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Supporting Information

Photogenerated donor-donor diazo compounds enable facile access to spirocyclopropanes

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1 General information

All NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature using a Bruker Avance 300 (300 MHz for ¹H, 75 MHz for ¹³C), a Bruker Avance 400 (400 MHz for ¹H, 101 MHz for ¹³C), or a Bruker Avance 600 (600 MHz for ¹H, 150 MHz for ¹³C) NMR spectrometer. All chemical shifts are reported in δ -scale as parts per million [ppm] (multiplicity, coupling constant J, number of protons) relative to the solvent residual peaks as the internal standard. Coupling constants J are given in Hertz [Hz]. Abbreviations used for signal multiplicity: ¹H-NMR: br = broad, s =singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, and m = multiplet. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained from the central analytic mass spectrometry facilities of the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy, Regensburg University, and are reported according to the IUPAC recommendations 2013. All mass spectra were recorded on a Finnigan MAT 95, Thermo Quest Finnigan TSQ 7000, Finnigan MATSSQ 710 A or an Agilent Q-TOF 6540 UHD instrument. GC measurements were performed on a GC 7890 from Agilent Technologies. Data acquisition and evaluation was done with Agilent ChemStation Rev.C.01.04. [35]. Analytical TLC was performed on silica gel coated alumina plates (MN TLC sheets ALUGRAM® Xtra SIL G/UV254). Visualization was done by UV light (254 or 366 nm). If necessary, potassium permanganate was used for chemical staining. Purification by column chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 M (40-63 µm, 230-440 mesh, Merck) on a Biotage[®] Isolera TM Spektra One device. Photocatalytic reactions were performed with 365 nm LEDs (SSC VIOSYS UV 365 nm CUN66A1B (λ = 365 nm (± 15 nm), 3.6 V, 700 mA). The sample was irradiated with a LED through the vial's plane bottom side and cooled from the side using custom-made aluminum cooling blocks connected to a thermostat (Figure S1). Gram-scale reactions were in a classic glass tube photochemical reactor setup irradiated from the outside with 12x 365 nm LEDs (Inolux IN-C68QABTMU2 (λ = 365 nm (± 15 nm), 14 V, 700 mA) (Figure S2). The glass tube with reaction mixture was thermostated at 25 °C, the LED Block cooled by air. UV-Vis and fluorescence measurements were performed with a Varian Cary 100 UV/Vis spectrophotometer and FluoroMax-4 spectrofluorometer, respectively. Commercially available starting materials and solvents were used without further purification.



Figure S1. Photochemical set-up for regular-scale reactions.



Figure S2. Photochemical set-up for large-scale reactions; ruler added for scale.

2 Synthesis of Starting Materials

2.1 Synthesis of N-tosylhydrazones



N-Tosylhydrazones **1** were prepared according to a reported procedure.¹ To a stirred solution of tosylhydrazide (**S2**, 10 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in MeOH (10 mL) at 60 °C, aldehyde, or ketone (**S1**, 10 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was added dropwise (or portion wise if solid). The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. Then, the mixture was cooled with an ice bath. If the product precipitated when cooled, the solid was filtered of, washed with ice cold MeOH and dried *in vacuo*. If the product did not precipitate, the solvent was removed directly under reduced pressure, and the crude mixture was either directly used or further purified by recrystallization.

2.2 Synthesis of alkenes

1-Ethynylcyclohexyl methacrylate (2h).



2h was synthesized according to a modified literature procedure.²

Methacryloyl chloride (**S3**, 12.0 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added dropwise to a solution of 1-ethynyl-1-cyclohexanol (**S4**, 10.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and triethylamine (13.0 mmol, 1.3 eq.) in dry dichloromethane (50 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred for 2 days. Afterwards, the solution was treated with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting oil was purified by chromatography (5% EtOAc in PE) yielding titled compound as a colorless oil (408 mg, 2.10 mmol, 21%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl3) δ = 6.17 - 6.01 (m, 1H), 5.61 - 5.48 (m, 1H), 2.60 (s, 1H), 2.19 - 2.06 (m, 2H), 2.03 - 1.88 (m, 5H), 1.68 - 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.55 - 1.35 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.5, 137.0, 125.3, 83.8, 75.0, 74.1, 36.9, 34.1, 25.1, 22.3, 18.3, 14.0.

The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature.³

3 Experimental Procedures

3.1 General Procedure A – One-Pot Cyclopropanation



To a 5 mL snap vial with a magnetic stirring bar, tosylhydrazones (**1**, 300 μ mol, 1.5 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (300 μ mol, 1.5 eq.) and alkene (**2**, 200 μ mol, 1.0 eq., if solid) were added. The vial was evacuated and back filled with N₂ for three times. Then dry CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) and alkene (**2**, 200 μ mol, 1.0 eq., if liquid) was added by syringe, and the mixture was irradiated with a 365 nm LED at 25 °C. After 4 h, the mixture was quenched with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was then washed with H₂O (10 mL) and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the desired product.

3.2 General Procedure B – One-Pot Cyclopropanation with Ph₂CO



To a 5 mL snap vial with a magnetic stirring bar, tosylhydrazones (**1**, 300 μ mol, 1.5 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (300 μ mol, 1.5 eq.), benzophenone (40 μ mol, 20 mol%) and alkene (**2**, 200 μ mol, 1.0 eq., if solid) were added. The vial was evacuated and back filled with N₂ for three times. Then dry CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) and alkene (**2**, 200 μ mol, 1.0 eq., if liquid) was added by syringe, and the mixture was irradiated with a 365 nm LED at 25 °C. After 4 h, the mixture was quenched with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was then washed with H₂O (10 mL) and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the desired product.

3.3 General Procedure C – One-Pot Cyclopropanation Benzylic NNHTs



To a 5 mL snap vial with a magnetic stirring bar, tosylhydrazones (**1**, 400 μ mol, 2.0 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (300 μ mol, 1.5 eq) and alkene (**2**, 200 μ mol, 1.0 eq., if solid) were added. The vial was evacuated and back filled with N₂ for three times. Then dry CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) and alkene (**2**, 200 μ mol, 1.0 eq., if liquid) was added by syringe, and the mixture was irradiated with a 365 nm LED at 25 °C. After 16 h, the mixture was quenched with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was then washed with H₂O (10 mL) and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the desired product.

