Supporting information

Lewis Acid-Catalyzed [4 + 2] Cycloaddition of Donor–Acceptor Cyclobutanes with Iminooxindoles: Access to Spiro[piperidine-3,2'-oxindoles]

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General information.

¹H NMR spectra, ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer in chloroform-d₃ or dmso-d₆. All signals are reported in ppm with the internal TMS signal at 0 ppm as a standard. The data is being reported as (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br = broad signal, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration). All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen in flame-dried glassware with magnetic stirring. All solvents were freshly distilled from CaH₂ prior to use. Lewis-acid purchased from Accela ChemBio Co. Ltd or J&K or Energy Chemical Company were used directly. 4 Å molecular sieves purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co.,Ltd were powdered and dried at 300 °C in muffle furnace for 8-10 prior **Bisoxazoline** ligand hours to use. (bis(S)-4-isopropyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)methane) was purchased from Energy Chemical Company and used directly.

Synthesis of substrates.

Cyclobutanes 2 were synthesized according to our previous method.¹ Iminooxindoles 1 were synthesized according to the literature, and the spectral data refer to the literature.² Chiral cyclobutane 2a (ee = 85%) was synthesized according to the literature by using bis(S)-4-isopropyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)methane as ligand.³

Iminooxindoles 1:



Cyclobutanes 2:



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Cyclobutane **2k**, colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.15-5.05 (m, 1 H), 4.66-4.60 (m, 1 H), 4.29 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 2.67-2.48 (m, 2 H), 2.17-2.09 (m, 2 H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3 H), 0.99 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3 H), 0.58 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4, 169.1, 158.5, 131.5, 129.0, 113.3, 68.4, 59.5, 55.3, 44.1, 25.4, 21.7, 21.6, 21.5, 21.4, 20.8, 20.7 ; HRMS-ESI: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₆O₅Na: 357.1678, found: 357.1678.

1. Typical procedure for Sc(OTf)₃ catalyzed [4+2] cycloaddition reaction.



A flame-dried schlenk tube (25 mL) was evacuated and recharged with N₂ for 3 times. Under N₂, the tube was charged with 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃, 60 mg of activated 4Å molecular sieves powder (M S), iminooxindole 1a (0.22 mmol, 49 mg), cyclobutane 2a (0.2 mmol, 56 mg), dry CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL) at room temperature (rt). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 4 hours until the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC, hexanes: AcOEt = 5:1). The reaction mixture was passed over a plug of silica gel with 10 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 82 mg (82%) of 3aa, white solid, m.p. 228-230 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.10 (m, 2 H), 6.99-6.83 (m, 3 H), 6.76-6.55 (m, 5 H), 6.38 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.20 (dd, J =12.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 3.64 (s, 3 H), 3.53 (s, 3 H), 3.35 (td, J = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.63-2.48 (m, 1 H), 2.42-2.33 (m, 1 H), 2.02-1.91 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.1, 170.0, 169.0, 157.8, 145.8, 140.9, 136.3, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 127.5, 126.9, 125.0, 121.4, 113.0, 108.8, 68.9, 58.9, 58.8, 54.9, 52.5, 52.1, 31.4, 26.5; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₈N₂O₆H: 501.2025, found: 501.2026.

1. Synthesis of 3ab



The reaction of iminooxindole **1a** (0.22 mmol, 49 mg), cyclobutane **2b** (0.2 mmol, 58 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 6 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 74 mg (72%) of

3ab, white solid, m.p. 233-235 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (s, 1 H), 7.25-7.10 (m, 2 H), 7.00-6.83 (m, 3 H), 6.75-6.53 (m, 5 H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.19 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.89-3.80 (m, 5 H), 3.53 (s, 3 H), 3.35 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.62-2.48 (m, 1 H), 2.44-2.33 (m, 1 H), 2.00-1.91 (m, 1 H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.1, 170.0, 169.0, 157.2, 145.8, 140.9, 136.1, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 127.4, 126.9, 125.0, 121.4, 113.5, 108.8, 68.9, 63.0, 58.9, 52.5, 52.1, 31.4, 26.6, 14.8; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₃₀N₂O₆H: 515.2182, found: 515.2179.

