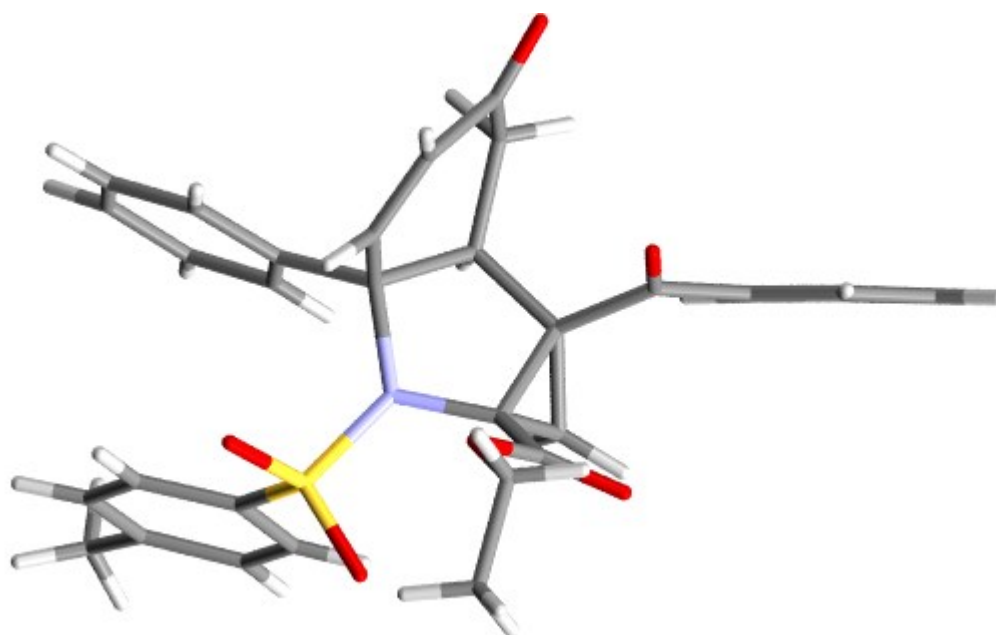
(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl



**6b-benzoyl-5-oxo-2a-phenyl-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3aa):** Colorless

solid; mp 185-187 °C; yield 62% (68 mg); dr = 90:10;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.95 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 6H), 6.30 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.34-4.28 (m, 2H), 3.47 (br s, 1H), 2.69 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.30-2.16 (m, 2H), 2.10 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.34 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.3, 192.0, 168.3, 148.1, 143.4, 138.7, 135.8, 134.2, 132.9, 129.2(2C), 129.0(3C), 127.9, 127.6(2C), 78.5, 77.4, 77.0, 76.7, 62.0, 55.3, 55.1, 44.2, 35.2, 33.8, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{29}\text{NNaO}_6\text{S}^+$  578.1608, found 578.1605.

**Crystallographic data:** Single crystal X-ray structural of compound **3aa** was measured on the Bruker D8 Quest Single Crystal-XRD at 150(2) K using graphite monochromated Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). The strategy for the Data collection was evaluated by using the CrysAlisPro CCD software. The data were collected by the standard 'phi-omega scan techniques, and were scaled and reduced using CrysAlisPro RED software. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97, and refined by full matrix least-squares with SHELXL-97, refining on  $F^2$ . The positions of all the atoms were obtained by direct methods. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The remaining hydrogen atoms were placed in geometrically constrained positions, and refined with isotropic temperature factors, generally  $1.2U_{eq}$  of their parent atoms. The crystal data are summarized in Table S1. The **CCDC** number of compound **3aa** (**2094494**) can be obtained free of charge via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk) (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB21 3EZ, UK; Fax: (+44) 1223-336-033; or [deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk)).



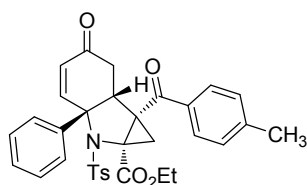
**Figure S1.** ORTEP diagram of compound **3aa** (CCDC 2094494), thermal ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.

**Table S1. Crystal data for compound 3aa.**

Compound	<b>3aa</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>29</sub> NO <sub>6</sub> S
Formula weight	555.62
Temperature	293 K
Wave length (Å )	1.54184 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic P1 21/n1
<i>a</i> (Å)	<i>a</i> = 10.7889(3) Å

<i>b</i> (Å)	<i>b</i> = 23.8675(5) Å
<i>c</i> (Å)	<i>c</i> = 11.6684(5) Å
$\alpha$ (°)	$\alpha$ = 90 deg.
$\beta$ (°)	$\beta$ = 113.658(4) deg.
$\gamma$ (°)	$\gamma$ = 90 deg.
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2752.14(17) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	4, 1.266 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.433 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1108
$\Theta$ range (deg)	3.704 to 71.223 deg.
Limiting indices	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13, -28 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 28, -14 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 14
Reflections collected / unique	12957 / 5159 [R(int) = 0.0799]
Completeness to $\Theta$	96.6 %
Max. and min. transmission	0.846 and 1.0
Absorption correction	none
Data / restraints / parameters	5159 / 0 / 363
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.640
Final R indices [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	R1 = 0.1249, wR2 = 0.2615
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1028, wR2 = 0.3020
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole (e.Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.387 and -1.205 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>
CCDC	2094494

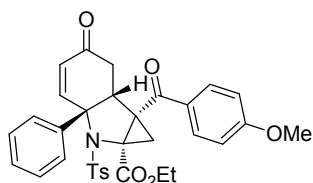
(±)-(*cis-trans-cis*)-Ethyl 6b-(4-methylbenzoyl)-5-oxo-2a-phenyl-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[*b*]indole-1a-carboxylate (3ab):



Colorless solid; mp 195-197 °C; yield = 59% (67 mg); dr = 91:9;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.06-7.05 (m, 5H), 6.29 (d, *J*

= 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.34-4.27 (m, 2H), 3.45 (br s, 1H), 2.68 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H), 2.25-2.18 (m, 2H), 2.06-2.01 (m, 2H), 1.33 (br s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.3, 191.5, 168.3, 148.1, 145.2, 143.3, 138.6, 133.4, 132.9, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0 (2C), 128.9, 127.8, 127.6, 78.4, 61.9, 55.2, 54.9, 44.2, 35.2, 33.8, 21.7, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NNaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> 592.1764, found 592.1772.

