### **Electronic Supplementary Information**

# Carboxyl group assisted isodesmic *meta*-C–H iodination of phenethylamines, benzylamines, and 2-aryl anilines

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#### **1. General information**

Unless otherwise noted, commercially available reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers (such as Adamas, J&K Chemical Co., Energy Chemical. etc.), and used as received. Solvents were generally dried over 4 Å molecular sieves. Hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) was distilled before use. The reaction vessels used for C–H functionalization were 38 mL sealed tube. Purification of products was performed by flash chromatography (FC) using silica gel or preparative thin layer chromatography or semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE III spectrometer (400 MHz and 101 MHz, respectively) or a JEOL ECZ600S spectrometer (600 MHz and 151 MHz, respectively). Chemical shifts are reported parts per million (ppm) referenced to CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  7.26 ppm), DMSO- *d*<sub>6</sub> ( $\delta$  2.50 ppm), CD<sub>3</sub>OD- *d*<sub>4</sub> ( $\delta$  3.31 ppm), tetramethylsilane (TMS,  $\delta$  0.00 ppm) for <sup>1</sup>H NMR; CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  77.16 ppm), DMSO- *d*<sub>6</sub> ( $\delta$  39.52 ppm) for <sup>13</sup>C NMR. The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, and m = multiplet. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on an Impact II UHR-TOF mass spectrometry equipped with an ESI source from Bruker at Fujian Institute of Research on the Structure of Matter.

### 2. Experimental section

#### 2.1 Preparation of substrates



To a 100 mL round bottom flask add (1*R*,2*R*)-cyclohexane-1,2-dicarboxylic acid (5.16 g, 30 mmol), and followed by acetic anhydride (40 mL). The solution was stirred at 80 °C for 1 h. Then acetic anhydride was removed in vacuo to yield the anhydride as a white solid. The product<sup>[S1]</sup> was pure enough for the use of next step directly.



**Step 1**<sup>[S2]</sup>: The corresponding amine (1 equiv) was dissolved in DCM (0.5 M) at 0 °C. Then ethyl chloroformate (1.05 equiv) was added, and followed by Et<sub>3</sub>N (2 equiv). The solution was kept stirring in the ice bath until the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC, about 1 hour to 12 hours). Then the reaction solution was diluted with brine and extracted three times with DCM. The combined organic layer was dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified via a silica gel column to afford the corresponding products (PE/EA = 10/1 to 5/1).

**Step 2:** The product of step 1 (1 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (0.15 M), which was then injected into a round bottom flask under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at 0 °C. NaHMDS (2.0 M in THF, 1.05 equiv) was added and the reaction was kept stirring for 30 min. The solution of anhydride (1 equiv, dissolved in anhydrous THF in advance) was added afterwards. After stirred for another 30 min, the solution of react mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O, acidized by 1 N HCl, and extracted three times with EA. The combined organic layer was dried over with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by a silica gel column to afford the corresponding products (DCM 100 mL first, and then PE/EA = 5/1 to 3/1 with 1% of acetic acid).



**Step 1:** The corresponding amine (1 equiv) was dissolved in DCM (0.5 M) at 0 °C, then ethyl chloroformate (1.05 equiv) and  $K_2CO_3$  (1 equiv) was added in follow. Then remove the ice bath and keep stirring at room temperature until react completely (monitoring by silica gel plate). Then, diluted with brine and extracted three times with DCM. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified via a silica gel column to afford the corresponding products (PE/EA = 100/1 to 20/1).

**Step 2**<sup>[S3]</sup>: A 38 mL sealed tube (with a Teflon cap) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the product of step 1 (1 equiv), phenylboronic acid (1.5 equiv),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.25 mol%), <sup>i-</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>NH (2 equiv) sequentially. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) was added and heating the mixture to 100 °C and stirring vigorous for 2 - 4 h (until the mixture get black), The reaction mixture was diluted with brine and extracted three times with EA. The combined organic layer was dried over with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by a silica gel column to afford the corresponding products (PE/EA = 10/1 to 5/1).

**Step 3:** The product of step 2 (1 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (0.15 M), and then, injected into a round bottom flask under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at 0 °C. NaHMDS (2.0 M in THF, 1.05 equiv) was added and kept stirred for 1 hour. The solution of anhydride (1 equiv, dissolved in anhydrous THF in advance) was added follow, after stirred for 30 min, the solution of react mixture was diluted with brine, acidized by 1 N HCl, and then the mixture was extracted three times with EA. The combined organic layer was dried over with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by a silica gel column to afford the corresponding products (DCM 100 mL first, and then PE/EA = 10/1 to 2/1 with 1% of acetic acid)



#### (1R,2R)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(phenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1a)

White solid, M.p.: 106.3 - 107.7 °C. Yield of last step: 35%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.31 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.95 – 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.67 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.89 – 2.72 (m, 3H), 2.21 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.12 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 181.7, 178.2, 154.2, 139.0, 129.1, 128.5, 126.4, 62.9, 46.3, 45.9, 45.5, 34.9, 29.5, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 370.1625, found 370.1626.