3.4 General Procedure D – Large Scale Cyclopropanation



To a 5 mL snap vial with a magnetic stirring bar, tosylhydrazones (**1**, 10.5 mmol, 1.5 eq.), Cs_2CO_3 (10.5 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and alkene (**2**, 7.00 mmol, 1.0 eq., if solid) were added. The vial was evacuated and back filled with N₂ for three times. Then dry CH_2Cl_2 (70 mL) and alkene (**2**, 7.00 mmol, 1.0 eq., if liquid) was added by syringe, and the mixture was irradiated with a 365 nm LED at 25 °C. After 20 h, the mixture was quenched with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was then washed with H₂O (10 mL) and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the desired product.

3.5 General Procedure E – Δ^1 -pyrazolines



To a 5 mL snap vial with a magnetic stirring bar, tosylhydrazones (**1**, 300 μ mol, 1.5 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (300 μ mol, 1.5 eq.) and alkene (**4**, 200 μ mol, 1.0 eq., if solid) were added. The vial was evacuated and back filled with N₂ for three times. Then dry CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) and alkene (**4**, 200 μ mol, 1.0 eq., if liquid) was added by syringe, and the mixture was irradiated with a 365 nm LED at 25 °C. After 20 min, the mixture was quenched by addition of water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was then washed with H₂O (10 mL) and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to give the desired product.

3.6 General Procedure $F - \Delta^2$ -pyrazolines



To a 5 mL snap vial with a magnetic stirring bar, tosylhydrazones (**1**, 240 μ mol, 1.2 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (300 μ mol, 1.5 eq.) and alkene (**2**, 200 μ mol, 1.0 eq., if solid) were added. The vial was evacuated and back filled with N₂ for three times. Then dry CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) and alkene (**2**, 200 μ mol, 1.0 eq., if liquid) was added by syringe, and the mixture was irradiated with a 365 nm LED at 25 °C. After 1 h, the mixture was quenched by addition of water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was then washed with H₂O (10 mL) and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated under vacuum to give the desired product.

4 Optimization details

4.1 Optimization of the reaction of tosylhydrazone **1a** with alkene **2a**



To a 5 mL snap vial with a magnetic stirring bar, tosylhydrazones (**1**, 240 μ mol, 1.2 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (300 μ mol, 1.5 eq.), benzophenone (40.0 μ mol, 20 mol%) and alkene (**2**, 200 μ mol, 1.0 eq., if solid) were added. The vial was evacuated and back filled with N₂ for three times. Then dry solvent (2 mL) and alkene (**2**, 200 μ mol, 1.0 eq., if liquid) was added by syringe, and the mixture was irradiated with a 365 nm LED at 25 °C. After 16 h, *n*-dodecane (20 μ L) was added as internal standard and the yield determined by GC-FID.

Table S1. Screening of solvents.



1a (240 μ mol, 1.2 eq.), **2a** (200 μ mol, 1.0 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (300 μ mol, 1.5 eq.), Ph₂CO (40 μ mol, 20 mol%), dry solvent (2.0 mL), 16 h, 25 °C. a Yield determined by GC-FID with *n*-dodecane as internal std. d.r. = 1:1 unless otherwise stated. n.d. = not detected.

Table S2. Screening of bases.



1a (240 μmol, 1.2 eq.), **2a** (200 μmol, 1.0 eq.), base (300 μmol, 1.5 eq.), Ph₂CO (40 μmol, 20 mol%), dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL), 16 h, 25 °C. ^a Yield determined by GC-FID with *n*-dodecane as internal std. d.r. = 1:1 unless otherwise stated.

Ph NNHTs +	Ph ₂ CO (20 mol%), Cs ₂ CO ₃ , 385 nm (1.2 W) , CO ₂ Me				Phone CO ₂ N		
1a	2a				3a		
	#	1a : 2a	Eq. Cs ₂ CO ₃	$Yield^{a}$			
	1	1.0:1.2	1.5	65%			
	2	1.0:1.0	1.5	62%			
	3	1.2:1.0	1.5	80%			
	4	1.2:1.0	1.2	71%			
	5	1.5:1.0	1.5	88%			
	6	1.5:1.0		n.d.			
	7	1.75:1.0	2.0	88%			
	8	2.0:1.0	2.0	88%			

Table S3. Screening of ratio of 1a with 2a and amount of base.

1a (240 μmol, 1.2 eq.), **2a** (200 μmol, 1.0 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (300 μmol, 1.5 eq.), Ph₂CO (40 μmol, 20 mol%), dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL), 16 h, 25 °C. ^a Yield determined by GC-FID with *n*-dodecane as internal std. d.r. = 1:1 unless otherwise stated. n.d. = not detected.

Table S4. Screening of Ph₂CO loading.



1a (300 µmol, 1.5 eq.), 2a (200 µmol, 1.0 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (300 µmol, 1.5 eq.), Ph₂CO, dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL), 16 h, 25 °C. ^a Yield determined by GC-FID with n-dodecane as internal std. d.r. = 1:1 unless otherwise stated.

Table S5. Screening of light source.



1a (300 μmol, 1.5 eq.), **2a** (200 μmol, 1.0 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (300 μmol, 1.5 eq.), Ph₂CO (20 mol%), dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL), 16 h, 25 °C. ^a Yield determined by GC-FID with n-dodecane as internal std. d.r. = 1:1 unless otherwise stated. n.d. = not detected. ^b 1,2-DCE used as solvent. ^cPhMe used as solvent

5 Mechanistic investigations

To have a deeper look into the relationship between catalyst loading, light source and reaction time, kinetic investigations were conducted by *ex-situ* ¹H-NMR spectroscopy. After full conversion was observed by ¹H-NMR, the yield was determined by GC-FID, giving 90±2% yield for all five shown reaction conditions. The kinetic investigation could not be conducted with GC-FID as Δ^1 -pyrazolines (initial cycloaddition product) decompose upon heating forming the desired cyclopropane moiety, falsifying the results.

NNHT (Ph₂CO) Cs₂CO Ы a) 1.0 **b)** 1.0 ОМ 0.8 0.8 Relative Integral 700 8.0 8000 **Relative Integral** CO_Me 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 0.0 0 30 60 90 120 150 180 30 90 t / min 0 60 120 150 180 t/min **c)** _{1.0} d) 1.0 CO₂Me 0.8 0.8 Relative Integral **Relative Integral** 0.6 0.6 0.4 0.4 0.2 0.2 0.0 0.0 30 90 t / min 120 150 180 30 60 90 t / min 120 150 180 0 60 0 e) 1.0 0.8 **Relative Integral** 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 50 100 150 200 250 300 350 400 0 t/min

Proposed reaction pathway:

Figure S3. Kinetic profile of the cycloaddition reaction followed by nitrogen extrusion. **a)** Ph_2CO (20 mol%), 365 nm (0.6 W). **b)** Ph_2CO (10 mol%), 365 nm (0.6 W). **c)** Ph_2CO (20 mol%), 385 nm (1.2 W). **d)** Ph_2CO (10 mol%), 385 nm (1.2 W). **e)** no Ph_2CO , 365 nm (0.6 W).