(±)-(*cis-trans-cis*)-Ethyl 6b-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-5-oxo-2a-phenyl-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[*b*]indole-1a-carboxylate (3ac):

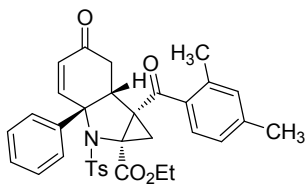


Colorless solid; mp 183-185 °C; yield = 60% (70 mg); dr =

88:12;  $R_f$  = 0.31 (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.05 (m, 5H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.32-4.27 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.44 (br s, 1H), 2.68 (d,  $J$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.23 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.06-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.34 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.3, 190.3, 168.4, 164.3, 148.0, 143.3, 138.7, 131.4, 130.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.97, 128.92, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 114.2, 78.4, 61.9, 55.6, 55.3, 54.9, 44.2, 35.2, 33.8, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{31}\text{NNaO}_7\text{S}^+$  608.1713, found 608.1727.

**Ethyl 2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1-tosylcyclopropanecarboxylate (byproduct):** Colorless solid; mp 85-90 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.41 (ethyl acetate/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd,  $J$  = 7.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 1H), 3.62 (dd,  $J$  = 9.1, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 1H), 2.32 (dd,  $J$  = 7.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (dd,  $J$  = 9.4, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 0.98 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  190.6, 164.1, 163.5, 145.3, 135.3, 131.0, 129.7, 129.5, 129.2, 113.9, 62.4, 55.5, 53.0, 29.9, 21.7, 18.3, 13.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NaO}_6\text{S}^+$  425.1029, found 425.1034.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl



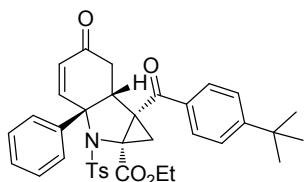
**6b-(2,4-dimethylbenzoyl)-5-oxo-2a-phenyl-2-tosyl-**

**1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-**

**carboxylate (3ad):** Colorless solid; mp 190-192 °C; yield = 52% (61 mg); dr = 90:10;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 8H), 6.34 (d,  $J$  =

10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.38 – 4.26 (m, 2H), 3.41 (br s, 1H), 2.66 (d,  $J$  = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.24-2.20 (m, 2H), 2.06-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.36 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.7, 193.5, 168.5, 148.0, 143.6, 143.3, 143.2, 142.0, 138.8, 133.8, 133.2, 132.2, 130.7, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 127.8, 127.5, 126.2, 78.4, 62.0, 55.9, 55.8, 45.7, 35.3, 34.4, 21.7, 21.5 (2C), 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{33}\text{NNaO}_6\text{S}^+$  606.1921, found 606.1935.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl



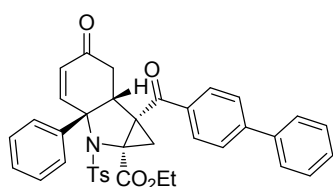
**6b-(4-(tert-butyl) benzoyl)-5-oxo-2a-phenyl-2-tosyl-**

**1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-**

**carboxylate (3ae):** Colorless solid; mp 170 -172 °C; yield = 54% (66 mg); dr = 89:11;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H}$

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.05 (m, 6H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (br s, 1H), 2.69 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.26-2.21 (m, 2H), 2.07 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.34 (br s, 12H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 193.4, 191.4, 168.3, 158.1, 148.0, 143.3, 138.6, 133.2, 132.9, 129.3, 129.1(2C), 128.9, 127.8, 127.6(2C), 126.0, 78.4, 61.9, 55.2, 54.9, 44.2, 35.2, 35.1, 33.8, 31.0, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NNaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> 634.2234, found 634.2211.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl

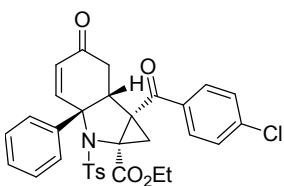


**6b-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbonyl)-5-oxo-2a-phenyl-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-**

**carboxylate (3af):** Colorless solid; mp 190-192 °C; yield = 61% (77 mg); dr = 92:8; *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.32 (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 3H),

7.24 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 6H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.35-4.29 (m, 2H), 3.51 (br s, 1H), 2.74 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 2.25 (m, 2H), 2.10-2.06 (m, 1H), 1.36 (br s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 193.3, 191.5, 168.3, 148.1, 146.9, 143.4, 139.6, 138.6, 134.5, 132.9, 129.7, 129.4, 129.1 (2C), 129.0, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6(2C), 127.3, 78.4, 62.0, 55.2, 55.0, 44.2, 35.2, 33.8, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NNaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> 654.1921, found 654.1915.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl **6b-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-oxo-2a-phenyl-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-**

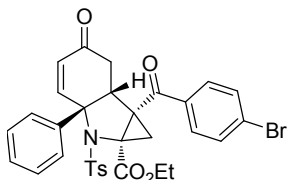


**octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3ag):** Colorless solid; mp 210-212 °C; yield = 69% (81 mg); dr = 90:10; *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.32 (ethyl acetate/hexane = 25:75); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07– 7.04 (m,

6H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.34-4.25 (m, 2H), 3.46 (br s, 1H), 2.67 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.27 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.17 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.34 (br s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 193.1, 190.9, 168.1, 148.1, 143.4, 140.8, 138.5, 134.1, 132.7, 130.4, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1,

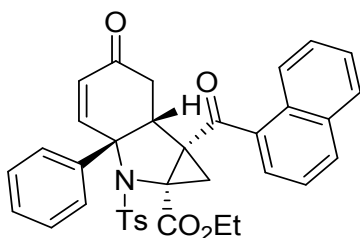
129.0, 127.9, 127.5(2C), 78.4, 62.1, 55.1(2C), 43.9, 35.2, 33.6, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{32}H_{28}ClNNaO_6S^+$  612.1218, found 612.1236.

