# Palladium-catalysed oxidative nucleophilic allylation between alkenes

# and activated ketimines

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# **1.** General methods

Unless otherwise noted, the reactions were carried out under ambient atmosphere; when the reactions required heating, the heat source was oil bath. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz or 600 MHz), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz or 150 MHz) and <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz) spectra were recorded on Varian INOVA-400/54, Agilent DD2-600/54 or Bruker AscendTM 400 instruments (Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution, unless otherwise noted). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d =doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet doublet, td = triple doublet, dt = double triplet, brs = broad singlet, m = multiplet, and coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Waters SYNAPT G2, Agilent G1969-85000 or Shimadzu LCMS-IT-TOF using a time-of-flight mass spectrometer equipped with electrospray ionization (ESI) source. X-ray diffraction experiments were carried out on an Agilent Gemini and the data obtained were deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. In each case, enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase in comparison with the authentic racemate, using a Daicel Chiralpak IE Column (250 × 4.6 mm). UV detection was monitored at 254 nm. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh) eluting with redistilled EtOAc and petroleum ether (PE). TLC was performed on glass-backed silica plates. UV light (monitored at 254 nm), I<sub>2</sub> and solution of potassium permanganate were used to visualize products or starting materials. All chemicals were used without purification as commercially available unless otherwise noted. Alkenes 1,1 isatin-derived ketimines 2, pyrazoledione-derived ketimines 4, isoquinoline-1,3,4-trione-derived ketimines  $6^2$ , allylic carbonates  $8^3$ , (allyl-1,1- $d_2$ ) benzene  $d-1a^4$ were prepared according to the literature procedures.

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# 2. Screenings for the oxidative nucleophilic allylation

#### Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%) PPh<sub>3</sub> (20 mol%) Ph ХH 2,6-DMBQ (1.5 equiv) R<sup>2</sup> $R^1$ THF, Ar, 50-80 °C 1a NTs EtOOC сно Bad conversion Only by-products By-products were observed; No conversion were observed No expected product BocN BocN NPMP NBoc COOMe $CF_3$ P٢ P٢ Ph No conversion; No conversion; Only by-products Bad conversion; Only by-products Only by-products were observed No expected product were observed were observed C NBoc NBoc Ω C Ph No conversion; COOMe Only by-products No conversion No conversion Bad conversion were observed

2.1 Unsuccessful exploration of allylbenzene 1a and other electrophilic reagents

More electrophilic reagents were explored in the reactions with allylbenzene **1a** under similar catalytic conditions. Unfortunately, the reagents outlined in the above scheme did not react with allylbenzene **1a** or failed to give the desired allylation products.

# 2.2 Control experiments for the oxidative nucleophilic allylation of allylbenzene 1a and isatin-derived ketimine 2a



entry <sup>a</sup>	[Pd]	Lewis acid	base	ligand	oxidant	solvent	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1 <sup>c</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	/	/	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	THF	40
2	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	/	/	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	THF	52
3	/	/	/	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	THF	NR
4	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	/	/	/	2,6-DMBQ	THF	NR

5	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	/	/	PPh₃	/	THF	NR
6 <sup>d</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	/	/	PPh₃	2,6-DMBQ	THF	NR
7	/	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>		/	/	THF	NR
8	/	Zn(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	/	/	/	THF	NR
9	/	AICI₃	/	/	/	THF	NR
10	/	FeCl₃	/	/	/	THF	NR
11 <sup>e</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	/	<i>t</i> -BuOK	PPh₃	/	THF	NR
12 <sup>e</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	/	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	PPh₃	/	THF	NR
13 <sup>e</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	/	Et <sub>3</sub> N	PPh₃	/	THF	NR
14 <sup>e</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	/	NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	PPh₃	/	THF	NR
15 <sup>e</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	/	/	PPh₃	PhI(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	THF	NR
16 <sup><i>f</i></sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	/	/	PPh₃	/	THF	NR

<sup>a</sup>Unless noted otherwise, reactions were performed with allylbenzene **1a** (0.25 mmol), isatin ketimine **2a** (0.1 mmol), [Pd] (5 mol%), ligand (20 mol%) and oxidant (0.15 mmol) in distilled THF (1.0 mL) at 60 °C for 12 h. <sup>b</sup>Yield of the isolated **3a**. <sup>c</sup>At 50 °C. <sup>a</sup>With 2,6-DMBQ (10 mol%). <sup>a</sup>With isoquinoline-1,3,4-trione-derived ketimine **6a**. With Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.0 equiv) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (4.0 equiv). NR = No reaction.

Moreover, hydroquinone has been known as a viable catalyst for a carbonyl-ene reaction (*J. Am. Chem.Soc.*, **1960**, *82*, 5411). Thus, control experiment between **1a** and **2a** in the presence of 2,6-dimethylhydroquinon were conducted, but only unwanted byproducts were observed, demonstrating that the current allylation of activated ketimine did not proceeded through hydroquinone-catalyzed ene reaction.