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(2-fluorophenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1b) White solid, M.p.: 104.5 – 106.0 °C. Yield of last step: 39%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.22 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 4.07 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.02 – 3.88 (m, 2H), 3.67 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.91 – 2.75 (m, 3H), 2.21 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.26 (m, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.23 – 1.08 (m, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -118.48. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.6, 178.2, 161.5 (d, *J* <sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 245.3 Hz), 154.2, 131.7 (d, *J* <sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 4.8 Hz), 128.3 (d, *J* <sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 7.8 Hz), 125.9 (d, *J* <sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 16.2 Hz), 124.1 (d, *J* <sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 3.6 Hz), 115.2 (d, *J* <sub>*C*-*F*</sup> = 22.0 Hz), 62.9, 46.3, 45.4, 44.3, 29.5, 29.3, 28.3 (d, *J* <sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 1.7 Hz), 25.7, 25.5, 14.0. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 388.1531, found 388.1531.</sub>



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((2-chlorophenethyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1c) White solid, M.p.: 59.7 – 61.1 °C. Yield of last step: 48%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.34 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.01 – 3.92 (m, 2H), 3.68 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.97 – 2.88 (m, 2H), 2.89 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.26 (m, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.21 – 1.11 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.7, 178.3, 154.2, 136.7, 134.4, 131.6, 129.4, 128.0, 126.9, 62.9, 46.2, 45.4, 43.9, 32.6, 29.5, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 404.1235, found 404.1235.



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((2-bromophenethyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1d) Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 48%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.00 – 3.94 (m, 2H), 3.69 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.98 – 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.89 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.21 – 1.12 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.4, 178.3, 154.2, 138.5, 132.7, 131.6, 128.2, 127.6, 124.8, 62.9, 46.3, 45.4, 44.0, 35.1, 29.6, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 448.0730, found 448.0728.



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1e)

Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 56%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.60 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.15 – 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.92 (td, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (td, J = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.02 – 2.88 (m, 2H), 2.88 – 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.27 (m, 3H), 1.27 – 1.11 (m, 4H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -59.57. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.7, 178.4, 154.1, 137.6 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 1.9 Hz), 132.4, 131.9, 128.9 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 29.7 Hz), 126.6, 125.9 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 6.0 Hz), 124.5 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 273.7 Hz), 63.0, 46.2, 45.6, 45.5, 31.7, 29.5, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.0. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 438.1499, found 438.1500.



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(2-methylphenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1f) Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 57%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.18 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 4.16 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.92 – 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.68 (td, *J* = 11.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.74 (m, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.21 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.17 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform*d*)  $\delta$  181.7, 178.2, 154.2, 137.0, 136.5, 130.2, 130.0, 126.6, 126.0, 62.9, 46.2, 45.5, 44.7, 32.3, 29.5, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 19.2, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 384.1781, found 384.1781.



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(2-methoxyphenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1g) Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 43%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.16 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.88 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 4.11 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 4.02 – 3.86 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.66 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.87 – 2.75 (m, 3H), 2.19 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.27 (m, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.19 – 1.10 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.5, 178.2, 157.8, 154.4, 130.9, 127.7, 127.4, 120.5, 110.1, 62.6, 55.3, 46.3, 45.5, 44.3, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 400.1731, found 400.1731.



#### (1R,2R)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3-fluorophenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1h)

White solid, M.p.: 63.5 - 65.3 °C. Yield of last step: 36%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.25 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.94 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.98 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.65 (td, J = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.88 – 2.69 (m, 3H), 2.20 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.10 (m, 7H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -113.72. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.7, 178.2, 162.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 245.4$  Hz), 154.1, 141.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 7.3$  Hz), 129.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.3$  Hz), 124.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.9$  Hz), 115.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 20.9$  Hz), 113.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 20.9$  Hz), 63.0, 46.3, 45.6, 45.5, 34.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.6$  Hz), 29.4, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 388.1531, found 388.1531.



#### (1R,2R)-2-((3-chlorophenethyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1i)

Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 55%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.24 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.05 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.96 – 3.83 (m, 2H), 3.65 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.20 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.29 (m, 3H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.24 – 1.10 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.7, 178.2, 154.0, 141.0, 134.2, 129.7, 129.2, 127.4, 126.6, 63.0, 46.3, 45.6, 45.5, 34.5, 29.5, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 404.1235, found 404.1235.



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3-bromophenethyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1j) White solid, M.p.: 59.9 – 61.8 °C. Yield of last step: 48%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.96 – 3.83 (m, 2H), 3.65 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.20 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.09 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.7, 178.2, 154.0, 141.3, 132.1, 130.1, 129.5, 127.8, 122.5, 63.0, 46.3, 45.6, 45.5, 34.4, 29.5, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 448.0730, found 448.0729.

### (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1k)

Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 42%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.49 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.01 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 3.65 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.89 – 2.77 (m, 3H), 2.20 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.11 (m, 7H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz,

Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -62.58. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.7, 178.2, 154.0, 139.9, 132.6, 130.8 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 32.1 Hz), 128.9, 125.8 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.8 Hz), 124.3 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 272.2 Hz), 123.3 (q,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.7 Hz), 63.0, 46.3, 45.6, 45.5, 34.6, 29.5, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 438.1499, found 438.1499.



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3-methoxyphenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (11) Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 43%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.22 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.80 – 6.68 (m, 3H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.97 – 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.67 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.20 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.12 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.5, 178.2, 159.7, 154.2, 140.6, 129.4, 121.5, 114.5, 112.0, 62.9, 55.2, 46.2, 45.9, 45.5, 34.9, 29.5, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 400.1731, found 400.1729.