Even though the reaction also proceeds under irraditaion with a 385 nm LED, kinetic profiles c) and d) show significant slower reaction rates than their 365 nm counterparts even though the optical power is higher (1.2 W vs. 0.6 W). This could indicate the reaction to only proceed with a 385 nm LED due to the deviation of \pm 15 nm around the emmision maximum. As irradiation with 365 nm did show faster reaction times and better theoretical overlap with the absorption curves of the reactands employed (deprotonated tosylhydrazone⁴, benzophenone⁵ and *in-situ* formed Δ^1 -pyrazoline (Figure S4)), we opted to use the 365 nm LED.

To gain mechanistic insights, the UV-vis spectrum of isolated spiro-pyrazoline **4a** was measured and the cuvette then submitted to irradiation with the standard 365 nm LED used for the reactions (Figure S4). The pyrazoline showed an absorbance maximum of $\lambda_{max} = 334$ nm that decreased significantly after irradiation, indicating decomposition of pyrazoline **4a**, presumably towards cyclopropane **3a**.



Figure S4. UV-Vis spectrum of spiro- Δ^1 -pyrazoline **4a** (black). The mixture was submitted to irradiation with the standard 365 nm LED setup (0.6 W) for 10 min and then measured again (blue).



Figure S5. UV-Vis spectrum of tosylhydrazone **1a** (black) and **1a** with Cs_2CO_3 base (blue). Deprotonation of tosylhydrazones causes a significant shift in absorption (indicated by the blue arrow) as was previously reported by our group.⁴

6 Characterization of Products

6.1 Cyclopropanes

Methyl 1-methyl-6-phenylspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylate (3a).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a colorless oil (47.8 mg, 185 μ mol, 92%, d.r. = 1:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂).



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.40 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23 - 7.14 (m, 3H), 3.68 (s, 1.6H), 3.66 (s, 1.4H), 2.65 - 2.44 (m, 1H), 1.95 - 1.30 (m, 12H), 0.61 - 0.36 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 175.3, 174.9, 147.2, 147.2, 128.5, 128.4, 126.9, 126.1, 126.1,

51.9, 51.8, 44.3, 44.3, 33.5, 33.3, 33.2, 32.2, 31.7, 31.4, 31.2, 31.0, 30.7, 29.3, 28.8, 25.7, 25.0, 16.6, 16.1.

HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₂O₂ [M]⁺: 258.16143, Found: 258.16124.

tert-Butyl 1-methyl-6-phenylspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylate (3b).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a colorless oil (54.3 mg, 181 μ mol, 90%, d.r. = 1:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/PE 1:1).



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.53 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26 - 7.17 (m, 3H), 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.05 - 1.50 (m, 8H), 1.48 (s, 4.5H), 1.47 (s, 4.5H), 1.40 (s, 1.5H), 1.32 (s, 1.5H), 1.29 (d, *J*=4.6, 0.5H), 1.27 (dd, *J*=4.5, 1.4, 0.5H), 0.43 (d, *J*=4.5, 0.5H), 0.40 (dd, *J*=4.5, 1.1, 0.5H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 174.03, 173.79, 147.50, 147.40, 128.48, 128.45, 126.98, 126.96, 126.06, 80.11, 79.99, 44.47, 44.40, 33.77, 33.50, 33.40, 33.37, 32.29, 31.62, 31.54, 30.63, 30.35, 30.28, 30.17, 29.91, 28.34, 28.28, 24.89, 24.21, 16.93, 16.35. **HRMS** (El): Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₈O₂ [M]⁺: 329.2224, Found: 329.2226.

N,1-Dimethyl-6-phenylspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxamide (3c).

Following general procedure A with 16 h reaction time, the product was obtained as two diasteromers **3c'** and **3c''**. **3c'** was isolated as a white solid (36.4 mg, 141 µmol, 71%). **3c''** was isolated as a 2:1 mixture with



3c' and a white solid (6.8 mg, 26.4 μ mol, 13%). In total, **3c** was isolated as white solids (43.2 mg, 168 μ mol, 84%, d.r. = 8.6:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 40% \rightarrow 60%). Diastereomers were assigned according to analogous literature ¹H-NMR spectra.⁶

Diastereomer 3c':

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.33 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 - 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.21 - 7.15 (m, 1H), 5.76 (br, 1H), 2.84 (d, J=4.8, 3H), 2.58 (tt, J=12.1,

(m, 2H), Ph

3.5, 1H), 1.99 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.85 – 1.67 (m, 3H), 1.63 – 1.47 (m, 4H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.24 (d, *J*=4.6, 1H), 0.39 (d, *J*=4.6, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.47, 147.23, 128.39, 126.96, 126.02, 44.13, 33.97, 33.14, 32.05, 31.81, 30.50, 29.09, 26.76, 24.28, 17.75.

HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₂NO [M]⁺: 257.17742, Found: 257.17737.

1-Methyl-N,6-diphenylspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxamide (3d).

Following general procedure A, the product was obtained as a white solid (64.8 mg, 200 μ mol, 100%, d.r. = 5:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (PE/EtOAc 4:1).



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.44 (td, *J*=9.0, 1.3, 2H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.06 (m, 7H), 7.00 (ddt, *J*=7.2, 6.0, 1.2, 1H), 2.48 (dtt, *J*=31.3, 16.1, 3.7, 1H), 2.01 – 1.09 (m, 12H), 0.55 – 0.28 (m, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0, 172.0, 147.2, 147.0, 138.2, 138.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 128.4, 126.9, 126.1, 126.0, 124.3, 124.2, 120.2, 119.9, 44.3, 44.0, 34.1, 33.4, 33.2, 33.0, 32.0, 31.9, 31.9, 31.6, 31.3, 29.9, 29.6, 24.6, 23.8, 17.8, 17.2.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₅NO [M+H]⁺: 320.2009, Found: 320.2008.

N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-methyl-6-phenylspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxamide (3e).