# 2.3 Detailed screening conditions for the oxidative nucleophilic allylation of allylbenzene 1a and isatin-derived ketimine 2a

			NBoc [Pd] (5 mol%) ligand (20 mo oxidant (X eq	) bl%) uiv) _ []		n	
	Р	'n · · ·	N THF, Ar, 60 °C	C, 12 h	N, O		
		1a	2a <sup>Bn</sup>		3a <sup>Bn</sup>		
entry <sup>a</sup>	[Pd]	ligand	oxidant	х	additive	solvent	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1 <sup>c</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	/	THF	52
2 <sup><i>d</i></sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	/	THF	44
3	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	/	THF	62
4	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh₃	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	/	toluene	39
5	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	/	dioxane	42
6	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh₃	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	/	MTBE	49
7	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh₃	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	/	<i>n</i> Bu₂O	trace
8	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	(4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> P	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	/	THF	53
9	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	(4-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> P	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	/	THF	trace
10	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PCy <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	/	THF	NR
11	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PBu₃	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	/	THF	NR
12	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh₃	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	3 Å MS	THF	trace
13	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh₃	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	3 Å MS/PhCO₂H	THF	50
14	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh₃	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	3 Å MS/H₂O	THF	68
15	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	BQ	1.5	3 Å MS/H₂O	THF	bad conv.
16	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh₃	2,5-DMBQ	1.5	3 Å MS/H₂O	THF	66
17	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh₃	2,6-DTBQ	1.5	3 Å MS/H₂O	THF	trace
18	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh₃	phenyl-p-benzoquinone	1.5	3 Å MS/H₂O	THF	trace
19	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	DDQ	1.5	3 Å MS/H₂O	THF	NR
20	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.0	3 Å MS/H2O	THF	43
21	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.25	3 Å MS/H2O	THF	50
22	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.75	3 Å MS/H2O	THF	52
23 <sup>e</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	3 Å MS/H2O	THF	58
24 <sup><i>f</i></sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	3 Å MS/H2O	THF	67
25 <sup>g</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	3Å MS/H2O	THF	65
26	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	3 Å MS/H2O	THF	NR
27	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	/	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	3 Å MS/H2O	THF	trace
28	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	3Å MS/H2O	THF	trace
29	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	3 Å MS/H <sub>2</sub> O	THF	NR
30 <sup><i>h</i></sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	3 Å MS/H <sub>2</sub> O	THF	no product
31 <sup><i>i</i></sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	3 Å MS/H <sub>2</sub> O	THF	no product

32 <sup>j</sup>	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	/	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	3 Å MS/H <sub>2</sub> O	THF	51
33 <sup>k</sup>	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	/	2,6-DMBQ	1.5	3 Å MS/H <sub>2</sub> O	THF	49

<sup>a</sup>Unless noted otherwise, reactions were performed with allylbenzene **1a** (0.25 mmol), isatin ketimine **2a** (0.1 mmol), [Pd] (5 mol%), ligand (20 mol%) and oxidant (0.15 mmol) in distilled THF (2.0 mL) at 60 °C for 12 h. For 3 Å MS (50 mg); H<sub>2</sub>O (2  $\mu$ L); PhCO<sub>2</sub>H (20 mol%). <sup>b</sup>Yield of the isolated **3a**. <sup>c</sup>In THF (1.0 mL). <sup>d</sup>In THF (0.4 mL). <sup>d</sup>With allylbenzene **1a** (0.20 mmol). <sup>d</sup>With allylbenzene **1a** (0.30 mmol). <sup>g</sup>With PPh<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%). <sup>h</sup>With *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr (20 mol%). <sup>k</sup>With *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NCI (20 mol%). With HOAc (20 mol%). NR = No reaction.

## 3. Mechanism study for the umpolung allylation reactions

#### 3.1 Reactions with allylic carbonate



**Procedure A:** *Tert*-butyl (1,3-dioxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6d** (17.5 mg, 0.0499 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (57.8 mg, 0.0500 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *tert*-butyl (1-phenylallyl) carbonate **8** (29.3 mg, 0.125 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (0.5 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product **7d**: 14.8 mg (0.0316 mmol), as a white solid, 63% yield.

**Procedure B:** *Tert*-butyl (1,3-dioxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6d** (17.5 mg, 0.0499 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (11.2 mg, 0.0499 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PPh<sub>3</sub> (52.5 mg, 0.200 mmol, 4.0 equiv) and *tert*-butyl (1-phenylallyl) carbonate **8** (29.3 mg, 0.125 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (0.5 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product **7d**: 15.5 mg (0.0331 mmol), as a white solid, 66% yield.

**Procedure C:** *Tert*-butyl (1,3-dioxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6d** (17.5 mg, 0.0499 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.6 mg, 0.0027 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (2.6 mg, 0.0099 mmol, 20 mol%) and *tert*-butyl (1-phenylallyl) carbonate **8** (29.3 mg, 0.125 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (0.5 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), only trace amount of product **7d** was generated.

#### **3.2 Deuterium experiments**



BocHNSynthesisof(d-3a):Tert-butyl $(E)-(1-benzyl-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)carbamateBocHNPhylidene)carbamate2a<math>(33.6 \text{ mg}, 0.0999 \text{ mmol}), Pd(OAc)_2$  $(1.2 \text{ mg}, 0.0053 \text{ mmol}, 5 \text{ mol}\%), PPh_3$ ModelModel(5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ(20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 3 Å MS

*d*-1a (35.6 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (2  $\mu$ L) and distilled THF (2.0 mL) were added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7:1) to give the product *d*-3a: 28.8 mg (0.0632 mmol), as a white solid, 63% yield, D% = 86%; m.p. 157–159 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.49–6.92 (m, 13H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 0.14H), 6.12–5.80 (m, 1H), 5.48–4.92 (m, 2H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 2.82 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 176.7, 153.7, 142.5, 136.4, 135.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 126.49, 126.47, 122.73, 122.65, 120.9, 109.3,

80.5, 61.5, 44.2, 41.6, 28.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>29</sub>DN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 478.2211; Found 478.2209.



#### 3.3 Characterisation of by-products in the oxidative nucleophilic allylation reaction

mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 3 Å MS (50 mg) and allylbenzene **1a** (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (2  $\mu$ L) and distilled THF (2.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 18:1) to give the **9a**: 11.2 mg (0.0440 mmol), as a white solid, consumed 18% of allylbenzene; m.p. 82–84 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.20 (m, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 2H), 6.48–6.30 (m, 1H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 152.1, 146.4, 136.6, 132.6, 128.6, 127.8, 126.6, 125.0, 124.1, 114.9, 69.3, 16.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup> 255.1380; Found 255.1375.