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(4-fluorophenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1m) White solid, M.p.: 89.5 – 90.4°C. Yield of last step: 46%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.17 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (td, *J* = 7.1, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (td, *J* = 11.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.20 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.10 (m, 7H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -116.99. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.8, 178.2, 161.7 (d, *J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 243.9 Hz), 154.1, 134.6 (d, *J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 3.2 Hz), 130.5 (d, *J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 7.8 Hz), 115.2 (d, *J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 21.2 Hz), 63.0, 46.3, 45.9, 45.5, 34.0, 29.5, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 388.1531, found 388.1532.



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(4-methylphenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1n) Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 38%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.08 (s, 4H), 4.20 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 3.93 – 3.85 (m, 2H), 3.67 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.89 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.78 – 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.20 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.12 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.6, 178.2, 154.2, 135.9, 135.8, 129.1, 129.0, 62.9, 46.3, 46.1, 45.5, 34.4, 29.5, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 21.1, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 384.1781, found 384.1781.



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(4-methoxyphenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1o) White solid, M.p.: 76.2 – 77.3 °C. Yield of last step: 40%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.10 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.91 – 3.83 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.66 (td, J = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (td, J = 11.4, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.14 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.6, 178.2, 158.2, 154.2, 131.1, 130.1, 113.9, 62.9, 55.4, 46.3, 46.1, 45.5, 34.0, 29.5, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 400.1731, found 400.1731.



### (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)ethyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1p)

Brown solid, M.p.: 72.1 – 73.6 °C. Yield of last step: 71%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  6.70 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (s, 2H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (td, *J* = 7.2, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (td, *J* = 11.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.18 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.11 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.5, 178.2, 154.2, 147.6, 146.1, 132.7, 122.0, 109.5, 108.3, 100.9, 62.9, 46.3, 46.1, 45.5, 34.6, 29.5, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 414.1523, found 414.1523.



# (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(2-(7-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1q)

White solid, M.p.: 137.4 – 138.7 °C. Yield of last step: 62%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.70 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.02 (m, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.95 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.65 (td, *J* = 11.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 3.10 (m, 2H), 2.86 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.15 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.9, 178.2, 158.0, 154.2, 133.6, 133.4, 130.0, 129.2, 127.6, 127.0, 123.2, 118.3, 102.8, 63.0, 55.6, 46.5, 45.7, 45.1, 32.6, 29.5, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.0. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 450.1887, found 450.1886.



#### (1R,2R)-2-((ethoxy carbonyl)(3-phenyl propyl) carbamoyl) cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1r)

Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 44%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.31 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.80 – 3.60 (m, 3H), 2.82 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (td, *J* = 7.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 2.17 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.89 – 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.40 – 1.13 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.6, 178.3, 154.3, 141.6, 128.4, 125.9, 62.9, 46.3, 45.5, 44.2, 33.2, 29.9, 29.5, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 384.1781, found 384.1781.



#### (1R,2R)-2-(benzyl(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1s)

Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 32%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.29 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 5.00 – 4.86 (m, 2H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (td, *J* = 11.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.23 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.89 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.16 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.9, 178.3, 154.2, 137.9, 128.4, 127.3, 127.1, 63.0, 47.2, 46.2, 45.5, 29.4, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 356.1468, found 356.1468.



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(2-methylbenzyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1t) Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 27%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.16 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 6.99 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 5.01 – 4.86 (m, 2H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (td, *J* = 11.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (td, *J* = 11.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.29 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.28 (m, 4H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.9, 178.1, 154.3, 135.7, 134.9, 130.1, 126.7, 126.2, 125.0, 63.1, 46.2, 45.4, 45.0, 29.6, 29.3, 25.7, 25.6, 19.2, 14.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 370.1625, found 370.1625.



#### (1R,2R)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(2-fluorobenzyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1u)

Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 28%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.23 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 6.93 (m, 3H), 5.11 – 4.90 (m, 2H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (td, J = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.89

(td, J = 11.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.13 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.16 (m, 7H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -119.25. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.7, 178.3, 160.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 246.0$  Hz), 154.1, 128.6 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.1$  Hz), 128.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 4.0$  Hz), 125.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 14.0$  Hz), 124.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.6$  Hz), 115.1 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 21.6$  Hz), 63.2, 46.2, 45.4, 41.1 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 5.0$  Hz), 29.5, 29.3, 25.7, 25.6, 14.0. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>FNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 374.1374, found 374.1375.



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((2-chlorobenzyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1v) Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 34%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.21 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.93 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (td, *J* = 11.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.13 (m, 4H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ 182.0, 178.1, 154.1, 135.1, 132.4, 129.3, 128.0, 127.0, 126.6, 63.2, 46.1, 45.4, 45.1, 29.6, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 390.1079, found 390.1080.



#### (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3-chlorobenzyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1w)

Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 30%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.11 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 4.97 – 4.80 (m, 2H), 4.27 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 3.79 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.90 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.29 – 1.19 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.7, 178.3, 154.0, 140.0, 134.1, 129.8, 127.8, 127.4, 125.6, 63.3, 46.8, 46.2, 45.5, 29.5, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 390.1079, found 390.1079.



(1R,2R)-2-((3-bromobenzyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1x)

Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 32%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.39 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (td, *J* = 11.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.16 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.6, 178.3, 153.9, 140.3, 130.7, 130.3, 130.1, 126.0, 122.4, 63.3, 46.8, 46.2, 45.5, 29.5, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 434.0574, found 434.0578.