2. Synthesis of 3ac



The reaction of iminooxindole **1a** (0.22 mmol, 49 mg), cyclobutane **2c** (0.2 mmol, 71 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 6 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 77 mg (67%) of **3ac**, white solid, m.p. 232-234 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.35-7.16 (m, 8 H), 7.00-6.83 (m, 3 H), 6.75-6.61 (m, 5 H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.20 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.87 (s, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 3.53 (s, 3 H), 3.35 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.62-2.48 (m, 1 H), 2.42-2.33 (m, 1 H), 2.02-1.92 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.1, 170.0, 169.0, 157.1, 145.8, 140.9, 137.1, 136.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 126.9, 125.1, 121.4, 113.9, 108.8, 69.8, 68.9, 58.9, 52.5, 52.1, 31.4, 26.5; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₅H₃₂N₂O₆H: 577.2339, found: 577.2340.

3. Synthesis of 3ag



The reaction of iminooxindole **1a** (0.22 mmol, 49 mg), cyclobutane **2g** (0.2 mmol, 62 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 4 h, eluting with (CH₂Cl₂:MeOH = 80:1) to afford 92 mg (86%) of **3ag**, white solid, m.p. 211-213 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (s, 1 H), 7.02-6.85 (m, 4 H), 6.81-6.61 (m, 4 H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.20 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H), 3.53 (s, 3 H), 3.35 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.62-2.48 (m, 1 H), 2.42-2.33 (m, 1 H), 2.04-1.94 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.0, 170.0, 168.9, 148.1, 147.1, 145.7, 140.9, 136.8, 129.0, 128.8, 127.4, 126.9, 125.1, 121.4, 120.4, 111.5, 110.0, 108.8, 68.9, 59.1, 58.9, 55.5, 52.5, 52.1, 31.4, 26.5; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₃₀N₂O₇H: 531.2133, found: 531.2130.

4. Synthesis of 3ah



The reaction of iminooxindole **1a** (0.22 mmol, 49 mg), cyclobutane **2h** (0.2 mmol, 58.4 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 20 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 19 h, eluting with (CH₂Cl₂:MeOH = 80:1) to afford 72 mg (70%) of **3ah**, white solid, m.p. 212-214 °C.. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (s, 1 H), 6.99-6.85 (m, 4 H), 6.77-6.61 (m, 4 H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.36 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.78 (s, 2 H), 5.17 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 3.52 (s, 3 H), 3.34 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.62-2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.42-2.33 (m, 1 H), 2.02-1.93 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.0, 170.0, 168.9, 145.7, 145.6, 140.9, 138.3, 129.0, 128.8, 127.5, 126.9, 125.1, 121.6, 121.5,

108.7, 100.5, 68.9, 59.3, 58.9, 52.5, 52.1, 31.5, 26.5; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₆N₂O₇H: 515.1818, found: 515.1815.

5. Synthesis of 3ai



The reaction of iminooxindole **1a** (0.22 mmol, 49 mg), cyclobutane **2i** (0.2 mmol, 68 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 30 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 13 h, eluting with (CH₂Cl₂:MeOH = 80:1) to afford 75 mg (67%) of **3ai**, white solid, m.p. 213-215 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (s, 1 H), 7.02-6.85 (m, 4 H), 6.75-6.55 (m, 5 H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.20 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 3.74 (s, 6 H), 3.68 (s, 3 H), 3.52 (s, 3 H), 3.34 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.56-2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.42-2.33 (m, 1 H), 2.04-1.97 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.0, 170.0, 168.9, 152.4, 145.6, 141.0, 139.9, 136.2, 129.0, 128.9, 127.5, 126.9, 125.2, 121.5, 108.9, 105.6, 69.0, 60.7, 59.8, 58.9, 56.0, 52.6, 52.1, 31.4, 26.6; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₃₂N₂O₈H: 561.2237, found: 561.2234.