**4-(Cinnamyloxy)-3,5-dimethylphenol** (**9b):** *Tert*-butyl (1-benzyl-2oxoindolin-3-ylidene)carbamate **2a** (33.6 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%),

2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 3 Å MS (50 mg) and allylbenzene **1a** (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (2  $\mu$ L) and distilled THF (2.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 18:1) to give the **9b**: 12.0 mg (0.0472 mmol), as a white solid, consumed 19% of allylbenzene; m.p. 74–76 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.21 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (s, 2H), 6.48–6.41 (m, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 150.2, 148.7, 135.6, 131.4, 131.2, 127.6, 126.8, 125.5, 124.3, 114.0, 72.1, 15.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup> 255.1380; Found 255.1373.



To further verifying whether the reaction involves the bisallylpalladium intermediate **V**, GC-MS and HRMS were used to monitor the formation of the reductive elimination product **10** of the  $\eta^3$ , $\eta^3$ -bisallylpalladium complex. However, the signal of the possible allyl-allyl cross-coupling product **10a** was not

detected by GC-MS and **10b** was not detected by GC-MS or HRMS. As a result, the  $\eta^3$ , $\eta^3$ -bisallylpalladium species might not be formed in the current catalytic reaction, and the reaction might proceed via isomerisation to  $\eta^1$ -allylpalladium species, as reported in the literature (*Chem. Commun.*, 2015, 51, 8027).

#### 3.4 Plausible mechanism of oxidative nucleophilic allylation



## 4. General procedure for the oxidative nucleophilic allylation

**4.1** General procedure for the oxidative nucleophilic allylation of alkenes 1 and isatin-derived ketimines 2



**General procedure:** Isatin-derived ketimine **2** (0.1 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.005 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 3 Å MS (50 mg) and alkene **1** (0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (2 µL) and distilled THF (2.0 mL) were added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The mixture was stirred at indicated temperature for 12–24 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to give the product **3**.

*Tert*-butyl (1-benzyl-3-cinnamyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)carbamate (**3a**): BocHN <sup>-</sup>Ph Tert-butyl (1-benzyl-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)carbamate 2a (33.6 mg, 0.0999 0 3a mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, Β'n 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBO (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 3 Å MS (50 mg) and allylbenzene 1a (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (2 µL) and distilled THF (2.0 mL) were added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7:1) to give the product **3a**: 31.0 mg (0.0682 mmol), as a white solid, 68% yield; m.p. 158–160 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.36–7.20 (m, 8H), 7.21–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.02 (m, 3H), 6.66 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.12-5.79 (m, 1H), 5.42–5.05 (m, 2H), 4.63 (brs, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J = 13.2 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, J = 13.2 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 176.7, 153.8, 142.5, 136.5, 135.9, 135.7, 130.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 126.5, 122.73, 122.65, 121.0, 109.3, 80.5, 61.5, 44.2, 41.6, 28.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  Calcd for  $[C_{29}H_{30}N_2O_3 + Na]^+$  477.2149; Found 477.2148.



*Tert*-butyl (1-benzyl-3-cinnamyl-5-fluoro-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)carbamate (3b): *Tert*-butyl (1-benzyl-5-fluoro-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)carbamate 2b (35.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5

equiv), 3 Å MS (50 mg) and allylbenzene **1a** (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (2  $\mu$ L) and distilled THF (2.0 mL) were added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture

was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7:1) to give the product **3b**: 30.5 mg (0.0645 mmol), as a white solid, 65% yield; m.p. 134–136 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.36–7.21 (m, 7H), 7.20–7.02 (m, 4H), 6.86 (td, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59–6.54 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.02–5.83 (m, 1H), 5.35–5.06 (m, 2H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 176.5, 159.3 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>FC</sub> = 241.2 Hz), 153.7, 138.4, 136.3 (<sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>FC</sub> = 5.6 Hz), 135.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0, 127.5, 127.2, 126.5, 120.4, 115.0 (<sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>FC</sub> = 23.6 Hz), 110.9 (<sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>FC</sub> = 24.9 Hz), 109.9, 80.8, 61.8, 44.3, 41.5, 28.1; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) –120.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>29</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 495.2054; Found 495.2054.



 Tert-butyl
 (1-benzyl-3-cinnamyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)

 carbamate (3c): Tert-butyl (1-benzyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene) 

 carbamate 2c (36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5

 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150

mmol, 1.5 equiv), 3Å MS (50 mg) and allylbenzene 1a (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (2 µL) and distilled THF (2.0 mL) were added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7:1) to give the product 3c: 31.4 mg (0.0651 mmol), as a yellow solid, 65% yield; m.p. 193-195 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.36–7.23 (m, 5H), 7.24–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.05 (m, 3H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.18–5.96 (m, 1H), 5.36–5.13 (m, 2H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 2.78 (dd, J = 13.2 Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, J = 13.2 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 177.6, 153.8, 138.0, 137.8, 136.6, 135.8, 133.3, 132.1, 131.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 126.9, 126.5, 125.6, 125.8, 121.4, 119.5, 80.4, 60.8, 45.4, 42.2, 28.1, 20.9, 18.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  Calcd for  $[C_{31}H_{34}N_2O_3 + Na]^+$  505.2462; Found 505.2461.