Following general procedure A with 16 h reaction time, the product was obtained as two diasteromers 3e' and 3e''. 3e' was isolated as a white solid (38.2 mg, 133 µmol, 67%). 3e'' was isolated as a 2:1 mixture with 3e' and a white solid (5.9 mg, 20.5



µmol, 10%). In total. **3e** was isolated as a white solid (44.1 mg, 153 µmol, 77%, d.r. = 10.3:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 75% \rightarrow 100%). Diastereomers were assigned according to analogous literature ¹H-NMR spectra.⁶

Diastereomer **3e'**:

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.33 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 - 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.21 - 7.15 (m, 1H), 5.76 (br, 1H), 2.84 (d, *J*=4.8, 3H), 2.58 (tt, *J*=12.1, 3.5, 1H), 1.99 - 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.85 - 1.67 (m, 3H),



1.63 - 1.47 (m, 4H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.24 (d, J=4.6, 1H), 0.39 (d, J=4.6, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.47, 147.23, 128.39, 126.96, 126.02, 44.13, 33.97, 33.14, 32.05, 31.81, 30.50, 29.09, 26.76, 24.28, 17.75.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₅NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 288.1958, Found: 288.1964.

N-(2-hydroxypropyl)-1-methyl-6-phenylspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxamide (3f).

Following general procedure A with 16 h reaction time, the major diastereomeric mixture **3f'** of the product was obtained as a white solid (44.7 mg, 148 μ mol, 74%, d.r. = 1:1). The minor Ph diastereomeric mixture **3f''** was obtained as a white solid (7.1

mg, 23.6 μ mol, 12%, d.r. = 1:1). In total the product was gained as white solids (51.8 mg, 172 μ mol, 86%, d.r. = 6.3:1:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 75% \rightarrow 100%). Diastereomers were assigned according to analogous literature ¹H-NMR spectra.⁶

Diastereomeric mixture 3f':

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.28 (t, *J*=7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.25 - 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.17 (td, *J*=7.0, 1.6, 1H), 6.46 - 6.01 (m, 1H), 4.02 - 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.47 (dddd, *J*=26.1, 14.0, 6.5, 3.0, 1H), 3.34 - 2.72 (m,

2H), 2.57 (tt, *J*=12.0, 3.5, 1H), 1.98 - 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.88 - 1.68 (m, 3H), 1.63 - 1.47 (m, 4H), 1.46 - 1.37 (m, 3H), 1.25 (dd, *J*=4.6, 3.3, 1H), 1.17 (d, *J*=6.3, 3H), 0.41 (d, *J*=4.6, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.37, 175.14, 147.22, 147.15, 128.42, 128.40, 126.95, 126.03, 67.96, 67.74, 47.59, 47.38, 44.21, 44.14, 34.05, 33.99, 33.09, 33.03, 32.02, 31.75, 30.46, 30.44, 29.38, 29.35, 24.40, 21.19, 21.16, 17.77, 17.73.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₇NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 302.2115, Found: 302.2118. Diastereomeric mixture **3f**'':

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.29 (dd, *J*=7.9, 6.9, 2H), 7.25 - 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.08 (t, *J*=6.0, 1H), 3.92 (ddd, *J*=7.2, 6.2, 2.9, 1H), 3.45 Ph OH (dddd, *J*=35.2, 14.1, 6.5, 2.9, 1H), 3.16 (dddd, *J*=33.0, 14.1, 7.4, 5.3, 1H), 2.53 (tt, *J*=11.7, 3.4, 1H), 2.01 - 1.48 (m, 7H), 1.42 - 1.15 (m, 9H), 0.42 (dd, *J*=4.7, 1.4,

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1H).





¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.35, 175.28, 147.28, 128.47, 128.44, 126.97, 126.12, 68.10, 67.96, 47.53, 47.48, 44.38, 33.43, 33.41, 33.23, 31.79, 31.76, 31.38, 31.36, 30.85, 30.80, 29.18, 29.12, 23.72, 23.66, 21.16, 21.14, 17.38, 17.33.
HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₇NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 302.2115, Found: 302.2119.

1-Methyl-6-phenyl-*N*-(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl)spiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxamide (3g).

Following general procedure A with 16 h reaction time, the product was obtained as a white solid (45.5 mg, 119 μ mol, 60%, d.r. = 5.3:1). Purification was achieved by Biotage® Sfär KP-Amino 11g column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 50% \rightarrow 100%).



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.29 (t, J=7.5, 2H), 7.24 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 5.46 (d, J=8.0, 0.84H), 5.36 (d, J=8.0, 0.16H), 4.29 (tdt, J=12.1, 7.9, 3.8, 1H), 2.76 – 2.09 (m, 3H), 1.94 – 1.68 (m, 6H), 1.65 – 1.45 (m, 4H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 6H), 1.20 (d, J=4.6, f1H), 1.15 (d, J=6.4, 6H), 1.00 (q, J=12.7, 2H), 0.38 (d, J=4.7, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.05, 172.92, 147.21, 147.17, 128.33, 126.86, 126.84, 125.98, 125.95, 51.68, 51.64, 45.13, 45.01, 44.30, 44.13, 42.46, 34.55, 34.02, 33.29, 33.08, 31.96, 31.69, 31.59, 31.25, 30.68, 30.42, 29.03, 28.72, 28.23, 28.20, 24.89, 24.16, 17.71, 17.24.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₅H₃₈N₂O [M+H]⁺: 383.3057, Found: 383.3062.

1-Ethynylcyclohexyl 1-methyl-6-phenylspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxylate (3h).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a white solid (54.0 mg, 154 μ mol, 77%, d.r. = 1:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 0% \rightarrow 5%).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.29 (d, *J*=8.1, 2H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 2.74 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 2.18 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.27 (m, 20H), 0.45 (d, *J*=4.6, 0.5H), 0.43 (d, *J*=4.5, 0.5H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.8, 172.6, 147.5, 147.3, 128.5, 127.0, 127.0, 126.1, 126.0, 84.3, 84.0, 74.9, 74.8, 74.1, 73.9, 44.5, 44.4, 37.6, 37.2, 37.0, 36.8, 33.9, 33.5, 33.4, 32.3, 31.9, 31.8, 31.7, 31.3, 31.2, 31.1, 30.6, 29.8, 29.4, 25.3, 25.3, 24.7, 22.6, 22.5, 22.5, 22.5, 16.7, 16.1.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₄H₃₀O₂ [M+H]⁺: 351.2319, Found: 351.2318.

6-(tert-Butyl) 1-methyl 1,2-dimethyl-6-azaspiro[2.5]octane-1,6-dicarboxylate (3i).