6. Synthesis of 3aj



The reaction of iminooxindole **1a** (0.22 mmol, 49 mg), cyclobutane **2j** (0.2 mmol, 51 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 20 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 5.5 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt:DCM = 4:1:1) to afford 44 mg (46%) of **3aj**, white solid, m.p. 240-242 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (s, 1 H), 7.00-6.92 (m, 2 H), 6.90-6.65 (m, 5 H), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 3.6

Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.60-6.54 (m, 1 H), 6.38 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.59 (dd, J = 12.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.54 (s, 3 H), 3.32 (td, J = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.81-2.67 (m, 1 H), 2.45-2.37 (m, 1 H), 2.19-2.11 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.1, 169.9, 168.9, 148.1, 145.5, 140.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.7, 126.9, 125.6, 125.4, 125.3, 124.1, 121.5, 108.8, 68.9, 58.8, 55.1, 52.6, 52.2, 32.3, 26.5; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₂₄N₂O₅SH: 477.1484, found: 477.1485.

7. Synthesis of 3ak



The reaction of iminooxindole **1a** (0.22 mmol, 49 mg), cyclobutane **2k** (0.2 mmol, 61 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 13 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 61 mg (58%) of **3ak**, white solid, m.p. 220-222 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (s, 1 H), 7.25-7.10 (m, 2 H), 6.99-6.81 (m, 3 H), 6.78-6.55 (m, 5 H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.22 (dd, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.40-4.23 (m, 2 H), 4.02-3.88 (m, 2 H), 3.64 (s, 3 H), 3.40 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.48-2.32 (m, 2 H), 2.01-1.91 (m, 1 H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.1, 169.4, 168.6, 157.8, 146.0, 140.9, 136.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.1, 126.9, 125.0, 121.4, 113.0, 108.7, 69.1, 61.3, 61.0, 58.9, 54.9, 31.6, 26.4, 14.0, 13.4; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₃₂N₂O₆H: 529.2339, found: 529.2337.

8. Synthesis of 3al



The reaction of iminooxindole **1a** (0.22 mmol, 49 mg), cyclobutane **2l** (0.2 mmol, 67 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 13 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 79 mg (70%) of **3al**, white solid, m.p. 231-233 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.32-7.14 (m, 3 H), 6.99-6.82 (m, 3 H), 6.78-6.55 (m, 5 H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.28-5.20 (m, 2 H), 4.85-4.75 (m, 1 H), 3.64 (s, 3 H), 3.46 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.37-2.23 (m, 2 H), 2.01-1.94 (m, 1 H), 1.32 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3 H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3 H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3 H), 0.82 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.8, 168.7, 168.0, 157.8, 146.1, 140.7, 136.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 126.9, 125.0, 121.1, 113.0, 108.6, 69.3, 68.8, 68.7, 59.0, 58.9, 54.9, 31.8, 26.4, 21.7, 21.6, 21.2, 20.7; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₃H₃₆N₂O₆H: 557.2654, found: 557.2653.

9. Synthesis of 3ba



The reaction of iminooxindole **1b** (0.22 mmol, 53 mg), cyclobutane **2a** (0.2 mmol, 56 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 4 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 79 mg (76%) of **3ba**, white solid, m.p. 240-242 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (s, 1 H), 7.33-7.15 (m, 3 H), 7.00-6.55 (m, 7 H), 6.31 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.17 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 3.64 (s, 3 H), 3.53 (s, 3 H), 3.38 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.53-2.31 (m, 2 H), 2.02-1.92 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.2, 169.9, 168.7, 158.3 (d, *J* = 237 Hz), 157.9, 145.7, 136.8, 135.9, 130.7 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 129.3, 127.2, 125.3, 115.8 (d, *J* = 25.7 Hz), 115.1 (d, *J* = 23.5 Hz), 113.0, 109.0 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 69.4, 59.0, 54.9, 52.6, 52.3, 31.4, 26.4; ¹⁹F NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -121.1; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₇FN₂O₆H: 519.1931, found: 519.1927.

10. Synthesis of 3ca



The reaction of iminooxindole **1c** (0.22 mmol, 57 mg), cyclobutane **2a** (0.2 mmol, 56 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 4 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 77 mg (72%) of **3ca**, white solid, 243-245 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (s, 1 H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.25-7.10 (m, 2 H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.78-6.55 (m, 6 H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.14 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.64 (s, 3 H), 3.55 (s, 3 H), 3.30 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.65-2.51 (m, 1 H), 2.45-2.35 (m, 1 H), 2.02-1.92 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.0, 170.0, 168.7, 157.9, 145.5, 139.6, 135.9, 130.8, 129.3, 128.6, 127.9, 127.1, 126.8, 125.3, 113.0, 109.7, 69.0, 58.9, 58.8, 54.9, 52.6, 52.2, 31.2, 26.5; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₇ClN₂O₆H: 535.1636, found: 535.1633.