Tert-butyl(1-benzyl-3-cinnamyl-6-methoxy-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)carbamate (3d): Tert-butyl (1-benzyl-6-methoxy-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)carbamate 2d (36.6 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)2 (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol,5 mol%), PPh3 (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg,

0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 3 Å MS (50 mg) and allylbenzene **1a** (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (2 µL) and distilled THF (2.0 mL) were added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 6:1) to give the product 3d: 32.3 mg (0.0667 mmol), as a white solid, 67% yield; m.p. 134–136 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.34–7.18 (m, 8H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J =7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.58–6.53 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.06–5.86 (m, 1H), 5.41–5.09 (m, 2H), 4.60 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.80 (dd, J = 13.2 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, J = 13.2 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 177.2, 160.4, 153.8, 143.8, 136.5, 135.8, 135.7, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 126.5, 123.5, 122.3, 121.3, 106.2, 97.5, 80.4, 61.2, 55.4, 44.2, 41.7, 28.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 507.2254; Found 507.2249.

Tert-butyl (1-benzyl-3-cinnamyl-7-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)carbamate BocHN <sup>∼</sup>Ph (3e): Tert-butyl (1-benzyl-7-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)carbamate 2e (35.0 0 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 3e Β'n 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 3 Å MS (50 mg) and allylbenzene 1a (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (2 µL) and distilled THF (2.0 mL) were added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The

combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7:1) to give the product **3e**: 30.2 mg (0.06444 mmol), as a white solid, 64% yield; m.p. 187–189 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.43–7.06 (m, 11H), 7.05–6.92 (m, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.24–5.94 (m, 1H), 5.39–5.18 (m, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 177.7, 153.7, 140.5, 137.8, 136.5, 135.9, 132.8, 131.3, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 126.9, 126.5, 125.8, 122.7, 121.2, 120.7, 119.8, 80.4, 60.8, 45.4, 42.1, 28.1, 18.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 491.2305; Found 491.2305.

Tert-butyl (1-benzyl-7-chloro-3-cinnamyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)carbamate (3f): BocHN <sup>\_</sup>Ph Tert-butyl (1-benzyl-7-chloro-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)carbamate 2f (37.1 mg, =0 3f 0.100 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 Β'n ċι mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 3 Å MS (50 mg) and allylbenzene 1a (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (2 µL) and distilled THF (2.0 mL) were added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7:1) to give the product 3f: 31.7 mg (0.0648 mmol), as a white solid, 65% yield; m.p. 161–164 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.37–7.23 (m, 7H), 7.23–7.09 (m, 5H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.14–5.90 (m, 1H), 5.51–5.08 (m, 3H), 2.77 (dd, J = 13.6 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, J = 13.2 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 177.3, 153.7, 138.6, 137.6, 136.4, 136.3, 133.6, 131.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 126.9, 126.51, 126.47, 123.5, 121.2, 120.4, 115.6, 80.8, 60.9, 45.2, 41.8, 28.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  Calcd for  $[C_{29}H_{29}{}^{35}ClN_2O_3 + Na]^+$ 511.1759; Found 511.1758; Calcd for  $[C_{29}H_{29}{}^{37}CIN_2O_3 + Na]^+$  513.1729; Found 513.1743.

Tert-butyl (1-benzyl-3-cinnamyl-7-fluoro-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)carbamate (3g): BocHN <sup>∼</sup>Ph Tert-butyl (1-benzyl-7-fluoro-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)carbamate 2g (35.4 mg, O 3g 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 Βn mmol, 20 mol%), 2.6-DMBO (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 3 Å MS (50 mg) and allylbenzene 1a (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (2 µL) and distilled THF (2.0 mL) were added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product 3g: 28.2 mg (0.0597 mmol), as a white solid, 60% yield; m.p. 172–174 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.34 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31–7.19 (m, 5H), 7.19–7.11 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05–6.88 (m, 2H), 6.48 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.06–5.87 (m, 1H), 5.38–5.07 (m, 2H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 2.76 (dd, J= 13.6 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, J = 13.6 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 176.4, 153.7, 147.5 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>FC</sub> = 244.5 Hz), 137.0, 136.3, 136.2, 129.0 (<sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>FC</sub> = 8.8 Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.4 ( ${}^{3}J_{FC} = 8.8$  Hz), 126.5, 123.33, 123.26, 120.4, 118.6 ( ${}^{4}J_{FC} = 3.2$  Hz), 117.0 ( ${}^{2}J_{\text{FC}} = 19.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 80.8, 61.5, 45.7, 45.6, 41.7, 28.0;  ${}^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) -133.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  Calcd for  $[C_{29}H_{29}FN_2O_3 + Na]^+$  495.2054; Found 495.2055.



# Tert-butyl(E)-(1-benzyl-2-oxo-3-(5-phenylpent-2-en-4-yn-1-yl)indolin-3-yl)carbamate (3h): Tert-butyl (1-benzyl-2-oxoindolin-3-ylid-ene) carbamate 2a (33.6 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)2 (1.2 mg, 0.0053

mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4

mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 3 Å MS (50 mg) and pent-4-en-1-yn-1-ylbenzene **1b** (35.6 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (2  $\mu$ L) and distilled THF (2.0 mL) were added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. After completion (monitored by TLC),

the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7:1) to give the product **3h**: 20.2 mg (0.0422 mmol), as a yellow solid, 42% yield; m.p. 122–125 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.46–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.24 (m, 8H), 7.24–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.08–5.93 (m, 1H), 5.85 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.32–5.08 (m, 2H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 2.78 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 176.4, 153.7, 142.4, 135.7, 134.7, 131.6, 130.1, 128.91, 128.85, 128.39, 128.37, 127.5, 127.3, 123.0, 122.9, 122.8, 116.0, 109.4, 90.1, 87.2, 80.6, 61.2, 44.2, 41.5, 28.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 501.2149; Found 501.2140.

# **4.2** General procedure for the oxidative nucleophilic allylation of alkenes 1 and pyrazoledione-derived ketimines 4



General procedure: Pyrazoledione-derived ketimine 4 (0.1 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.005 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and allylbenzene 1a (0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to give the product 5.



