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# **Supporting Information**

A Unified Total Synthesis of Benzo[d][1,3]dioxole-type Benzylisoquinoline Alkaloids of Aporphines, Coptisines, and Dibenzopyrrocolines

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#### **General Information**

Unless stated otherwise, all reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without purification. Anhydrous acetonitrile (CH<sub>3</sub>CN) was purchased from J&K Scientific. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (THF), N,Ndimethylformamide (DMF), and toluene were distilled from sodium and benzophenone. Dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated silica gel 60 GF<sub>254</sub> plates (Qingdao Haiyang Chemical, Qingdao, China). Flash column chromatography was performed using Tsingdao silica gel (60, particle size 0.040-0.063 mm, Qingdao Haiyang Chemical, Qingdao, China). Visualization on TLC was achieved by use of 254 nm UV light. Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO P-2000 polarimeter. Melting points were measured on an XT<sub>5B</sub> melting instrument and uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 5700 FT-IR microscope instrument (FT-IR microscope transmission). NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury-400 NMR spectrometer or a Bruker AVANCE-III 500 NMR spectrometer or a Varian VNS-600 NMR spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO- $d_6$  with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard; Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR were reported as follows: Chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet; m = multiplet; br = broad), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR were reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm). The enantiomeric excess values were determined using chiral HPLC with a Shimadzu LC 20A instrument for compounds rac-8 and (S)-8, rac-18 and (S)-18, rac-24 and (S)-24, and 25, or an Agilent 1260 instrument for

compounds *rac-***16** and *(S)-***16** and *rac-***17** and *(S)-***17**, or a Shimadzu LC-20AT instrument for compounds **22** and **23**, over Daicel CHIRALPAK column. High resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) analyses were performed on a Q-Exactive (Thermo Scientific) Inc mass instrument (HESI).

# I. Screening of the (S)-Tetrahydropapaverine Substrates (10-14) for Arylation Reaction<sup>[1]</sup>

Table S1. Optimization of substrates for constructing the aporphine systems<sup>a</sup>

Entries	Substrates	Ligands	Products	Yields (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	10	PhDavePhos	15	95
2	10	XPhos	15	70
$3^c$	10	PCy₃•HBF₄	15	83
4	11	PhDavePhos	messy	
5	11	XPhos	messy	
<b>6</b> <sup>c</sup>	11	PCy₃•HBF₄	messy	
7	12	PhDavePhos	messy	
8	12	XPhos	messy	
<b>9</b> <sup>c</sup>	12	PCy₃•HBF₄	messy	
10	13	PhDavePhos	17	81
11	13	XPhos	17	72
<b>12</b> <sup>c</sup>	13	PCy₃•HBF₄	17	87
<b>13</b> <sup>d</sup>	14	PhDavePhos	18	79
$14^d$	14	XPhos	18	83
15 <sup>c, d</sup>	14	PCy₃•HBF₄	18	76

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: Substrate (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), Ligand (40 mol%), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.5 eq) in anhydrous DMF (4.0 mL) at 110°C under argon for 12h, unless

noted otherwise; <sup>b</sup>Isolated yields; <sup>c</sup>The reaction employed silver carbonate (0.5 eq) as the additive; <sup>d</sup>Substrate (0.2 mmol), anhydrous DMF (8.0 mL).

General procedure of arylation: using the preparation of compound 15 from compound 10 as an example.

To a suspension of compound **10** (53.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (34.5 mg, 0.25 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (4.0 mL, 0.025M, degassed by purging with argon in an ultrasonic bath) was sequentially added PhDave-Phos (15.3 mg, 0.04 mmol) and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.3 mg, 0.01 mmol) under argon. The mixture was heated to 110°C for 12 h, then gradually cooled to r.t., poured into sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v, 1/1, 10 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL×2), and the combined CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> extract was washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL×3) and brine (10 mL×2), respectively, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified using flash chromatography (mobile phase of *n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3/1) to afford product **15** (39 mg, 95.3% yield) as white solid.

A scale-up using compound 10 (5.0 g, 9.31 mmol) and  $K_2CO_3$  (3.2 g, 23.27 mmol), PhDave-Phos (1.4 g, 3.73 mmol) and  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.2 g, 0.93 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (186 mL, 0.05M) gave the arylation product 15 (3.7g, 98% yield). Compound 15 can be followed up without fine purification.

## II. Optimization of Conditions for Heck Coupling Reaction<sup>[2]</sup>

Table S2. Optimization conditions for Heck coupling reaction of compound 10 a

Entries	Ligands	Additive	Bases	Solvents	Time	19	15
	8			(4.0  mL)	(h)	$(\%)^{b}$	(%) <sup>b</sup>
$\frac{}{1^c}$	P(o-tollyl) <sub>3</sub>	none	Et <sub>3</sub> N	MeCN/Et <sub>3</sub> N	12	53	0
	, ,,,		J	(2:1)			
$2^d$	P(o-tollyl) <sub>3</sub>	none	$Et_3N$	$Et_3N$	12	68	11
$3^d$	P(o-tollyl) <sub>3</sub>	none	$Et_3N$	$\mathrm{Et}_{3}\mathrm{N}$	18	70	15
<b>4</b> <sup>e</sup>	$PPh_3$	none	$K_2CO_3$	DMF/tert-butyl	7	60	27
				acrylate (4:1)			
<b>5</b> <sup>e</sup>	P(o-tollyl) <sub>3</sub>	none	$K_2CO_3$	DMF/tert-butyl	7	68	12
				acrylate (4:1)			
<b>6</b> <sup>e</sup>	none	TBAC	NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	DMF/tert-butyl	7	99	trace
				acrylate (4:1)			
$7^e$	none	TBAC	$K_2CO_3$	DMF/tert-butyl	7	82	trace
				acrylate (4:1)			

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: Substrate **10** (0.1 mmol), *tert*-butyl acrylate (0.5 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), Ligand (40 mol%) or additive (2.0 eq), and base (2.5 eq) in solvents (4.0 mL), unless noted otherwise; <sup>b</sup>Isolated yields; <sup>c</sup>The reaction temperature was 70°C; <sup>d</sup>The reaction temperature was 90°C; <sup>e</sup>The reaction temperature was 120°C.

#### General procedure for Heck coupling reaction of compound 10

Method A for Entries 1-5. Compound 10 (53.7 mg, 0.1 mmol),  $P(o\text{-tollyl})_3$  (12.2 mg, 0.04 mmol) or  $PPh_3$  (10.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), and  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (2.3 mg, 0.01 mmol) were successively added to  $MeCN/Et_3N$  (v/v, 2:1, 4.0 mL) or  $Et_3N$  (4.0 mL), or anhydrous

DMF/*tert*-butyl acrylate (v/v, 4/1, 4.0 mL, 0.025M). All solvents utilized were degassed by purging with argon in an ultrasonic bath. *Tert*-butyl acrylate (0.5 mmol, 72.6 *u*L), was then added (Entries 1-3), heated to 70°C (Entry 1) or 90°C (Entries 2-3) or 120°C (Entries 4-5) for the stated hours. After that, the reaction mixture was cooled to r.t., poured into sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (10 mL), and extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL×3). The combined organic layer was washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL×2) and brine (10 mL×2), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Compound **15** and **19** was isolated by silica gel chromatography (mobile phase of *n*-hexane/EtOAc 7/1) in the stated yields.

Note: we did not determine the compound 10 not transformed for Entries 1-3, since it was difficult to separate compound 10 and 19 using silica gel chromatography.

**Method B for Entries 6-7.** Compound **10** (53.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), anhydrous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (21.0 mg, 0.25 mmol) or anhydrous K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (34.5 mg, 0.25 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup> (TBAC, 55.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.3 mg, 0.01 mmol) were successively added to DMF (anhydrous)/*tert*-butyl acrylate (v/v, 4/1, 4.0 mL, 0.025M, degassed by purging with argon in an ultrasonic bath), then heated to 120°C for 7 h. After that, the reaction mixture was cooled to r.t., poured into sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (10 mL), and extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL×3). The combined organic layer was washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL×2) and brine (10 mL×3), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (mobile phase of *n*-hexane/EtOAc 5/1).

A scale-up using compound **10** (2.5 g, 4.65 mmol), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.98 g, 11.63 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup> (TBAC, 2.6 g, 9.3 mmol), and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.1 g, 0.46 mmol) in anhydrous DMF/*tert*-butyl acrylate (v/v, 4/1, 50 mL, 0.1M) was conducted. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (mobile phase of *n*-hexane/EtOAc 5/1 to 3/1) to give compound **19** (2.43 g, 4.52 mmol) in 97% yield.

### III. Experimental procedures

2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (2).

(i) To a stirred solution of piperonylic acid 1 (98.0 g, 590.2 mmol) in DMF (1300 mL) was dropped 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol (563 mL) at 0°C, followed by the addition of triethylamine (410 mL) at the same temperature. After stirring at 0°C for 15 min, HATU (269.2 g, 707.9 mmol) was added in such a way that the reaction temperature was kept below 5°C. After the addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1 h before being allowed to warm to r.t., and then stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was divided into two approximately equivalent portions for workup for convenience. The workup procedure for both portion was the same and as follows. H<sub>2</sub>O was added to the solution and the mixture was extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (400 mL×3). The organic layer was washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (600 mL×2), 2N HCl (600 mL×2), H<sub>2</sub>O (600 mL×2), sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (600 mL×2), and brine (600 mL), respectively, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford 122.8 g of white solid which was used in the next step without further purification. (ii) To a stirred solution of this crude intermediate in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1200 mL) was sequentially added p-TsCl (246.1 g, 1290.8 mmol), triethylamine (360 mL, 2582.9 mmol), and DMAP (6.3 g, 51.6 mmol) at 0°C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1 h before being allowed to warm to r.t. and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (600 mL), sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (600 mL×2), and brine (600 mL), respectively, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The obtained crude material of brown oil was used in the next step without further purification. (iii) To a stirred solution of this crude oil in MeOH (1200 mL) was added, portionwise, NaOH solid particles (70.8 g, 1770.6 mmol) at 0°C over 20 min. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. and stirred for 3 h. H<sub>2</sub>O (200 mL) was added to the solution and the mixture was evaporated to remove approximately 800 mL of solvent. H<sub>2</sub>O (800 mL) was added to the residue, which was extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (500 mL×3). The organic layer was collected and then washed using brine (600 mL×2), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified using flash chromatography (mobile phase of *n*-hexane/EtOAc = 100/1 to 15/1) to give compound 2 (87.5 g, 69% over three steps) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 1.31 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.5, 150.0, 147.5, 123.0, 122.0, 108.3, 107.9, 101.4, 79.0, 67.4, 28.3 (2×C). HRESIMS m/z: calcd for  $C_{12}H_{14}O_3N$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 220.0968; found, *m/z* 220.0969.

#### 2-(4-iodobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (3a).

To a -50°C solution of oxazoline 2 (37.0 g, 168.88 mmol) in THF (560 mL) was added, dropwise, a solution of *n*-BuLi (2.4 M in hexane, 115.0 mL, 270.21 mmol) over 30 min under argon so that the internal temperature was maintained between -45°C and -50°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h and then cooled to −78°C. A solution of iodine (107.0 g, 422.20 mmol) in THF (210 mL) was slowly added in such a way that the internal temperature was kept below -70°C. This solution was stirred at -78°C for 1 h. The reaction was quenched using sat. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (100 mL), allowed to reach ambient temperature, and stirred overnight. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo and approximately 700 mL of solvent was removed. Sat. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (500 mL) was poured into the residue, which was extracted using EtOAc (400 mL×3). The organic layer was collected and washed using brine (600 mL×2) and was concentrated to obtain 200 mL of residue, allowing large amount of solid to crystallize at ambient temperature. After filtration and washing using a mixture of nhexane and EtOAc, compound 3a (48.1 g, 82.7% yield) was collected as white solid. M.p. 78–79°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.22 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J =8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 2H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 1.40 (s, 6H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 161.9, 150.2, 147.3, 126.5, 125.2, 107.8, 100.8, 79.1, 72.2, 68.0, 28.3 (2×C). HRESIMS m/z: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>INO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 345.9935; found, m/z 345.9934.

#### 4-iodobenzo[d][1,3]dioxole-5-carbaldehyde (4a).

To a solution of compound 3a (34.5 g, 100 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (350 mL) was added methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (23.7 mL, 210 mmol) at 0°C under argon. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 2 h. The mixture was cooled to 0°C and a solution of NaBH<sub>4</sub> (9.8 g, 260 mmol) in THF: MeOH (v/v, 1/4, 500 mL) was slowly added with argon pumping. Note: be careful for the foaming phenomenon during the addition. After the addition, the mixture was stirred at this condition for 1 h before being quenched using sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (50 mL). The resulting mixture was re-warmed to r.t. and stirred for 30 min, after which the mixture was evaporated in vacuo to remove approximately 600 mL of solvents. The residue was poured into the sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (400 mL) and extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (250 mL×3). The combined organic extract was washed using brine (150 mL×2), treated with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting material was dissolved in THF: H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 600 mL), and oxalic acid dihydrate (78.4 g, 622.9 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. overnight and then H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) was added. The resultant was concentrated to approximate 300 mL of the residue. Sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (200 mL) was poured into this residue, which was extracted using EtOAc (250 mL×3). The combined organic extract was washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (150 mL×3), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The obtained crude aldehyde was purified using flash chromatography (mobile phase of *n*-hexane/EtOAc = 10/1 to 5/1), affording the aldehyde 4a (22.9 g, 83% yield, within three steps) as white solid. M.p. 131–133°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.90 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.1Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.8, 151.0, 150.4, 128.9,

127.6, 108.4, 101.6, 76.1. HRESIMS m/z: calcd for  $C_8H_6O_3I$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 276.9356; found, m/z 276.9357.

### 4-iodo-5-(2-methoxyvinyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole (5a).

NaHMDS (1M in THF),
$$O \longrightarrow H \longrightarrow Ph_3P^{\dagger}CH_2OCH_3Cl,$$

$$O \longrightarrow Aa \longrightarrow Ph_3P^{\dagger}CH_2OCH_3Cl,$$

$$O \longrightarrow OMe$$

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NaHMDS (1M in THF, 164.0 mL, 163.2 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of (methoxymethyl)triphenylphosphonium chloride (59.1 g, 172.5 mmol) in THF (650 mL) at 0°C under argon over 30 min. The red mixture was stirred in this condition for another 40 min before aldehyde 4a (25 g, 96 mmol) was added, portionwise, over 30 min at an argon atmosphere at 0°C. The resulting light yellow suspension was allowed to warm to r.t. and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched using sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and concentrated to remove approximately 600 mL of solvents. The residue was diluted using sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (400 mL) and extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (250 mL×3). The combined organic layer was washed using brine (150 mL×2), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified over silica gel chromatography (mobile phase of EtOAc/nhexane 1:50 to 1:35) to give enol ether **5a** as colorless oil (27.5 g, 17:3 mixture of E:Z isomers, 96% yield,). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, E:Z 17:3)  $\delta$  7.56 (minor, d, J = 8.0Hz, 0.15H), 6.82 - 6.78 (m, 1.7H), 6.73 (minor, d, J = 8.0 Hz, 0.15H), 6.69 (major, d, J = 8.0 Hz, 0.85 H), 6.18 (minor, d, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.15 H), 6.00 (major, s, 1.7H), 5.99 (s, 0.3H), 5.89 (major, d, J = 12.6 Hz, 0.85H), 5.38 (minor, d, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.15H), 3.76 (s, 0.45H), 3.71 (major, s, 2.55H). HRESIMS m/z: calcd for  $C_{10}H_{10}O_3I$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>,

304.9669; found, *m/z* 304.9668.

#### 2-(4-iodobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)acetic acid (6a).

A solution of the enol ether 5a (12.5 g, 50 mmol) in THF (500 mL) was degassed by purging with argon in an ultrasonic bath for 5 min and then cooled to 0°C. To this solution, p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (p-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O, 19.1 g, 100 mmol)<sup>[20]</sup> was added under argon and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 15 min. This mixture was gradually heated to reflux for 1.5 h and then gradually cooled to r.t., then cooled to 0°C. 2-Methyl-2-butene (53 mL, 500 mmol) and sodium hydrogen phosphate (13.8 g, 115 mmol) was sequentially added at 0°C under argon. The stirring was continued for 15 min before a solution of sodium chlorite (15.8 g, 175 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) was added slowly in such a way that the internal temperature was kept below 5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h,[21] quenched using sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (50 mL), and concentrated to remove excess THF (approximately 350 mL). The residue was poured into sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v, 1/1, 350 mL) and extracted using EtOAc (250 mL×3). The combined extract was washed using brine (300 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. The residue upon work up was chromatographed on silica gel using n-hexane/EtOAc (6:1 to 1/1) as eluent to afford carboxylic acid 6a (9.4 g, 75% yield, within two steps) as a white pale yellow solid. M.p. 192–193°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

δ 177.1, 150.1, 145.5, 129.9, 123.8, 108.2, 101.0, 77.9, 44.2. HRESIMS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>4</sub>INa: 328.9281, found: *m/z* 328.9283.

N-(2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)ethyl)-2-(4-iodobenzo[d][1,3]-dioxol-5-yl)acetamide (7a).

An 1L three-necked flask was ovenly dried and successively charged with anhydrous DMF (500 mL), acid 6a (15.0 g, 49.03 mmol), homopiperonylamine (10.0 mL, 73.5 mmol), EDCI (14.1 g, 73.5 mmol), and HOBt (7.29 g, 53.39 mmol). The suspension was stirred at 0°C under argon, and continued to stir at this condition for 1 h after DIPEA (17 mL, 98.06 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. and stirred for 17 h. The reaction mixture was poured into H<sub>2</sub>O (700 mL) and extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (450 mL×3). The combined organic layer was sequentially washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (400 mL), 2N HCl (400 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (400 mL), sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (400 mL), and brine (400 mL), respectively. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The white crude was stirred in a slurry of EtOH (150 mL) for 3 h, the mixture was filtered and washed using EtOH (15 mL×2). The collected white solid was dried under air and weighed 20.6 g (7a, 93.5% yield). M.p. 103-105°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (brs, 1H), 6.49 (br d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 2H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 5.31 (br, 1H), 3.59 (s, 2H), 3.42 (td, J = 6.4, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.8 (s), 150.3 (s), 147.9 (s), 146.3 (s), 145.5 (s), 132.4 (s), 131.0 (s), 123.9 (d), 121.8 (d), 109.1 (d), 108.4 (d), 108.3 (d), 101.1 (t), 101.0 (t), 77.9 (s), 46.9 (t), 40.8 (t), 35.1 (t). HRESIMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{17}O_5NI$ : 454.0146, found: m/z 454.0147.

### $(S)-5-((4-{\rm iodobenzo}[d][1,3]{\rm dioxol}-5-{\rm yl}){\rm methyl})-5,6,7,8-{\rm tetrahydromethyl}$

## [1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinoline ((S)-8, ee > 99%)[3]

(i) To a suspension of amide **7a** (15.0 g, 33.11 mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (700 mL) was added POCl<sub>3</sub> (25 mL, 264.88 mmol) at r.t. over 15 min with argon continuously purging throughout the reaction. The reaction mixture was gradually heated to reflux and a clear brown solution was obtained. After 1.5 h of refluxing, the solution was allowed to cool to 40°C – 50°C and concentrated to remove excess CH<sub>3</sub>CN and

POCl<sub>3</sub>. The residue was separated between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (150 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (300 mL). The pH value of the aqueous layer was adjusted to 7-8 using sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The aqueous layer was further extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (150 mL×3). The combined organic solution was washed using brine (200 mL×2), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to obtain 7-i (13.4 g, 93% yield) as light yellow solid which was used for next procedure without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.90 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 3.67 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.9, 149.9, 149.1, 146.5, 144.8, 133.8, 133.5, 123.1, 122.5, 108.2, 108.1, 106.1, 101.4, 100.7, 78.3, 47.3, 45.8, 26.5.

(ii) The prepared 3,4-dihydroisoquinoline intermediate 7-i (kept under argon) was dissolved in anhydrous DMF (660 mL, 0.05 M), which was degassed by purging with argon in an ultrasonic bath for 5 min. RuCl[(*R*,*R*)-TsDPEN(*p*-cymene)] (1.05 g, 1.66 mmol, 5 mol%) was added at 0°C followed by the addition of formic acid/trimethylamine azeotrope (5:2, 22.0 mL) over a period of 40 min while argon was bubbled through the mixture. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. (argon was still purging for the first 2 h at r.t.) and stirred overnight under argon before being partitioned between sat. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>/brine (v/v, 1/1, 600 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (600 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (400 mL×2). The combined organic layer was washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (400 mL×3) and brine (400 mL×3), respectively, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. The residue was purified over silica gel chromatography (mobile phase of *n*-hexane/EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 4/1/1/0.06) to

afford 10.9 g of amine (*S*)-**8** as white solid in an overall yield of 75.5% within two steps. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +24.5 (c 0.4 , CHCl<sub>3</sub>), which was analyzed via Chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, eluent of *n*-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine = 70/30/0.1(v/v/v), 1.0 mL/min, 35°C,  $\lambda$  = 254nm, t<sub>s</sub> (*S*-enantiomer) = 9.737 min, t<sub>R</sub> (*R*-enantiomer) = 15.798 min, *er* (*S/R*) = 94.5388/5.4612.

(iii) To a suspension of amine (S)-8 (8.0 g, 18.3 mmol, 94.5388/5.4612 er) in i-Pr<sub>2</sub>O/MeOH (v/v, 1/2, 400 mL) was added (-)-*N*-acetyl-<sub>*L*</sub>-leucine (3.2 g, 18.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 5 h, then gradually cooled to r.t., and kept temperature between 2°C and 8°C overnight. A white solid was precipitated and collected via filtration, giving 7.13 g (67.3% yield based on isomer content) of leucinate salt 9.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +17.6 (c 0.5 , MeOH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.04 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H),6.66 (s, 1H), 6.08 (brs, 1H), 6.07 (brs, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 4.18 (m, 1H), 4.00 (dd, J =10.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.14 -3.07 (m, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 14.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, J = 14.0) 14.0, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (ddd, J = 12.4, 5.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.64 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 1.67 - 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.49 - 1.46 (m, 2H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (d, J =6.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  174.4 (s), 169.1 (s), 149.2 (s), 145.5 (s), 145.3 (s), 144.2 (s), 134.2 (s), 131.4 (s), 128.2 (s), 124.0 (d), 108.6 (d), 107.7 (d), 106.1 (d), 100.5 (t), 100.4 (t), 78.7 (s), 55.0 (d), 50.3 (d), 44.5 (t), 40.2 (t), 38.9 (t), 29.0 (t), 24.3 (d), 22.9 (q), 22.4 (q), 21.4 (q). HRESIMS [M+H–(N-acetyl-<sub>L</sub>-leucine)]<sup>+</sup>: Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{17}O_4NI$ : 438.0197, found: m/z 438.0186.

(iv) A suspension of leucinate salt 9 (7.0 g, 11.18 mmol) in  $H_2O/MeOH$  (v/v, 4/1, 700 mL) was heated to 70°C - 80°C to obtain a clear solution, then gradually cooled to  $50^{\circ}$ C and adjusted to pH = 12 –13 using 10% NaOH. An increasing amount of white solid was precipitated and the mixture suspension was stirred at r.t. for 2 h. White solid was collected by filtration and washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL×2), affording (S)-8 (4.75 g, 95% yield). Specific rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +32 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for an enantiomerically enriched sample (S)-8. Enantiomeric purity of (S)-8 was determined through HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (Chiralpak AD-H, eluent of *n*-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine = 70/30/0.1(v/v/v), 1.0 mL/min, 35°C,  $\lambda = 254$ nm,  $t_S$  (S-enantiomer) = 9.738 min,  $t_R$  (R-enantiomer) = 15.744 min, ee >99%). M.p. 172–173°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.91 (s, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.0, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.0, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 6.05 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, J = 10.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.24 - 3.18 (m, 2H), 2.96 - 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.76 - 2.73 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100) MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.0, 146.1, 145.8, 144.9, 134.5, 131.5, 128.4, 123.8, 108.9, 108.0, 106.6, 100.8, 100.7, 77.7, 55.4, 45.4, 40.1, 30.1. HRESIMS [M+H]+: Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{17}O_4NI$ : 438.0197, found: m/z 438.0198.