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3-(methoxycarbonyl)benzyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1y)

Colorless sticky oil. Yield of last step: 36%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.94 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.39 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.80 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (td, *J* = 11.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.22 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.89 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.32 (m, 3H), 1.28 – 1.21 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  180.9, 178.3, 167.3, 154.0, 138.4, 132.1, 130.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 63.3, 52.3, 47.0, 46.4, 45.5, 29.5, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>7</sub><sup>-</sup> [M-H<sup>+</sup>] 390.1558, found 309.1559.



(1*R*,2*R*)-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (4a) White solid, M.p.: 208.4 – 209.5 °C. Yield of last step: 50%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 78:22. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.44 – 7.27 (m, 6.06H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 2.01H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 0.69H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 0.20H), 4.05 – 3.93 (m, 1.71H), 3.92 – 3.79 (m, 0.52H), 3.70 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.2 Hz, 0.78H), 2.90 – 2.74 (m, 1.00H), 2.24 – 2.09 (m, 1.24H), 1.91 – 1.77 (m, 1.94H), 1.76 – 1.67 (m, 0.80H), 1.48 – 1.20 (m, 3.66H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2.23H), 1.02 – 0.85 (m, 1.60H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.9, 181.7, 178.9, 178.6, 153.5, 153.1, 140.6, 140.3, 138.8, 138.3, 136.2, 136.1, 130.7, 130.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.65, 128.46, 128.4, 128.3, 128.12, 128.06, 127.8, 127.6, 63.00, 62.96, 46.0, 45.3, 44.9, 29.6, 29.5, 29.2, 28.6, 25.9, 25.7, 25.4, 14.1, 13.9. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 418.1625, found 418.1630.



### (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(2'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (4b)

White solid, M.p.: 217.9 – 218.8 °C. Yield of last step: 33%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 84:16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.26 (s, 0.92H), 7.58 – 7.32 (m, 4.02H), 7.30 – 6.99 (m, 4.00H), 4.05 – 3.70 (m, 2.19H), 3.47 (t, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1.16H), 2.50 (s, 1.19H), 2.09 – 1.93 (m, 1.11H), 1.82 – 1.50 (m, 2.86H), 1.34 – 0.74 (m, 7.17H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  -115.58, -116.70. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  177.8, 176.2, 159.0 (d, *J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 245.4 Hz), 152.8, 136.8, 133.8, 131.0 (d, *J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 2.5 Hz), 130.8, 130.2 (d, *J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 8.3 Hz), 129.2, 128.8, 128.1, 125.2 (d, *J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 16.0 Hz), 124.1 (d, *J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> =

2.9 Hz), 115.7 (d, *J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 22.0 Hz), 62.8, 45.6, 45.2, 28.7, 28.1, 25.2, 24.9, 13.6. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 436.1531, found 436.1532.



### (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((2'-chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (4c)

White solid, M.p.: 203.9 - 205.3 °C. Yield of last step: 30%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 76:24. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.47 – 7.30 (m, 4.00H), 7.29 – 7.03 (m, 4.18H), 4.26 – 4.02 (m, 1.28H), 4.00 – 3.81 (m, 1.00H), 3.72 – 3.59 (m, 0.76H), 2.90 – 2.66 (m, 0.97H), 2.25 – 2.06 (m, 1.19H), 1.93 – 1.64 (m, 2.49H), 1.50 – 1.17 (m, 4.39H), 1.15 – 1.02 (m, 2.38H), 1.01 – 0.87 (m, 0.62H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  182.2, 181.7, 179.0, 178.7, 153.4, 153.1, 137.2, 137.1, 136.8, 136.5, 136.4, 135.8, 133.0, 132.6, 131.5, 131.3, 131.1, 130.7, 130.0, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 127.9, 127.7, 126.3, 126.0, 63.3, 63.1, 45.9, 45.8, 45.3, 44.9, 29.5, 29.1, 28.8, 28.2, 25.9, 25.7, 25.4, 25.3, 14.3, 13.9. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 452.1235, found 452.1235.



### (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (4d)

White solid, M.p.: 171.6 - 172.4 °C. Yield of last step: 57%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 79:21. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.44 – 7.33 (m, 2.24H), 7.36 – 7.25 (m, 1.78H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 0.80H), 7.05 – 6.96 (m, 2.27H), 6.95 – 6.89 (m, 0.91H), 4.06 – 3.87 (m, 2.23H), 3.72 (td, J = 11.4, 3.2 Hz, 0.79H), 2.93 – 2.72 (m, 1.00H), 2.26 – 2.10 (m, 1.20H), 1.95 – 1.69 (m, 2.80H), 1.50 – 1.22 (m, 3.38H), 1.11 – 0.95 (m, 3.84H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -113.46, -113.50. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.74, 181.71, 178.8, 178.7, 162.6 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 245.4$  Hz), 162.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 246.2$  Hz), 153.4, 153.0, 141.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 7.9$  Hz), 140.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 7.7$  Hz), 139.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 1.4$  Hz), 139.1 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 1.9$  Hz), 136.11, 136.09, 130.5, 130.1, 130.0, 129.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.4$  Hz), 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 124.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 20.7$  Hz), 114.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 20.9$  Hz), 63.12, 63.07, 46.0, 45.3, 44.9, 29.7, 29.5, 29.1, 28.6, 25.8, 25.7, 25.4, 14.1, 13.9. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 436.1531, found 436.1530.