Tert-butyl(1-(tert-butyl)-4-cinnamyl-3-isopropyl-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)carbamate(5a):Tert-butyl(1-(tert-butyl)-3-isopropyl-5-oxo-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ylidene)carbamate4a(29.5mg,0.0999mmol),

Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and allylbenzene **1a** (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product **5a**: 30.5 mg (0.0737 mmol), as a yellow solid, 74% yield; m.p. 129–132 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.31–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.27–7.19 (m, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.13–5.73 (m, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 2.69–2.59 (m, 1H), 2.55 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.9, 162.8, 153.6, 136.5, 135.7, 128.6, 127.8, 126.6, 120.1, 65.7, 57.5, 38.2, 28.2, 28.1, 20.8, 20.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 436.2571; Found 436.2571.



*Tert*-butyl (1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-cinnamyl-3-ethyl-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)carbamate (5b): *Tert*-butyl (1-(*tert*-butyl)-3-ethyl-5-oxo-1,5-dihydro-4*H*pyrazol-4-ylidene)carbamate 4b (28.1 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4

mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and allylbenzene **1a** (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product **5b**: 30.1 mg (0.0753 mmol), as a white solid, 75% yield; m.p. 112–115 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.52–7.09 (m, 5H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.06–5.83 (m, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 2.59–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.39–2.28 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 174.0, 160.6, 153.7, 136.5, 135.7, 128.6, 127.8, 126.4, 126.3, 120.0, 80.7, 65.6, 57.4, 38.3, 28.2, 28.1, 21.1, 9.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 422.2414; Found 422.2414.

**4.3** General procedure for the oxidative nucleophilic allylation of alkenes 1 and isoquinoline-1,3,4-trione-derived ketimines 6



**General procedure:** Isoquinoline-1,3,4-trione-derived ketimine **6** (0.1 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.005 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and alkene **1** (0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at indicated temperature for 12–60 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to give the product **7**.



*Tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-4-cinnamyl-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate (7a): *Tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6a** (36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ

(20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and allylbenzene **1a** (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the

product **7a**: 44.9 mg (0.0930 mmol), as a white solid, 93% yield; m.p. 139–141 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.21 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.14 (m, 6H), 7.03 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 5.58–5.43 (m, 1H), 5.30–4.98 (m, 2H), 2.85–2.50 (m, 2H), 1.53–0.68 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.7, 163.7, 136.9, 136.5, 136.04, 134.00, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.04, 128.01, 127.5, 126.4, 125.1, 124.5, 119.7, 81.1, 61.7, 47.0, 44.0, 28.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 505.2098; Found 505.2102.



*Tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-4-cinnamyl-7-fluoro-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro isoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate (7b): *Tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-7-fluoro-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6b** (38.2 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20

mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and allylbenzene 1a (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product **7b**: 44.0 mg (0.0879 mmol), as a white solid, 88% yield; m.p. 127-129 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.87 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.35 (td, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.15 (m, 6H), 7.11–7.00 (m, 2H), 6.16 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 5.53–5.43 (m, 1H), 5.29–4.96 (m, 2H), 2.91–2.51 (m, 2H), 1.53–0.59 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.4, 162.7 (<sup>4</sup>J<sub>FC</sub> = 2.6 Hz), 162.1  $({}^{1}J_{\text{FC}} = 248.3 \text{ Hz}), 136.8, 136.6, 135.9, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.6, 127.1 ({}^{3}J_{\text{FC}} = 7.7 \text{ Hz}),$ 127.0–126.6 (m), 126.4, 121.5 ( ${}^{2}J_{FC} = 22.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 119.3, 115.1 ( ${}^{2}J_{FC} = 22.9 \text{ Hz}$ ), 81.3, 61.4, 47.0, 44.2, 28.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) –112.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $[C_{30}H_{29}FN_2O_4 + Na]^+$  523.2004; Found 523.2004.



#### Tert-butyl (2-benzyl-4-cinnamyl-7-methoxy-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,4- tetra-

hydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate (7c): Tert-butyl (2-benzyl-7-methoxy-

1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6c** (39.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg,

0.020 mmol, 20 mol %), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and allylbenzene **1a** (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7:1) to give the product **7c**: 42.3 mg (0.0825 mmol), as a white solid, 83% yield; m.p. 106–108 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.67 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.17 (m, 7H), 7.07–7.01 (m, 2H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.66–5.43 (m, 2H), 5.27–5.01 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.84–2.48 (m, 2H), 1.50–0.74 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.8, 163.7, 159.2, 136.9, 136.3, 136.1, 134.1, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.4, 126.4, 126.1, 126.0, 122.3, 119.8, 111.0, 81.0, 61.3, 55.6, 47.0, 44.1, 28.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 535.2203; Found 535.2199.



*Tert*-butyl (4-cinnamyl-1,3-dioxo-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate (7d): *Tert*-butyl (1,3-dioxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate 6d (35.0 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ

(20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and allylbenzene **1a** (29.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture

was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product **7d**: 41.5 mg (0.0886 mmol), as a white solid, 89% yield; m.p. 195–197 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.26 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.19 (m, 5H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.83–5.59 (m, 2H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.53–0.95 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.4, 163.9, 136.8, 136.1, 135.3, 134.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.22, 128.20, 126.5, 125.4, 124.7, 119.8, 81.1, 62.1, 47.1, 28.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 491.1941; Found 491.1941.