Following general procedure A with 16 h reaction time, the product was obtained as a colorless oil (45.7 mg, 154 $\mu mol,$ 77%). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography BocN-(PE/EtOAc 5:1). Relative stereo configuration was assigned by NOESY-NMR spectroscopy.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.51 - 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.40 - 3.31 (m, 1H), 3.31 -3.23 (m, 2H), 1.59 (q, J=6.6, 1H), 1.44 (s, 13H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.00 (d, J=6.6, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 175.0, 155.0, 79.5, 51.9, 43.7, 43.4, 31.7, 31.6, 30.5, 28.6, 26.4, 25.8, 10.3, 8.2. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₆H₂₇NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 298.2013, Found: 298.2008.

9-Phenyl-2-oxadispiro[4.0.5⁶.1⁵]dodecan-1-one (3j).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a colorless oil (41.7 mg, 163 μ mol, 81%, d.r. = 1:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (PE/EtOAc 4:1).



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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.41 - 7.16 (m, 5H), 4.64 - 4.24 (m, 2H), 2.79 - 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.47 - 2.20 (m, 3H), 2.13 - 1.88 (m, 3H), 1.88 - 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.51 - 1.20 (m, 3H), 1.01 - 0.85 (m, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 178.4, 178.4, 146.9, 146.7, 128.5, 128.5, 126.9, 126.8, 126.2, 126.2, 65.8, 65.6, 44.2, 43.7, 33.9, 33.8, 33.6, 33.2, 33.2, 33.0, 29.0, 28.7, 28.5, 28.2, 27.3, 27.2, 27.0, 26.5.

HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₀O₂ [M]⁺: 256.14578, Found: 256.14597.

Methyl 2-(4-methoxyphenethyl)-1,2-dimethylcyclopropane-1-carboxylate (3k).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a colorless oil (36.2 mg, 138 µmol, 69%, d.r. = 1:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 0%→20%).



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.07 (dd, J=21.6, 8.6, 2H), 6.82 (dd, J=11.1, 8.6, 2H), 3.79 (s, 1.5H), 3.78 (s, 1.5H), 3.69 (s, 1.5H), 3.67 (s, 1.5H), 2.67 (dd, J=9.3, 7.6, 1H), 2.64 - 2.54 (m, 0.5H), 2.41 (ddd, J=13.6, 9.9, 6.7, 0.5H), 1.79 - 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.39 (d, J=4.9, 0.5H), 1.38 (s, 1.5H), 1.35 (s, 1.5H), 1.31 (d, J=4.7, 0.5H), 1.24 (s, 1.5H), 1.17 (s, 1.5H), 0.49 - 0.43 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.13, 175.01, 157.79, 157.68, 134.55, 129.17, 129.12, 113.83, 113.74, 55.28, 55.25, 51.77, 51.70, 38.27, 37.47, 32.49, 32.38, 29.40, 28.79, 28.51, 27.87, 27.28, 26.37, 19.23, 18.34, 17.01, 16.63.

HRMS (EI): Calcd. for C₁₆H₂₂O₃ [M]⁺: 262.15635, Found: 262.15627.

2-(4-methoxyphenethyl)-1,2-dimethyl-N-phenylcyclopropane-1-carboxamide (3l).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a white solid (58.8 mg, 182 µmol, 91%, d.r. = 1:1). MeO-Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 0%→25%).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.52 (ddt, *J*=7.9, 2.2, 1.1, 2H), 7.39 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.23 - 6.68 (m, 6H), 3.81 (s, 1.6H), 3.73 (s, 1.4H), 2.73 (t, J=8.0, 1H), 2.63 (ddd, J=9.1, 6.5, 2.0, 1H), 1.88 -1.57 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 1.3H), 1.35 (d, J=4.8, 0.5H), 1.31 (s, 1.5H), 1.28 (s, 1.5H), 1.24 (d, J=4.8, 0.5H), 1.21 (s, 1.5H), 0.44 (d, J=4.8, 0.4H), 0.40 (d, J=4.8, 0.5H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.07, 172.04, 157.95, 157.66, 138.25, 134.50, 134.47, 129.54, 129.35, 129.03, 129.01, 124.12, 124.09, 119.87, 119.83, 113.91, 113.74, 55.36, 55.26, 37.97, 37.32, 32.57, 32.39, 32.30, 31.30, 27.43, 26.30, 25.58, 25.00, 19.24, 18.73, 18.25, 18.14. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 324.1958, Found: 324.1962.

1,2,2-Trimethyl-N-phenylcyclopropane-1-carboxamide (3m).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a white solid (38.9 mg, 191 µmol, 96%). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE $0\% \rightarrow 20\%$).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.55 - 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.13 - 7.04 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.26 (d, J=4.8, 1H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.43 (d, J=4.7, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.31, 138.29, 129.06, 124.14, 119.89, 31.36, 25.72, 23.10, 22.04, 21.40, 18.04.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₇NO [M+H]⁺: 204.1383, Found: 204.1386.

2,2-Dibenzyl-1-methyl-N-phenylcyclopropane-1-carboxamide (3n).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a white solid Bnיי (70.6 mg, 199 µmol, 99%). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE $0\% \rightarrow 20\%$).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.61 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.49 (br, 1H), 7.42 - 7.z08 (m, 11H), 7.04 (dd, J=7.6, 1.8, 2H), 2.99 (d, J=14.7, 1H), 2.92 (d, J=16.3, 1H), 2.69 (d, J=16.2, 1H), 2.54 (d, J=14.8, 1H), 1.68 (d, J=5.1, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 0.77 (dd, J=5.1, 1.0, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.83, 139.72, 139.05, 137.93, 129.49, 129.13, 129.05, 128.57, 128.20, 126.22, 126.17, 124.52, 120.18, 37.60, 36.64, 32.14, 31.69, 24.64, 19.18. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₅H₂₅NO [M+H]⁺: 356.2009, Found: 356.2014.





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1,2-Dimethyl-N,2-diphenylcyclopropane-1-carboxamide (3o).

Following general procedure C, the product was obtained as separate diastereomers **3o'** and **3o''**. **3o'** was isolated as a white solid (16.4 mg, 61.8 µmol, 31%), 3o" was isolated as a white solid (14.9 mg, 56.2 µmol,

28%). In total the product was gained as white solids (31.3 mg, 118 µmol, 59%, d.r. = 1:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE $0\% \rightarrow 25\%$). Diasteromers were assigned by NOESY-NMR spectroscopy.