**(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl 6b-(4-bromobenzoyl)-5-oxo-2a-phenyl-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3ah):**



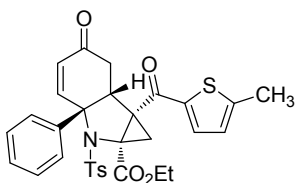
Colorless solid; mp 220-222 °C; yield = 70% (88 mg); dr = 89:11;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (ethyl acetate/hexane = 25:75);  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 – 7.04 (m, 6H), 6.29 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33-4.25 (m, 2H), 3.46 (br s, 1H), 2.67 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.26-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.13 (m, 1H), 2.07 (dd,  $J$  = 5.4, 17.8 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  193.1, 191.1, 168.1, 148.1, 143.4, 138.5, 134.5, 132.7, 132.4, 130.4, 129.6, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 127.9, 127.5 (2C), 78.4, 62.1, 55.0 (2C), 43.9, 35.2, 33.6, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{32}H_{28}^{79}BrNNaO_6S^+$  656.0713, found 656.0724.

**(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl 6b-(1-naphthoyl)-5-oxo-2a-phenyl-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3ai):**



Colorless solid; mp 200-202 °C; yield = 55% (66 mg); dr = 93:7;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.12-7.05 (m, 6H), 6.42 (d,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.23 (m, 2H), 3.55 (br s, 1H), 2.74 (d,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.33 – 2.29 (m, 2H), 2.14-2.09 (m, 1H), 1.33 (t,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  194.8, 193.1, 168.2, 147.6, 143.3, 138.7, 134.8, 134.2, 133.3, 132.7, 131.0, 130.7, 129.6, 129.14, 129.12, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.6, 126.9, 126.2, 123.8, 78.4, 62.1, 56.4, 56.0, 46.0, 35.3, 34.8, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{36}H_{31}NNaO_6S^+$  628.1764, found 628.1760.

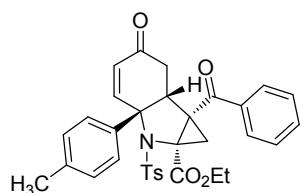
**(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl 6b-(5-methylthiophene-2-carbonyl)-5-oxo-2a-phenyl-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-**





**carboxylate (3aj)** : Colorless solid; mp 192-194 °C; yield = 57% (65 mg); dr = 88:12;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (EtOAc /hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.64 (d,  $J$  = 3.55 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 7.65 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.04(m, 6H), 6.82 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.28-4.25 (m, 2H), 3.41 (br s, 1H), 2.81 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.37-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.21 (br s, 1H), 2.09-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.32 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.2, 183.9, 168.1, 152.0, 147.7, 143.3, 140.8, 138.6, 134.3, 133.0, 129.5, 129.18, 129.12, 128.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 78.2, 62.0, 55.1, 54.7, 44.6, 35.0, 33.7, 21.5, 16.1, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{29}\text{NNaO}_6\text{S}_2^+$  598.1329, found 598.1314.

**(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl**



**6b-benzoyl-5-oxo-2a-(p-tolyl)-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-**

**octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3ba):** Colorless

solid; mp 177-179 °C; yield = 61% (69 mg); dr = 90:10;  $R_f$  = 0.32

(EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.96 (d,

$J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H),

7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 7.6

Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.37 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 3.47 (br s, 1H),

2.69 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.26-2.17 (m, 2H), 2.07 (dd,  $J$  = 5.5, 18.0 Hz,

1H), 1.33 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.3, 192.0, 168.3, 148.3, 143.3, 139.1,

138.6, 135.8, 134.1, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 129.02, 128.9, 128.5, 127.6 (2C), 78.2, 62.0, 54.9 (2C),

44.2, 35.2, 33.8, 21.5, 21.1, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{31}\text{NNaO}_6\text{S}^+$

592.1764, found 592.1766.

**(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl 6b-(4-methylbenzoyl)-5-oxo-2a-(p-tolyl)-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-**

**octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3bb):** Colorless solid; mp 183-185 °C; yield =

60% (70 mg); dr = 91:9;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57

(d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz,

2H), 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.84

(d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q,  $J$  = 7.5

Hz, 2H), 3.44 (br s, 1H), 2.67 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s,

6H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.24 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.07-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.33 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100

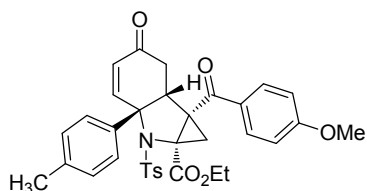
MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.4, 191.6, 168.4, 148.3, 145.2, 143.2, 139.0, 138.7, 133.4, 129.8, 129.7, 129.24,

129.2, 128.9, 128.92, 128.4, 127.6, 78.2, 61.9, 54.9, 54.8, 44.2, 35.2, 33.8, 21.7, 21.5, 21.1, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{34}H_{33}NNaO_6S^+$  606.1921, found 606.1900.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl

**6b-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-5-oxo-2a-(p-tolyl)-2-tosyl-**

**1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3bc):** Colorless solid; mp



184-186 °C; yield = 62% (74 mg); dr = 89:11;  $R_f$  = 0.31

(EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$

7.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (br s, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.4

Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97-6.93 (m, 4H), 6.85

(d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.32-4.26

(m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.43 (br s, 1H), 2.67 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.22-

2.18 (m, 2H), 2.05 (dd,  $J$  = 5.4, 17.7 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$

193.4, 190.3, 168.4, 164.2, 148.2, 143.2, 139.0, 138.7, 131.4, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.94, 128.91,

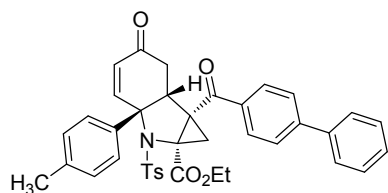
128.4, 127.6, 114.2, 78.2, 61.9, 55.6, 55.0, 54.8, 44.2, 35.2, 33.9, 21.5, 21.1, 14.0 ppm; HRMS

(ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{34}H_{33}NNaO_7S^+$  622.1870, found 622.1868.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl

**6b-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbonyl)-5-oxo-2a-(p-tolyl)-2-tosyl-**

**1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3bf):** Colorless solid; mp



175-177 °C; yield = 64% (82 mg); dr = 92:8;  $R_f$  = 0.32

(ethyl acetate/hexane = 25:75);  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,

$CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H),

7.61 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t,

$J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d,  $J$  = 8.0

Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.34-4.28

(m, 2H), 3.50 (br s, 1H), 2.73 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.28-2.24 (m, 2H),

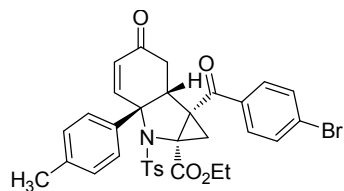
2.10 (dd,  $J$  = 5.5, 17.8 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  193.4, 191.5,

168.3, 148.3, 146.9, 143.3, 139.6, 139.1, 138.7, 134.5, 129.8, 129.7, 129.2, 129.0(2C), 128.9,

128.5, 127.7(2C), 127.6, 127.3, 78.2, 62.0, 54.9(2C), 44.2, 35.2, 33.9, 21.5, 21.1, 14.0 ppm; HRMS

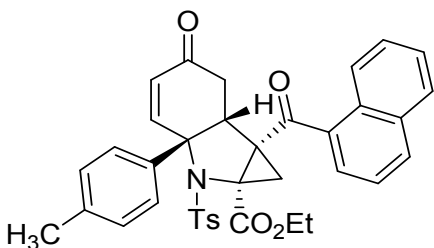
(ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{39}H_{35}NNaO_6S^+$  668.2077, found 668.2058.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl 6b-(4-bromobenzoyl)-5-oxo-2a-(p-tolyl)-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3bh):



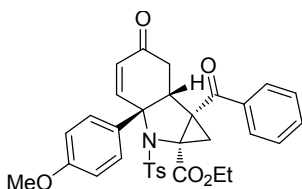
Colorless solid; mp 210-212 °C; yield = 71% (92 mg); dr = 90:10;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (EtOAc /hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33-4.24 (m, 2H), 3.44 (br s, 1H), 2.66 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.25 (d,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.17 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.34 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.2, 191.2, 168.2, 148.3, 143.3, 139.1, 138.6, 134.6, 132.4, 130.4, 129.65, 129.6, 129.1, 128.9 (2C), 128.5, 127.6, 78.2, 62.0, 54.9, 54.8, 43.9, 35.2, 33.7, 21.5, 21.1 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{30}^{79}\text{BrNNaO}_6\text{S}^+$  670.0869, found 670.0882.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl 6b-(1-naphthoyl)-5-oxo-2a-(p-tolyl)-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3bi):



Colorless solid; mp 190-194 °C; yield = 52% (64 mg); dr = 92:8;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (ethyl acetate/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.44-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.54 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.37-2.33 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.28 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (dd,  $J$  = 5.7, 17.8 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  194.9, 193.2, 168.3, 147.7, 143.2, 139.0, 138.7, 134.7, 134.2, 132.7, 130.9, 130.7, 130.1, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 126.9, 126.2, 123.8, 78.1, 62.1, 56.4, 55.7, 46.0, 35.3, 34.8, 21.5, 21.1, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{33}\text{NNaO}_6\text{S}^+$  642.1921, found 642.1942.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl 6b-benzoyl-2a-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-oxo-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3ca):



Colorless solid; mp 197-199 °C; yield = 65% (76 mg); dr =

89:11;  $R_f$  = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.96 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.45 (br s, 1H), 2.69 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.26-2.18 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.3, 192.0, 168.3, 159.9, 148.3, 143.3, 138.7, 135.8, 134.1, 130.5, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 127.6(2C), 124.5, 113.1, 78.0, 62.0, 55.3, 54.8, 54.7, 44.2, 35.2, 33.9, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{31}\text{NNaO}_7\text{S}^+$  608.1713, found 608.1717.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl

**2a-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6b-(4-methylbenzoyl)-5-oxo-2-tosyl-**

**1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3cb):** Colorless solid; mp

180-182 °C; yield = 60% (72 mg); dr = 91:9;  $R_f$  = 0.31

(EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$

7.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.24

(m, 4H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H),

6.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q,

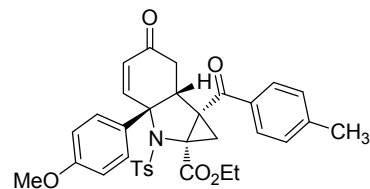
$J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.42 (br s, 1H), 2.68 (d,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H),

2.24 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 2.07-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.30 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.3,

191.5, 168.4, 159.9, 148.3, 145.2, 143.2, 138.7, 133.4, 130.5, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 127.6,

124.5, 113.1, 78.0, 61.9, 55.3, 54.7, 54.6, 44.3, 35.2, 34.0, 21.7, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)

$m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{33}\text{NNaO}_7\text{S}^+$  622.1870, found 622.1896.