#### Tert-butyl (E)-(2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-4-(3-(o-tolyl)allyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro



**isoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate (7e)**: *Tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro isoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6a** (36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and

1-allyl-2-methylbenzene **1c** (33.1 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 9:1) to give the product **7e**: 46.2 mg (0.0930 mmol), as a yellow solid, 93% yield; m.p. 124–126 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.22–6.86 (m, 7H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 5.47–5.32 (m, 1H), 5.28–5.03 (m, 2H), 2.85–2.52 (m, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.52–0.62 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.7, 163.7, 136.8, 135.27, 135.25, 134.6, 134.0, 130.2, 128.9, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 126.2 125.9, 125.2, 124.6, 121.0, 81.1, 61.7, 47.3, 44.0, 27.9, 19.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 519.2254; Found 519.2254.



Tert-butyl (E)-(2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-4-(3-(m-tolyl)allyl)-1,2,3,4- tetra-

hydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate (7f): Tert-butyl (2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-

2,3-dihydro isoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6a** (36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and

1-allyl-3-methylbenzene **1d** (33.1 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product **7f**: 46.8 mg (0.0942 mmol), as a white solid, 94% yield; m.p. 130–132 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.21 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.10 (m, 4H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95–6.78 (m, 2H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 5.55–5.46 (m, 1H), 5.29–5.04 (m, 2H), 2.90–2.53 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.55–0.54 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.6, 163.7, 138.1, 136.9, 136.6, 136.0, 133.9, 128.8, 128.43, 128.36, 128.0, 127.4, 127.2, 125.1, 124.5, 123.5, 119.4, 81.0, 61.7, 47.1, 44.0, 27.9, 21.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 519.2254; Found 519.2250.



*Tert*-butyl (*E*)-(2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-4-(3-(*p*-tolyl)allyl)-1,2,3,4-

tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate (7g): Tert-butyl (2-benzyl-1,3-

dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6a** (36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%),  $PPh_3$  (5.2 mg,

0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and 1-allyl-4-methylbenzene **1e** (33.1 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was

stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product **7g**: 45.5 mg (0.0916 mmol), as a white solid, 92% yield; m.p. 103–106 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.20 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 5.52–5.39 (m, 1H), 5.32–5.01 (m, 2H), 2.86–2.51 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.51–0.58 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.6, 163.7, 137.9, 136.9, 136.4, 134.0, 133.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.5, 126.3, 125.1, 124.5, 118.5, 81.1, 61.8, 47.1, 44.0, 27.9, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 519.2254; Found 519.2246.



*Tert*-butyl (*E*)-(2-benzyl-4-(3-(2-methoxyphenyl)allyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,4tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate (7h): *Tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6a** (36.4 mg, 0.0999

mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and

1-allyl-2-methoxybenzene **1f** (37.1 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7:1) to give the product **7h**: 48.3 mg (0.0942 mmol), as a white solid, 94% yield; m.p. 157–160 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.22 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.23–7.13 (m, 4H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.62–5.49 (m, 2H), 5.28–5.09 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.90–2.52 (m, 2H), 1.52–0.57 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.7, 163.8, 156.6, 136.9, 133.9, 131.5, 129.0, 128.3, 127.9, 127.4, 127.2, 125.22, 125.15, 124.5, 120.6, 120.5, 110.7, 81.0,

61.8, 55.3, 47.5, 44.0, 28.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  Calcd for  $[C_{31}H_{32}N_2O_5 + Na]^+$  535.2203; Found 535.2195.



*Tert*-butyl (*E*)-(2-benzyl-4-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate (7i): *Tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate 6a (36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5

mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and 1-allyl-4-methoxybenzene 1g (37.1 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7:1) to give the product 7i: 38.3 mg (0.0747 mmol), as a white solid, 75% yield; m.p. 104–106 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 8.20 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.17 (m, 3H), 7.07–6.89 (m, 2H), 6.89–6.68 (m, 2H), 6.11 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 5.44–5.31 (m, 1H), 5.25–5.08 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.86–2.40 (m, 2H), 1.51–0.62 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 173.7, 163.7, 159.5, 136.9, 135.9, 133.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 125.1, 124.5, 117.3, 113.9, 81.0, 61.8, 55.3, 47.1, 44.0, 27.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  Calcd for  $[C_{31}H_{32}N_2O_5 + Na]^+$  535.2203; Found 535.2198.



*Tert*-butyl (*E*)-(2-benzyl-4-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)allyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,4tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate (7j): *Tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-1,3dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6a** (36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg,

0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and 1-allyl-4-fluorobenzene **1h** (34.0 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 36 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product **7j**: 45.6 mg (0.0911 mmol), as a white solid, 91% yield; m.p. 141–143 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.21 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.01–6.84 (m, 4H), 6.07 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 5.50–5.30 (m, 1H), 5.33–5.02 (m, 2H), 2.94–2.43 (m, 2H), 1.61–0.57 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.6, 163.7, 162.5 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>FC</sub> = 247.2 Hz), 136.9, 135.2, 134.0, 132.2 (<sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>FC</sub> = 3.3 Hz), 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 125.2, 124.5, 119.4 (<sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>FC</sub> = 2.2 Hz), 115.4 (<sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>FC</sub> = 21.6 Hz), 81.1, 61.8, 46.9, 44.0, 27.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) –113.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>29</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 523.2004; Found 523.2000.



Tert-butyl(E)-(2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-4-(3-(perfluorophenyl)allyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate(7k):(7k):Tert-butyl(2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1H)-ylidene)carbamate6a(36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)2(1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%),PPh3(5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ(20.4 mg, 0.150)

mmol, 1.5 equiv) and 1-allyl-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzene **1i** (52.0 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 48 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product **7k**: 50.0 mg (0.0873 mmol), as a white solid, 87% yield; m.p. 153–155 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.20–6.98 (m, 3H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 5.82–5.69 (m, 1H), 5.72

(s, 1H), 5.30–4.95 (m, 2H), 3.05–2.45 (m, 2H), 1.54–0.58 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.5, 163.5, 144.4 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>FC</sub> = 248.0 Hz), 140.1 (<sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>FC</sub> = 242.5 Hz), 136.7, 136.6–135.9 (m), 130.1–129.4 (m), 128.9, 128.3, 128.1, 127.3, 125.2, 124.5, 120.2, 111.5–109.6 (m), 81.3, 61.3, 47.7, 43.9, 27.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) –142.7, –155.6, –162.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 595.1627; Found 595.1622.