Diasteromer **3o'**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.58 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.40 (br, 1H), 7.35 - Physical PhysicaPhysica 7.16 (m, 7H), 7.13 - 7.04 (m, 1H), 1.55 (d, J=5.1, 1H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.14 (d, J=5.1, 1H), 1.03 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.54, 142.96, 138.16, 129.16, 128.87, 128.58, 126.69, 124.41, 120.03, 33.47, 32.51, 23.78, 23.26, 20.09.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉NO [M+H]⁺: 266.1539, Found: 266.1543.

Diasteromer 3o":

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.42 - 7.08 (m, 7H), 7.06 - 6.92 (m, 3H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 2.06 (d, J=5.4, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 0.87 (d, J=5.4, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.97, 143.58, 137.70, 128.78, 128.58, 128.37, 126.73, 124.18, 120.52, 33.43, 32.13, 25.01, 23.52, 17.69.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉NO [M+H]⁺: 266.1539, Found: 266.1538.

2-Isopropyl-1-methyl-N,2-diphenylcyclopropane-1-carboxamide (3p).

Following general procedure C, the product was obtained as separate diastereomers 3p' and 3p". 3p' was isolated as a white solid (14.2 mg, 48.4 µmol, 24%), 3p" was isolated as a white solid (13.8 mg, 47.0 µmol,

24%). In total the product was gained as white solids (28.0 mg, 95.4 µmol, 48%, d.r. = 1:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE $0\% \rightarrow 10\%$). Diasteromers were assigned by NOESY-NMR analysis.

Diasteromer 3p':

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.61 - 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50 (br, 1H), 7.40 -7.18 (m, 7H), 7.16 - 7.10 (m, 1H), 1.76 (h, J=6.8, 1H), 1.60 (d, J=4.7, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.00 (d, J=4.7, 1H), 0.91 (d, J=6.8, 3H), 0.80 (d, J=6.9, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.40, 137.99, 137.44, 131.76, 129.07, 126.64, 124.30, 120.00, 43.66, 33.00, 32.61, 25.43, 21.25, 20.54, 19.96.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₃NO [M+H]⁺: 294.1852, Found: 294.1857.







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Diasteromer 3p":

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.26 - 7.14 (m, 7H), 7.07 - 6.91 (m, 3H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 1.82 (d, J=5.3, 1H), 1.81 - 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.01 (d, J=6.8, 3H), 0.90 (d, J=5.3, 1H), 0.86 (d, J=6.9, 3H). ¹³C NMP (101 MHz, CDCL) δ 171 26, 128 16, 127 66, 121 50, 128 75, 127 72, 126 86

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.36, 138.16, 137.66, 131.50, 128.75, 127.72, 126.96, 124.14, 120.51, 43.24, 33.73, 32.86, 26.10, 20.46, 20.34, 16.97.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₃NO [M+H]⁺: 294.1852, Found: 294.1852.

1,2-Dimethyl-2-(4-methylpent-3-en-1-yl)-N-phenylcyclopropane-1-carboxamide (3q).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a white solid (42.4 mg, 156 μ mol, 78%). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 0% \rightarrow 20%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.56 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.41 - 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.18 - 7.05 (m, 1H), 5.22 - 5.12 (m, 0.5H), 5.10 - 4.96 (m, 0.5H), 2.18 - 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.77 - 1.40 (m, 11H), 1.32 (d, J=4.9, 0.6H), 1.23 - 1.15 (m, 1.9H), 1.11 (s, 1.5H), 0.43 (d, J=4.8, 0.5H), 0.41 (d, J=4.7, 0.5H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.27, 172.19, 138.32, 138.27, 131.82, 131.41, 129.07, 129.03, 124.45, 124.39, 124.16, 124.09, 119.88, 35.55, 35.05, 32.28, 31.41, 27.45, 26.49, 25.90, 25.77, 25.67, 25.43, 25.08, 19.22, 18.49, 18.28, 18.17, 17.79, 17.63. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₅NO [M+H]⁺: 272.2009, Found: 272.2013.

1,2-Dimethyl-N-phenyl-[1,1'-bi(cyclopropane)]-2-carboxamide (3r).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as separate diastereomers **3r'** and **3r''**. **3r'** was isolated as a white solid (19.7 mg, 85.9 µmol, 43%), **3r''** was isolated as a white solid (18.4 mg, 80.2 µmol, 40%).



In total the product was gained as white solids (38.1 mg, 166 μ mol, 83%, d.r. = 1:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 0% \rightarrow 20%). Diasteromers were assigned by NOESY-NMR analysis.

Diasteromer **3r'**:

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.57 - 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.09 (ddt, *J*=7.6, 7.0, 1.2, 1H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.06 (d, *J*=5.1,

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1H), 0.97 (tt, *J*=8.3, 5.3, 1H), 0.62 – 0.55 (m, 1H), 0.49 (ddt, *J*=9.5, 8.2, 2.2, 1H), 0.39 (d, *J*=5.1, 1H), 0.20 (ddt, *J*=5.4, 3.5, 1.7, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 172.2, 138.3, 129.1, 124.2, 119.9, 32.3, 28.5, 21.3, 20.1, 17.3, 14.6, 5.5, 3.1.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₉NO [M+H]⁺: 230.1539, Found: 230.1541.

Diasteromer **3r''**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.55 - 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.11 - 7.04 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.06 (d, J=5.2, 1H), 0.90 (tt, J=8.3, 5.3, 1H), 0.48 - 0.38 (m, 1H), 0.26 (d, J=5.1, 1H), 0.36 - 0.09 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 172.0, 138.4, 129.1, 124.1, 119.9, 32.6, 26.7, 21.6, 19.0, 18.7, 15.6, 3.7, 2.5. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₉NO [M+H]⁺: 230.1539, Found: 230.1544.

tert-butyl 1-methyl-1-(phenylcarbamoyl)-6-azaspiro[2.5]octane-6-carboxylate (3s).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a white solid (67.9 mg, 197 μ mol, 99%). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 10% \rightarrow 45%).

Following general procedure D, the product was obtained as a white solid (2.35 g, 6.82 mmol, 98%). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 10%→45%).

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¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.53 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.10 (ddt, J=7.8, 7.0, 1.2, 1H), 3.88 - 3.56 (m, 2H), 3.16 (dddd, J=19.1, 13.0, 9.5, 3.4, 2H), 1.74 (ddd, J=13.3, 9.5, 4.0, 1H), 1.66 - 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.49 - 1.35 (m, 15H), 0.52 (dd, J=4.9, 1.0, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.40, 154.94, 138.04, 129.04, 124.35, 120.06, 79.55, 31.14, 31.09, 30.94, 28.63, 28.54, 23.33, 17.22.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₈N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 345.2173, Found: 345.2179.