## (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3'-chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (4e)

White solid, M.p.: 163.8 - 164.8 °C. Yield of last step: 31%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 80:20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.43 – 7.35 (m, 2.18H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 2.89H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 1.02H), 7.16 – 7.06 (m, 1.80H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 0.19H), 4.09 – 3.88 (m, 2.24H), 3.72 (td, J = 11.4, 3.2 Hz, 0.80H), 2.93 – 2.72 (m, 1.00H), 2.27 – 2.11 (m, 1.18H), 1.97 – 1.68 (m, 2.83H), 1.49 – 1.21 (m, 3.38H), 1.12 – 0.96 (m, 3.81H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.8, 181.7, 178.9, 178.8, 153.3, 153.0, 140.6, 140.2, 139.3, 139.0, 136.1, 134.0, 133.9, 130.5, 130.0, 129.8, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 128.95, 128.85, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 127.0, 126.8, 63.2, 63.1, 46.0, 45.2, 44.9, 29.7, 29.5, 29.1, 28.8, 25.9, 25.7, 25.4, 14.1, 14.0. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 452.1235, found 452.1236.



#### (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3'-(methoxycarbonyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (4f)

White solid, M.p.: 183.8 – 184.6 °C. Yield of last step: 35%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 79:21. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.05 – 7.95 (m, 0.76H), 7.95 – 7.86 (m, 1.21H), 7.47 – 7.28 (m, 5.06H), 7.19 – 7.08 (m, 0.75H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 0.21H), 4.04 – 3.96 (m, 1.78H), 3.95 – 3.84 (m, 3.52H), 3.68 (td, J = 11.4, 3.1 Hz, 0.79H), 2.90 – 2.74 (m, 1.00H), 2.24 – 2.12 (m, 1.24H), 1.89 – 1.75 (m, 2.04H), 1.73 – 1.64 (m, 0.76H), 1.47 – 1.19 (m, 3.42H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2.32H), 1.03 – 0.89 (m, 1.42H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.6, 181.1, 178.9, 178.7, 167.4, 166.9, 153.4, 153.0, 139.7, 139.3, 139.2, 138.8, 136.19, 136.17, 133.3, 130.8, 130.1, 129.99, 129.96, 129.8, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.62, 128.55, 128.3, 63.2, 63.1, 52.3, 52.2, 46.1, 45.9, 45.3, 44.8, 29.7, 29.3, 29.1, 28.7, 25.8, 25.7, 25.3, 14.0, 13.9. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 476.1680, found 476.1679.



### (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (4g)

White solid, M.p.: 183.8 - 184.7 °C. Yield of last step: 43%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 82:18. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.43 – 7.29 (m, 2.97H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 1.04H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 1.68H), 7.08 – 6.96 (m, 2.29H), 3.97 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1.77H), 3.91 – 3.79 (m, 0.39H), 3.71 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.1 Hz, 0.82H), 2.95 – 2.74 (m, 1.00H), 2.33 (s, 2.94H), 2.26 – 2.10 (m, 1.21H), 1.93 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 3.2 Hz, 0.82H), 1.88 – 1.69 (m, 2.00H), 1.51 – 1.23 (m, 3.36H), 1.12 – 0.92 (m, 3.77H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.6, 181.5, 178.7, 178.6, 153.5, 153.2, 140.5, 140.3, 138.6, 138.2, 137.7, 137.5, 136.1, 130.6, 130.1, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 125.8, 125.7, 62.9, 62.8, 45.9,

45.2, 44.9, 29.6, 29.4, 29.1, 28.7, 25.8, 25.6, 25.3, 21.4, 21.3, 14.0, 13.8. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 432.1781, found 432.1776.



### (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (4h)

White solid, M.p.: 165.8 - 166.3 °C. Yield of last step: 37%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 87:13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.40 – 7.30 (m, 3.06H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 1.06H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 0.84H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 0.20H), 6.87 – 6.81 (m, 1.24H), 6.80 – 6.72 (m, 1.88H), 4.09 – 3.91 (m, 2.00H), 3.80 – 3.73 (m, 3.23H), 3.73 (s, 0.87H), 2.91 – 2.72 (m, 1.00H), 2.23 – 2.11 (m, 1.27H), 1.92 – 1.66 (m, 3.04H), 1.47 – 1.20 (m, 3.31H), 1.11 – 0.92 (m, 4.00H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.7, 181.4, 178.8, 178.6, 159.3, 153.5, 153.2, 140.4, 140.2, 140.1, 139.7, 136.1, 130.6, 130.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 121.2, 121.1, 114.4, 113.3, 113.1, 63.0, 62.9, 55.4, 55.3, 46.01, 46.96, 45.3, 44.9, 29.7, 29.4, 29.1, 28.6, 25.8, 25.7, 25.6, 25.3, 14.1, 13.9. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 448.1731, found 448.1731.