5-((4-iodobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]-isoquinoline (<math>rac-8)

The crude 3,4-dihydroisoquinoline intermediate 7-i (2.0 g, 4.6 mmmol) was dissolved in THF/MeOH (v/v, 1/2, 150 mL) and treated with NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.35 g, 9.2 mmol) at 0°C under argon. The reaction mixture was continued to stir at this condition for 8 h and quenched using sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL), then concentrated to remove approximately 100 mL of mixed solvents. The residue was then partitioned between sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (80 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (60 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (60 mL×2). The combined organic layer was washed using brine (80 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give the crude product which was purified by a slurry with MeOH or silica gel chromatography (mobile phase of *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 1/1 to *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 3/30/2) to afford racemic amine 8 (1.83 g, 4.19 mmol) as white solid in 91% yield.

**HPLC conditions:** Enantiomeric proportion of racemic amine was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, eluent *n*-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine = 70/30/0.1 (v/v/v), 1.0 mL/min, 35°C,  $\lambda$  = 254nm,  $t_S$  (S-enantiomer) = 9.783 min,  $t_R$  (R-enantiomer) = 16.002 min, er (S/R) = 45.8930/54.1070).

tert-butyl (S)-5-((4-iodobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl)-7,8-dihydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinoline-6(5H)-carboxylate (10).

A mixed solution of tetrahydroisoquinoline (S)-8 (5.0 g, 11.44 mmol), (Boc)<sub>2</sub>O (5.0 g, 22.88 mmol), and DIPEA (5.0 mL, 28.6 mmol) in THF (200 mL) was stirred at 40°C for 5 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash chromatography (mobile phase of *n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3/1 to 2/1) to provide compound 10 (6.1 g) as white solid in quantitative yield.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +42 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). M.p. 156–158°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.97 (s, 0.8H), 6.70 – 6.66 (m, 1.4H), 6.60 - 6.55 (m, 1.8H), 6.03 - 6.00 (m, 2H), 5.94 - 5.90 (m, 2H), 5.30 -5.21 (m, 1H), 4.36 - 4.31 (m, 0.8H), 3.94 - 3.88 (m, 0.2H), 3.43 - 3.36 (m, 0.2H), 3.26 - 3.19 (m, 0.8H), 3.11 - 2.96 (m, 2H), 2.92 - 2.84 (m, 0.8H), 2.82 - 2.74 (m, 0.2H), 2.67 - 2.61 (m, 1H), 1.35 (s, 1.8H), 1.15 (s, 7.2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major rotamer).  $\delta$  154.4 (s), 149.5 (s), 146.6 (s), 146.2 (s), 145.0 (s), 134.1 (s), 130.2 (s), 127.8 (s), 123.7 (d), 108.8 (d), 108.2 (d), 107.0 (d), 101.0 (t), 100.7 (t), 79.5 (s), 78.5 (s) 54.3 (d), 45.2 (t), 36.3 (t), 28.8 (t), 28.3 (q, 3×C). HRESIMS [M+Na]+: Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>6</sub>NINa: 560.0197, found: *m/z* 560.0198.

(S)-5-((4-iodobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl)-6-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinoline (11).

A mixture suspension of amine 8 (0.8 g, 1.83 mmol), paraformaldehyde (0.33 g, 10.98 mmol), anhydrous ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 g, 3.66 mmol), and Na(CN)BH<sub>3</sub> (0.29 g, 4.58 mmol) in MeOH (80 mL) was stirred at r.t. under an argon atmosphere overnight. Note: relatively large amount of solvent was necessary because of the poor solubility of amine in MeOH. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 3h to drive the reaction to completion before being concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resultant residue was then purified using flash chromatography (mobile phase of nhexane/EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 4/1/0.05 to EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1/1), yielding the amine 11 (0.71 g, 86%) as white solid.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +62.8 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). M.p. 148–150°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 5.87 (brs, 1H), 5.85 (brs, 1H), 3.78 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.33 – 3.26 (m, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 14.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.94 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.84 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.57 (br d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.5 (s), 146.2 (s), 145.4 (s), 144.5 (s), 135.0 (s), 129.9 (s), 127.2 (s), 124.2 (d), 108.6 (d), 108.3 (d), 107.9 (d), 100.7 (t), 100.6 (t), 78.2 (s), 63.4 (d), 45.8 (t), 44.4 (t), 42.6 (q), 24.8 (t). HRESIMS  $[M+H]^+$ : Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{19}O_4NI$ : 452.0353, found: m/z 452.0346.

(S)-5-((4-iodobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl)-7,8-dihydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinoline-6(5H)-carbonyl chloride (12).

A solution of triphosgene (0.326 g, 1.1 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was added dropwise to the solution of (S)-8 (0.437 g, 1.0 mmol) in anhydrous mixed solvent of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>3</sub>N (v/v, 9/1, 10 mL) at 0°C in an argon atmosphere. After the addition, the mixture was stirred at the same condition for 2h before being quenched by aqueous sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) followed by addition of H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL). The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred for another 30 min, then separated in a separatory funnel. The aqueous layer was extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the combined organic extract was washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and brine (10 mL), respectively, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated in vacuo, and purified using flash chromatography with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as eluent, providing compound 12 (0.45g, 90.7% yield) as white solid.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +66.9 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). M.p. 157–158°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.83 (s, 0.5H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 0.5H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 0.5H), 6.62 – 6.56 (m, 2.5H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 0.5H), 6.03 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 0.5H), 5.96 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 0.5H), 5.95 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 0.5H), 5.94 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 0.5H), 5.93 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 0.5H), 5.45 - 5.41 (m, 1H), 4.38 (dddd, J = 13.2, 6.0, 3.3, 1.2 Hz, 0.5H), 4.15 (ddd, J= 13.2, 5.2, 5.2 Hz, 0.5H), 3.71 (ddd, J = 13.6, 9.2, 4.4 Hz, 0.5H), 3.46 (ddd, J = 15.6, 10.8, 4.4 Hz, 0.5H), 3.25 - 3.19 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 14.0, 2.4 Hz, 0.5H), 3.11 (dd, J= 14.0, 4.0 Hz, 0.5H), 3.00 - 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.82 - 2.73 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.9 (149.8) (s), 149.2 (148.7) (s), 147.2 (147.1) (s), 146.6 (146.5) (s), 145.3 (145.1) (s), 132.6 (132.1) (s), 128.3 (128.2) (s), 127.0 (126.8) (s), 123.7 (123.4) (d), 108.6 (108.5) (d), 108.3 (108.1) (d), 107.3 (106.9) (d), 101.3 (101.2) (t), 100.8 (100.8) (t), 78.5 (78.2) (s), 59.3 (58.3) (d), 45.2 (44.4) (t), 43.9 (40.7) (t), 28.7 (28.4) (t). HRESIMS [M+H]+: Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>5</sub>NCII: 496.0252, found: m/z: 496.0248.

# (S)-5-((4-iodobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl)-7,8-dihydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinoline-6(5H)-carbaldehyde (13).

A solution of amine (*S*)-**8** (2.5 g, 5.72 mmol) in ethyl formate (110 mL) was heated to 75°C with oil bath in a sealed tube under argon for 12 h. The mixture was cooled to r.t.. The reaction mixture was concentrated, filtered, dried under reduced pressure, and used in the next step without further purification. The white solid **13** (2.08 g, 4.48 mmol) was obtained in 78.3% yield. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +60.7 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). M.p. 171–173°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (minor, s, 0.23H), 7.49 (major, s, 0.77H), 6.92 (major, s, 0.77H), 6.71 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 6.66 (minor, d, J = 7.9 Hz, 0.23H), 6.62 – 6.61 (m, 1H), 6.55 (minor, s, 0.23H), 6.51 (major, d, J = 7.9 Hz, 0.77H)., 6.06 – 6.01 (m, 2H), 5.95 – 5.92 (m, 2H), 5.58 (minor, dd, J = 9.4, 4.8 Hz, 0.23H), 4.69 (major, dd, J = 10.7, 3.5 Hz, 0.77H), 4.46 (major, ddd, J = 13.2, 6.2, 2.6 Hz, 0.77H), 3.64 – 3.61 (m, 0.46H), 3.23 – 3.14 (m, 1.77H), 3.07 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.76 – 2.70

(m, 1H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO, major rotamer)  $\delta$  160.6 (d), 149.4 (s), 146.3 (s), 145.7 (s), 144.5 (s), 132.7 (s), 128.8 (s), 127.1 (s), 124.1 (d), 108.6 (d), 107.8 (d), 106.3 (d), 100.9 (t), 100.6 (t), 78.5 (s), 56.5 (d), 44.5 (t), 33.7 (t), 27.4 (t). HRESIMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>5</sub>NI: 466.0146, found: m/z 466.0138.

# bis((S)-5-((4-iodobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl)-7,8-dihydro[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinolin-6(5H)-yl)methanone (14).

A suspension of 12 (0.3 g, 0.6 mmol) in anhydrous MeCN (30 mL) was added dropwise to the solution of (S)-8 (0.218 g, 0.5 mmol) in anhydrous mixed solvent of MeCN/i-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (v/v, 7/1, 20 mL) at 0°C in an argon atmosphere. After the addition, the mixture was gradually warmed to 40°C and stirred overnight. H<sub>2</sub>O (80 mL) was added, then the mixture was extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL×3). The combined organic extract was washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL×2) and brine (50 mL), respectively, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified over flash chromatography (mobile phase of n-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 15/20/1). The eluate containing product was dried at 80°C for 1 h in an argon atmosphere using oil pump to remove residual CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and afforded 14 (0.37 g, 82.6% yield) as white solid. M.p. 123–125°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.69 (s, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (brs, 2H), 5.98 (brs, 2H), 5.89 (s, 4H),

4.94 (dd, J = 10.4, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (m, 2H), 3.38 (ddd, J = 12.0, 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.4 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (dd, J = 16.0, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (dd, J = 16.0, 12.0, 6.4 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.4 (s), 149.4 (s), 146.6 (s), 146.0 (s), 144.6 (s), 134.1 (s), 130.0 (s), 127.2 (s), 123.8 (d), 108.6 (d), 108.0 (d), 107.0 (d), 100.8 (t), 100.6 (t), 78.3 (s), 56.3 (d), 45.0 (t), 40.2 (t), 28.2 (t). HRESIMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: Calcd for  $C_{37}H_{31}O_{9}N_{2}I_{2}$ : 901.0113, found: m/z 901.0104.

tert-butyl (S)-5,6,7a,8-tetrahydro-7H-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]-benzo[1,2,3-de][1,3]dioxolo[4',5':5,6]benzo[1,2-g]quinoline-7-carboxylate (15).

See 'General Procedure of Arylation for Constructing Aporphine Systems' and **Table S1** in the supplementary information for more details. A scale-up to synthesize **15** was conducted from **10** (5.0 g, 9.31 mmol),  $K_2CO_3$  (3.2 g, 23.27 mmol), PhDave-Phos (1.4 g, 3.73 mmol), and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.2 g, 0.93 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (186 mL, 0.05M). The crude product was purified using flash chromatography (mobile phase of *n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3/1) to give the arylation product **15** (3.7g, 98% yield). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +178 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). M.p. 203–205°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 6.08 (br, s, 1H), 6.07 (br, s, 1H), 5.95 (br, s, 1H), 5.92 (br, s, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 10.2 Hz,

1H), 2.99 – 2.75 (m, 3H), 2.70 (t, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (m, 1H), 1.49 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.7 (s), 147.2 (s), 147.0 (s), 144.3 (s), 143.1 (s), 130.7 (s), 127.4 (s), 126.8 (s), 120.8 (d), 113.2 (s), 113.1 (s), 108.1 (d), 107.7 (d), 100.9 (t), 100.9 (t), 80.02 (s), 52.1 (d), 38.7 (t), 35.4 (t), 30.5 (t), 28.7 (q, 3×C). HRESIMS [M+Na]+: Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>6</sub>NNa: 423.1418, found: m/z 423.1407.

#### (S)-(+)-Ovigerine (16).

ZnBr<sub>2</sub> (2.2 g, 9.78 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **15** (1.0 g, 2.44 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (49 mL, 0.05M) under argon. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 7 h before being separated using sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL). The biphasic solution was partitioned, and the aqueous layer was extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL×2). The combined organic extract was washed using brine (40 mL×2), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated *in vacuo*, recrystallized from a mixed solvent of *n*-hexane and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, providing (*S*)-(+)-ovigerine **16** (0.69 g, 91.6% yield) as white solid. Enantiomeric purity of **16** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (Chiralpak AD-H, eluent *n*-Hexane/Ethanol = 82/18 (v/v), 1.0 mL/min, 25°C,  $\lambda$  = 254nm,  $t_R$  (*R*-enantiomer) = 18.214 min,  $t_S$  (*S*-enantiomer) = 20.336 min, ee > 99%). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +223 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)[lit.<sup>4a</sup> [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +217 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)]. M.p. 146–148°C. IR (neat): 3325, 2943, 2910, 2882, 1059, 940, 814, 781, 671, 583,

517 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.73 (br, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.08(brs, 1H), 6.05 (brs, 1H), 5.93 (brs, 1H), 5.90 (brs, 1H), 3.81 (dd, J = 13.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40 – 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.02 – 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.85 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.70 – 2.58 (m, 2H), 2.46 (brs, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.2 (s), 147.1 (s), 144.2 (s), 142.5 (s), 129.9 (s), 129.1 (s), 126.5 (s), 120.4 (d), 113.6 (s), 112.2 (s), 108.3 (d), 107.4 (d), 100.9 (t), 100.7 (t), 54.2 (d), 43.3 (t), 37.5 (t), 29.3 (t). HRESIMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N: 310.1074, found: m/z 310.1068.

#### (S)-(+)-N-formylovigerine (17).

**Method A**: A solution of (S)-(+)-ovigerine **16** (0.3 g, 0.97 mmol) in ethyl formate (15 mL) in a sealed 25 mL vessel was heated at 75°C on oil bath under argon for 24 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The resultant residue was purified using flash chromatography (mobile phase of  $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH = 50/1$ ), yielding (S)-(+)-N-formylovigerine **17** (0.21 g, 61% yield) as white solid.

**Method B**: A scale-up to synthesize **17** was conducted from **13** (1.5 g, 3.22 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.1 g, 8.06 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (65 mL, 0.05M), along with

PCy<sub>3</sub>•HBF<sub>4</sub> (0.47 g, 1.29 mmol), silver carbonate (0.44 g, 1.61 mmol), and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.14 g, 0.64 mmol). See 'General Procedure of Arylation for Constructing Aporphine Systems' and Table S1 in the supplementary information for more details. The crude product was purified using flash chromatography (mobile phase of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 50/1), giving (S)-(+)-N-formylovigerine 17 (0.98 g, 2.92 mmol) in 90.5% yield. Enantiomeric purity of 17 was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (Chiralpak AD-H, eluent of n-Hexane/Ethanol = 82/18 (v/v), 1.0 mL/min, 35°C,  $\lambda = 254$ nm,  $t_R$  (R-enantiomer) = 11.754 min,  $t_S$  (Senantiomer) = 19.592 min, ee > 99%).  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 330$  (c 0.11, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)[lit.<sup>4c</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 321$ (c 0.11 , CHCl<sub>3</sub>)]. M.p. 104–106°C. IR (neat): 3438, 2892, 1669, 1057, 935, 806, 788, 468 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.34 (s, 0.26H, minor), 8.23 (s, 0.74H, major), 6.88 - 6.80 (m, 3H), 6.08 (m, 2H), 6.02 - 5.99 (m, 2H), 4.63 (dd, J = 13.2, 3.1Hz, 0.74H, major), 4.52 (dd, J = 12.0, 5.6 Hz, 0.26H, minor), 4.24 (dt, J = 12.6, 3.7 Hz, 0.26H, minor), 3.92 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 0.74H, major), 3.23 (td, J = 12.6, 11.3, 4.8 Hz, 0.74H, major), 3.03 – 2.93 (m, 0.26H, minor), 2.93 – 2.82 (m, 1.26H), 2.80 – 2.69 (m, 1.48H), 2.68 - 2.54 (m, 1.26H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , major rotamer)  $\delta$  162.3 (d), 146.8 (s, 2×C), 144.0 (s), 142.9 (s), 129.6 (s), 126.8 (s), 125.0 (s), 120.8 (d), 112.3 (s, 2×C), 108.2 (d), 107.6 (d), 100.8 (t), 100.7 (t), 48.7 (d), 41.1 (t), 33.5 (t), 30.1 (t). HRESIMS  $[M+H]^+$ : Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{16}O_5N$ : 338.1023, found: m/z 338.1017.

#### (+)-Ovigeridimerine (18).

See 'General Procedure of Arylation for Constructing Aporphine Systems' and Table S1 in the supplementary information for more details. The white solid of 18 (107.8 mg, 83.7% yield) was prepared from compound 14 (180 mg, 0.2 mmol), purified using flash chromatography (mobile phase of petroleum ether/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 25/30/1), dried at 80°C for 1 h in an argon atmosphere using oil pump to remove residual CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +208 (c 0.12 · CHCl<sub>3</sub>)[lit.<sup>4b</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +197 (c 0.12 · CHCl<sub>3</sub>)]. Enantiomeric purity of 18 was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (Chiralpak IB00CE-RD026, eluent Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine = 70/30/0.1 (v/v/v), 1.0 mL/min, 35°C,  $\lambda$  = 220nm,  $t_{RR}$  $(R,R-\text{enantiomer}) = 8.210 \text{ min}, t_{SS} (S,S-\text{enantiomer}) = 17.260 \text{ min}, ee > 99\%). M.p.$ 211–214°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.73 (d, J = 8.0, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.0, 2H), 6.62 (s, 2H), 6.08 (d, J = 1.6Hz, 2H), 6.07 (d, J = 1.6Hz, 2H), 5.95 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 5.94 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (dd, J = 13.2, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 3.78 – 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.29 – 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.05 (dd, J = 13.6, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.85 – 2.73 (m, 4H), 2.58 (t, J = 13.1, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.4 (s), 147.2 (s), 147.0 (s), 144.2 (s), 143.1 (s), 130.3 (s), 127.3 (s), 126.4 (s), 120.9 (d), 113.2 (s), 113.1 (s), 107.7 (d), 107.7 (d), 100.9 (×2) (t), 53.0 (d), 44.3 (t), 35.5 (t), 30.3 (t). HRESIMS [M+H]+: Calcd for  $C_{37}H_{29}O_9N_2$ : 645.1868, found: m/z 645.1860.

The crystal for compound 18 was prepared by treating 18 with a mixture of methanol and water.

The structure of **18** was also confirmed by single-crystal X-ray analysis. The crystallographic data for the structure reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as deposition No. CCDC 2074178. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge, on application to the CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK [Fax: +44 1223 336 033, or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

tert-butyl (S)-5-((4-(3-(tert-butoxy)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzo-[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl)-7,8-dihydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]iso-quinoline-6(5H)-carboxylate (19).

See the optimization of the Heck coupling to avoid the formation of arylation byproduct **15** in **Table S2** in the Supporting information for more details. A scale-up to synthesize **19** was conducted from **10** (2.5 g, 4.65 mmol), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.98 g, 11.63 mmol), n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup> (2.6 g, 9.3 mmol), and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.2 g, 0.93 mmol) in DMF/*tert*-butyl acrylate (v/v, 4/1, 50 mL, 0.1M). The crude product was purified using silica gel chromatography (mobile phase of n-hexane/EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 16/1/1) to give compound **19** (2.43 g, 4.52 mmol) in 97% yield. M.p. 119–122°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 0.7H), 7.36 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 0.3H), 6.79 – 6.29

(m, 5H), 6.05 - 5.86 (m, 4H), 5.07 - 4.99 (m, 1H), 4.17 - 4.13 (m, 0.7H), 3.70 - 3.64 (m, 0.3H), 3.54 - 3.47 (m, 0.3H), 3.34 - 3.27 (m, 0.7H), 3.18 - 2.94 (m, 2H), 2.88 - 2.80 (m, 0.7H), 2.74 - 2.63 (m, 1.3H), 1.56 (s, 6.3H), 1.53 (s, 2.7H), 1.39 (s, 2.7H), 1.18 (s, 6.3H). 1.3C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major rotamer)  $\delta$  166.6 (C=O, s), 154.4 (N-C=O, s), 146.8 (s), 146.7 (s), 146.7 (s), 146.3 (s), 134.9 (d), 131.9 (s), 129.8 (s), 128.0 (s), 124.8 (d), 124.0 (d), 117.1 (s), 109.3 (d), 108.8 (d), 107.2 (d), 101.4 (t), 101.0 (t), 80.6 (s), 79.6 (s), 56.7 (d), 39.6 (t), 37.1 (t), 28.6 (t), 28.4 (9×C, q), 28.2 (9×C, q). HRESIMS [M+H]+: Calcd for  $C_{30}H_{36}O_{8}N$ : 538.2435, found: m/z 538.2428.

2-((12bS)-6,7,12b,13-tetrahydro-4H-[1,3]dioxolo-

#### [4',5':7,8]isoquinolino[3,2-a][1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinolin-4-yl)acetate (21).

(i) MeSO<sub>3</sub>H (2.7 mL, 41.89 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **19** (1.5 g, 2.79 mmol) in a mixed solvent of t-BuOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (v/v, 3/1, 110 mL, 0.025M) at 0°C under argon, then the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 3 h. Sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was slowly added at 0°C to achieve pH = 7 - 8, and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 mL) was then added. The biphase was partitioned and the aqueous layer was extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 mL×2). The combined organic extract was sequentially washed using sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (70 mL×2), H<sub>2</sub>O (70 mL×2), and brine (70 mL×2), respectively, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated *in vacuo*, treated with n-hexane (30mL), then filtered, washed with

*n*-hexane (10 mL), dried under reduced pressure in an argon atmosphere to afford crude product **20** as white solid, which was used in the next step without further purification. HRESIMS  $[M+H]^+$ : Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{28}O_6N$ : 438.1911, found: m/z 438.1903.