(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl **6b-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-2a-(4-**

**methoxyphenyl)-5-oxo-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-**

**octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3cc):** Colorless solid; mp 183-185°C; yield = 59% (73 mg); dr =

90:10;  $R_f$  = 0.30 (EtOAc /hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400

MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (br s, 1H),

7.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 6.32 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz,

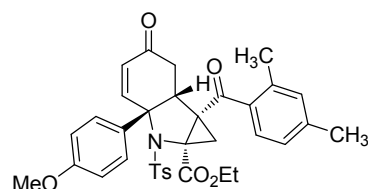
2H), 6.56 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (br s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H),

3.41 (br s, 1H), 2.68 (d,  $J$  = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.23-2.19 (m, 2H), 2.08-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.33

(br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.3, 190.4, 168.5, 164.3, 159.9, 148.3, 143.2,

138.7, 131.4, 130.5, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 127.6, 124.6, 114.2, 113.1, 78.0, 61.9, 55.6, 55.3, 54.9, 54.6, 44.2, 35.2, 34.0, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{34}H_{33}NNaO_8S^+$  638.1819, found 638.1820.

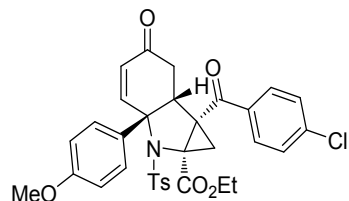
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180-182 °C; yield = 49% (60 mg); dr = 91:9;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.79 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 4H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.39-4.22

(m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.39 (br s, 1H), 2.65 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.24-2.17 (m, 2H), 2.08 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  193.7, 193.5, 168.5, 159.8, 148.3, 143.6, 143.1, 142.0, 138.8, 133.8, 132.2, 130.7, 130.4, 129.2, 129.0, 127.5, 126.2, 124.7, 113.1, 77.9, 61.9, 55.6, 55.39, 55.3, 45.7, 35.3, 34.5, 21.7, 21.5, 21.52, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{35}H_{35}NNaO_7S^+$  636.2026, found 636.2053.

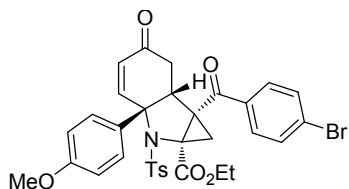
**(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl**



**6b-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-2a-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-oxo-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3cg):** Colorless solid; yield 70% (87 mg); dr =

92:8; mp 205-207 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.32-4.25 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.43 (br s, 1H), 2.67 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.26 (d,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.17-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.33 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  193.1, 191.0, 168.2, 159.9, 148.3, 143.3, 140.7, 138.6, 134.2, 130.4, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 127.6(2C), 124.3, 113.1, 78.0, 62.0, 55.3, 54.7, 54.6, 44.0, 35.2, 33.8, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{33}H_{30}ClNNaO_7S^+$  642.1324, found 642.1312.

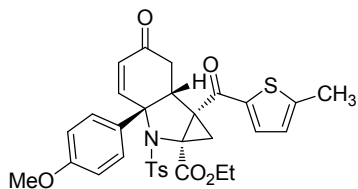
**(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl**



**6b-(4-bromobenzoyl)-2a-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-oxo-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-**

**carboxylate (3ch):** Colorless solid; yield = 68% (90 mg); dr = 92:8; mp 222-224°C;  $R_f$  = 0.31 (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.41 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.42 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.28-2.12 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.33 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  190.6, 188.6, 165.7, 157.4, 145.8, 140.8, 136.1, 132.0, 129.9, 127.9, 127.0, 126.6, 126.5(2C), 125.0, 121.7, 110.6, 75.5, 59.5, 52.8, 52.2, 52.1, 41.4, 32.7, 31.2, 19.0, 11.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{30}^{79}\text{BrNNaO}_7\text{S}^+$  686.0819, found 686.0797.

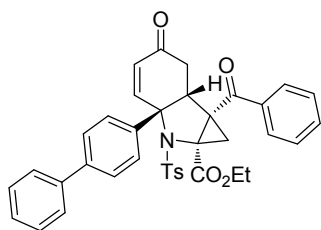
**(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl 2a-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6b-(5-methylthiophene-2-carbonyl)-5-oxo-2-**



**tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3cj):** Colorless solid; mp 200-202 °C;

yield = 60% (73 mg); dr = 88:12  $R_f$  = 0.31 (EtOAc /hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.64 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 7.24 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.30-4.24 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.38 (br s, 1H), 2.67(d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.38-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.20 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.12-2.06 (m, 1H), 1.31 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.2, 184.0, 168.2, 159.9, 152.0, 147.9, 143.3, 140.9, 138.7, 134.3, 130.5, 129.3, 129.0, 127.6, 127.2, 124.5, 113.1, 77.8, 62.0, 55.3, 54.7, 54.4, 44.7, 35.0, 33.8, 21.5, 16.1, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{31}\text{NNaO}_7\text{S}_2^+$  628.1434, found 628.1432.