1-Methyl-N-phenylspiro[2.3]hexane-1-carboxamide (3t).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a white solid (32.2 mg, 150 μ mol, 75%). Purification was achieved by silica column CONHPh chromatography (EtOAc in PE 5% \rightarrow 35%).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.56 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J*=8.0, 2H), 7.12 - 7.04 (m, 1H), 2.42 - 2.20 (m, 2H), 2.20 - 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.91 (ddt, *J*=12.5, 8.8, 4.4, 2H), 1.54 (d, *J*=4.6, 1H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 0.67 (d, *J*=4.6, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 171.5, 138.2, 129.0, 124.1, 120.0, 34.0, 28.3, 27.9, 27.5, 27.1, 16.8, 15.8.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₇NO [M+H]⁺: 216.1383, Found: 216.1382.

1-Methyl-N-phenylspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide (3u).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a white solid (36.5 mg, 159 μ mol, 80%). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 0% \rightarrow 25%).



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J=8.5, 7.4, 2H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.30 (m, 8H), 1.49 (d, J=4.4, 1H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 0.57 (d, J=4.5, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 172.2, 138.3, 129.0, 124.1, 119.9, 35.4, 32.7, 32.2, 29.9, 27.3, 26.6, 26.5, 18.6.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₉NO [M+H]⁺: 230.1539, Found: 230.1538.

1-Methyl-N-phenylspiro[2.5]octane-1-carboxamide (3v).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a white solid (47.0 mg, 193 μ mol, 97%). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 0% \rightarrow 15%).



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ = 7.55 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.32 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.08 (ddt, J=7.6, 7.0, 1.1, 1H), 1.64 - 1.31 (m, 13H), 1.22 (d, J=4.7, 1H), 0.40 (d, J=4.7, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 172.2, 138.3, 129.0, 124.1, 119.9, 32.0, 31.9, 31.5, 30.3, 26.4, 26.1, 25.7, 24.1, 17.3.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{16}H_{21}NO [M+H]^+$: 244.1696, Found: 244.1696.

1-Methyl-N-phenylspiro[2.6]nonane-1-carboxamide (3w).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a white solid (45.6 mg, 177 μ mol, 89%). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 0% \rightarrow 15%).



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.62 - 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.33 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.18 - 6.99 (m, 1H), 1.82 - 1.38 (m, 15H), 1.29 (d, *J*=4.7, 1H), 0.44 (d, *J*=4.7, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 172.4, 138.3, 129.1, 124.1, 119.9, 34.2, 33.9, 32.7, 31.6, 28.5, 28.4, 26.5, 26.4, 26.3, 18.4. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₃NO [M+H]⁺: 258.1852, Found: 258.1851.

(5*S*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*S*,14*S*,17*S*)-2',10,13-trimethyl-2'-(phenylcarbamoyl)hexadecahydrospiro[cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthrene-3,1'-cyclopropan]-17-yl acetate (3x).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a white solid (95.1 mg, 199 μ mol, 99%, d.r. = 1:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 0% \rightarrow 25%).



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.65 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.32 (td, J=6.8, 4.0, 4H), 7.10 (td, J=7.4, 1.1, 1H), 4.57 (ddd, J=9.2, 7.8, 4.4, 1H), 2.23 - 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.05 - 1.98 (m, 3H), 1.95 - 0.71 (m, 31H), 0.50 - 0.22 (m, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 172.1, 172.1, 171.3, 138.1, 138.0, 129.0, 129.0, 124.2, 124.1, 120.3, 119.9, 82.9, 82.9, 54.7, 54.6, 50.8, 46.8, 46.5, 42.6, 42.6, 38.6, 38.0, 37.0, 36.9, 36.0, 35.3, 35.3, 33.8, 33.8, 32.0, 31.6, 31.6, 30.6, 30.3, 28.6, 28.4, 27.6, 27.5, 27.4, 27.2, 24.2, 24.1, 23.5, 23.5, 21.2, 20.5, 20.4, 17.8, 17.6, 12.1, 11.8, 11.7. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₃₁H₄₃NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 478.3316, Found: 478.3323.

1,2-dimethyl-*N*-phenyl-2-(2-(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)ethyl)cyclo-propane-1-carboxamide (3y).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a white solid (67.2 mg, 198 μ mol, 99%, d.r. = 1:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 0% \rightarrow 10%).



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.61 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42 - 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.17 - 7.01 (m, 1H), 2.36 - 1.85 (m, 4H), 1.82 (t, *J*=6.4, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.50 - 1.38 (m, 6H), 1.40 - 1.27 (m, 2H), 1.30 - 1.12 (m, 4H), 1.07 - 0.93 (m, 4H), 0.91 - 0.89 (m, 2H), 0.46 (d, *J*=4.8, 0.5H), 0.41 (d, *J*=4.7, 0.5H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.24, 172.13, 138.43, 138.25, 136.98, 136.70, 129.04, 128.97, 127.23, 127.16, 124.16, 123.96, 119.92, 119.69, 39.94, 39.90, 35.63, 35.38, 35.14, 35.03, 32.90, 32.83, 32.50, 31.70, 28.85, 28.78, 28.68, 28.65, 28.03, 27.22, 25.92, 25.78, 25.14, 24.90, 19.96, 19.80, 19.62, 19.58, 19.06, 18.47, 18.34, 18.28.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₃H₃₃NO [M+H]⁺: 340.2635, Found: 340.2637.

2-(4-(3,7-Dimethyl-2,6-dioxo-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-purin-1-yl)butyl)-1,2-dimethyl-*N*-phenyl-cyclopropane-1-carboxamide (3z).

Following general procedure B, the product was obtained as a white solid (82.5 mg, 195 μ mol, 97%). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ 5% \rightarrow 15%).