(ii) A solution of crude product 20 prepared above in t-BuOH (50 mL) was reflux under argon for 3 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo, and the residue was purified using flash chromatography (mobile phase of n-hexane/EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 40/1/1) to afford **21** (0.84 g, 2.9:1 mixture of anti:syn isomers, 68.5% yield within two steps) as white solid. M.p.182–184°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, dr 2.9:1)  $\delta$ 6.73 (s, 0.26H), 6.70 - 6.68 (m, 1H), 6.63 - 6.61 (m, 1H), 6.58 - 6.57 (m, 1.74H), 5.99 - 5.98 (m, 1H), 5.93 (major, dd, J = 1.5 Hz, 0.74H), 5.91 - 5.90 (m, 2.26H), 4.50(major, dd, J = 10.2, 4.2 Hz, 0.74H), 4.16 (major, dd, J = 11.4, 5.4 Hz, 0.74H), 4.13 – 4.11 (minor, m, 0.26H), 3.67 (minor, d, J = 11.4 Hz, 0.26H), 3.35 – 4.32 (minor, m, 0.26H), 3.09 (td, J = 11.3, 9.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.04 - 3.01 (m, 0.26H), 2.95 - 2.88 (m, 1.26H), 2.84 - 2.77 (m, 2.26H), 2.74 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 0.26H), 2.68 (td, J = 14.1, 13.3, 4.1 Hz, 1.74H), 2.62 (dd, J = 15.5, 5.2 Hz, 0.74H), 2.48 (minor, ddd, J = 11.4, 11.4, 3.0 Hz, 0.26H), 1.40 (major, s, 6.75H), 1.32 (minor, s, 2.25H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major anti isomer)  $\delta$  171.3 (s), 146.2 (s), 145.8 (s), 145.3 (s), 143.8 (s), 132.3 (s), 128.2 (s), 127.5 (s), 121.4 (d), 119.7 (s), 108.8 (d), 107.2 (d), 106.7 (d), 101.2 (t), 100.8 (t), 80.3 (s), 57.5 (d), 51.1 (d), 46.2 (t), 40.0 (t), 32.0 (t), 30.2 (t), 28.2 (3×C, q). HRESIMS  $[M+H]^+$ : Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{28}O_6N$ : 438.1911, found: m/z 438.1903.

2-((4R,12bS)-6,7,12b,13-tetrahydro-4H-[1,3]dioxolo-[4',5':7,8]isoqui-nolino[3,2-

a][1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinolin-4-yl)acetic acid (anti product, 22) and 2-((4S,12bS)-6,7,12b,13-tetrahydro-4H-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':7,8]-isoquinolino[3,2a][1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinolin-4-yl)acetic acid (syn product, 23).

To a solution of *tert*-butyl ester **21** (0.8 g, 1.83 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (50 mL) was added  $ZnBr_2$  (4.1 g, 18.3 mmol) at r.t. under argon.<sup>27b</sup> The mixture was stirred overnight before being diluted using  $CH_2Cl_2$  (20 mL) and poured into phosphate buffer solution (0.2 mol/L, pH = 7, 80 mL). The two phases were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted using  $CH_2Cl_2$  (40 mL×3). The collective organic solution was washed using brine (40 mL), dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$ , then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified using flash chromatography (mobile phase of petroleum ether/EtOAc/MeOH = 6/7/1), providing, respectively, **22** (0.46 g, 65.6% yield) and **23** (0.15 g, 22% yield), in 87.6% total yield as white solids.

Compound 22.

The product was analyzed by HPLC to determine the enantiomeric excess (CHIRALPAK OZ-H, MeOH/AcOH =100/0.1(v/v), flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 214 nm,  $t_{anti}$  = 7.329 min). It has the *ee* value larger than 99%. M.p. 162–163°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.00 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 4.33 – 4.26 (m, 2H), 3.33 – 3.19 (m, 2H), 3.02 – 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.94 – 2.86 (m, 3H), 2.83 – 2.80 (m, 1H), 2.70 – 2.66 (dd, J = 16.8, 12.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.4 (s), 147.3 (s), 146.4 (s), 146.0 (s), 144.2 (s), 129.2 (s), 125.1 (s), 125.0 (s), 121.6 (d), 115.4 (s), 108.9 (d), 108.4 (d), 106.7 (d), 101.7 (t), 101.2 (t), 56.9 (d), 50.3 (d), 45.0 (t), 35.9 (t), 30.6 (t), 28.5 (t). HRESIMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N: 382.1285, found: m/z 382.1281.

The crystal for hydrochloride salt of 22 (22•HCl) was prepared by treating 22 with 4N HCl in a mixture of MeCN, acetone and water.

The structure of hydrochloride salt of **22** (**22**•HCl) was also confirmed by single-crystal X-ray analysis. The crystallographic data for the structure reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as deposition No. CCDC 2101275. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge, on application to the CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK [Fax: +44 1223 336 033, or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

Compound 23.

The product was analyzed by HPLC to determine the enantiomeric excess (CHIRALPAK OZ-H, MeOH/AcOH = 100/0.1(v/v), flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 214$ 

nm,  $t_{syn} = 6.475$  min). It has the *ee* value larger than 99%. M.p.  $163-164^{\circ}C$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.76 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 5.95 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, J = 10.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, J = 17.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.25 – 3.16 (m, 2H), 3.11 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.80 – 2.70 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.3 (s), 147.0 (s), 147.0 (s), 146.5 (s), 144.0 (s), 128.4 (s), 128.2 (s), 126.8 (s), 121.7 (d), 116.3 (s), 108.5 (d), 108.3 (d), 105.7 (d), 101.5 (t), 101.3 (t), 59.4 (d), 57.9 (d), 35.8 (t), 33.9 (t), 29.8 (t), 29.3 (t). HRESIMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: Calcd for  $C_{21}H_{20}O_6N$ : 382.1285, found: m/z 382.1281.

# (S)-7,8,13b,14-tetrahydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':6,7]indolo[2,1-a][1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinoline (24).

X-Phos (0.31 g, 0.65 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (0.075 g, 0.08 mmol), and *t*-BuONa (0.39 g, 4.04 mmol) was sequentially added to a solution of compound (*S*)-**8** (0.5 g, 1.62 mmol) in toluene (33 mL, 0.05M, degassed by purging with argon in an ultrasonic bath) under an argon atmosphere. The mixture was heated to reflux for 7 h, then gradually cooled to r.t., and poured into sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v, 1/1, 70 mL). The organic layer was collected and washed using brine (40 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL×2), and the combined extract was washed using H<sub>2</sub>O

(30 mL×1) and brine (30 mL×1), respectively. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified using flash chromatography (mobile phase of petroleum ether/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 75/20/1) to afford amination product 24 (0.29 g, 82.7% yield) as yellow amorphous solid. Enantiomeric purity of 24 was determined through HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (Chiralpak AD-H, eluent of n-Hexane/Ethanol = 85/15 (v/v), 1.0 mL/min, 35°C,  $\lambda = 254$ nm,  $t_R$  (*R*-enantiomer) = 8.384 min,  $t_S$  (*S*-enantiomer) = 10.524 min, ee = 98.7%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.63 (s, 1H), 6.53 (d, J =7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5. = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.87 ( $2 \times d$ , J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 4.81 (dd, J = 8.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (ddd, J= 13.6, 5.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (ddd, J = 14.8, 8.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (ddd, J = 16.4, 12.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J = 15.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.99 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.47 (dddd, J= 16.4, 3.6, 2.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.1 (s), 146.5 (s), 146.1 (s), 133.6 (s), 131.9 (s), 131.4 (s), 128.5 (s), 125.3 (s), 117.5 (d), 108.6 (d), 106.2 (d), 100.8 (t), 100.6 (t), 99.1 (d), 63.7 (d), 43.7 (t), 37.8 (t), 26.6 (t). HRESIMS  $[M+H]^+$ : Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{16}O_4N$ : 310.1074, found: m/z 310.1066.

7,8-dihydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':6,7]indolo[2,1-a][1,3]dioxolo-[4,5-g]isoquinoline (25).

To a solution of amine 24 (0.2 mmol, 61.9 mg) in acetonitrile (7 mL) was added N-

hydroxyphthalimide (NHPI, 0.04 mmol, 6.6 mg) and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O (0.01 mmol, 2.0 mg), followed by heating to reflux for 3 h, then gradually cooled to r.t., filtered through a pad of silica gel. The filtrate was then concentrated, the residue was purified using flash chromatography (mobile phase of petroleum ether/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH = 80/20/1) to afford oxidation product 25 (22.3 mg, 36.3% yield) as white solid. The product was analyzed by HPLC to determine the oxidized byproduct 25 contained in compound 24: Chiralpak AD-H, eluent of n-Hexane/Ethanol = 85/15 (v/v), 1.0 mL/min, 35°C,  $\lambda = 254$ nm,  $t_{25} = 16.241$  min. M.p. 208–209°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.16 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 5.97 (s, 2H), 4.36 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H).  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.2 (s), 147.1 (s), 143.0 (s), 136.0 (s), 130.9 (s), 126.9 (s), 126.2 (s), 122.7 (s), 122.5 (s), 112.9 (d), 108.7 (d), 104.5 (d), 103.4 (d), 101.2 (t), 100.9 (t), 96.6 (d), 42.4 (t), 29.7 (t). HRESIMS [M+H]+: Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{14}O_4N$ : 308.0917, found: m/z 308.0910.

Propyl 5-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)benzo[d][1,3]-dioxole-4-carboxylate (3b).

The synthesis procedure for preparing 3b from oxazoline 2 (35.5 g, 161.9 mmol) was based on the method for preparing 3a from 2, with the reaction mixture being allowed to warm to  $-50^{\circ}$ C after the addition of n-propyl chloroformate at  $-78^{\circ}$ C, and

stirred at  $-50^{\circ}$ C for further 3h. The crude product was purified using silica gel column chromatography (mobile phase of n-hexane/EtOAc = 20/1 to 5/1) to give **3b** (37.7 g, 76.2% yield) as white solid. M.p. 42–43°C.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (s, 2H), 4.27 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 1.76 (qt, J = 6.8, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 6H), 0.99 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.1, 161.0, 150.0, 146.0, 124.1, 120.4, 115.5, 109.1, 102.3, 79.4, 67.7, 67.3, 28.2 (2×C), 21.9, 10.5. HRESIMS [M+H]+: Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N: 306.1336, found: m/z 306.1336.

(5-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)methyl acetate (26).

(i) A solution of compound **3b** (20.0 g, 65.5 mmol) in anhydrous THF (400 mL) was cooled to 0°C. LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (3.8 g, 100.1 mmol) was added slowly. The suspension was stirred at 0°C for 0.5 h before being quenched by dropwise adding of sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL). Note: extreme care should be practiced during the quenching process. As this process is exothermic and generates flammable hydrogen gas. it is highly advisable to add aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> cautiously. The mixture was filtered through Celite, followed by rinsing using THF (25 mL×2). The filtrate was concentrated to remove 350 mL of solution. The residue was diluted with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (300 mL) and extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (200 mL×3). The combined organic

layer was washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (200 mL) and brine (200 mL) one by one, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The reduction product 3b-i was obtained (14.5 g, 88.5% yield), and was used in the next step without further purification. M.p. 87–88°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (brs, 1H, OH), 6.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 1.38 (s, 6H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.0, 149.9, 146.4, 125.1, 123.5, 121.0, 107.0, 101.6, 78.8, 67.9, 55.8, 28.6 (2×C). (ii) To a stirred solution of compound **3b-i** (14.0 g, 56 mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (250 mL) was sequentially added Ac<sub>2</sub>O (13.0 mL, 137.5 mmol), pyridine (11.3 mL), and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP, 3.4 g, 27.8 mmol) at 0°C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. and stirred overnight. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (250 mL) was added to dilute the solution which was poured into a separatory funnel and then sequentially washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (300 mL×2), sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (300 mL×2), and brine (300 mL×2), respectively, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was treated with *n*-hexane (150 mL). The suspension was stirred for 0.5 h and then filtered, rinsed using n-hexane (15) mL×2), providing compound 26 (15.6 g, 95.6% yield) as white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (s, 2H), 5.47 (s, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 6H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.9, 161.3, 149.4, 147.8, 125.0, 122.0, 117.2, 108.2, 101.9, 78.9, 67.9, 58.7, 28.4 (2×C), 21.1. HRESIMS  $[M+H]^+$ : Calcd for  $C_{15}H_{18}NO_5$ : 292.1180, found: m/z 292.1179.

### (5-formylbenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)methyl acetate (4b).

The synthesis procedure for preparing compound **4b** from **26** (11.4 g, 51.5 mmol) was based on the method for preparing **4a** from **3a**. The crude product was purified using silica gel column chromatography (mobile phase of *n*-hexane/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1) to afford **4b** (8.62 g, 75.3% yield). M.p. 115–116°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.97 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (s, 2H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  190.6, 170.8, 152.4, 148.1, 130.9, 129.6, 117.5, 108.3, 102.6, 57.2, 20.9. HRESIMS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na: 245.0420, found: m/z 245.0424.

#### (5-(2-methoxyvinyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)methyl acetate (5b).

The synthesis procedure for preparing enol ether **5b** from aldehyde **4b** (18.5 g, 83.31 mmol) was based on the method for preparing **5a** from **4a**. The crude product was purified using silica gel column chromatography (mobile phase of n-hexane/EtOAc = 40/1 to 20/1) to afford **5b** (17.8 g, 7:3 mixture of E:Z isomers, 85.6% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, E:Z 7:3)  $\delta$  7.46 (minor, d, J = 8.3 Hz, 0.3H), 6.80 – 6.76 (m, 1.7H), 6.73 (major, d, J = 8.1 Hz, 0.7H), 6.15 (minor, d, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.3H), 5.96 (major, brs, 1.4H), 5.95 (minor, brs, 0.6H), 5.89 (major, d, J = 12.7 Hz, 0.7H),

5.27 (minor, d, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.3H), 5.15 (major, s, 1.4 H), 5.14 (minor, s, 0.6 H), 3.74 (minor, s, 0.9H), 3.66 (major, s, 2.1H), 2.08 (major, s, 2.1H), 2.07 (minor, s, 0.9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, major E isomer)  $\delta$  171.0, 149.7, 145.8, 130.7, 122.9, 118.7, 114.3, 109.0, 101.4, 101.4, 58.2, 56.6, 21.0. HRESIMS [M+Na]+: Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na: 273.0733, found: m/z 273.0727.

#### 2-(4-(acetoxymethyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)acetic acid (6b).

The synthesis procedure for preparing compound **6b** from **5b** (12.5 g, 49.98 mmol) was based on the method for preparing **6a** from **5a**, but with *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (*p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O, 19.0 g, 99.97 mmol) being added at 0°C under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 15 min. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to r.t., and then stirred for 15 h. The crude acid was chromatographed on silica gel using *n*-hexane/EtOAc (v/v, 3:1 to 1/1) as eluent to afford carboxylic acid **6b** (7.9 g, 62.7% yield, over two steps) as a white pale yellow solid. M.p. 135–136°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  177.2, 170.9, 147.6, 147.1, 126.7, 124.1, 116.4, 108.8, 101.7, 58.2, 37.7, 20.9. HRESIMS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na: 275.0526, found: m/z 275.0526.

### 6,9-dihydro-7H-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-h]isochromen-7-one (27).

To a solution of the acid material 6b (5.0 g, 19.84 mmol) in a mixed solvent of MeOH/THF (v/v, 1/2, 150 mL) was added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (5.5 g, 39.68 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 3 h. and then concentrated in vacuo. To this residue was added H<sub>2</sub>O (150 mL) and it was treated with 2N HCl until pH = 4. The aqueous solution was extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL×3) and the combined organic layer was washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), sequentially. This CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in 2N HCl in THF (15 mL) and stirred at r.t. for 6 h. The reaction mixture was poured into H<sub>2</sub>O (150 mL) and extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (120 mL×3). The combined organic layer was washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL), sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (100 mL), and brine (100 mL), respectively, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography using n-hexane/EtOAc = 4/1 as eluent provided lactone 27 (3.16 g, 83% yield) as white solid. M.p. 131–132°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 3.62 (s, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.6, 146.9, 143.2, 124.8, 119.6, 113.0, 108.6, 101.8, 64.4, 35.9. HRESIMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: 193.0495, found: *m/z* 193.0496.

N-(2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)ethyl)-2-(4-(hydroxymethyl)-benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)acetamide (7b) and Tetrahydrocoptisine (THC, 28).

(i) A solution of lactone 27 (2.5 g, 13.02 mmol) and homopiperonylamine (2.65 mL, 19.53 mmol) in EtOH (65 mL) was reflux for 17 h. After cooling to r.t., the precipitates were collected by filtration, rinsed using EtOH (5 mL×2), and dried in vacuo to afford amide 7b (4.28 g, 92% yield) as white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.17 (brs, 1H), 6.80 – 6.74 (m, 3H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 2H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 5.31 (brs, 1H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 3.24 -3.19 (m, 2H), 2.60 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  171.0, 147.2, 145.9, 145.5, 145.5, 133.1, 129.4, 122.8, 122.1, 121.6, 109.1, 108.1, 107.3, 100.8, 100.7, 54.6, 40.6, 38.7, 34.6. HRESIMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>: 358.1285, found: m/z 358.1286. (ii) A solution of phosphoryl chloride (14.0 mL) in dry toluene (35.0 mL) was added at r.t. over 10 min to a stirred solution of amide 7b (3.5 g, 9.8 mmol) in dry toluene (90.0 mL) under an argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 1.5 h, and then cooled to about 40°C. Excess phosphoryl chloride and toluene were evaporated in vacuo. The residue obtained was dissolved in MeOH (60 mL). After cooling the solution to 0°C, sodium borohydride (0.74 g, 19.6 mmol) was added in small portions over a period of 15 min. The solution was kept at 0°C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was quenched using sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (80 mL), and then extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL×3). The combined

organic layer was washed using H<sub>2</sub>O (80 mL), and brine (80 mL), respectively, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified using flash chromatography using *n*-hexane/EtOAc/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 2/0.25/0.75 as eluent to provide **28** (3.21 g, 76.3% yield, within two steps) as pale yellow solid. M.p. 216–218°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.72 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 5.96 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.93 – 5.92 (m, 3H), 4.12 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (brd, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, J = 16.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 3.10 (m, 2H), 2.84 (dd, J = 16.4, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.69 – 2.63 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.4 (s), 146.2 (s), 145.2 (s), 143.5 (s), 130.4 (s), 128.4 (s), 127.7 (s), 121.2 (d), 116.5 (s), 108.6 (d), 107.0 (d), 105.6 (d), 101.2 (t), 101.2 (t), 59.9 (d), 52.9 (t), 51.3 (t), 36.4 (t), 29.5 (t). HRESIMS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N: 324.1230, found: m/z 324.1233.

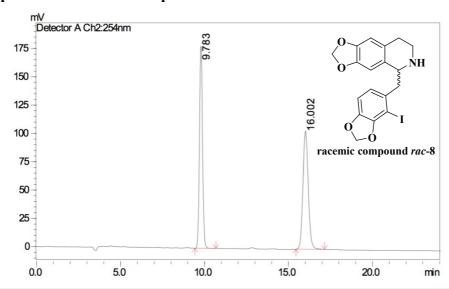
## Quaternary Coptisine Bromide (QCB, 29).

To a clear solution of THC **28** (0.3 g, 0.93 mmol) in THF (60 mL) was added NBS (0.27 g, 1.50 mmol). The suspension was stirred at r.t. overnight, filtered, washed using THF (8 mL×2) and H<sub>2</sub>O (15 mL×3), respectively, dried under air to afford QCB **29** (0.28 g, 75.1% yield) as yellow solid. M.p. 202–203°C. IR (neat): 3456, 3074, 3049, 2997, 2910, 2781, 1916, 1831, 1714, 1641, 1618, 1603, 1571, 1504, 1476, 1432,

1408, 1386, 1361, 1323, 1286, 1258, 1234, 1215, 1193, 1139, 1108, 1059, 1036, 999, 931, 897, 871, 821, 772, 750, 707, 648, 628, 615, 565, 508, 483, 455, 424 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.94 (s, 1H), 8.96 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.54 (s, 2H), 6.17 (s, 2H), 4.88 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  149.8 (s), 147.8 (s), 147.1 (s), 144.6 (d), 143.9 (s), 136.9 (s), 132.4 (s), 130.6 (s), 121.8 (d), 121.1 (d), 121.0 (d), 120.6 (s), 111.7 (s), 108.5 (d), 105.4 (d), 104.5 (t), 102.2 (t), 55.2 (t), 26.3 (t). HRESIMS [M+H-Br]+: Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{14}O_4N$ : 320.0917, found: m/z 320.0918.

## IV. HPLC Methods and Chromatograms

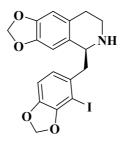
HPLC profile for racemic compound rac-8



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2	16.002	16054733	54.1070	10404.542	1.157	12.065

 $(S)-5-((4-iodobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-\\[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinoline ((S)-8, ee = 89\%)\\[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinoline ((S)-8, ee > 99\%)^{[3]}$ 

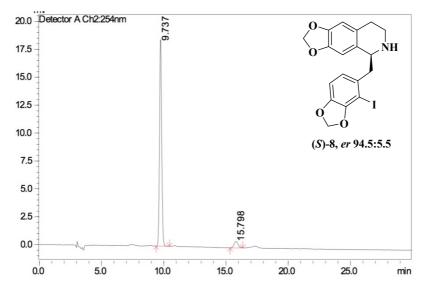
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(S)-8, er 94.5:5.5

**HPLC conditions:** Enantiomeric purity of Noyori asymmetric hydrogenation product (S)-8 (89% ee) was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (Chiralpak AD-H, eluent *n*-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine = 70/30/0.1(v/v/v), 1.0 mL/min, 35°C,  $\lambda = 254$ nm,  $t_S$  (S-enantiomer) = 9.783 min,  $t_R$  (R-enantiomer) = 16.002 min, ee = 89%.

HPLC profile for chiral product (S)-8 (er 94.5:5.5)

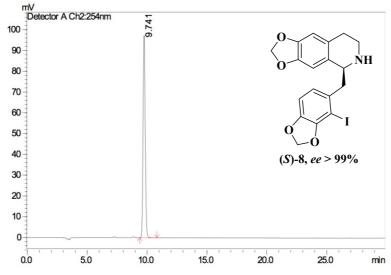


Peak No.	Time	Area	Area%	Plate	Tailing	Resolution
				number		
1	9.737	227724	94.5388	12521.570	1.125	
2	15.798	13155	5.4612	11657.948	1.147	12.989

(S)-5-((4-iodobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinoline ((S)-8, ee > 99%)

**HPLC conditions:** Enantiomeric purity of (*S*)-**8** (ee > 99%) after resolution with (–)-N-acetyl- $_L$ -leucine was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (Chiralpak AD-H, eluent n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine = 70/30/0.1(v/v/v), 1.0 mL/min, 35°C,  $\lambda = 254$ nm,  $t_S$  (S-enantiomer) = 9.783 min,  $t_R$  (R-enantiomer) = 16.002 min, ee > 99%.