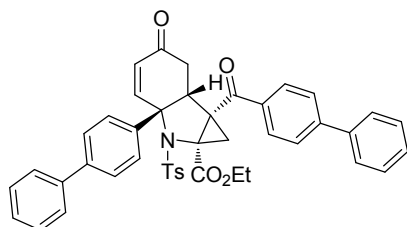
**(±)-(cis-trans-cis)- Ethyl 2a-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-6b-benzoyl-5-oxo-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-**



**carboxylate (3da):** Colorless solid; mp 180-182 °C; yield = 56% (71 mg); dr = 91:9;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 6H), 7.40 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33

(q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.53 (br s, 1H), 2.72 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.31-2.21 (m, 2H), 2.13 (dd,  $J = 5.2, 17.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.36 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.2, 192.0, 168.3, 148.0, 143.3, 141.7, 139.8, 138.7, 135.8, 134.2, 131.7, 129.4, 129.1, 129.10, 129.06(2C), 129.0, 127.9, 127.5, 126.9, 126.3, 78.1, 62.0, 55.1, 54.9, 44.2, 35.2, 33.9, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{33}\text{NNaO}_6\text{S}^+$  654.1921, found 654.1910.

**(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl 6b-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbonyl)-2a-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-5-oxo-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-**



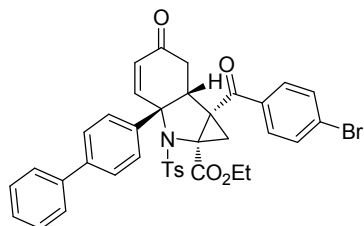
**octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate**

**(3df):** Colorless solid; mp 197-199 °C; yield = 51% (72 mg); dr = 94:6;  $R_f = 0.32$  (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.05 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 3H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.52

– 7.46 (m, 6H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.35 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.36-4.31 (m, 2H), 3.57 (br s, 1H), 2.76 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.32-2.29 (m, 2H), 2.16 (dd,  $J = 5.5, 17.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.37 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.2, 191.5, 168.3, 148.0, 146.9, 143.3, 141.8, 139.8, 139.6, 138.7, 134.5, 131.7, 129.7, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7(2C), 127.6, 127.3, 126.9, 126.4, 78.1, 62.0, 55.1, 55.9, 44.3, 35.3, 33.9, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{37}\text{NNaO}_6\text{S}^+$  730.2234, found 730.2205.

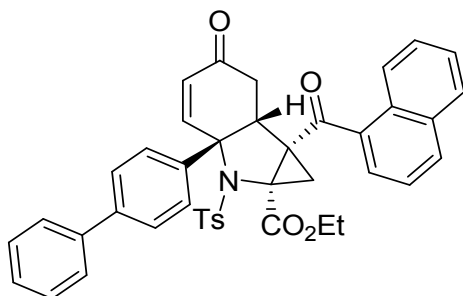
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202-204 °C; yield = 63% (89 mg); dr = 93:7;  $R_f = 0.33$  (ethyl acetate/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.84 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.40 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.33 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.32 (q,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.51 (br s, 1H), 2.69 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.29 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.35 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.1, 191.1, 168.1, 148.0, 143.4, 141.8, 139.7, 138.6, 134.5, 132.4, 131.5, 130.5, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.0, 127.5(2C), 126.9,



126.4, 78.1, 62.1, 55.1, 54.8, 43.9, 35.3, 33.7, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{38}H_{32}^{79}BrNNaO_6S^+$  732.1026, found 732.1004.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl



**6b-(2-naphthoyl)-2a-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-5-oxo-2-tosyl-**

**1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-**

**carboxylate (3di):** Colorless solid; mp 188-190°C; yield

= 52% (71 mg); dr = 95:5;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (EtOAc/hexane =

25:75);  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.69 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz,

1H), 8.15 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H),

7.87 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61-

7.40 (m, 8H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 6H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d,  $J$  = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.26 (m,

2H), 3.61 (br s, 1H), 2.77 (br s, 1H), 2.41-2.333 (m, 5H), 2.21-2.16 (m, 1H), 1.34 (br s, 3H) ppm;

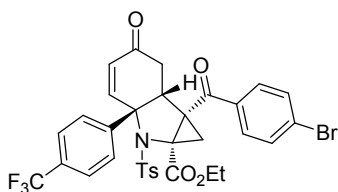
$^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  194.8, 193.1, 168.2, 147.4, 143.3, 141.7, 139.8, 138.8, 134.8,

134.2, 132.7, 132.1, 131.0, 130.7, 129.7, 129.5, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.5, 126.98,

126.94, 126.3, 126.2, 123.8, 78.0, 62.1, 56.5, 55.7, 46.1, 35.4, 34.9, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-

TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{42}H_{35}NNaO_6S^+$  704.2077, found 704.2091.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl 6b-(4-bromobenzoyl)-5-oxo-2-tosyl-2a-(4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl)-



**1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-**

**carboxylate (3eh):** Colorless solid; mp 228-230 °C; yield =

58% (81 mg); dr = 92:8;  $R_f$  = 0.34 (EtOAc /hexane = 25:75);

$^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.82 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69

(d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.16 (m,

6H), 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.34-4.28 (m, 2H), 3.44 (br s, 1H), 2.70

(d,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.27-2.17 (m, 2H), 2.06-2.01 (dd,  $J$  = 3.85, 17.5 Hz, 1H), 1.35

(br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  192.5, 190.9, 167.8, 146.7, 143.9, 138.5, 137.0,

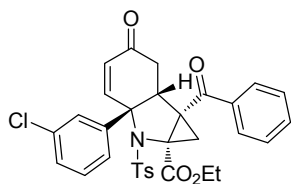
134.4, 132.5, 131.3, 131.0, 130.4, 130.1, 129.8, 129.3(2C), 127.2, 125.0 – 124.6 (q, 1C), 77.7,

62.2, 55.5, 55.1, 43.8, 35.1, 33.8, 21, 14.0 ppm;  $^{19}F$  NMR (470 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -63.0 ppm; HRMS

(ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{33}H_{27}BrNNaO_6S^+$  724.0587, found 724.0607.