*Tert*-butyl (*E*)-(2-benzyl-4-(3-(naphthalen-1-yl)allyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,4tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate (7l): *Tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-1,3dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6a** (36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and

1-allylnaphthalene **1j** (42.1 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product **7l**: 49.4 mg (0.0927 mmol), as a yellow solid, 93% yield; m.p. 197–199 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77–7.60 (m, 4H), 7.52–7.39 (m, 5H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20–6.99 (m, 4H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.61–5.44 (m, 1H), 5.29–5.07 (m, 2H), 3.05–2.63 (m, 2H), 1.51–0.62 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.7, 163.7, 136.7, 134.1, 134.0, 133.7, 133.4, 130.8, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.4, 126.0, 125.8, 125.6, 125.3, 124.6, 124.1, 123.5, 122.8, 81.1, 61.8, 47.3, 44.0, 27.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 555.2254; Found 555.2254.



*Tert*-butyl (*E*)-(2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-4-(3-(thiophen-2-yl)allyl)-1,2,3,4tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate (7m): *Tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6a** (36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020

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mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and 2-allylthiophene 1k (31.1 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product 7m: 41.5 mg (0.0849 mmol), as a white solid, 85% yield; m.p. 142–144 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.22 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.26–7.15 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 5.46–5.30 (m, 1H), 5.29–5.07 (m, 2H), 2.92–2.23 (m, 2H), 1.54–0.66 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 173.6, 163.6, 140.9, 136.8, 134.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 127.4, 127.3, 126.1, 125.1, 124.8, 124.5, 119.2, 81.1, 61.7, 46.7, 44.0, 27.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $[C_{28}H_{28}N_2O_4S + N_a]^+$  511.1662; Found 511.1664.



Tert-butyl(E)-(4-(3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)allyl)-2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate(7n):Tert-butyl(2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1H)-ylidene)carbamate

<sup>ll</sup> 7n 6a (36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and 5-allylbenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxole 1l (40.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product **7n**: 34.6 mg (0.0657 mmol), as a yellow solid, 66% yield; m.p. 91–93 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.20 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.30–7.13 (m, 3H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 5.54 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.40–5.22 (m, 1H), 5.24–5.01 (m, 2H), 2.75–2.44 (m, 2H), 1.52–0.70 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.6, 163.7, 148.0, 147.6, 136.9, 136.0, 134.0, 130.5, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.5, 125.2, 124.4, 121.3, 117.6, 108.2, 105.6, 101.1, 81.1, 61.8, 47.0, 44.0, 28.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 549.1996; Found 549.1994.



*Tert*-butyl (*E*)-(2-benzyl-4-(3-(2-formylphenyl)allyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2,3,4tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate (7o): *Tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-1,3dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6a** (36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and

2-allylbenzaldehyde **1m** (36.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 6:1) to give the product **70**: 49.2 mg (0.0964 mmol), as a white solid, 96% yield; m.p. 115–117 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 9.99 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.35 (m, 5H), 7.22–7.09 (m, 3H), 7.06–6.91 (m, 2H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 5.55–5.34 (m, 1H), 5.30–5.07 (m, 2H), 3.01–2.41 (m, 2H), 1.57–0.64 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 192.4, 173.4, 163.7, 138.4, 136.8, 134.2, 133.8, 133.4, 132.6, 132.3, 128.9, 128.3, 128.11, 128.05, 127.6, 127.5, 125.1, 124.8, 124.4, 81.1, 61.6, 47.0, 43.9, 27.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 533.2047; Found 533.2040.



# Methyl (E)-2-(3-(2-benzyl-4-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-1,3-dioxo-

**(7p)**:

*Tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene) carbamate **6a** (36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150

1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl)prop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate

mmol, 1.5 equiv) and methyl 2-allylbenzoate **1n** (44.1 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 60 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was guenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5:1) to give the product **7p**: 52.8 mg (0.0977 mmol), as a white solid, 98% yield; m.p. 59–61 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.11 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 5.31–5.07 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.91–2.44 (m, 2H), 1.56–0.62 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 173.5, 167.4, 163.8, 138.5, 136.9, 136.1, 134.0, 132.4, 130.4, 129.0, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 124.9, 124.5, 122.6, 80.9, 61.7, 52.1, 46.9, 44.0, 28.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $[C_{32}H_{32}N_2O_6 + Na]^+$  563.2153; Found 563.2151.



*Tert*-butyl (*E*)-(2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-4-(3-(4-vinylphenyl)allyl)-1,2,3,4tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate (7q): *Tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-1,3dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6a** (36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.2

mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and 1-allyl-4-vinylbenzene **10** (36.1 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 48 h. After

completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7:1) to give the product **7q**: 39.3 mg (0.0773 mmol), as a white solid, 77% yield; m.p. 70–72 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.16 (m, 5H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 5.55–5.43 (m, 1H), 5.28–5.19 (m, 2H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.01–2.51 (m, 2H), 1.54–0.74 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.6, 163.7, 137.3, 136.9, 136.3, 136.1, 135.5, 134.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.5, 126.6, 126.4, 125.2, 124.5, 119.6, 114.1, 81.1, 61.8, 47.1, 44.0, 27.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 531.2254; Found 531.2256.