## HPLC profile for chiral product (S)-8 (ee > 99%)

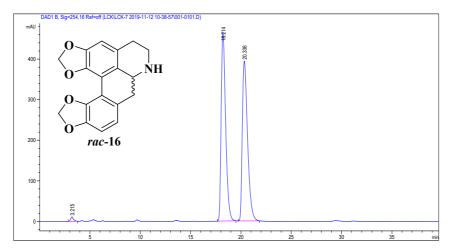


Peak No.	Time	Area	Area%	Plate	Tailing	Resolution
				number		
1	9.741	1215133	100.0000	12154.839	1.131	

(S)-(+)-Ovigerine (16)

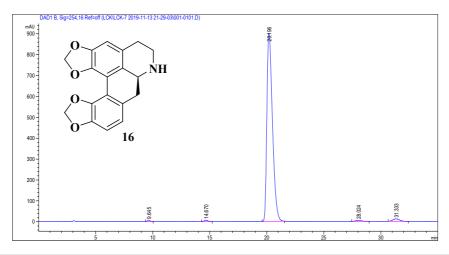
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HPLC profile for racemic product rac-16



Peak No.	Time	Area	Peak	Peak	Tailing	Area%
			height	Width		
1	18.214	14400.4	464	0.476	0.622	50.058
2	20.336	14367.2	394	0.5614	0.573	49.942

HPLC profile for chiral product 16 (ee > 99%)

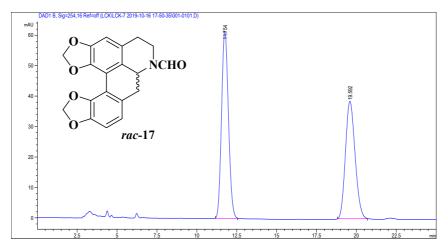


Peak No.	Time	Area	Peak	Peak	Tailing	Area%
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## (S)-(+)-N-formylovigerine (17)

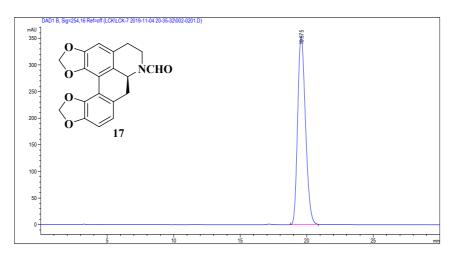
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## HPLC profile for racemic product rac-17



Peak No.	Time	Area	Peak	Peak	Tailing	Area%
			height	Width		
1	11.754	1844.3	61.5	0.4636	0.868	53.327
2	19.592	1614.2	38.6	0.6403	0.831	46.673

# HPLC profiles for chiral product 17 (ee > 99%)

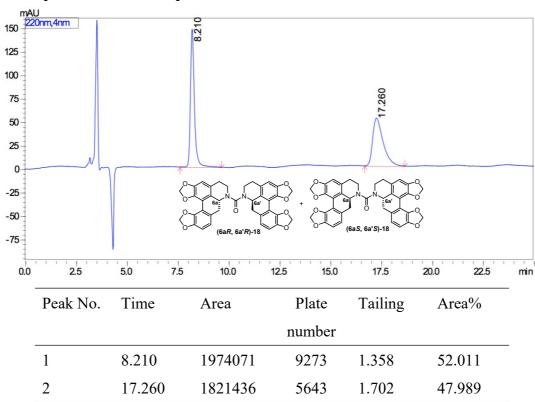


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			height	Width		
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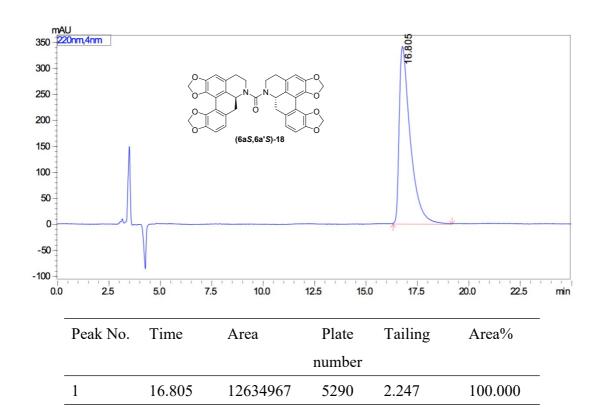
# (+)-Ovigeridimerine, 18

**HPLC conditions:** Enantiomeric purity of **18** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (Chiralpak IB00CE-RD026, eluent *n*-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine = 70/30/0.1 (v/v/v), 1.0 mL/min,  $35^{\circ}$ C,  $\lambda = 220$ nm,  $t_{RR}$  (*R*,*R*-enantiomer) = 8.210 min,  $t_{SS}$  (*S*,*S*-enantiomer) = 17.260 min, ee > 99%.

HPLC profile for racemic product rac-18



HPLC profile for chiral product 18 (ee > 99%)



2-((4R,12bS)-6,7,12b,13-tetrahydro-4H-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':7,8]isoquinolino[3,2-a][1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinolin-4-yl)acetic acid (22) and 2-((4S,12bS)-6,7,12b,13-tetrahydro-4H-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':7,8]isoquinolino[3,2-a][1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinolin-4-yl)acetic acid (23)

$$O \longrightarrow NBoc \longrightarrow NBoc \longrightarrow NBoc \longrightarrow NH \longrightarrow I-BuOH \longrightarrow COOtBu$$

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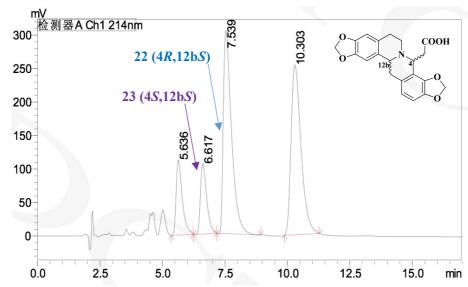
2-((4R,12bS)-6,7,12b,13-tetrahydro-4H-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':7,8]isoquinolino[3,2-a][1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinolin-4-yl)acetic acid (anti product, 22)

**HPLC conditions:** Enantiomeric purity of **22** (ee > 99%) was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with crude racemic materials of both **22** and **23**. CHIRALPAK OZ-H, MeOH/HAC =100/0.1(v/v), flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 214 nm,  $t_{ena-23}$  = 5.636 min,  $t_{23}$  = 6.617 min,  $t_{22}$  = 7.539 min,  $t_{ena-22}$  = 10.303 min, ee > 99%.

2-((4*S*,12*bS*)-6,7,12*b*,13-tetrahydro-4*H*-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':7,8]isoquinolino[3,2-*a*][1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*g*]isoquinolin-4-yl)acetic acid (*syn* product, 23)

**HPLC conditions:** Enantiomeric purity of **23** (ee > 99%) was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with crude racemic materials of both **22** and **23**. CHIRALPAK OZ-H, MeOH/HAC =100/0.1(v/v), flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 214 nm,  $t_{ena-23}$  = 5.636 min,  $t_{23}$  = 6.617 min,  $t_{22}$  = 7.539 min,  $t_{ena-22}$  = 10.303 min, ee > 99%.

HPLC profile for diastereoisomers of crude racemic materials of both 22 and 23



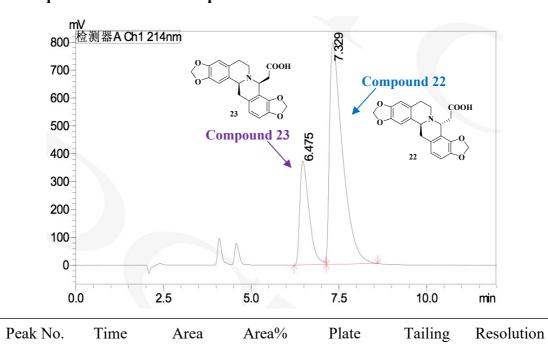
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				number		
1	5.636	1919552	10.820	2676	1.803	
2	6.617	1825412	10.289	3407	1.555	2.206
3	7.539	6953508	39.195	2600	2.028	1.766
4	10.303	7042163	39.695	3265	1.529	4.211

# HPLC profile for crude chiral products 22 and 23

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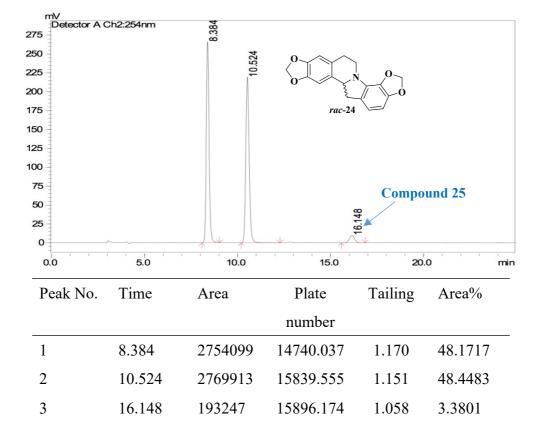
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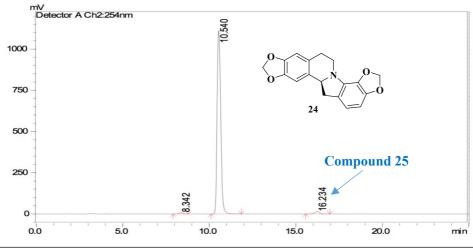
# (S)-7,8,13b,14-tetrahydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':6,7]indolo[2,1-a][1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinoline (24)

**HPLC conditions:** Enantiomeric purity of **24** was determined by HPLC analysis in comparison with authentic racemic material (Chiralpak AD-H, eluent *n*-Hexane/Ethanol = 85/15 (v/v), 1.0 mL/min,  $35^{\circ}$ C,  $\lambda = 254$ nm,  $t_R$  (*R*-enantiomer) = 8.384 min,  $t_S$  (*S*-enantiomer) = 10.524 min, ee = 98.7%.

## HPLC profile for racemic product rac-24



HPLC profile for chiral product 24 (ee = 98.7%)

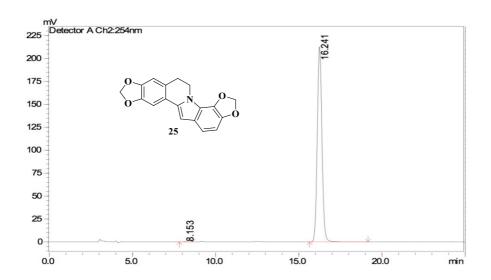


Peak No.	Time	Area	Plate	Tailing	Area%
			number		
1	8.342	106570	8693.801	1.248	0.6388
2	10.540	16301802	12548.643	1.273	97.7181
3	16.234	274112	16125.606	1.076	1.6431

# 7,8-dihydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':6,7]indolo[2,1-a][1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinoline (25)

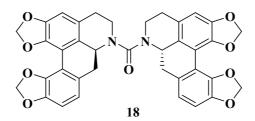
**HPLC conditions:** This product was analyzed by HPLC to determine the oxidized byproduct **25** contained in compound **24.** Chiralpak AD-H, eluent *n*-Hexane/Ethanol = 85/15 (v/v), 1.0 mL/min,  $35^{\circ}$ C,  $\lambda = 254$ nm,  $t_{25} = 16.241$  min.

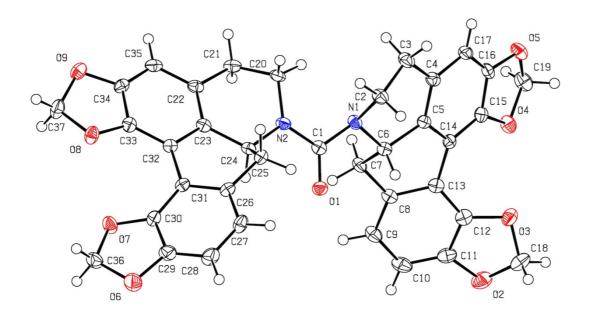
## **HPLC** profile for compound 25



# V. X-Ray Structure and Crystal Data

Figure S1. X-ray crystal structure of compound 18



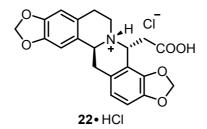


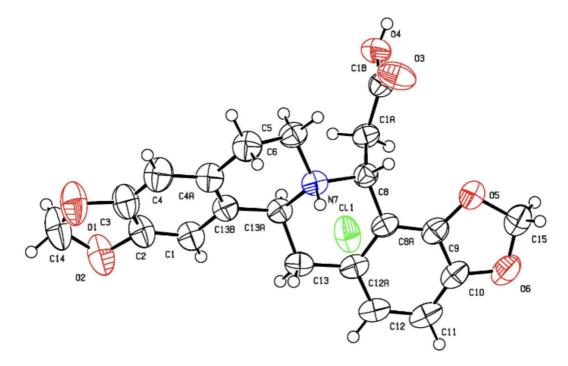
The structure of **18** was also confirmed by single-crystal X-ray analysis. The crystallographic data for the structure reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as deposition No. CCDC 2074178. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge, on application to the CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK [Fax: +44 1223 336 033, or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 18

Identification code	exp_7093
Empirical formula	$C_{37}H_{28}N_2O_9$
Formula weight	644.61
Temperature	112.65 K
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub>
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 8.37408(12) \text{ Å} \qquad \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
	$b = 26.0423(3) \text{ Å}$ $\beta = 94.8115(14)^{\circ}.$
	$c = 13.33213(18) \text{ Å}  \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
Volume	2897.23(7) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	4
Density (calculated)	$1.478 \text{ mg/mm}^3$
Absorption coefficient	0.887 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1344
Crystal size	$0.410 \times 0.400 \times 0.350$
2 <sup>®</sup> range for data collection	7.47 to 142.328°
Index ranges	$-10 \le h \le 10$ ,
	$-31 \le k \le 31$ ,
	<b>-</b> 10 <= 1 <= 16
Reflections collected	20464
Independent reflections	10928[R(int) = 0.0342 (inf-0.9Å)]
Data/restraints/parameters	10928/1/865
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.022
Final R indexes	$R_1 = 0.0392,  WR_2 = 0.0956$
$[I > 2\sigma (I) \text{ i.e. } F_o > 4\sigma (F_o)]$	
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0410,  WR_2 = 0.0977$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å-3	0.219/-0.212
Flack Parameters	0.07(9)
Completeness	0.9991

Figure S2. X-ray crystal structure of hydrochloride salt of compound 22 (22•HCl)





The structure of **22•HCl** was also confirmed by single-crystal X-ray analysis. The crystallographic data for the structure reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as deposition No. CCDC 2101275. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge, on application to the CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK [Fax: +44 1223 336 033, or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

Table S4. Crystal data and structure refinement for hydrochloride salt of compound 22 (22•HCl)

Identification code	P20210630a
Empirical formula	$C_{21}H_{20}CINO_6$
Formula weight	417.83
Temperature	294.15 K
Crystal system	Orthorhobic
Space group	C222 <sub>1</sub>
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 11.64130(10) \text{ Å}  \alpha = 90^{\circ}.$
	$b = 12.87260(10) \text{ Å}  \beta = 90^{\circ}.$
	$c = 25.5684(4) \text{ Å} \qquad \gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
Volume	3831.52(7) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	8
Density (calculated)	$1.449 \text{ mg/mm}^3$
Absorption coefficient	2.117 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1744
Crystal size	$0.16\times0.14\times0.1$
Radiation	$CuK\alpha (\lambda = 54184)$
$2^{\Theta}$ range for data collection	6.914 to 174.3°
Index ranges	-14 <= h <= 14,
	$-16 \le k \le 16$ ,
	-32 <= 1 <= 32
Reflections collected	19537
Independent reflections	4122 [ $R_{int} = 0.0577$ , $R_{sigma} = 0.0327$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	4122/0/265
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.195
Final R indexes	$R_1 = 0.0453,  wR_2 = 0.1057$
$[I > 2\sigma (I) \text{ i.e. } F_o > 4\sigma (F_o)]$	
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0582$ , $wR_2 = 0.1225$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å-3	0.18/-0.19
Flack Parameters	0.002(7)

# VI. NMR data Comparison of Natural and Synthetic Products

Table S5. NMR data Comparison of Natural and Synthetic (S)-(+)-Ovigerine

¹H NMR [δ H	(ppm), <i>J</i> (Hz)]	<sup>13</sup> C NMR [	δC (ppm)]
Natural sample <sup>5a</sup>	Synthetic sample	Natural sample <sup>5b</sup>	Synthetic sample
	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 400Hz)	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 75Hz)	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 100Hz)
	6.73 br	147.0	147.2 (s)
	6.60 s	146.7	147.1 (s)
	6.08 brs	143.8	144.2 (s)
6.01	6.05 brs	142.2	142.5 (s)
5.88	5.93 brs	129.6	129.9 (s)
	5.90 brs	128.8	129.1 (s)
	3.81 dd (13.6, 4.0)	126.2	126.5 (s)
	3.40 – 3.32 m	120.1	120.4 (d)
	3.02 – 2.93 m	113.3	113.6 (s)
	2.85 dd (14.0, 4.0)	111.9	112.2 (s)
	2.70 – 2.58 m	108.3	108.3 (d)
	2.46 brs	107.1	107.4 (d)
		100.6	100.9 (t)
		100.4	100.7 (t)
		53.8	54.2 (d)
		42.9	43.3 (t)
		37.1	37.5 (t)
		28.9	29.3 (t)

Table S6. NMR data Comparison of Natural and Synthetic (6aS,6a'S)-(+)-Ovigeridimerine

¹H NMR [δ H	<sup>13</sup> C NMR [δ C (ppm)]	
Natural sample <sup>4c</sup>	Synthetic sample	Synthetic sample
(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 200Hz)	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 400Hz)	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 100Hz)
6.73 s	6.73 d (8.0)	164.4 (s)
6.62 s	6.71 d (8.0)	147.2 (s)
6.09 d (1.4)	6.62 s	147.0 (s)
6.08 d (1.4)	6.08 d (1.6)	144.2 (s)
5.96	6.07 d (1.6)	143.1 (s)
5.94	5.95 d (1.2)	130.3 (s)
4.72 dd (13.1, 3.6)	5.94 d (1.2)	127.3 (s)
3.76 m	4.72 dd (13.2, 3.6)	126.4 (s)
3.26 m	3.78 – 3.73 m	120.9 (d)
3.05 dd (13.1, 3.6)	3.29 – 3.23 m	113.2 (s)
2.80 m	3.05 dd (13.6, 4.0)	113.1 (s)
2.58 t (13.1)	2.85 – 2.73 m	107.7 (d)
	2.58 t (13.1)	107.7 (d)
		100.9 (t)
		53.0 (d)
		44.3 (t)
		35.5 (t)
		30.3 (t)

**Table S7. NMR data Comparison of Natural and Synthetic Impatien B** 

<sup>1</sup> H N	MR [δ H (ppm	), <i>J</i> (Hz)]	<sup>13</sup> C	NMR [δ C (	ppm)]
Natural	Synthetic	Synthetic	Natural	Synthetic	Synthetic
sample <sup>6</sup>	sample	sample	sample <sup>6</sup>	sample	sample
(CDCl <sub>3</sub> ,	Compound	Compound 23	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> ,	Compound	Compound
300Hz)	22	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 400Hz)	75Hz)	22	23
	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> ,			(CDCl <sub>3</sub> ,	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> ,
	400Hz)			100Hz)	100Hz)
6.78 d (8.0)	6.74 d (8.0)	6.76 s	176.9 (s)	172.4 (s)	172.3 (s)
6.74 s	6.60 d (8.0)	6.74 d (8.0)	149.1 (s)	147.3 (s)	147.0 (s)
6.70 d (8.0)	6.60 s	6.67 d (8.0)	148.1 (s)	146.4 (s)	147.0 (s)
6.67 s	6.57 s	6.62 s	147.5 (s)	146.0 (s)	146.5 (s)
6.00 d	6.00 d (1.2)	6.04 d (1.2)	145.3 (s)	144.2 (s)	144.0 (s)
5.91 d	5.96 d (1.2)	5.95 s	129.0 (s)	129.2 (s)	128.4 (s)
4.70 t (5.0,	5.93 s	5.95 d (1.2)	125.7 (s)	125.1 (s)	128.2 (s)
15.9)			125.3 (s)	125.0 (s)	126.8 (s)
3.54 d (6.6)	4.33 – 4.26 m	4.22 d (3.8)	122.9 (d)	121.6 (d)	121.7 (d)
			115.3 (s)	115.4 (s)	116.3 (s)
3.34 d (6.6)	3.33 – 3.19 m	3.93 d (11.2)	109.6 (d)	108.9 (d)	108.5 (d)
			109.5 (d)	108.4 (d)	108.3 (d)
3.15 d (5.0)	3.02 – 2.98 m	3.58 dd (10.4,	107.6 (d)	106.7 (d)	105.7 (d)
		4.1)			
2.98 d (5.0)	2.94 – 2.86 m	3.34 dd, (17.2,	103.2 (t)	101.7 (t)	101.5 (t)
		2.0)			
2.79 t (5.0,	2.83 – 2.80 m	3.25 – 3.16 m	102.6 (t)	101.2 (t)	101.3 (t)
15.9)					
	2.70 - 2.66	3.11 – 2.98 m	59.1 (d)	56.9 (d)	59.4 (d)
	dd (16.8,				
	12.4)				
		2.80 – 2.70 m	52.0 (d)	50.3 (d)	57.9 (d)
			45.7 (t)	45.0 (t)	35.8 (t)

	36.7 (t)	35.9 (t)	33.9 (t)
	32.2 (t)	30.6 (t)	29.8 (t)
	28.1 (t)	28.5 (t)	29.3 (t)

Table S8. NMR data Comparison of reported Synthetic 2,3:8,9-Bis(methylenedioxy)-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline (25) and compound 25 synthesized by a different method in this paper

$^{1}$ H NMR [ $\delta$ H (ppm), $J$ (Hz)]		<sup>13</sup> C NMR [δ C (ppm)]	
Reported	Synthetic sample	Synthetic sample	
Synthetic sample <sup>7</sup>	in this paper	in this paper	
(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 270Hz)	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 400Hz)	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 100Hz)	
7.16 s	7.16 s	147.2 (s)	
7.06 d (8.3)	7.06 d (8.4)	147.1 (s)	
6.75	6.75 d (8.4)	143.0 (s)	
6.72 s	6.72 s	136.0 (s)	
6.64	6.64 s	130.9 (s)	
5.99 s	6.00 s	126.9 (s)	
5.97	5.97 s	126.2 (s)	
4.37	4.36 t (6.4)	122.7 (s)	
3.08	3.08 t (6.4)	122.5 (s)	
		112.9 (d)	
		108.7 (d)	
		104.5 (d)	
		103.4 (d)	
		101.2 (t)	
		100.9 (t)	
		96.6 (d)	
		42.4 (t)	
		29.7 (t)	

Table S9. NMR data Comparison of Natural and Synthetic Tetrahydrocoptisine (THC)

<sup>1</sup> H NMR [δ H (ppm), J (Hz)]		<sup>13</sup> C NMR [δ C (ppm)]		
Natural sample <sup>8</sup>	Synthetic sample	Natural sample <sup>7</sup>	Synthetic sample	
(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 400Hz)	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 400Hz)	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 100Hz)	(CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 100Hz)	
6.73 s	6.72 s	146.2	146.4 (s)	
6.68 d (8.0)	6.68 d (8.0)	146.0	146.2 (s)	
6.63 d (8.0)	6.63 d (8.0)	145.0	145.2 (s)	
6.59 s	6.59 s	143.3	143.5 (s)	
5.94 d (15.2)	5.96 d (1.4)	130.7	130.4 (s)	
5.92 s	5.93 – 5.92 m	128.6	128.4 (s)	
4.09 d (15.2)	4.12 d (15.2)	127.8	127.7 (s)	
3.55 t (12.4)	3.62 d (16.0)	121.1	121.2 (d)	
3.23 dd (15.9, 3.5)	3.59 d (15.2)	116.9	116.5 (s)	
3.19 – 3.05 m	3.24 dd (16.0, 3.6)	108.4	108.6 (d)	
2.80 dd (15.8, 11.4)	3.19 – 3.10 m	106.8	107.0 (d)	
2.70 – 2.58 m	2.84 dd (16.4, 11.6)	105.5	105.6 (d)	
	2.69 – 2.63 m	101.0	101.2 (t)	
		100.8	101.2 (t)	
		59.8	59.9 (d)	
		52.9	52.9 (t)	
		51.2	51.3 (t)	
		36.5	36.4 (t)	
		29.6	29.5 (t)	

Table S10. NMR data Comparison of Natural Coptisine Chloride (QCC) and Synthetic Coptisine Bromide (QCB)