11. Synthesis of 3da



The reaction of iminooxindole **1d** (0.22 mmol, 66 mg), cyclobutane **2a** (0.2 mmol, 56 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 4 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 77 mg (67%) of **3da**, white solid, 250-252 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (s, 1 H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.25-7.10 (m, 2 H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.90-6.55 (m, 6 H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.14 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.64 (s, 3

H), 3.56 (s, 3 H), 3.28 (td, J = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.69-2.55 (m, 1 H), 2.45-2.35 (m, 1 H), 2.00-1.90 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.8, 170.0, 168.7, 157.9, 145.5, 140.1, 135.9, 131.4, 131.1, 130.6, 129.3, 127.1, 125.3, 114.0, 113.0, 110.2, 68.9, 58.9, 58.7, 54.9, 52.6, 52.2, 31.2, 26.5; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₇⁷⁹BrN₂O₆H: 579.1131, found: 579.1130.

12. Synthesis of 3ea



The reaction of iminooxindole **1e** (0.22 mmol, 52 mg), cyclobutane **2a** (0.2 mmol, 56 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 2.5 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 69 mg (67%) of **3ea**, white solid, m.p. 245-247 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.15 (m, 4 H), 6.87-6.54 (m, 7 H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.19 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 3.64 (s, 3 H), 3.55 (s, 3 H), 3.30 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.68-2.60 (m, 1 H), 2.45-2.35 (m, 1 H), 2.27 (s, 3 H), 2.00-1.91 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.2, 170.1, 169.1, 157.8, 145.8, 138.6, 136.4, 130.5, 139.3, 129.0 (2C), 128.0, 126.8, 125.0, 68.9, 58.8, 58.7, 54.9, 52.5, 52.0, 31.4, 26.6, 21.3; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₃₀N₂O₆H: 515.2182, found: 515.2180.

13. Synthesis of 3fa



The reaction of iminooxindole **1f** (0.22 mmol, 55.4 mg), cyclobutane **2a** (0.2 mmol, 56 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 13 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 71 mg (67%)

of **3fa**, white solid, 214-216 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25-7.12 (m, 4 H), 7.00-6.88 (m, 1 H), 6.77-6.69 (m, 2 H), 6.66-6.61 (m, 1 H), 6.58-6.55 (m, 2 H), 6.53-6.48 (m, 1 H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.19 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 3.75 (s, 3 H), 3.64 (s, 3 H), 3.53 (s, 3 H), 3.38 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.55-2.30 (m, 2 H), 2.01-1.91 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.2, 170.0, 168.9, 157.9, 155.0, 145.9, 136.3, 134.5, 130.4, 129.4, 127.0, 125.1, 69.4, 59.0, 55.0, 52.5, 52.2, 31.5, 26.6; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₃₀N₂O₇H: 531.2131, found: 531.2132.

14. Synthesis of 3ga



The reaction of iminooxindole **1g** (0.22 mmol, 59 mg), cyclobutane **2a** (0.2 mmol, 56 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 13 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 80 mg (73%) of **3ga**, white solid, m.p. 262-264 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.98-7.92 (m, 1 H), 7.77-7.70 (m, 1 H), 7.25-7.12 (m, 2 H), 6.82-6.55 (m, 6 H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.11 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 3.64 (s, 3 H), 3.58 (s, 3 H), 3.23 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.78-2.66 (m, 1 H), 2.52-2.47 (m, 1 H), 2.01-1.94 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.2, 170.2, 168.5, 158.0, 147.0, 129.4, 127.4, 125.8, 125.7, 123.4, 113.1, 108.6, 68.6, 59.0, 58.8, 55.0, 52.8, 52.6, 31.0, 26.5; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₇N₃O₈H: 546.1876, found: 546.1880.