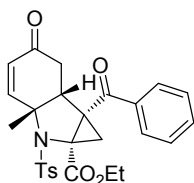


(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl **6b-benzoyl-2a-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-oxo-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3fa)**: Colorless solid; mp 225-227 °C; yield = 54% (64 mg); dr = 91:9;  $R_f$  = 0.31 (ethyl acetate/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$



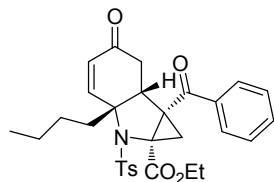
7.96 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.66-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.78 (br, s, 1H), 6.34 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.36-4.27 (m, 2H), 3.39 (br s, 1H), 2.70 (d,  $J$  = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.25-2.20 (m, 2H), 2.04 (dd,  $J$  = 5.5, 12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (br s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.8, 191.8, 168.1, 147.1, 144.0, 138.4, 135.7, 135.1, 134.2, 134.1, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1(2C), 129.0, 127.7(2C), 127.1, 77.8, 62.1, 55.2(2C), 43.9, 35.1, 33.8, 21.6, 14.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{28}\text{ClNNaO}_6\text{S}^+$  612.1218, found 612.1207.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl **6b-benzoyl-2a-methyl-5-oxo-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3ga)**: Colorless solid; mp 170-172 °C; yield 65% (64 mg); dr = 86:14;  $R_f$  = 0.34 (EtOAc/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$



8.08 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.17 (m, 2H), 2.94 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (d,  $J$  = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.41 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.36-2.33 (m, 1H), 2.19-2.16 (m, 1H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.7, 192.1, 168.5, 149.7, 144.3, 138.6, 135.8, 134.1, 129.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 127.8, 73.6, 61.8, 53.5, 53.4, 46.2, 35.5, 34.3, 21.6, 21.3, 13.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{27}\text{NNaO}_6\text{S}^+$  516.1451, found 516.1435.

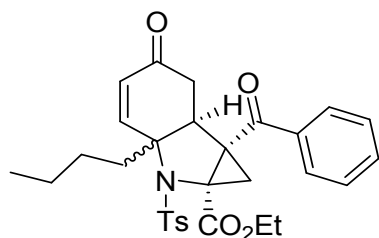
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8.04 (d,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (br s, 1H), 6.10 (d,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.17 (m, 2H), 3.08 (d,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (d,  $J$  = 5.6

Hz, 1H), 2.49 – 2.44 (m, 4H), 2.34-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.07-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.27 – 1.14 (m, 7H), 0.77 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (major isomer) 193.3, 192.3, 168.5, 148.3, 144.2, 139.1, 135.8, 134.1, 129.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 77.3, 61.8, 53.8, 50.9, 45.8, 37.0, 35.4, 33.5, 27.3, 23.1, 21.6, 13.9, 13.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{33}\text{NNaO}_6\text{S}^+$  558.1921, found 558.1937.

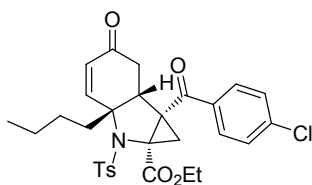
(±)-Ethyl



**6b-benzoyl-2a-butyl-5-oxo-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3ha', minor isomer):**

Colorless solid;  $R_f = 0.34$  (ethyl acetate/hexane = 25:75); Whit solid; mp 140-145 °C;  $R_f = 0.32$  (ethyl acetate/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (minor isomer) 7.90 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 2.99 (dd,  $J = 11.9, 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.51-2.47 (m, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.41 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.12 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.24 (m, 7H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (minor isomer) 197.3, 194.5, 168.5, 145.1, 144.5, 137.3, 135.3, 134.0, 129.9, 129.5, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 75.4, 62.0, 53.3, 48.2, 45.7, 39.7, 37.2, 27.3, 26.4, 22.7, 21.6, 14.0 (2C) ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{33}\text{NNaO}_6\text{S}^+$  558.1921, found 558.1938.

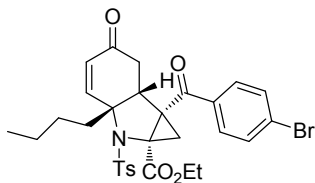
(±)-(*cis-trans-cis*)-Ethyl **2a-butyl-6b-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-oxo-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3hg):** Colorless solid; mp 150-152 °C; yield =



65% (74 mg); dr = 85:15;  $R_f = 0.33$  (ethyl acetate/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (br s, 2H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.19 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 3.06 (br s, 1H), 2.55 (d,  $J = 5.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.50 – 2.46 (m, 4H), 2.29-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.90 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.23 – 1.05 (m, 7H), 0.76 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.1, 191.2, 168.3, 148.3, 144.3, 140.8, 139.1, 134.2, 130.4, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.2, 77.3, 61.9, 53.8, 50.8, 45.6, 37.0, 35.3, 33.4,

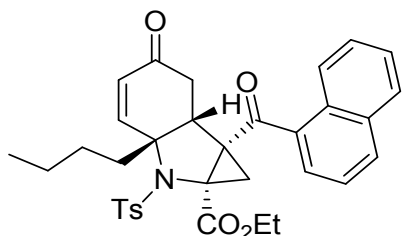
27.3, 23.1, 21.6, 13.9, 13.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{30}H_{32}ClNNaO_6S^+$  592.1531, found 592.1543.