<sup>1</sup> H NMR [δ H (ppm), J (Hz)]		<sup>13</sup> C NMR [δ C (ppm)]		
Natural sample <sup>9</sup>	Synthetic sample	Natural sample <sup>8</sup>	Synthetic sample	
(DMSO- $d_6$ , 300Hz)	(DMSO- $d_6$ , 400Hz)	(CD <sub>3</sub> OD, 100Hz)	(DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub> , 100Hz)	
9.91 s	9.94 s	149.8	149.8 (s)	
8.92 s	8.96 s	147.7	147.8 (s)	
8.02 d (8.0)	8.03 d (8.4)	147.1	147.1 (s)	
7.81 d (8.0)	7.83 d (8.4)	144.6	144.6 (d)	
7.77 s	7.79 s	143.9	143.9 (s)	
7.07 s	7.08 s	136.9	136.9 (s)	
6.52 s	6.54 s	132.4	132.4 (s)	
6.16 s	6.17 s	130.6	130.6 (s)	
4.86 m	4.88 t (6.4)	121.8	121.8 (d)	
3.18 m	3.20 t (6.4)	121.1	121.1 (d)	
		120.5	121.0 (d)	
		121.0	120.6 (s)	
		111.7	111.7 (s)	
		108.5	108.5 (d)	
		105.4	105.4 (d)	
		104.1	104.5 (t)	
		102.1	102.2 (t)	
		55.2	55.2 (t)	
		26.3	26.3 (t)	

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## VIII. Supplementary Figures

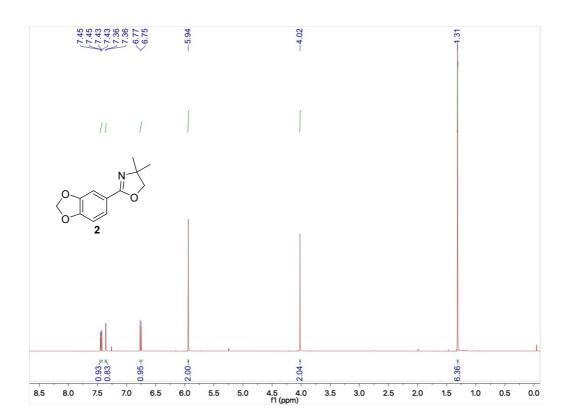


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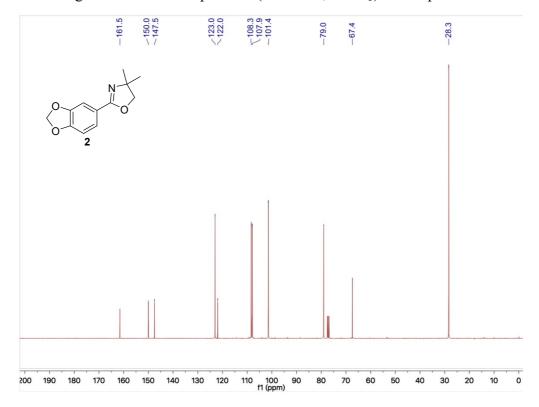


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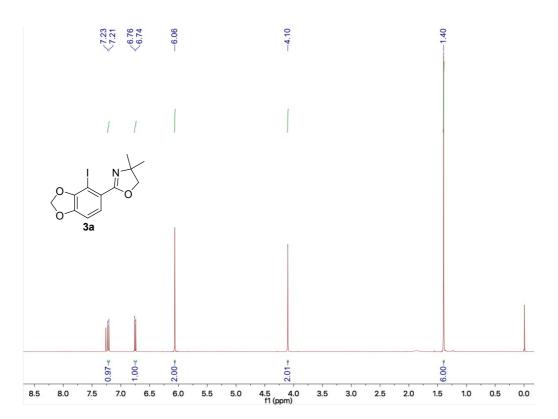


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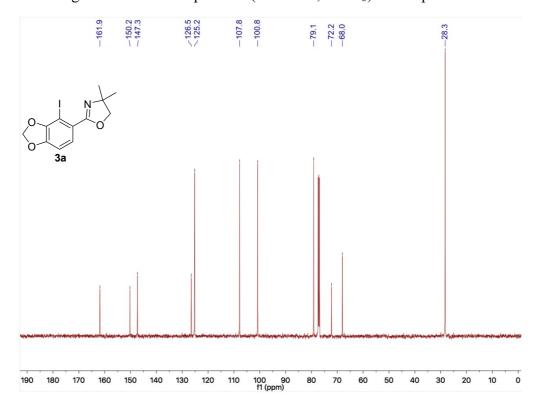


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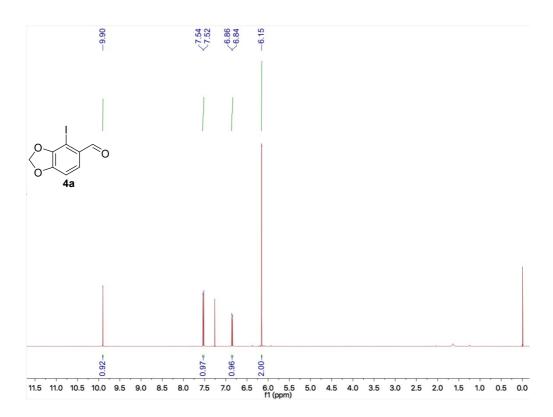
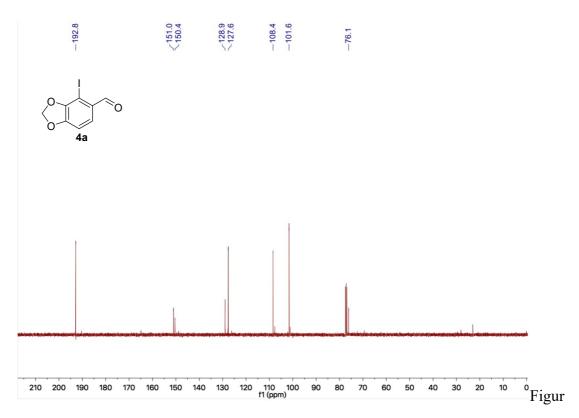


Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 4a



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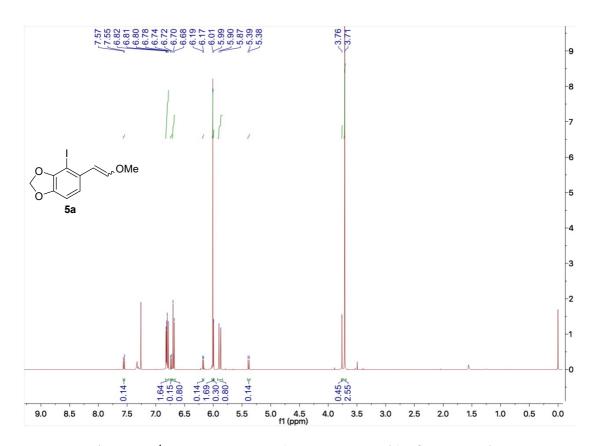


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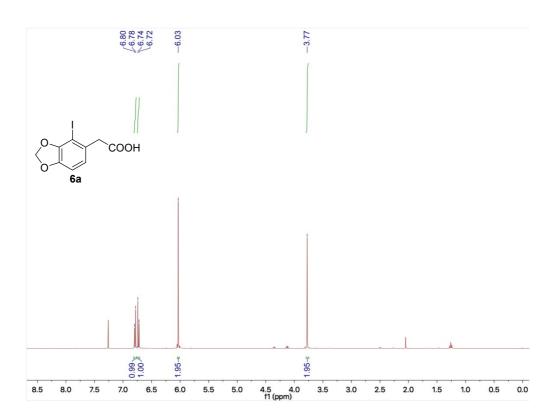


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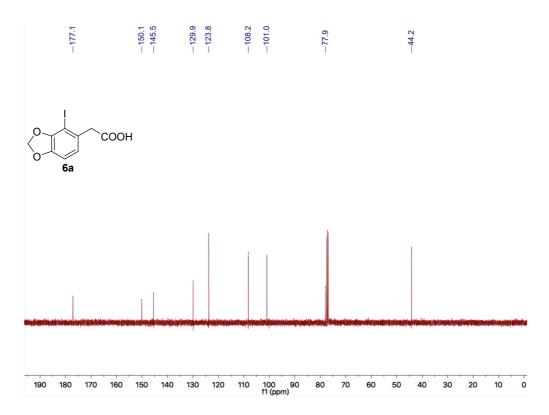


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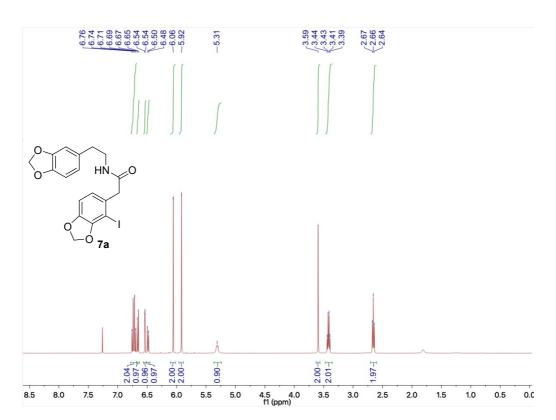


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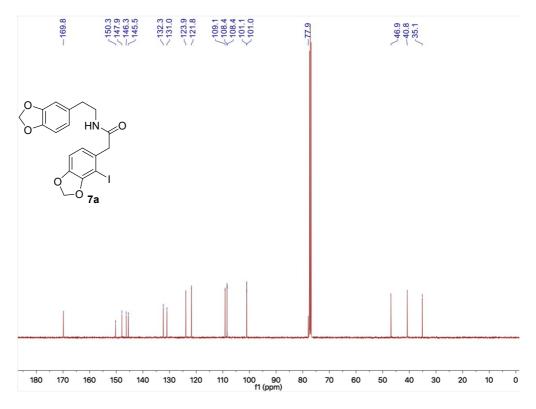


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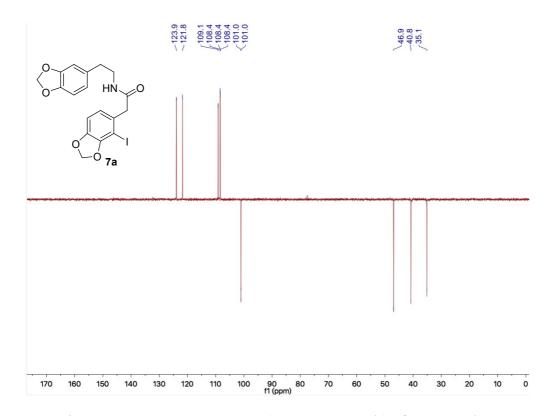


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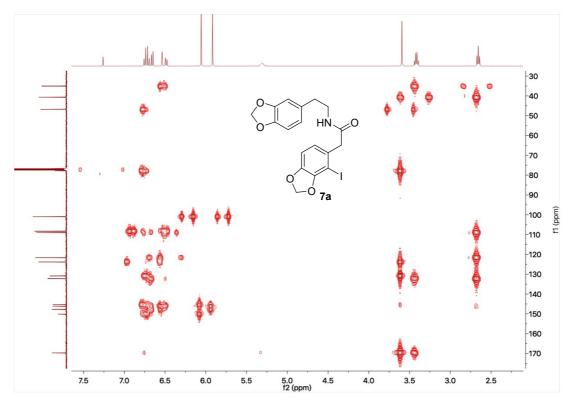


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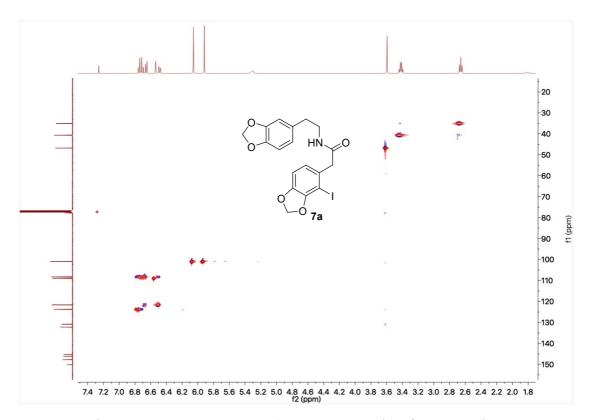


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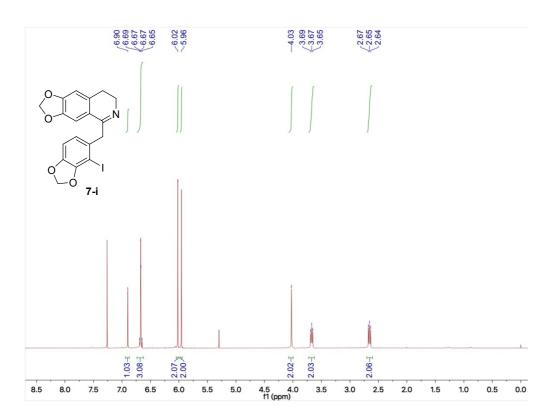


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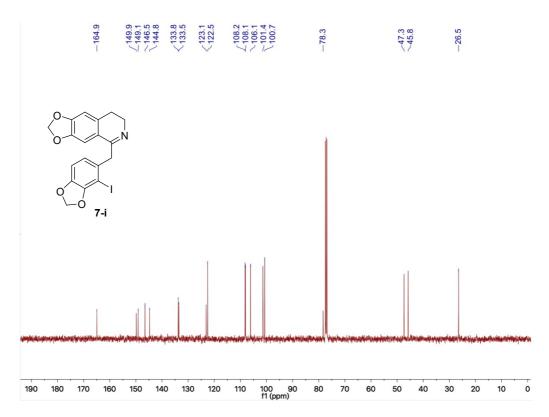


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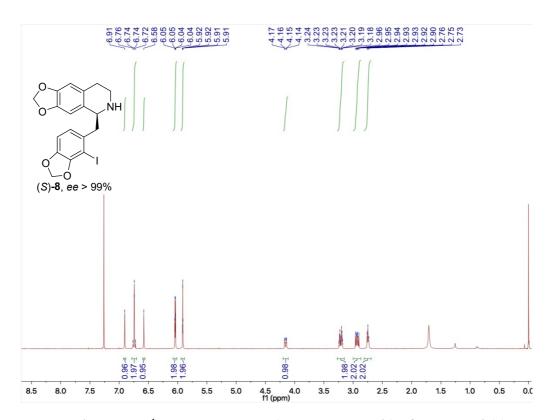


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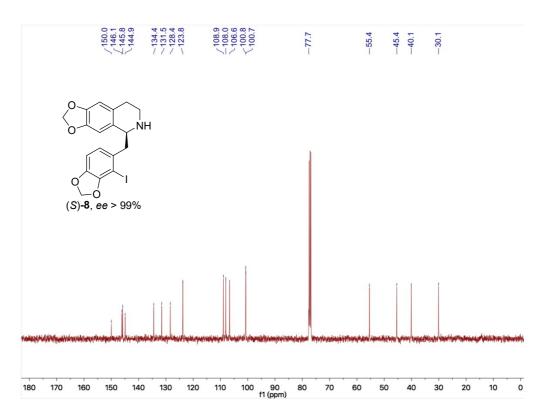


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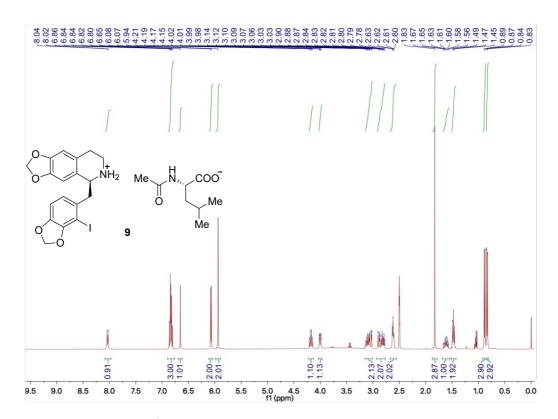


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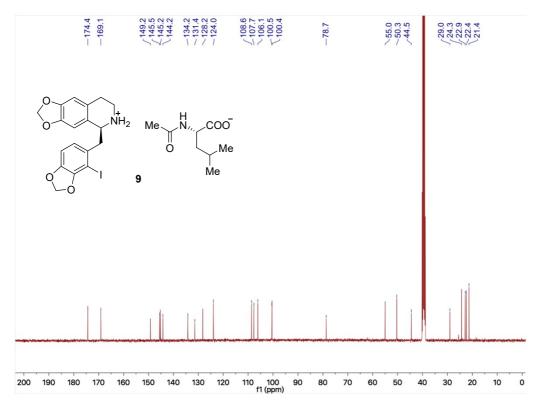


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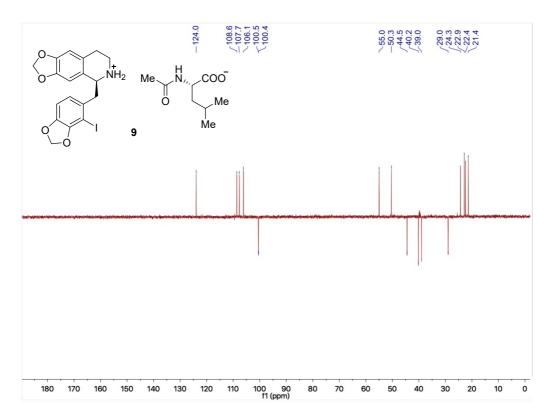


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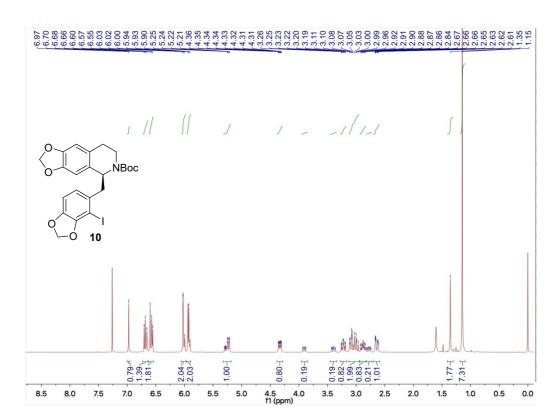


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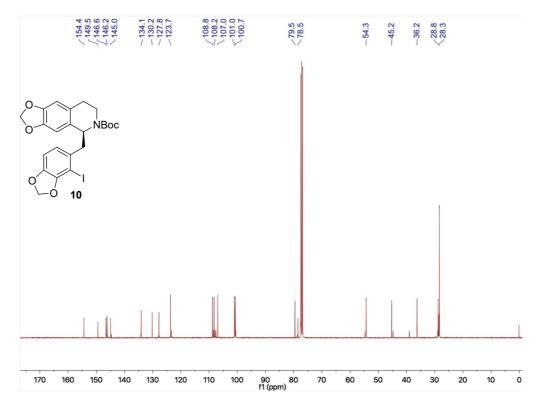


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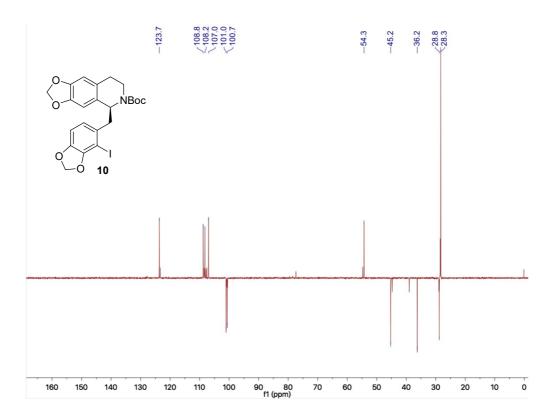


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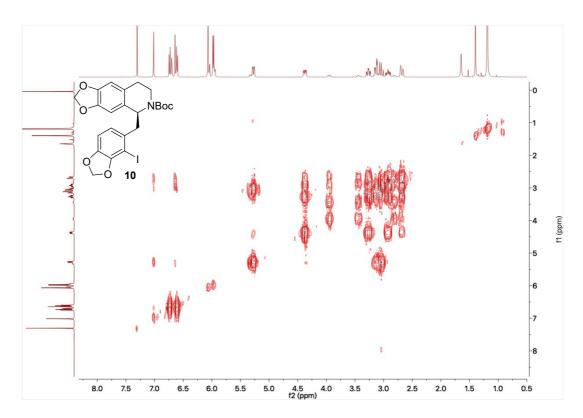


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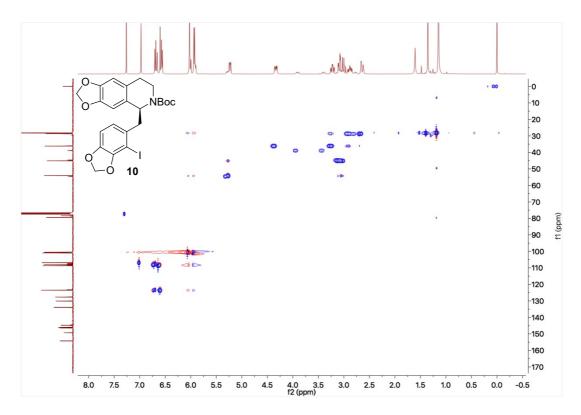


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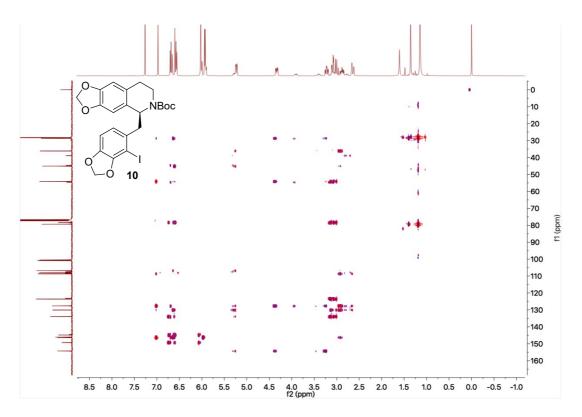


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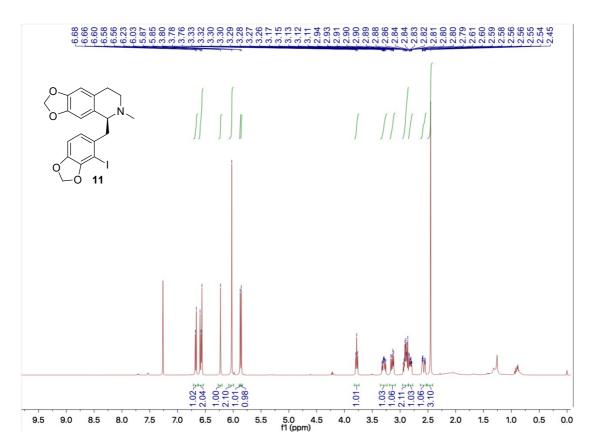


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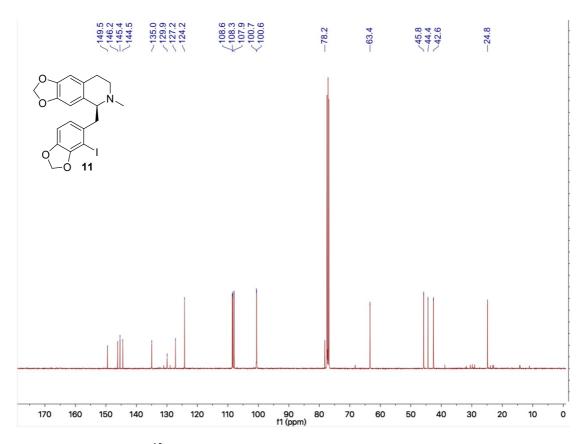


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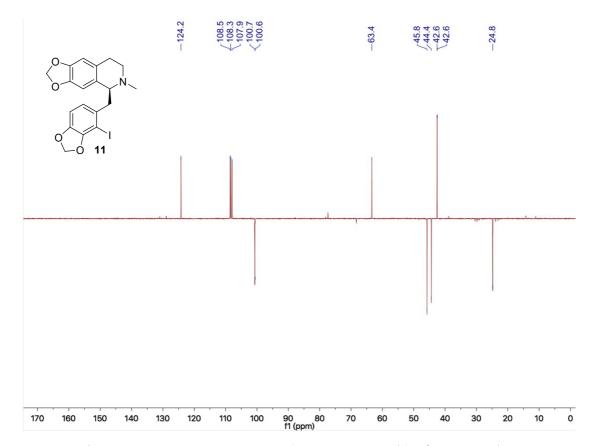