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.55 - 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, J=7.7, 1H), 7.32 - 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.11 - 6.98 (m, 1H), 4.05 - 3.85 (m, 5H), 3.55 (s, 1.7H), 3.52 (s, 1.3H), 1.72 - 1.41 (m, 8.5H), 1.30 (d, J=4.8, 0.6H), 1.28 - 1.21 (m, 0.5H), 1.18 (d, J=4.8, 0.6H), 1.14 (s, 1.3H), 1.06 (s, 1.7H), 0.41 (d, J=4.8, 0.5H), 0.37 (d, J=4.8, 0.4H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.21, 155.34, 155.26, 151.55, 151.49, 148.76, 148.63, 141.54, 141.36, 138.30, 138.22, 128.96, 128.91, 124.05, 123.98, 119.97, 119.91, 107.73, 107.69, 41.40, 41.36, 34.77, 34.44, 33.66, 33.64, 32.10, 31.39, 29.80, 29.76, 28.16, 28.14, 27.18, 26.52, 25.08, 24.98, 24.39, 24.35, 19.09, 18.36, 18.23, 17.95.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{23}H_{29}N_5O_3$ [M+H]⁺: 424.2343, Found: 424.2348.

6.2 Δ^1 -Pyrazolines

Methyl 3-methyl-8-phenyl-1,2-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4a).

Following general procedure E, the product was obtained as a colorless oil (34.4 mg, 120 μ mol, 60%, d.r. = 5.2:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 0% \rightarrow 15%).



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.31 - 7.12 (m, 5H), 3.72 (s, 0.5H), 3.71 (s, 2.5H), 2.69 (tt, *J*=12.5, 3.2, 1H), 2.50 - 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.10 (d, *J*=13.0, 0.1H), 1.93 (d, *J*=13.0, 0.9H), 2.05 - 1.39 (m, 5H), 1.61 (s, 0.5H), 1.59 (s, 2.5H), 1.37 (d, *J*=12.9, 0.1H), 1.23 (d, *J*=13.0, 0.9H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 171.95, 146.82, 128.58, 128.51, 127.07, 126.81, 126.41, 126.23, 96.50, 95.70, 94.42, 94.12, 52.99, 52.90, 43.93, 43.03, 42.29, 38.66, 38.43, 37.89, 35.88, 34.71, 31.20, 31.02, 30.86, 30.72, 24.54, 24.11.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₂N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 287.1754, Found: 287.1756.

tert-Butyl 3-methyl-8-phenyl-1,2-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-3-carboxylate (4b).

Following general procedure E, the product was obtained as a white solid (38.3 mg, 117 μ mol, 58%, d.r. = 5.6:1). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 0% \rightarrow 20%).



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.37 - 7.17 (m, 5H), 2.74 (tt, *J*=12.3, 3.3, 1H), 2.41 (dtd, *J*=26.0, 12.7, 3.4, 1H), 2.11 - 1.30 (m, 6H), 1.62 (s, 0.5H), 1.59 (s, 2.5H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.25 (d, *J*=12.9, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 170.4, 170.3, 146.8, 146.3, 128.5, 128.4, 127.0, 126.7, 126.3, 126.1, 96.2, 96.1, 94.6, 94.0, 82.2, 82.1, 43.9, 43.0, 42.5, 38.7, 38.7, 37.8, 35.9, 34.6, 31.2, 30.9, 30.8, 30.7, 27.9, 24.2, 23.8.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₈N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 329.2224, Found: 329.2227.

8-(tert-Butyl) 3-methyl 3-methyl-1,2,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-1-ene-3,8-dicarboxylate (4c).

Following general procedure E, the product was obtained as a colorless oil (42.8 mg, 137 μ mol, 69%). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 20% \rightarrow 35%).



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 3.91 (dddd, *J*=16.5, 13.8, 6.9, 4.1, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.43 - 3.24 (m, 2H), 2.07 - 1.94 (m, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.59 - 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.29 (d, *J*=13.1, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 171.4, 154.7, 95.4, 94.2, 79.8, 53.0, 39.4, 36.0, 35.0, 28.4, 24.1.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₅H₂₅N₃O₄ [M+H]⁺: 312.1918, Found: 312.1921.

Methyl 5,5-dibenzyl-3-methyl-4,5-dihydro-3*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (4d).

Following general procedure E, the product was obtained as a white solid (53.6 mg, 166 μ mol, 83%). Purification was achieved by silica column chromatography (EtOAc in PE 0% \rightarrow 20%).

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¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.34 - 7.11 (m, 8H), 7.10 - 7.00 (m, 2H), 3.69 (d, *J*=13.8, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.29 (d, *J*=13.6, 1H), 3.09 (d, *J*=13.7, 1H), 2.86 (d, *J*=13.8, 1H), 2.04 (d, *J*=13.4, 1H), 1.22 (d, *J*=13.5, 1H), 0.69 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 171.9, 136.3, 136.1, 131.1, 131.0, 128.4, 127.1, 126.8, 100.0, 97.0, 52.8, 45.2, 44.2, 33.1, 22.5.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 323.1754, Found: 323.1759.

6.3 Δ^2 -Pyrazolines

tert-Butyl 1,2-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-2-ene-3-carboxylate (6a).

Following general procedure F, the product was obtained as a colorless oil (47.4 mg, 199 µmol, 99%).



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 5.94 (s, 1H), 2.67 (s, 2H), 1.78 – 1.11 (m, 19H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.63, 143.20, 81.52, 67.74, 36.77, 28.28, 25.29, 23.25. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{13}H_{22}N_2O_2$ [M+H]+: 239.1754, Found: 239.1755.

1,2-Diazaspiro[4.5]dec-2-ene-3-carbonitrile (6b).

Following general procedure F, the product was obtained as a yellow oil (32.4 mg, 199 µmol, 99%).



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.23 (s, 1H), 2.68 (s, 2H), 1.67 – 1.52 (m, 6H), 1.51 – 1.35 (m, 4H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 122.20, 115.39, 68.09, 43.94, 36.38, 25.04, 23.11. **HRMS** (EI): Calcd. for C₉H₁₃N₃ [M]⁺: 163.11040, Found: 163.11030.

tert-Butyl 3-cyano-1,2,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-2-ene-8-carboxylate (6c).

Following general procedure F, the product was obtained as a colorless oil (52.1 mg, 197 μ mol, 99%).



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.52 (s, 1H), 3.63 (dt, J=14.2, 5.0, 2H), 3.22 (ddd, J=14.0, 8.0, 4.6, 2H), 2.74 (s, 2H), 1.66 (dt, J=10.2, 4.0, 4H), 1.43 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.54, 121.96, 114.98, 80.22, 66.33, 43.08, 35.63, 28.45.

HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₃H₂₀N₄O₂ [M+H]+: 265.1659, Found: 265.1662.

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2D-NOESY-NMR spectrum of compound $\boldsymbol{3p''}.$ Measured at 600 MHz in $\text{CDCl}_{3.}$









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