**(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl 6b-(4-bromobenzoyl)-2a-butyl-5-oxo-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3hh):**

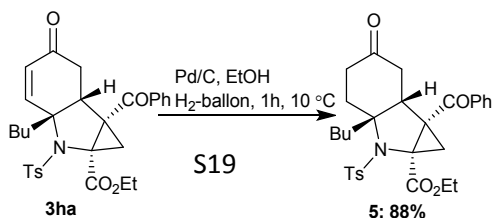


Colorless solid; mp 160-162 °C; yield = 64% (78 mg); dr = 84:16;  $R_f$  = 0.33 (ethyl acetate/hexane = 25:75);  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (d,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.15 (m, 2H), 3.06 (d,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.28-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.06-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.27 – 1.04 (m, 7H), 0.76 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  193.1, 191.5, 168.3, 148.2, 144.3, 139.1, 134.6, 132.4, 130.4, 129.7, 129.6, 128.6, 128.2, 77.3, 61.9, 53.8, 50.7, 45.6, 37.0, 35.3, 33.4, 27.3, 23.1, 21.6, 13.9, 13.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{30}H_{32}BrNNaO_6S^+$  636.1026, found 636.1040.

**(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl 6b-(1-naphthoyl)-2a-butyl-5-oxo-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,5,6,6a,6b-octahydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1a-carboxylate (3hi):**

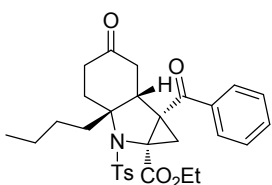


Colorless solid; mp 180-182 °C; yield = 57% (66 mg); dr = 91:9;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (ethyl acetate/hexane = 25:75);  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.69 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.10 – 8.03 (m, 4H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32-4.11 (m, 2H), 3.15 (br s, 1H), 2.59 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.54-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.08 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.27 – 1.10 (m, 7H), 0.78 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  195.1, 193.2, 168.5, 147.7, 144.2, 139.2, 134.8, 134.2, 132.7, 131.0, 130.9, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 126.9, 126.1, 123.9, 77.2 (merging with  $CDCl_3$  peaks), 61.9, 55.2, 51.5, 47.9, 37.3, 35.7, 34.4, 27.3, 23.1, 21.6, 13.9, 13.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{34}H_{35}NNaO_6S^+$  608.2077, found 608.2099.



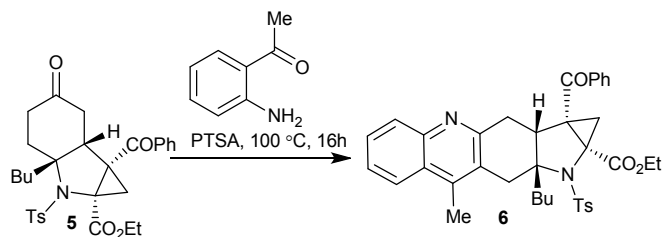
The compound **3ha** (81.0 mg, 0.15 mmol) in EtOH (10 mL, degassed) was taken in a two-neck round-bottom flask. Afterward, 5 mol% of Pd/C (10 mg) was added to the above reaction mixture. Then, the reaction was stirred at 10 °C under H<sub>2</sub>-ballon for 1h. After completion of the reaction, it was filtered through short-pad celite-545 and washed with EtOAc (20 mL). Next, evaporation of solvent left the crude materials which was purified, leading to the pure product **5** in 88% yield.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl **6b**-benzoyl-2a-butyl-5-oxo-2-tosyldecahydrocyclopropa[*b*]indole-



**1a-carboxylate (5):** Colorless solid; mp 78-80 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.33 (ethyl acetate/hexane = 25:75); yield = 88% (71 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.92-7.91 (m, 4H), 7.59 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.35-4.22 (m, 2H), 3.34-3.28 (m, 1H), 3.06 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 4H),

2.36 – 2.29 (m, 3H), 2.23-2.10 (m, 2H), 1.95-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.64 (br s, 2H), 1.35 – 1.25 (m, 7H), 0.87 (t,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 208.4, 192.3, 168.3, 143.9, 138.6, 135.4, 134.0, 129.4, 129.0, 128.5, 125.2, 76.8, 62.1, 55.1, 47.9, 44.7, 40.1, 39.3, 34.6, 31.3, 27.6, 23.1, 21.5, 13.9, 13.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>35</sub>NNaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> 560.2077, found 560.2066.

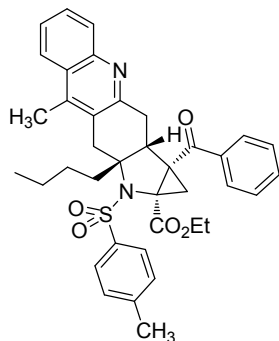


A mixture of compound **5** (54.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), *ortho*-aminoacetophenone (20.0 mg, 0.15 mmol) and PTSA (20 mol%) was taken in sealed tube and heated at 100 °C for 16h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was concentrated and added aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, followed by extraction with ethyl acetate, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Next, the solvent was evaporated under

reduced pressure to give the crude mass, which was purified by column chromatography over silica-gel to afford the pure product **6** in 75% yield.

(±)-(cis-trans-cis)-Ethyl

**10b-benzoyl-2a-butyl-4-methyl-2-tosyl-1,1a,2,2a,3,10,10a,10b-octahydrocyclopropa[4,5]pyrrolo[2,3-b]acridine-1a-carboxylate**



**(6):** Colorless solid; mp 88-90 °C; yield = 75% (47 mg);  $R_f$  = 0.3 (ethyl acetate/hexane = 25:75);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.04 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.95-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.15 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.35-4.15 (m, 2H), 4.12 (s, 1H), 3.84-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.22-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.85 – 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.44-2.34 (m, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.75 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.25 (m, 5H), 1.12-1.07 (m, 2H), 0.66 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm;

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.9, 168.8, 160.2, 143.8, 139.2, 136.2, 133.1, 129.5, 129.2, 128.98, 128.93, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 126.3, 125.5, 125.2, 123.5, 80.0, 62.0, 55.6, 53.8, 46.7, 37.7, 33.3, 32.5, 31.5, 27.2, 23.0, 21.6, 14.7, 13.9, 13.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{40}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_5\text{S}^+$  659.2550, found 659.2540.

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