Tert-butyl(2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-4-((2E,4E)-5-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl)carbamate(7r):Tert-butyl(2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1H)-ylidene)carbamate6a

(36.4 mg, 0.0999 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mg, 0.0053 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub>

(5.2 mg, 0.020 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and penta-1,4-dien-1-ylbenzene **1p** (36.1 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (1.0 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 60 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7:1) to give the product **7r**: 43.7 mg (0.0859 mmol), as a white solid, 86% yield; m.p. 75–78 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.02 (m, 8H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.13–5.88 (m, 1H), 5.74–5.49 (m, 1H), 5.36–5.00 (m, 3H), 2.85–2.42 (m, 2H), 1.52–0.62 (brs, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.6, 163.8, 136.9, 136.84, 136.78, 134.0, 133.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4,

128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 126.5, 125.1, 124.5, 123.3, 81.1, 61.7, 47.0, 44.0, 27.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for [C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup> 531.2254; Found 531.2257.

4.4 Oxidative nucleophilic allylation of isoquinoline-1,3,4-trione-derived ketimine 6a on a 1.0 mmol scale



A mixture of *tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6a** (364.4 mg, 1.000 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (11.2 mg, 0.0499 mmol, 5 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (52.5 mg, 0.200 mmol, 20 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (204.2 mg, 1.500 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and allylbenzene **1a** (295.4 mg, 2.500 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 25 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (10 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15:1) to give the product **7a**: 464.2 mg (0.9619 mmol), as a white solid, 96% yield.

## 5. Screening conditions of asymmetric oxidative nucleophilic allylation

5.1 Screening conditions of asymmetric oxidative nucleophilic allylation of allylbenzene 1a and isatin-derived ketimine 2a





5.2 Screening conditions of asymmetric oxidative nucleophilic allylation of allylbenzene 1a and and isoquinoline-1,3,4-trione-derived ketimine 6a





Synthesis of chiral 7a: *Tert*-butyl (2-benzyl-1,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydroisoquinolin-4(1*H*)-ylidene)carbamate **6a** (18.2 mg, 0.0499 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.6 mg, 0.0027 mmol, 5 mol%), L1 (3.0 mg, 0.0054 mmol, 11 mol%), 2,6-DMBQ (10.2 mg, 0.0749 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and allylbenzene **1a** 

(14.8 mg, 0.125 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon. Then distilled THF (0.5 mL) was added by syringe, and the tube was evacuated and back-filled three times with argon again. The Schlenk tube was tightly capped. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated sodium carbonate solution, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 min, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were evaporated under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8:1) to give the product chiral **7a**: 21.7 mg (0.0450 mmol), as a white solid, 90% yield; 25% ee, determined by HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralpak IE, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 60:40, 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda = 254$  nm]: t (minor) = 6.22 min, t (major) = 16.28 min.

# 7. Crystal data and structural refinement for racemic 7a and 7j

**Procedure for the recrystallisation of 7a**: To a 10 mL tube containing **7a** (80 mg) were added MeOH (4.0 mL) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL). The mixture was heated until a clear solution was formed, which was kept aside at room temperature to obtain crystals. The crystals were subjected for single crystal XRD to determine the absolute configuration of **7a**. The data were collected by an Agilent Gemini equipped with a Cu radiation source (K $\alpha$  = 1.54184 Å) at 296.1(5) K. CCDC 2057382 (**7a**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\_request/cif.



(ellipsoid contour probability 50%)

Identification code	7a
Empirical formula	$C_{30}H_{30}N_2O_4$
Formula weight	482.56
Temperature/K	296.1(5)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	I2/a
a/Å	16.9036(4)
b/Å	10.5122(3)
c/Å	29.9577(7)
α/°	90
β/ °	101.225(2)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	5221.4(2)
Z	8
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.228
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.656
F(000)	2048.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.3  imes 0.2  imes 0.2
Radiation	$CuK\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	8.934 to 142.668
Index ranges	$-20 \le h \le 20,  -12 \le k \le 12,  -36 \le l \le 28$
Reflections collected	14234
Independent reflections	5001 [ $R_{int} = 0.0429$ , $R_{sigma} = 0.0313$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	5001/0/328
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.055
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0634,  wR_2 = 0.1833$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0716,  wR_2 = 0.1973$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å $^{-3}$	0.27/-0.24

Procedure for the recrystallisation of 7j: To a 10 mL tube containing 7j (52 mg) were added *n*-hexane (4.0 mL) and *i*-PrOH (0.5 mL). The mixture was heated until a clear solution was formed, which was kept aside at room temperature to obtain crystals. The crystals were subjected for single crystal XRD to determine the absolute configuration of 7j. The data were collected by an Agilent Gemini equipped with a Cu radiation source (K $\alpha$  = 1.54184 Å) at 295.2(6) K. CCDC 2057383 (7j) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\_request/cif.



(ellipsoid contour probability 50%)

Identification code	7j
Empirical formula	$C_{30}H_{29}FN_2O_4$
Formula weight	500.55
Temperature/K	295.2(6)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	10.1910(8)
b/Å	10.8141(7)
c/Å	12.7446(8)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	102.470(6)
β/°	92.057(6)
$\gamma^{/\circ}$	102.338(6)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1334.77(17)
Z	2
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.245
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.716
F(000)	528.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.5 imes 0.3 imes 0.05
Radiation	$CuK\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	7.13 to 171.374
Index ranges	$-12 \le h \le 11,  -13 \le k \le 11,  -15 \le l \le 14$
Reflections collected	13682
Independent reflections	5224 [ $R_{int} = 0.0537$ , $R_{sigma} = 0.0491$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	5224/0/337
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.051
Final R indexes [I>=2 $\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0633, wR_2 = 0.1687$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0948,  wR_2 = 0.2071$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e $Å^{-3}$	0.21/-0.28
### 8. NMR, HRMS spectra and HPLC chromatograms



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