## (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (4i)

White solid, M.p.: 170.0 - 171.2 °C. Yield of last step: 33%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 75:25. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.42 – 7.29 (m, 3.01H), 7.20 – 7.06 (m, 4.76H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 0.23H), 4.06 – 3.91 (m, 1.74H), 3.91 – 3.77 (m, 0.51H), 3.71 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.2 Hz, 0.75H), 2.94 – 2.75 (m, 1.00H), 2.36 (s, 2.26H), 2.28 (s, 0.74H), 2.19 (dt, *J* = 11.6, 6.7 Hz, 1.27H), 1.99 – 1.90 (m, 0.75H), 1.89 – 1.79 (m, 1.22H), 1.78 – 1.68 (m, 0.77H), 1.53 – 1.22 (m, 3.35H), 1.10 – 0.99 (m, 3.01H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 0.76H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  182.0, 181.7, 179.0, 178.7, 153.6, 153.1, 140.6, 140.3, 137.5, 137.3, 136.2, 136.1, 135.9, 135.4, 130.8, 130.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.57, 128.52, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 62.95, 62.91, 46.1, 46.0, 45.3, 45.0, 29.6, 29.5, 29.2, 28.6, 25.9, 25.7, 25.4, 21.3, 21.2, 14.1, 13.9. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 432.1781, found 432.1781.

#### 2.2 Optimization of the reaction conditions

#### **Table S1 Optimization of ligands**



Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2** (0.3 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.01 mmol), Ligand (0.005 mmol), AgOTFA (0.015 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (0.05 mmol), HFIP (1 mL), 90 °C, 6 h; Then MeI (0.1 mL), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol), acetone (2 mL), 60 °C, 2 h. Yield was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as internal standard, the ratio of mono/di was showed in parentheses.

#### Table S2 Optimization of other reaction conditions



entry	deviation from standard conditions	yield (%, <b>3a</b> ) [mono/di]	SM <sub>Me</sub> /BP1/BP2 (%)	
		74[1.55/1]ª		
2	without L1	27[27/trace]	75/trace/3	
3	10 mol% of <b>L1</b>	86[2.58/1]	14/trace/4	
4	15 mol% of L1	84[2.82/1]	15/trace/4	
5	20 mol% of L1	80[3.44/1]	18/trace/4	
6	30 mol% of L1	74[6.40/1]	33/trace/trace	
7	without AgOTFA	76[4.43/1]	34/trace/3	
8	0.05 equiv of AgOTFA	79[4.64/1]	20/trace/3	
9	0.1 equiv of AgOTFA	77[3.53/1]	14/trace/3	
10	0.2 equiv of AgOTFA	87[2.78/1]	15/trace/3	
11	0.5 equiv of AgOTFA	84[1.47/1]	trace/6/3	
12	1 equiv of AgOTFA	70[1.19/1]	0/13/7	
13	2 equiv of AgOTFA	29[29/trace]	70/trace/5	
14	3 equiv of AgOTFA	17[17/trace]	80/trace/3	
15	AgOAc instead of AgOTFA	85[1.93/1]	4/6/3	
16	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> instead of AgOTFA	78[4.20/1]	25/trace/trace	
17	without K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	67[2.94/1]	12/6/10	
18	0.25 equiv of K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	88[1.44/1]	5/5/3	
19	1 equiv of K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	79[5.08/1]	25/trace/2	
20	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> instead of K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	69[6.67/1]	31/trace/2	
21	KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> instead of K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	80[1.72/1]	6/8/10	
22	without Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	0[0/0]	100/0/0	
23	70 °C instead of 90 °C	34[34/trace]	70/trace/1	
24	80 °C instead of 90 °C	73[5.08/1]	30/trace/2	
25	100 °C instead of 90 °C	86[2.58/1]	10/3/3	
26	3 h	65[4.91/1]	30/trace/1	
27	12 h	86[2.07/1]	7/4/3	
28	24 h	90[1/1.31] 74[1/1.24]ª	trace/7/3	

entry	deviation from standard conditions	yield (%, <b>3a</b> ) [mono/di]	SM <sub>Me</sub> /BP1/BP2 (%)
29	36 h	90[1.43/1]	trace/5/3
30 <sup>b</sup>	36 h	77[1/14.4] 63[0/63]ª	trace/11/2
31	Ar atmosphere instead of Air	84[2.00/1]	6/4/3
32	1-iodo-4-methoxy-2-nitrobenzene 2 equiv	80[3.21/1]	11/3/2
33	1-iodo-4-methoxy-2-nitrobenzene 2.5 equiv	89[2.18/1]	8/4/3

results by other iodinating reagents (3 equiv) under standard conditions:



Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2** (0.3 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.01 mmol), **L1** (0.005 mmol), AgOTFA (0.015 mmol),  $K_2HPO_4$  (0.05 mmol), HFIP (1 mL), 90 °C, 6 h; Then MeI (0.1 mL),  $K_2CO_3$  (0.5 mmol), acetone (2 mL), 60 °C, 2 h. Yield was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as internal standard. <sup>a</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>b</sup>0.5 equiv of AgOTFA was used. <sup>c</sup>IOAc (from I<sub>2</sub>/PhIOAc).