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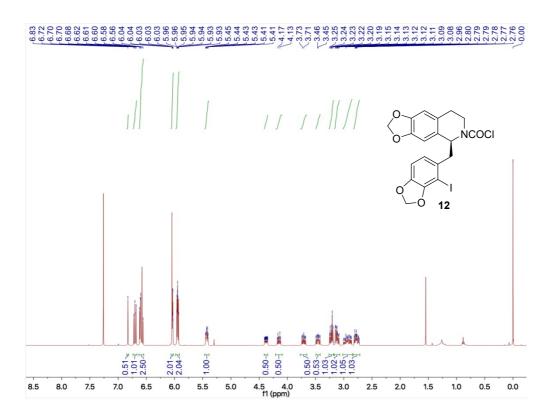


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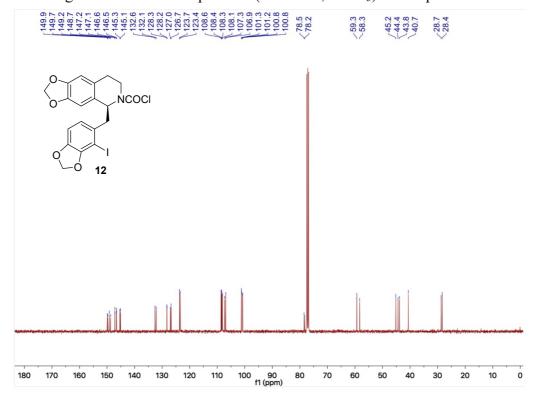


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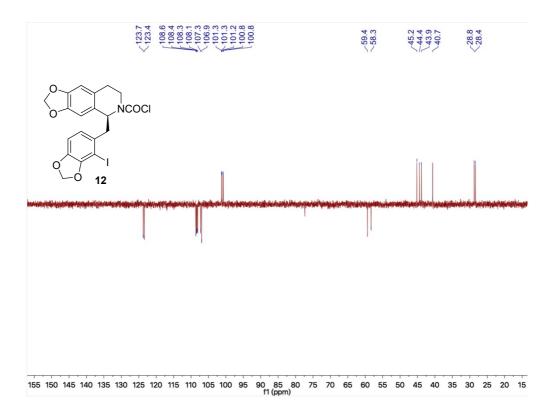


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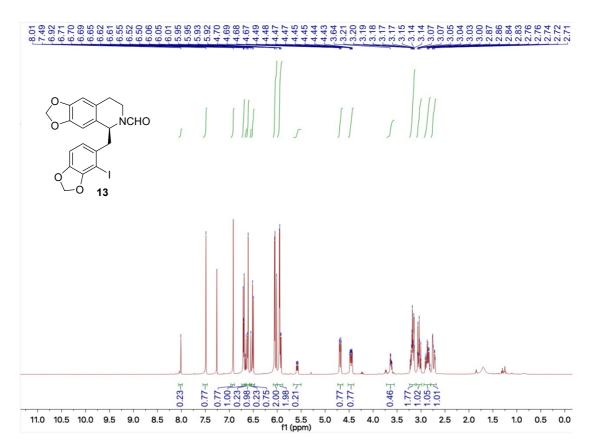


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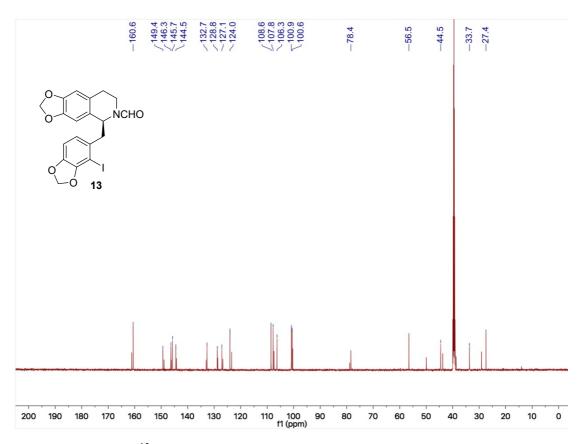


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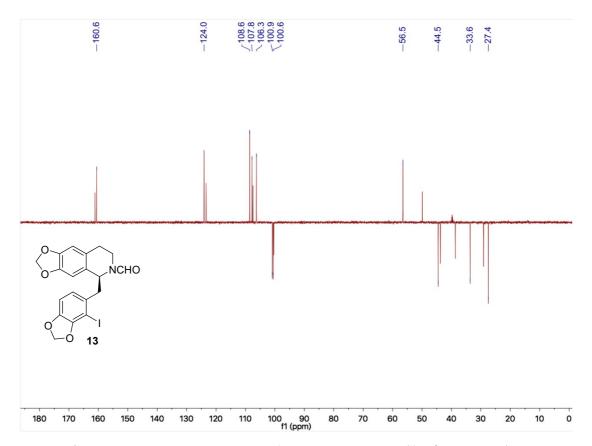


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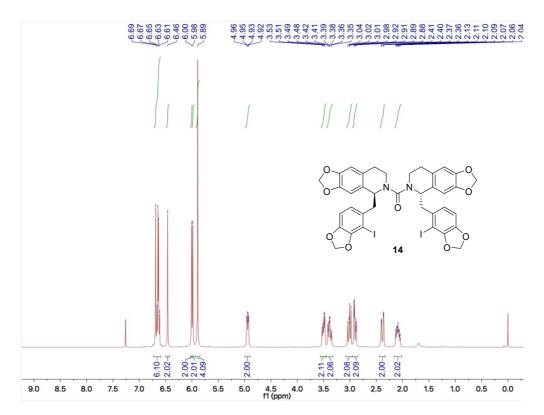


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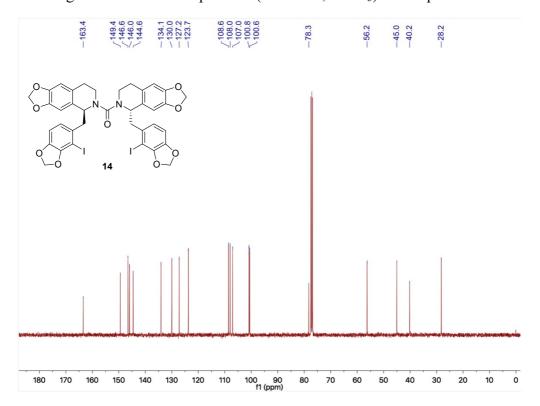


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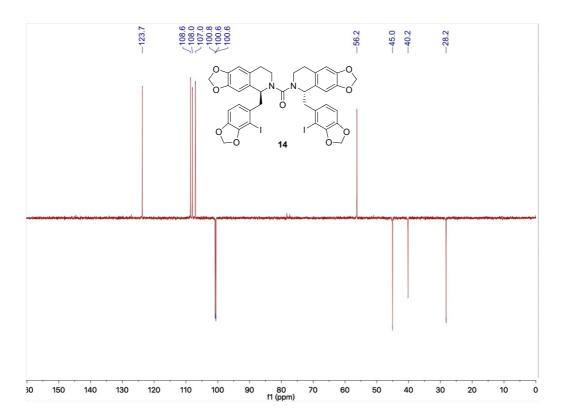


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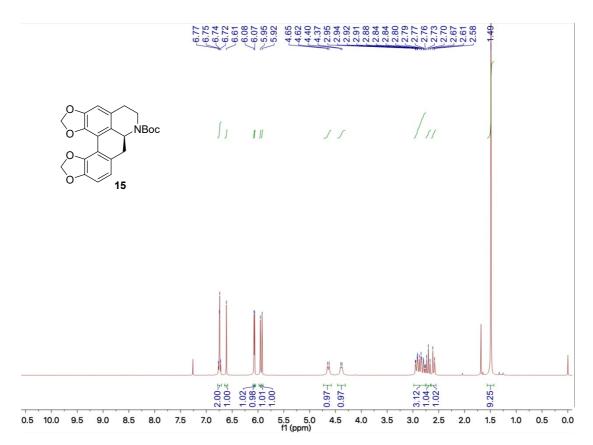


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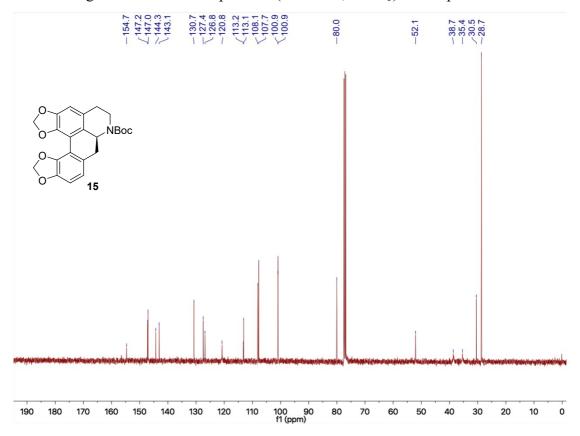


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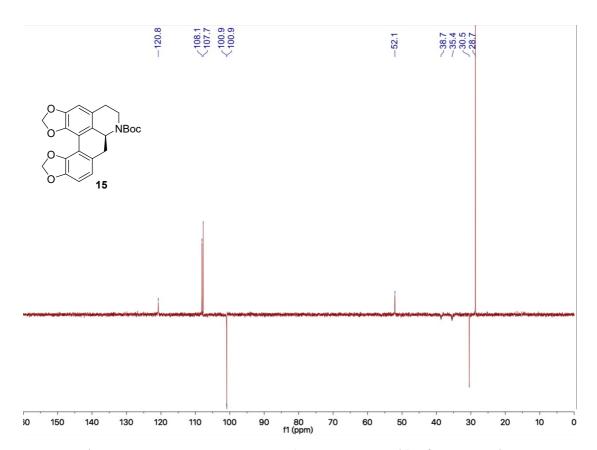


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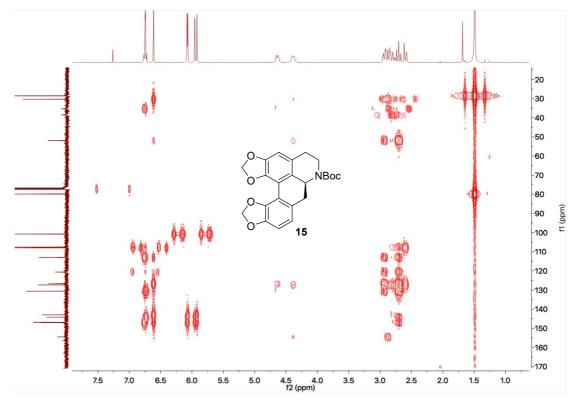


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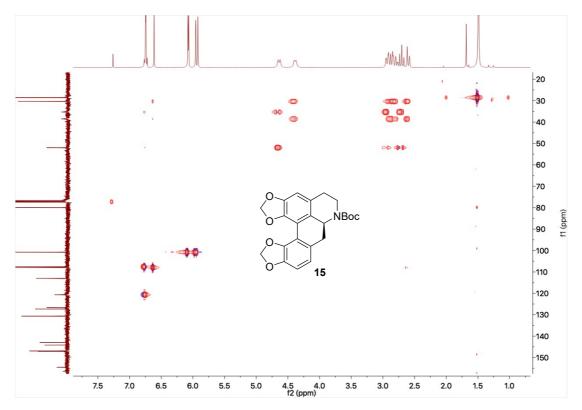


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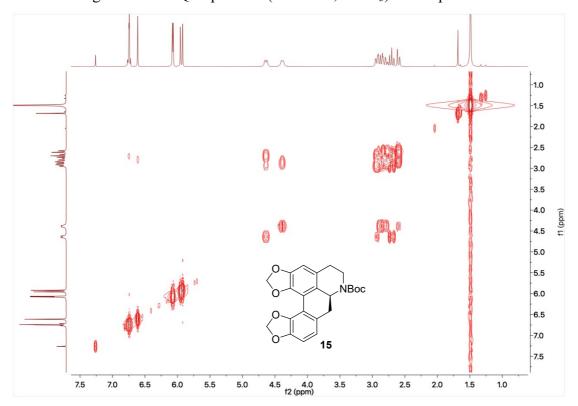


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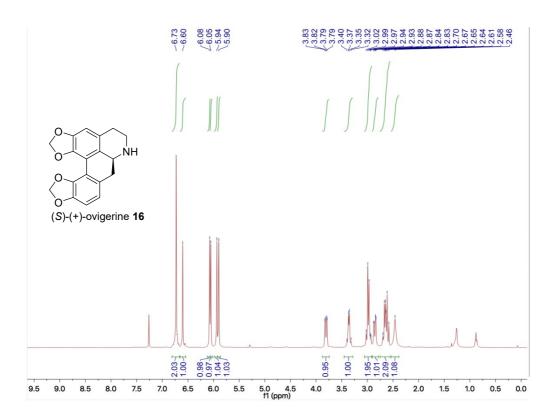


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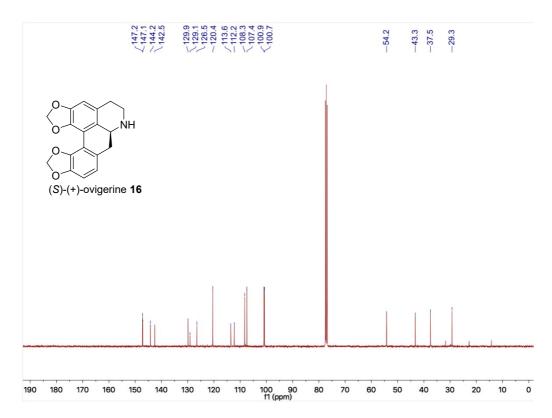


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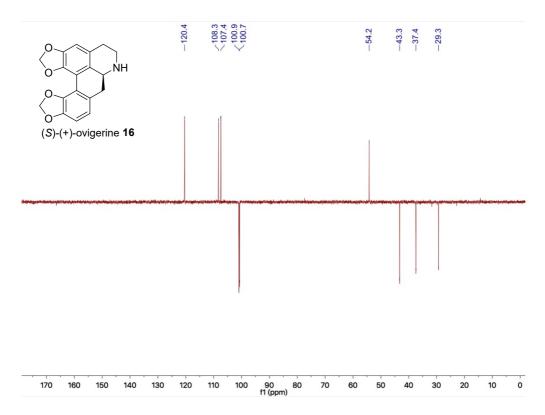


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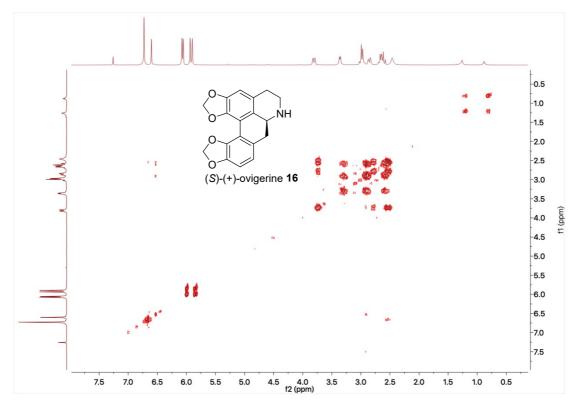


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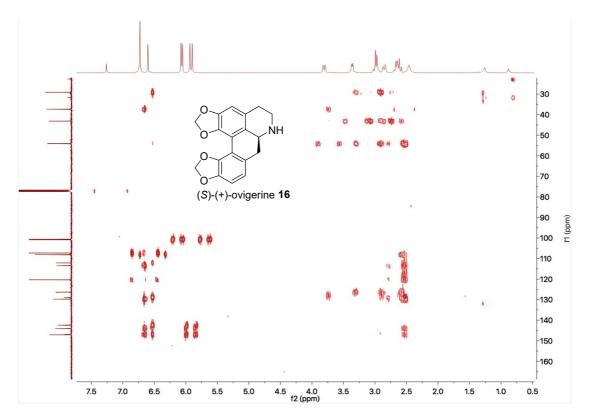


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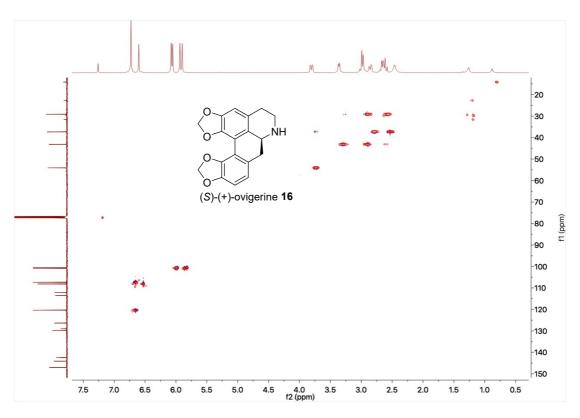


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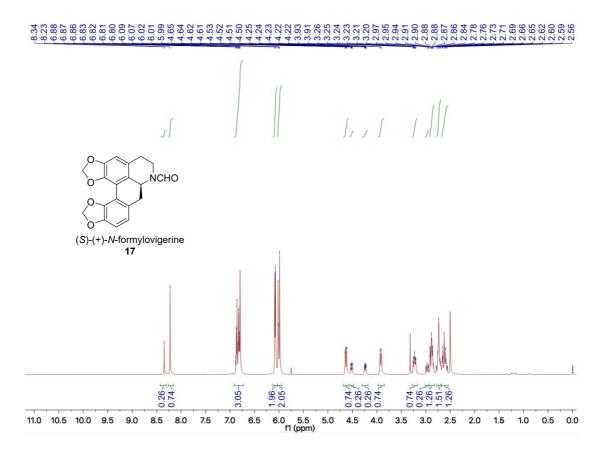


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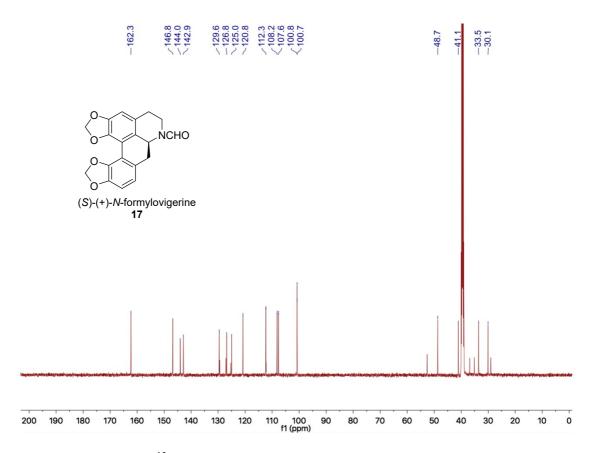


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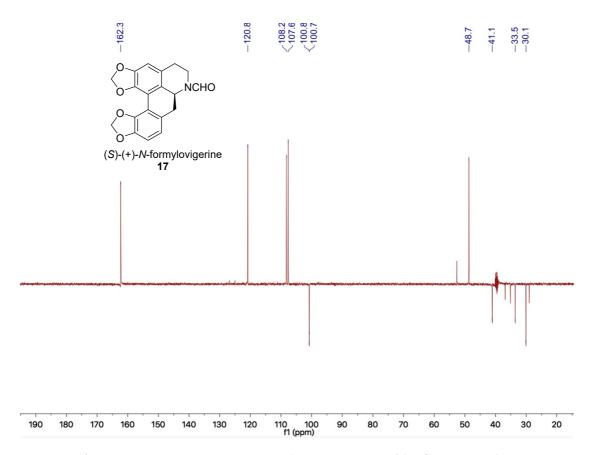


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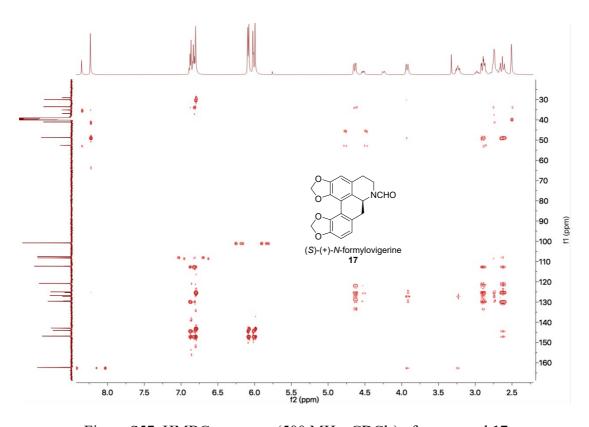
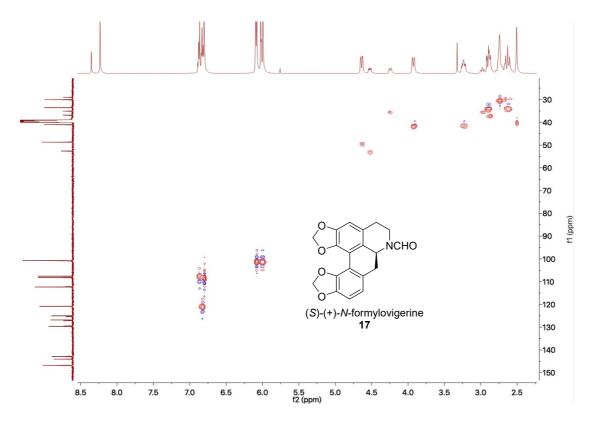


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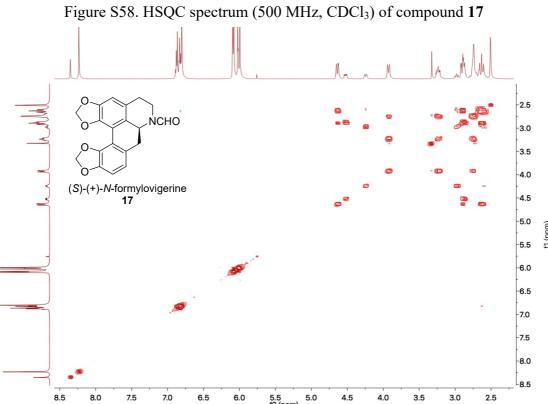


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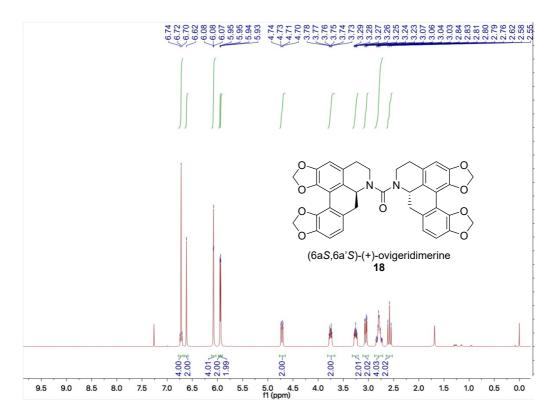


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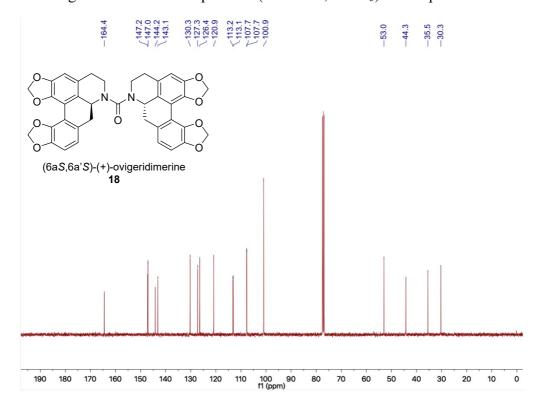


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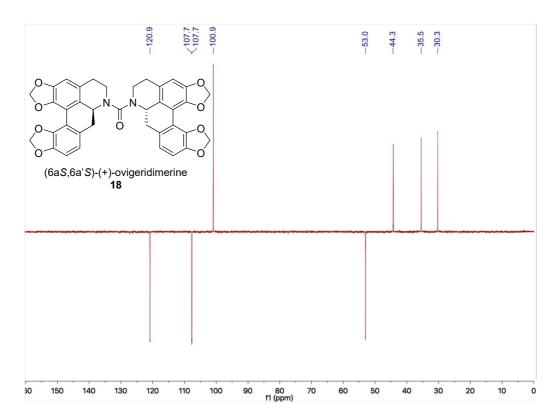