15. Synthesis of 3ha



The reaction of iminooxindole **1h** (0.22 mmol, 53 mg), cyclobutane **2a** (0.2 mmol, 56 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 4.5 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 70 mg (68%) of **3ha**, white solid, m.p. 240-242 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (s, 1 H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.25-7.10 (m, 2 H), 7.02-6.84 (m, 3 H), 6.63-6.24 (m, 5 H), 5.12 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 3.66 (s, 3 H), 3.52 (s, 3 H), 3.33 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.61-2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.42-2.33 (m, 1 H), 2.01-1.91 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.1, 170.0, 168.9, 159.6 (d, *J* = 242 Hz), 157.9, 141.7, 140.9, 136.0, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 127.3, 121.5, 113.6 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 113.1, 109.0, 68.9, 59.1, 58.8, 55.0, 52.6, 52.2, 31.3, 26.5; ¹⁹F NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.8; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₇FN₂O₆H: 519.1931, found: 519.1931.

16. Synthesis of 3ia



The reaction of iminooxindole **1i** (0.22 mmol, 57 mg), cyclobutane **2a** (0.2 mmol, 56 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 3.5 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 78 mg (73%) of **3ia**, white solid, 244-246 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (s, 1 H), 7.40 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.25-7.10 (m, 2 H), 7.04-6.75 (m, 3 H), 6.70-6.56 (m, 4 H), 6.42 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.14 (dd, J = 12.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 3.67 (s, 3 H), 3.52

(s, 3 H), 3.32 (td, J = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.60-2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.41-2.32 (m, 1 H), 2.01-1.91 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.8, 170.0, 168.9, 158.0, 144.6, 140.9, 135.8, 130.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 127.3, 127.1, 121.6, 113.2, 109.1, 68.9, 58.9, 58.8, 55.0, 52.6, 52.2, 31.3, 26.5; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₇ClN₂O₆H: 535.1636, found: 535.1636.

17. Synthesis of 3ja



The reaction of iminooxindole **1j** (0.22 mmol, 66 mg), cyclobutane **2a** (0.2 mmol, 56 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 8 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 80 mg (69%) of **3ja**, white solid, 254-256 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.38 (m, 2 H), 7.25-7.10 (m, 2 H), 7.04-6.70 (m, 5 H), 6.63-6.57 (m, 2 H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.14 (dd, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 3.67 (s, 3 H), 3.52 (s, 3 H), 3.32 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.59-2.32 (m, 2 H), 2.01-1.91 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.8, 170.0, 168.9, 158.0, 145.1, 140.9, 135.8, 130.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 127.3, 121.6, 118.6, 113.2, 109.1, 68.8, 58.8, 58.7, 55.0, 52.6, 52.2, 31.4, 26.5; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₇⁷⁹BrN₂O₆H: 579.1131, found: 579.1128.

18. Synthesis of 3ka



The reaction of iminooxindole 1k (0.22 mmol, 52 mg), cyclobutane 2a (0.2 mmol, 56

mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 8 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 72 mg (70%) of **3ka**, white solid, m.p. 255-257 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.25-7.10 (m, 3 H), 7.02-6.70 (m, 3 H), 6.63-6.43 (m, 4 H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.17 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 3.65 (s, 3 H), 3.52 (s, 3 H), 3.34 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.60-2.43 (m, 1 H), 2.40-2.31 (m, 1 H), 2.01-1.90 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.2, 170.0, 169.0, 157.7, 143.1, 140.9, 136.6, 134.2, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 127.6, 127.5, 121.3, 113.0, 108.8, 69.0, 59.0, 58.9, 55.0, 52.5, 52.1, 31.6, 26.5, 20.7; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₃₀N₂O₆H: 515.2182, found: 515.2183.

19. Synthesis of 3la



The reaction of iminooxindole **11** (0.22 mmol, 55.4 mg), cyclobutane **2a** (0.2 mmol, 56 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 3.5 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 69 mg (65%) of **3la**, white solid, m.p. 214-216 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (s, 1 H), 7.25-7.10 (m, 2 H), 7.00-6.57 (m, 5 H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.30-6.08 (m, 2 H), 5.14 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 3.65 (s, 3 H), 3.51 (s, 3 H), 3.49 (s, 3 H), 3.33 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.57-2.42 (m, 1 H), 2.40-2.31 (m, 1 H), 2.00-1.90 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.4, 170.0, 169.0, 157.7, 126.2, 140.9, 138.6, 136.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 127.3, 121.4, 113.0, 112.0, 108.9, 69.1, 59.1, 59.0, 54.9, 54.8, 52.5, 52.1, 31.5, 26.5; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₃₀N₂O₇H: 531.2131, found: 531.2126.