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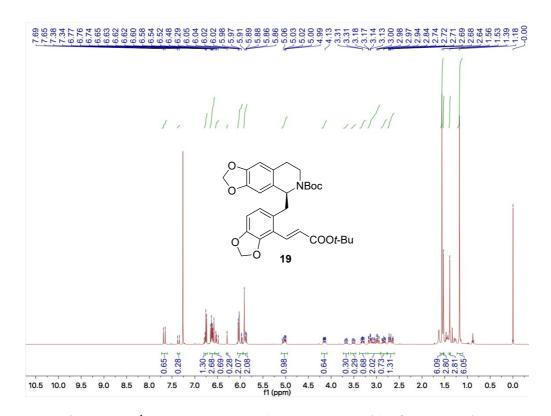


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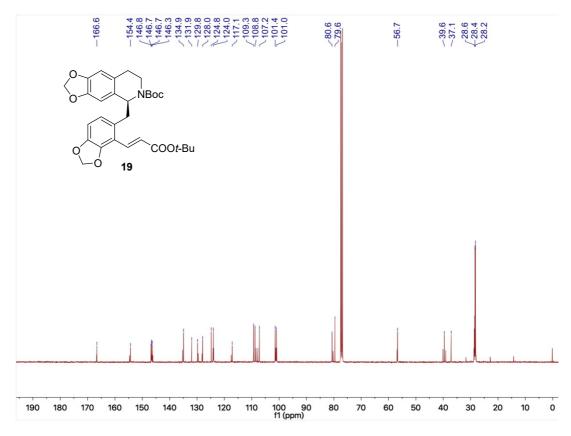


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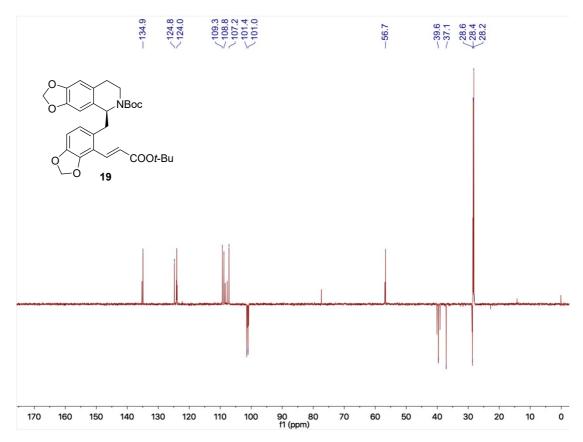


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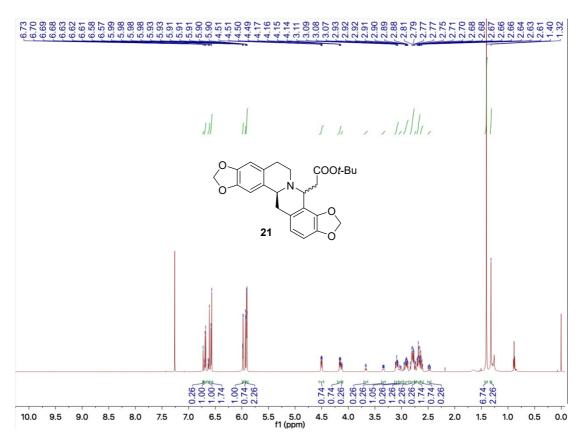


Figure S66. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 21 (anti/syn 23/8)

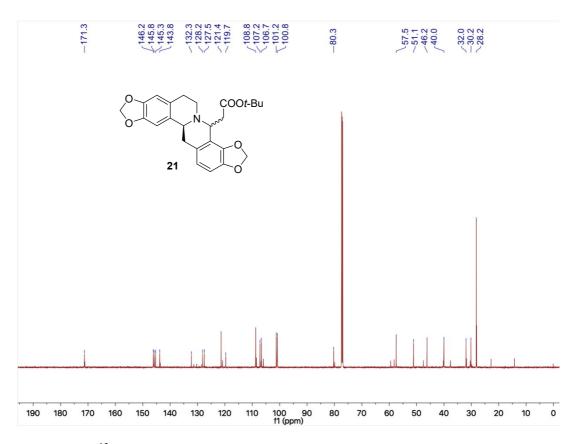


Figure S67. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 21 (anti/syn 23/8)

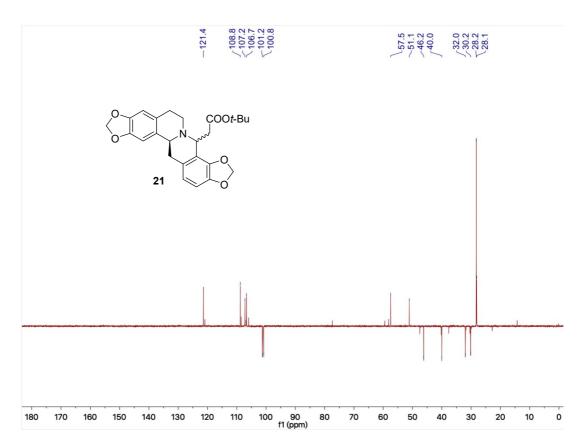


Figure S68. DEPT 135 spectrum (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 21 (anti/syn 23/8)

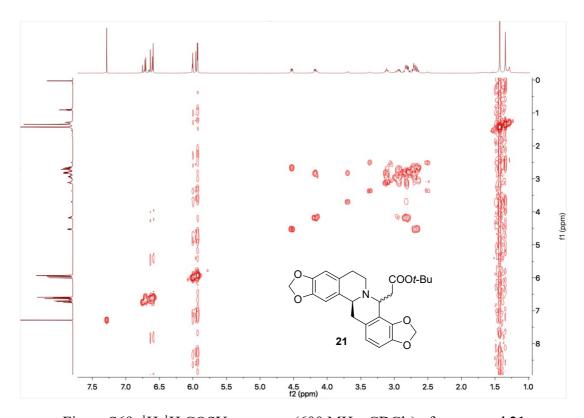


Figure S69.  $^{1}\text{H-}^{1}\text{H}$  COSY spectrum (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **21** 

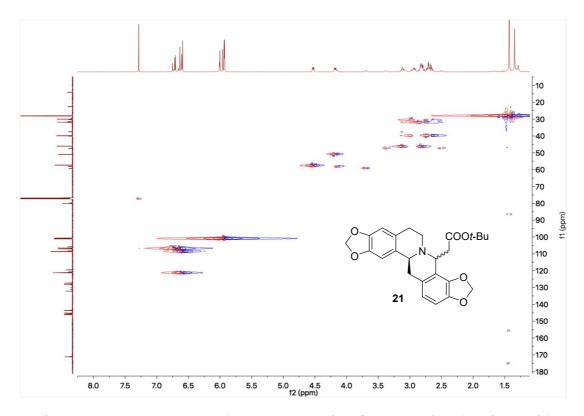


Figure S70. HSQC spectrum (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 21 (anti/syn 23/8)

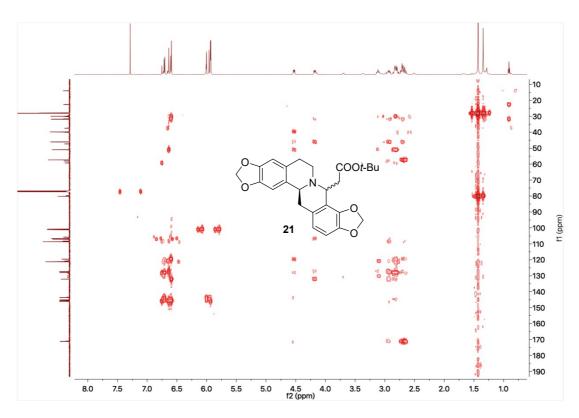


Figure S71. HMBC spectrum (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 21 (anti/syn 23/8)

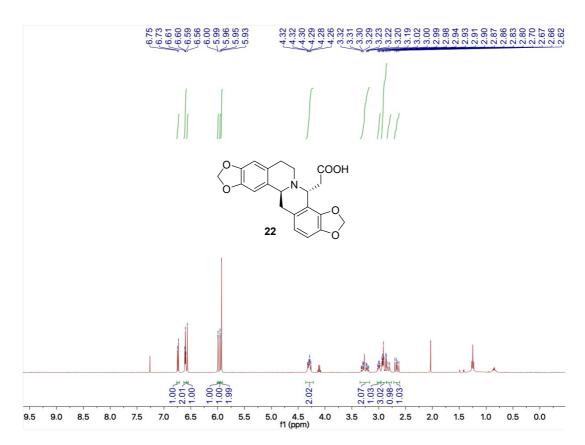


Figure S72. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **22** (anti)

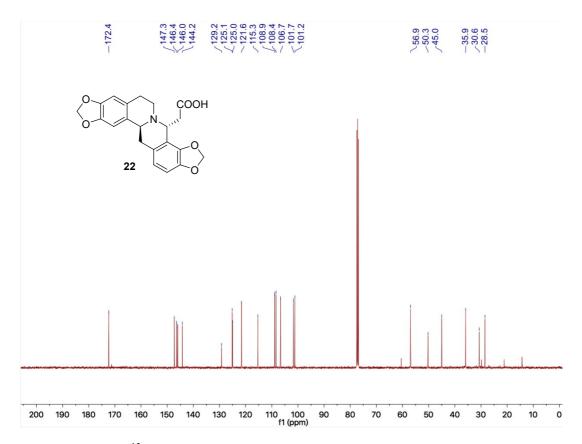


Figure S73. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **22** (*anti*)

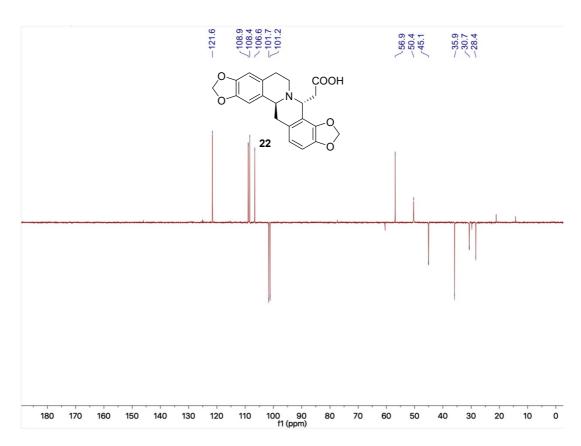


Figure S74. DEPT 135 spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 22 (anti)

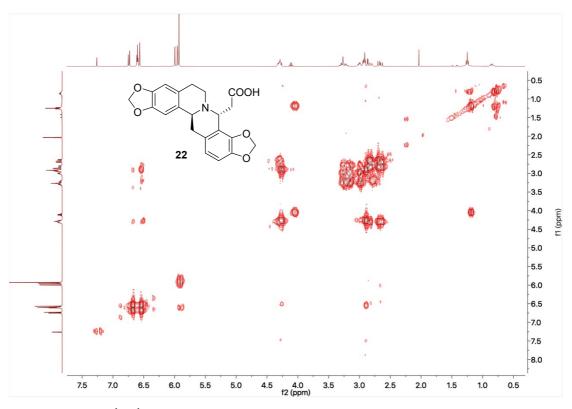


Figure S75. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **22** (anti)

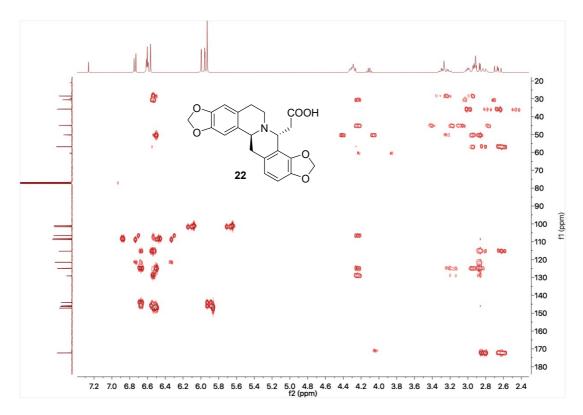


Figure S76. HMBC spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 22 (anti)

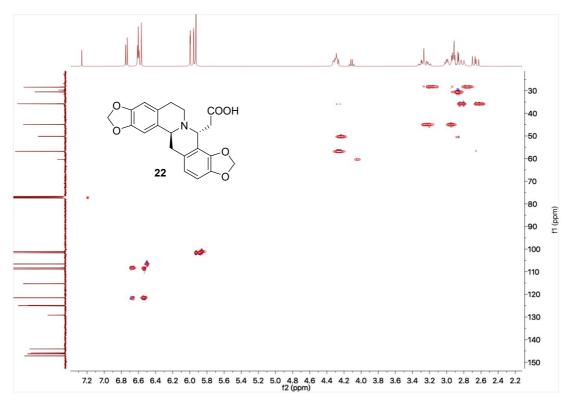


Figure S77. HSQC spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 22 (anti)

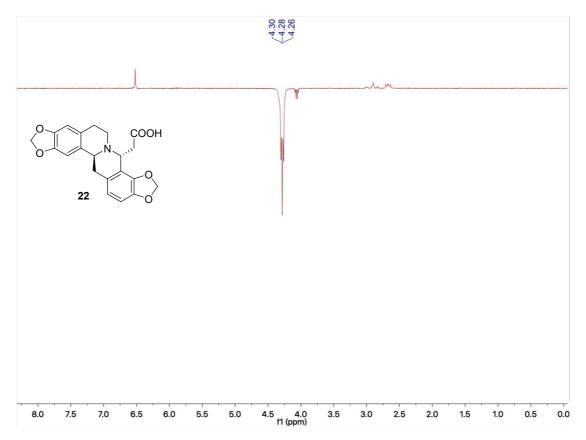


Figure S78. NOE spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, irradiation at 4.32 – 4.26) of compound **22** (*anti*)

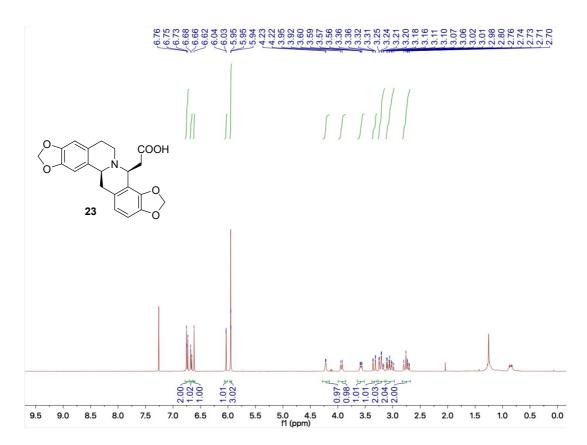


Figure S79. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **23** (*syn*)

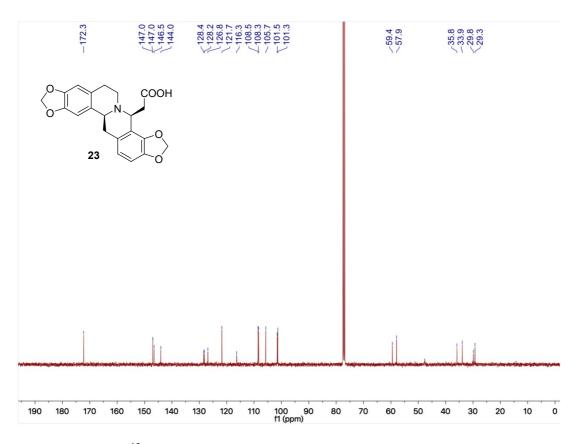


Figure S80. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **23** (syn)

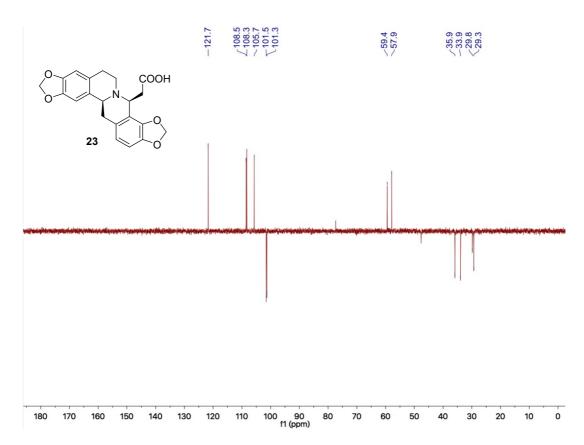


Figure S81. DEPT 135 spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 23 (syn)

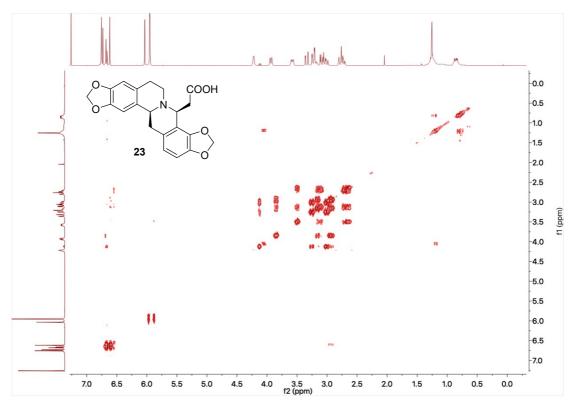


Figure S82. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **23** (syn)

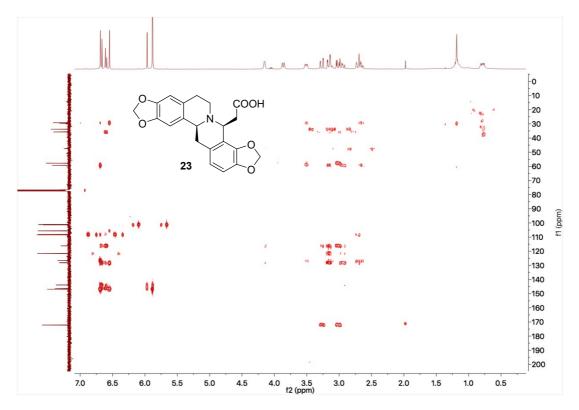


Figure S83. HMBC spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 23 (syn)

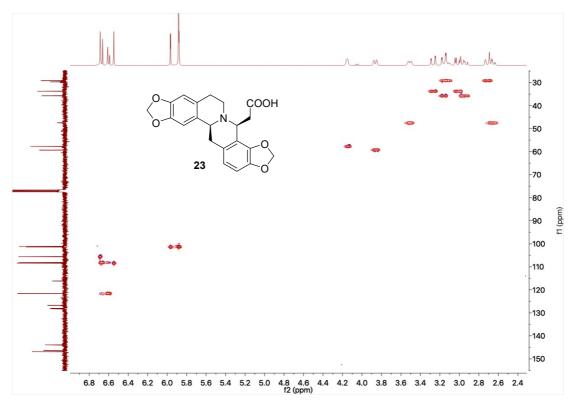


Figure S84. HSQC spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 23 (syn)

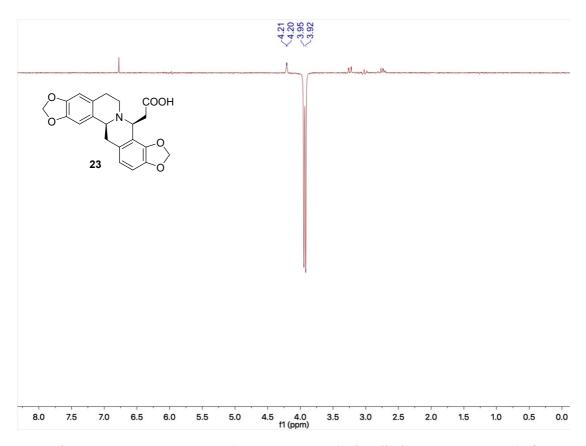


Figure S85. NOE spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, irradiation at 3.95 - 3.92) of compound **23** (*syn*)

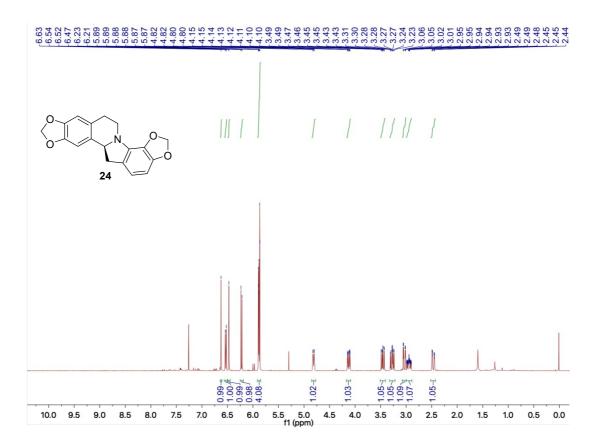


Figure S86. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 24

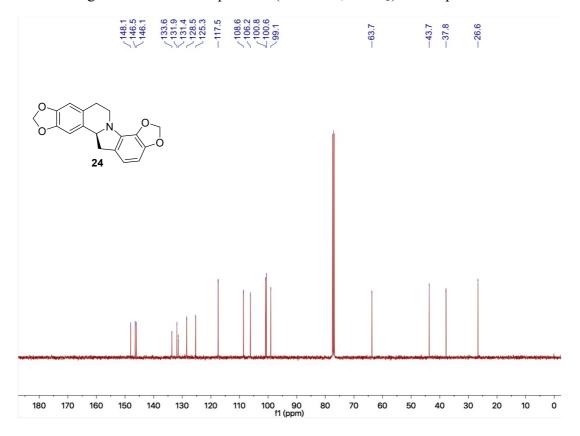


Figure S87. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 24

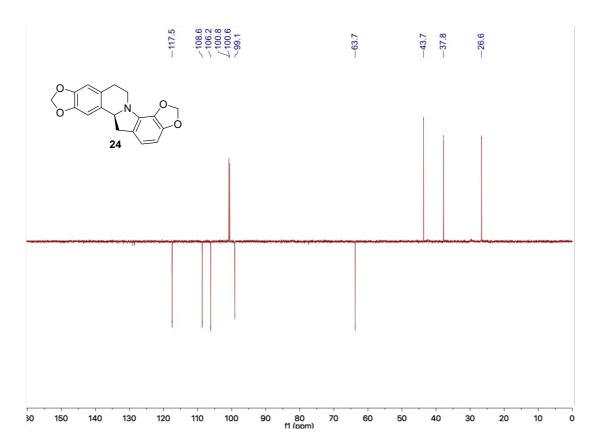


Figure S88. DEPT135 spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 24

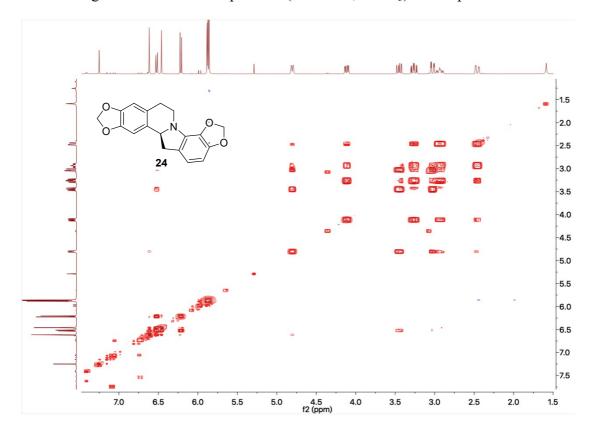


Figure S89. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **24** 

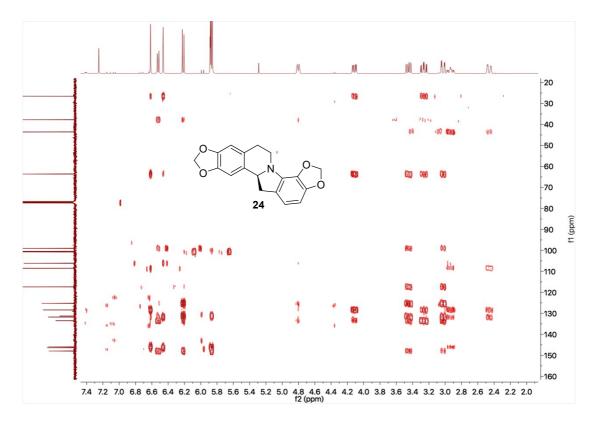


Figure S90. HMBC spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 24

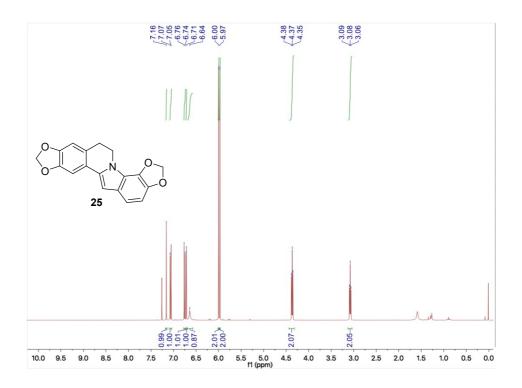


Figure S91. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 25

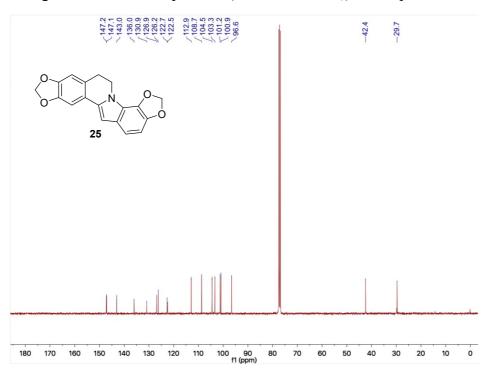


Figure S92. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 25

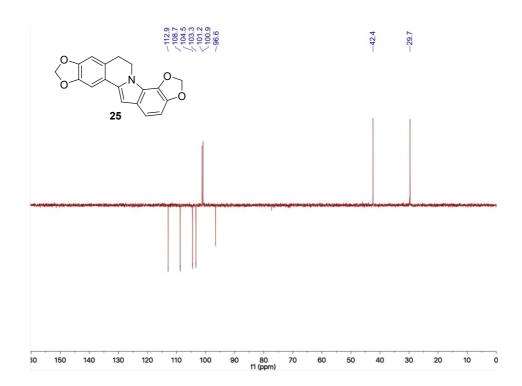


Figure S93. DEPT135 spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 25

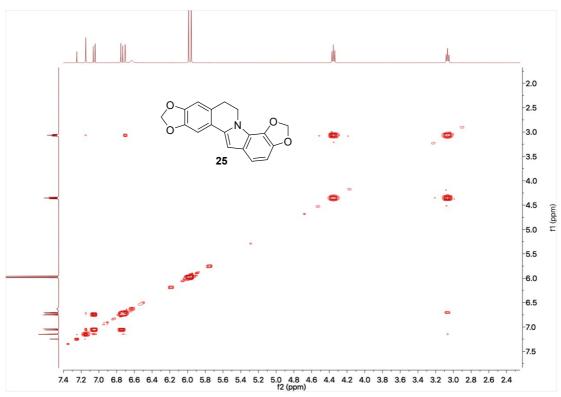


Figure S94. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **25** 

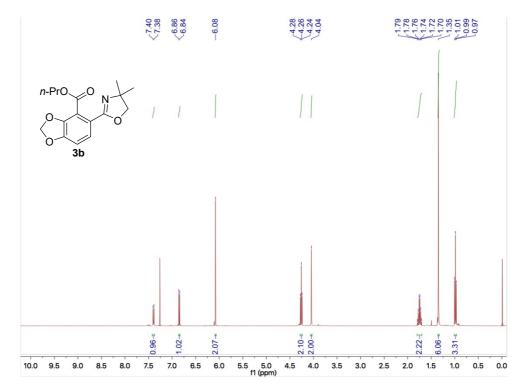


Figure S95.  $^1$ H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 3b

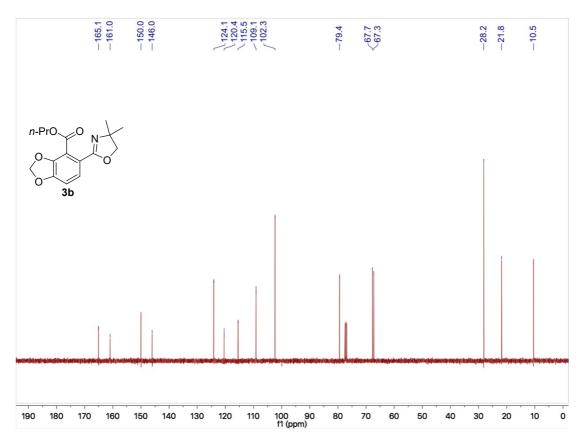


Figure S96. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 3b

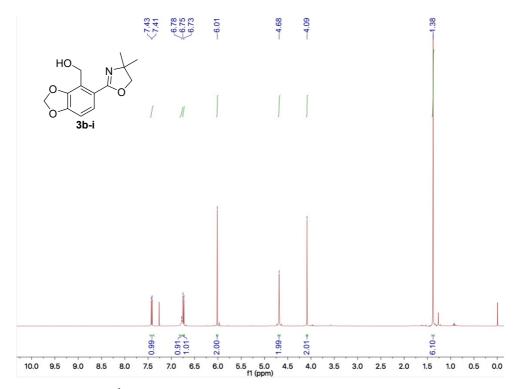


Figure S97. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **3b-i** 

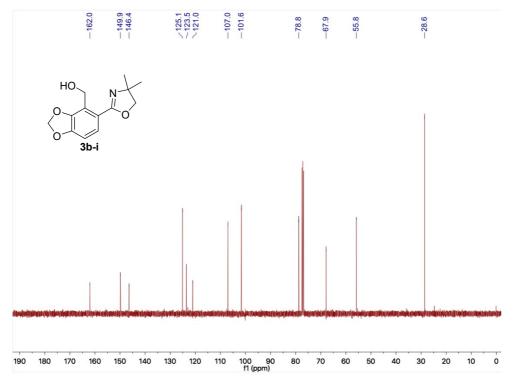


Figure S98. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **3b-i** 

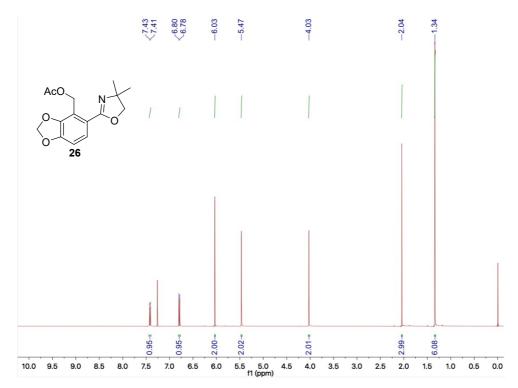


Figure S99. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 26

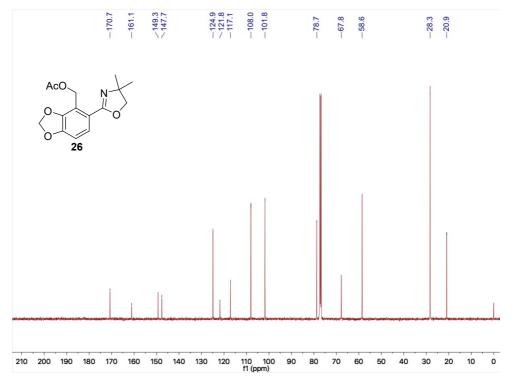


Figure S100. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 26

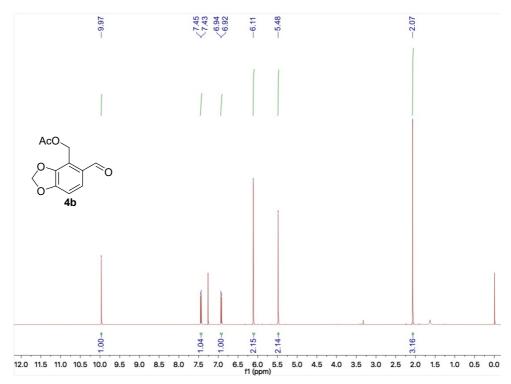


Figure S101. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 4b

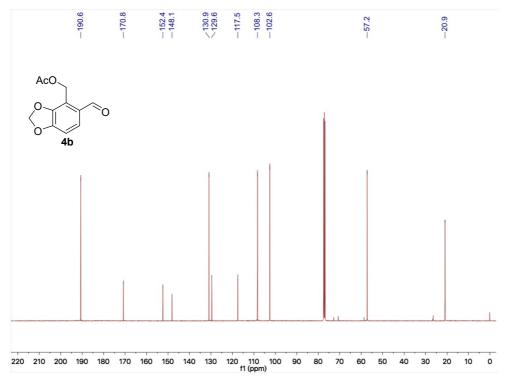


Figure S102.  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **4b** 

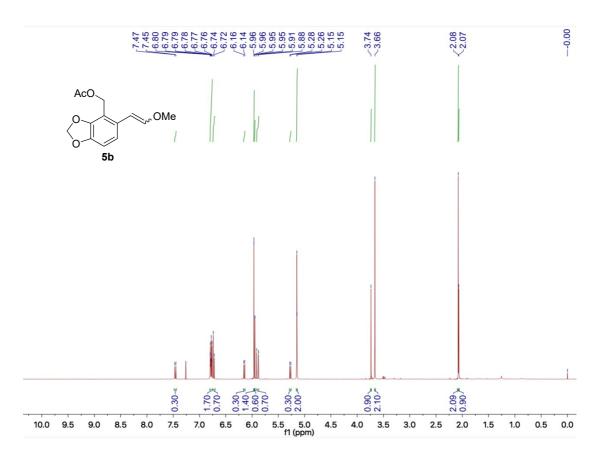


Figure S103. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **5b** 

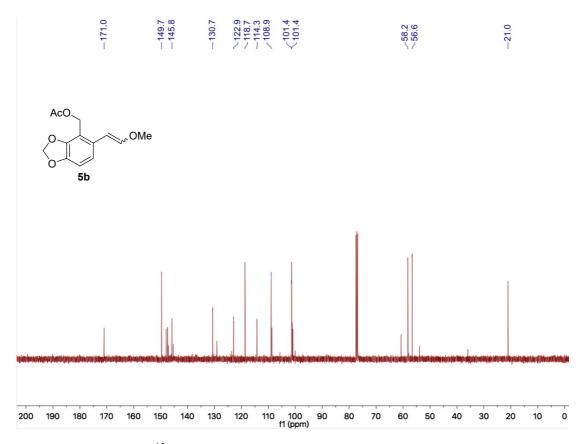


Figure S104. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **5b** 

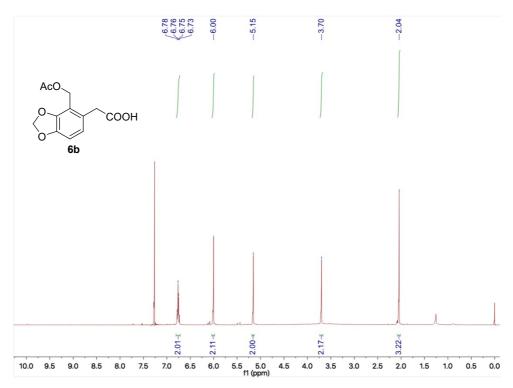


Figure S105. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **6b** 

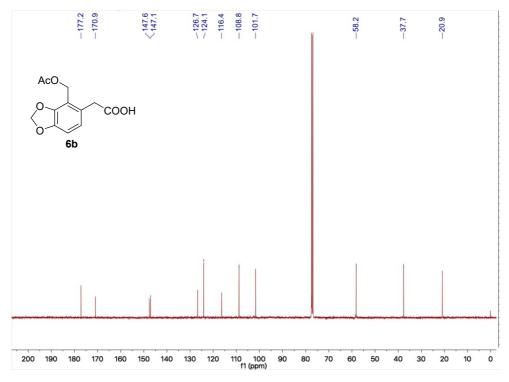


Figure S106.  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound  $\bf 6b$ 

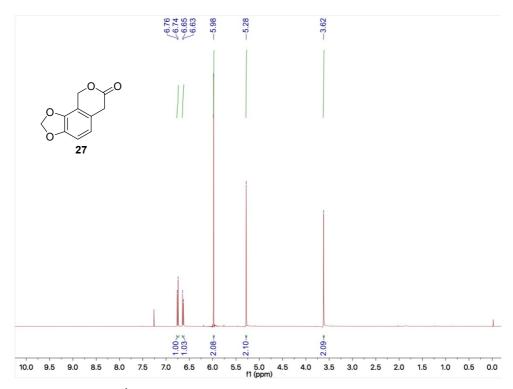


Figure S107. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 27

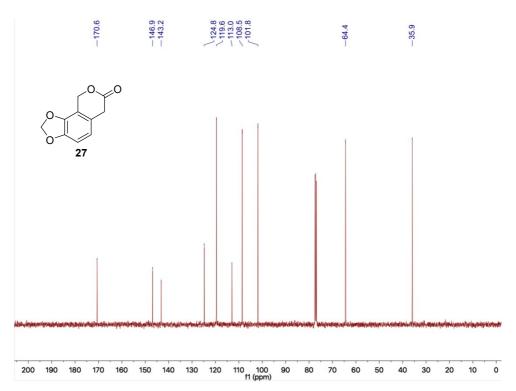


Figure S108.  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 27

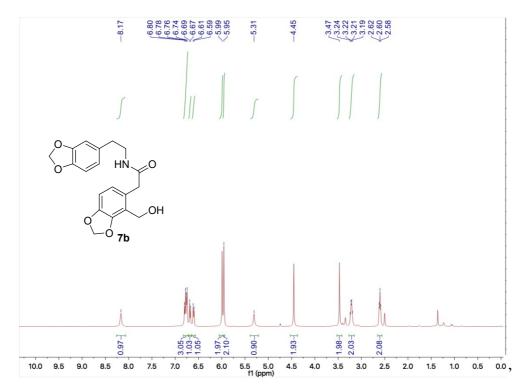


Figure S109.  $^{1}$ H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ) of compound **7b** 

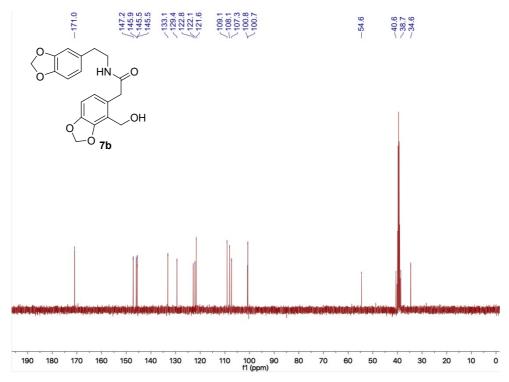


Figure S110.  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of compound **7b** 

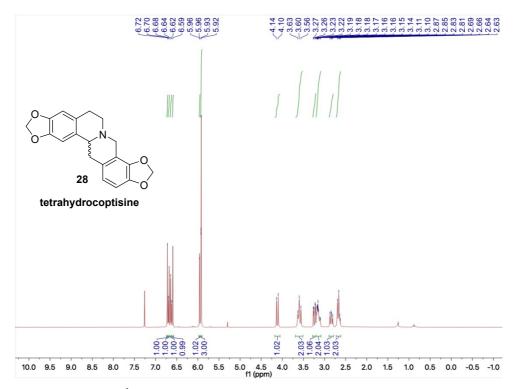


Figure S111. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 28

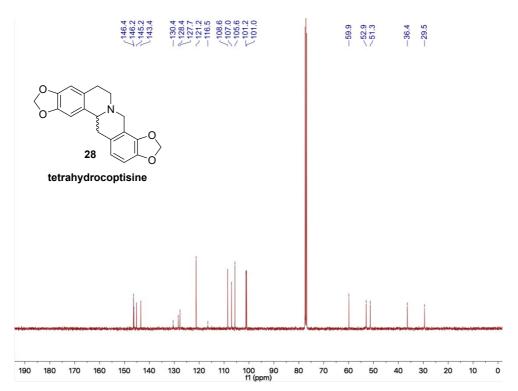


Figure S112. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 28

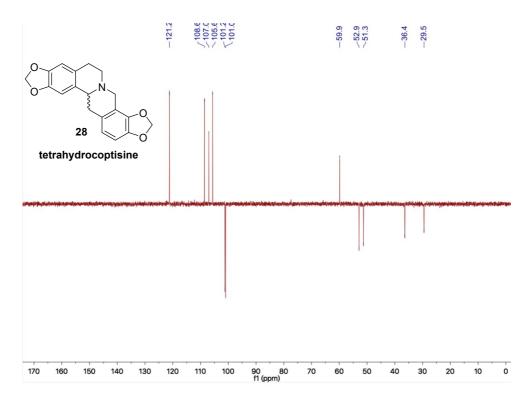


Figure S113. DEPT135 spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 28

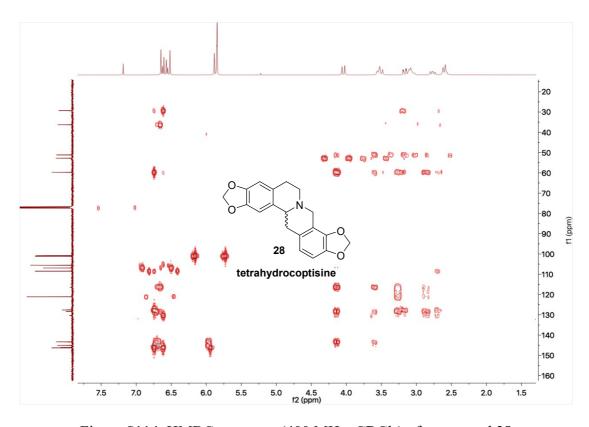


Figure S114. HMBC spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 28

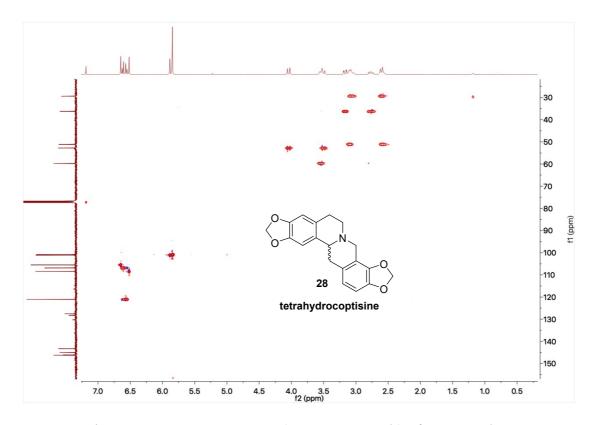


Figure S115. HSQC spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 28

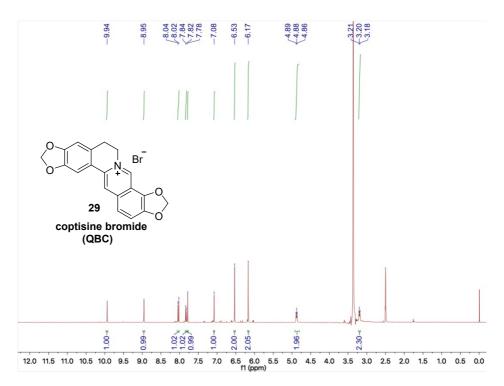


Figure S116\*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of compound **29** \*QCB is a compound that is very easy to crystallize and purify. In this study, the compound was not purified by crystallization.

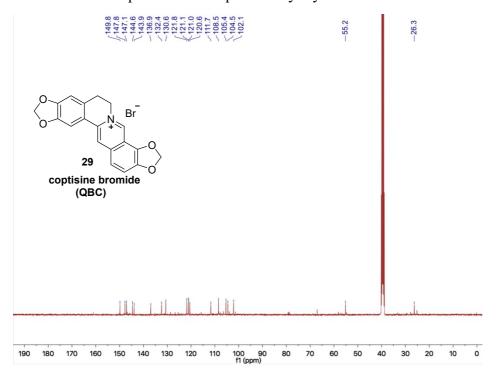


Figure S117\*.  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of compound **29** \*QCB is a compound that is very easy to crystallize and purify. In this study, the compound was not purified by crystallization.

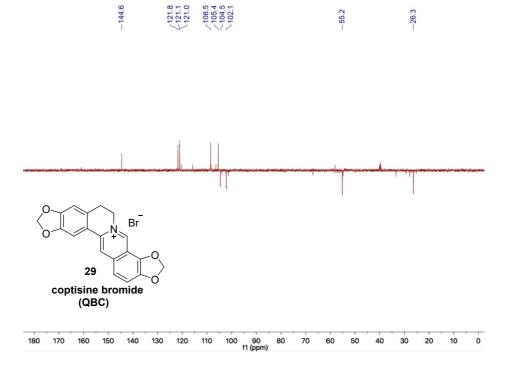


Figure S118. DEPT135 spectrum (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of compound 29

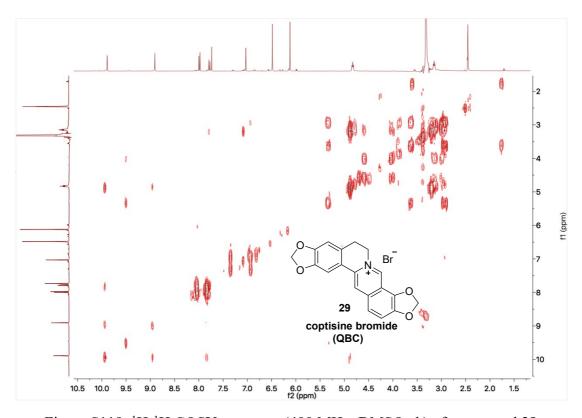


Figure S119. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of compound **29** 

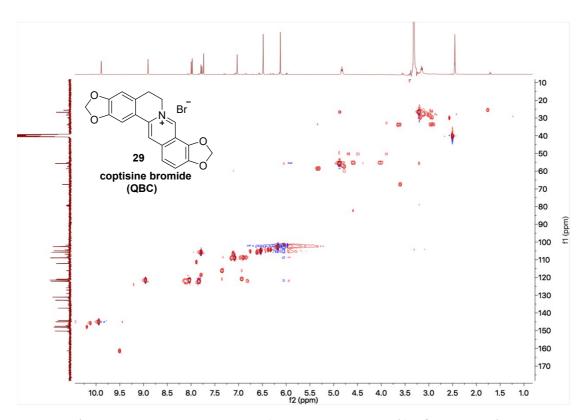


Figure S120. HSQC spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound 29

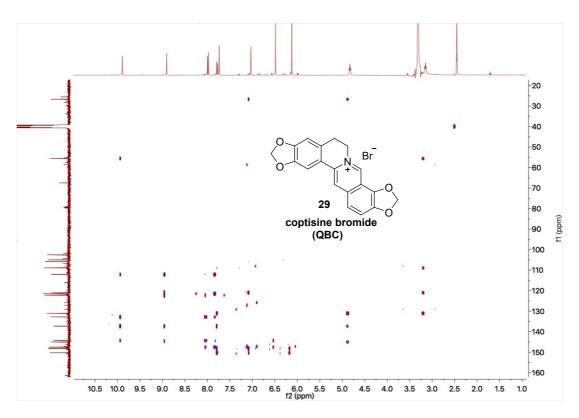


Figure S121. HMBC spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of compound 29