20. Synthesis of 3ma



The reaction of iminooxindole **1m** (0.22 mmol, 59 mg), cyclobutane **2a** (0.2 mmol, 56 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 14 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 47 mg (43%) of **3ma**, white solid, m.p. 260-262 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63-7.56 (m, 2 H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (s, 1 H), 7.17-6.88 (m, 5 H), 6.62-6.56 (m, 2 H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.21 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 3.65 (s, 3 H), 3.54 (s, 3 H), 3.34 (td, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.60-2.50 (m, 1 H), 2.44-2.36 (m, 1 H), 2.03-1.96 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.0, 169.8, 168.8, 158.3, 153.1, 144.6, 140.8, 138.6, 135.0, 129.6, 129.3, 128.1, 127.4, 125.9, 124.0, 122.3, 122.0, 68.9, 58.8, 58.7, 55.0, 52.7, 52.3, 31.2, 26.5; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₇N₃O₈H: 546.1876, found: 546.1880.

21. Synthesis of 3oa



The reaction of iminooxindole **1o** (0.22 mmol, 52 mg), cyclobutane **2a** (0.2 mmol, 56 mg) and 60 mg of 4Å M.S. and 10 mol % Sc(OTf)₃ in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) was carried out at rt for 14 h, eluting with (hexanes:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford 36 mg (35%) of **3oa**, white solid, m.p. 183-185 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.27-7.14 (m, 2 H), 7.07-6.98 (m, 1 H), 6.92-6.54 (m, 8 H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 8.0

Hz, 1 H), 5.18 (dd, J = 12.0 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 3.64 (s, 3 H), 3.51 (s, 3 H), 3.37 (td, J = 14.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.94 (s, 3 H), 2.69-2.53 (m, 1 H), 2.44-2.34 (m, 1 H), 2.03-1.91 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.4, 170.0, 169.2, 157.8, 145.8, 144.0, 136.4, 129.3, 128.8, 126.7, 126.6, 125.0, 121.4, 113.0, 107.2, 68.6, 58.8, 58.6, 54.9, 52.4, 52.0, 31.4, 26.7, 25.4; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₃₀N₂O₆Na: 537.2002, found: 537.1996.

The [4+2] cycloaddition reaction of enantioenriched cyclobutane 2a and 1a.



3aa, determined by HPLC, chiralcel ADH, *i*-PrOH/hexane =20/80, 1.0 mL/min, 240 nm; $t_r = 9.34 \text{ min}$, $t_r' = 17.8 \text{ min}$).

The transformations of cycloadduct 3aa.



Under N₂, the cycloadduct **3aa** (0.2 mmol, 100.0 mg) was dissolved in THF, and cooled at 0°C, LiAlH₄ (2.35 mmol, 39 mg) was added into the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. When the cycloadduct **3aa** disappeared (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was quenched with H₂O (1.2 mL), 15% NaOH (1.2 mL), H₂O (3.6 mL), and then passed over a plug of celite with 30 mL of MeOH. The filtrate was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, v/v= 2:1) to give the desired product in 89% yield (79 mg), white solid. m.p. 230-232 °C. ¹H NMR (400MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 10.11 (s, 1 H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.05-6.85 (m, 3 H), 6.78-6.68 (m, 3 H), 6.64-6.55 (m, 3 H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.30 (dd, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.78 (dd, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.45-4.38 (m, 2 H), 3.88-3.81 (m, 1 H), 3.58 (s, 3 H), 3.20-3.01 (m, 2 H), 2.64-2.54 (m, 2 H), 2.09-1.87 (m, 2 H), 1.79-1.70 (m, 1 H), ¹³C NMR (100MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 178.9, 157.4, 147.4, 142.1, 137.0, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.0, 124.8,

119.8, 113.0, 108.5, 99.6, 71.3, 65.8, 61.8, 59.6, 54.7, 43.6, 31.9, 21.0; HRMS-TOF-ES⁺: $[M+H]^+$ cacld for $C_{27}H_{28}N_2O_4H$: 445.2127, found: 445.2129.


















































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