#### 2.3 General procedure for the synthesis of products



To an oven-dried 38 mL sealed tube (with a Teflon cap) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with substrate **1** or **4** (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), 4-iodo-3-nitroanisole (84 mg, 0.3 mmol, 3 equiv), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), **L1** (3-nitropyridin-2-ol, 0.7 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol%), AgOTFA (11 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (8.72 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.5 equiv) sequentially. HFIP (1 mL) was added to the mixture along the inside wall of the tube. The tube was then capped and placed into a preheated oil bath (90 °C) or hotplate (90 °C). The reaction was stirred for 36 h and cooled to room temperature. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, MeI (0.1 mL), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (70 mg, 0.5 mmol, 5 equiv) were added sequentially. Acetone (2 mL) was added to the mixture along the inside wall of the tube. The mixture along the inside wall of the tube. The mixture along the inside wall of the tube. The mixture along the inside wall of the tube reduced pressure, MeI (0.1 mL), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (70 mg, 0.5 mmol, 5 equiv) were added sequentially. Acetone (2 mL) was added to the mixture along the inside wall of the tube. The mixture along the inside wall of the tube. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 2 h and then cooled to room temperature. The crude reaction mixture was diluted with EA (5 mL) and filtered through a short pad of Celite. The sealed tube

and Celite pad were washed with an additional 25 mL of EA. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo, and the resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using PE/EA (30/1) as the eluent to give the desired product, some products were further purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography).



# methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3-iodophenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (3a<sub>mono</sub>)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Reaction condition 1: see table S1 entry 1; Reaction condition 2: see table S1 entry 29. Colorless sticky oil; yield 1: 22.1 mg, 45%; yield 2: 16.1 mg, 33%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.56 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.23 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.96 – 3.83 (m, 2H), 3.69 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.83 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.77 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.16 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.29 (m, 6H), 1.24 – 1.18 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 154.1, 141.5, 138.1, 135.6, 130.3, 128.5, 94.5, 63.1, 51.9, 46.6, 45.7, 34.5, 29.7, 29.3, 25.7, 25.6, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>INO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 510.0748, found 510.0748.



### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3,5-diiodophenethyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (3a<sub>di</sub>)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Reaction condition 1: see table S1 entry 1; Reaction condition 2: see table S1 entry 29; Reaction condition 3: see table S1 entry 31. Colorless sticky oil; yield 1: 17.9 mg, 29%; yield 2: 24.9 mg, 41%; yield 3: 38.5 mg, 63%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.88 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.25 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 3.95 – 3.77 (m, 2H), 3.71 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 2.82 (td, *J* = 11.3, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.18 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.16 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 153.9, 143.23, 143.16, 137.5, 94.9, 63.2, 51.9, 46.5, 45.6, 45.4, 33.9, 29.7, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>I<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 635.9714, found 635.9704.



#### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(2-fluoro-5-iodophenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (3b)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 28.7 mg, 57%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.54 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.98 – 3.86 (m, 2H), 3.68 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.87 –

2.73 (m, 3H), 2.17 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.12 (m, 7H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -119.57. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 161.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 247.2$  Hz), 154.0, 140.2 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 4.8$  Hz), 137.2 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 7.9$  Hz), 128.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 17.3$  Hz), 117.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 23.2$  Hz), 87.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.6$  Hz), 63.0, 51.8, 46.5, 45.6, 44.1, 29.7, 29.3, 28.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 1.9$  Hz), 25.7, 25.5, 14.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>FINO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 528.0654, found 528.0648.



methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((2-chloro-5-iodophenethyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (3c)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 39.1 mg, 75%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.53 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.23 – 4.05 (m, 2H), 3.98 – 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.69 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.93 – 2.74 (m, 3H), 2.17 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.16 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.5, 175.9, 154.0, 140.1, 139.1, 136.9, 134.5, 131.1, 91.5, 63.0, 51.8, 46.5, 45.6, 43.7, 32.3, 29.8, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClINO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 544.0358, found 544.0352.



methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((2-bromo-5-iodophenethyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (3d)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 44.5 mg, 79%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.54 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.19 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.94 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.93 – 2.77 (m, 3H), 2.17 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.13 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.5, 175.9, 154.0, 140.9, 140.0, 137.2, 134.3, 124.6, 92.5, 63.0, 51.8, 46.5, 45.6, 43.7, 34.7, 29.8, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BrINO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 587.9853, found 587.9851.

#### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(5-iodo-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (3e)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 30.5 mg, 55%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.76 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dq, J = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.22 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.98 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 3.72 (td, J = 11.2, 3.2

Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.97 – 2.81 (m, 3H), 2.20 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.19 (m, 7H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -59.86. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.6, 175.9, 154.0, 141.0, 139.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 1.4$  Hz), 135.9, 128.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 29.8$  Hz), 127.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 5.4$  Hz), 124.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 273.7$  Hz), 98.9, 63.2, 51.9, 46.5, 45.7, 45.4, 31.3, 29.7, 29.3, 25.8, 25.5, 14.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>3</sub>INO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 578.0622, found 578.0613.



#### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(5-iodo-2-methylphenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (3f)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 36.9 mg, 74%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.45 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 3.89 – 3.76 (m, 2H), 3.74 – 3.59 (m, 4H), 2.83 (td, *J* = 11.3, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.18 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.82 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 1.40 – 1.28 (m, 6H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.5, 175.9, 154.1, 139.7, 138.6, 136.3, 135.6, 132.2, 90.9, 63.1, 51.8, 46.6, 45.7, 44.5, 32.0, 29.7, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 18.9, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>INO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 524.0904, found 524.0904.



#### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(5-iodo-2-methoxyphenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (3g)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Yellow sticky oil; yield: 39.0 mg, 75%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.20 – 4.05 (m, 2H), 3.98 – 3.83 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.67 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.92 – 2.67 (m, 3H), 2.16 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.14 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.3, 175.9, 157.8, 154.3, 139.2, 136.4, 130.3, 112.5, 82.6, 62.8, 55.5, 51.8, 46.5, 45.6, 44.0, 29.7, 29.3, 29.2, 25.7, 25.6, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>INO<sub>6</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 540.0854, found 540.0855.



#### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3-fluoro-5-iodophenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (3h)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 35.0 mg, 69%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.34 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.90 (dt, *J* = 9.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.98 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 3.68 (td, *J* = 11.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.83 (td, *J* = 11.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.17 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.86 –

1.74 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.16 (m, 7H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -111.24. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 162.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 251.4$  Hz), 154.0, 143.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 7.4$  Hz), 134.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.0$  Hz), 122.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 23.6$  Hz), 115.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 20.9$  Hz), 93.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.5$  Hz), 63.1, 51.9, 46.5, 45.7, 45.4, 34.2 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.2$  Hz), 29.6, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>FINO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 528.0654, found 528.0648.



methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3-chloro-5-iodophenethyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (3i)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 38.4 mg, 74%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.54 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 3.97 – 3.78 (m, 2H), 3.67 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.82 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.17 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.14 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 153.9, 142.8, 136.4, 135.1, 134.9, 128.8, 94.1, 63.1, 51.9, 46.5, 45.6, 45.4, 34.1, 29.7, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClINO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 544.0358, found 544.0355.



methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3-bromo-5-iodophenethyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (3j)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 41.4 mg, 73%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.69 (s, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 4.25 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.97 – 3.79 (m, 2H), 3.72 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 2.82 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.16 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.14 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 153.9, 143.1, 137.7, 136.9, 131.7, 122.9, 94.5, 63.2, 51.9, 46.6, 45.7, 45.4, 34.0, 29.7, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BrINO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 587.9853, found 587.9847.



#### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3-iodo-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (3k)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 46.1 mg, 83%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.79 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 4.26 – 4.12 (m, 2H), 4.01 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.71 – 3.61 (m, 4H), 2.88 – 2.75 (m, 3H), 2.18 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.14 (m, 7H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -62.77. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.5, 175.9, 153.9, 142.2, 141.5, 132.44 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.5 Hz), 132.36 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.8

Hz), 125.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 3.6$  Hz), 123.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 273.1$  Hz), 94.0, 63.2, 51.9, 46.6, 45.7, 45.4, 34.2, 29.7, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>3</sub>INO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 578.0622, found 578.0617.



#### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3-iodo-5-methoxyphenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (3l)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 41.3 mg, 80%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.14 (t, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (t, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.97 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.69 (td, J = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.83 (td, J = 11.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.16 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.16 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 160.2, 154.1, 142.4, 130.5, 121.1, 114.7, 94.4, 63.1, 55.5, 51.9, 46.6, 45.7, 34.5, 29.6, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>INO<sub>6</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 540.0854, found 540.0854.



#### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(4-fluoro-3-iodophenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (3m)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 24.4 mg, 48%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.58 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.95 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 3.68 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.82 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.17 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.16 (m, 7H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -97.70. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 160.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 244.1 Hz), 154.0, 139.7, 136.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.7 Hz), 130.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.2 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 23.8 Hz), 81.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 25.4 Hz), 63.1, 51.9, 46.6, 45.8, 45.7, 33.6, 29.7, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>FINO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 528.0654, found 528.0654.



#### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3-iodo-4-methylphenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (3n)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 20.5 mg, 41%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.65 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.92 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.69 (td, J = 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.82 (td, J = 11.1, 9.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.16 – 2.07

(m, 2H), 1.85 - 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.39 - 1.15 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 154.1, 139.37, 139.36, 138.4, 129.7, 129.0, 101.2, 63.0, 51.8, 46.6, 45.8, 45.7, 33.8, 29.7, 29.3, 27.7, 25.7, 25.5, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>INO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 524.0904, found 524.0903.



#### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3-iodo-4-methoxyphenethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (30)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 20.7 mg, 40%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.93 – 3.80 (m, 5H), 3.74 – 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.82 (td, *J* = 11.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.17 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.16 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 156.8, 154.1, 139.9, 133.3, 130.2, 110.9, 85.9, 63.0, 56.5, 51.8, 46.6, 46.0, 45.7, 33.5, 29.7, 29.3, 25.7, 25.6, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>INO<sub>6</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 540.0854, found 540.0854.



methyl

#### (1R,2R)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(2-(7-iodobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-

#### yl)ethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (3p)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 29.1 mg, 55%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  6.95 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (s, 2H), 4.27 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 3.93 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.68 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.82 (td, *J* = 11.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.16 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.15 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 154.1, 148.0, 146.7, 134.9, 130.3, 109.6, 100.6, 70.5, 63.1, 51.9, 46.6, 45.9, 45.7, 34.2, 29.7, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>INO<sub>7</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 554.0646, found 554.0646.



#### methyl

(1R,2R)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(2-(3-iodo-7-methoxynaphthalen-1-

#### yl)ethyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (3q)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Yellow sticky oil; yield: 40.0 mg, 71%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.05 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.20 – 4.02 (m, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.94 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.71 – 3.61 (m, 4H), 3.17 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 2.80 (td, J = 11.4, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.90 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.26 – 1.15 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-

*d*)  $\delta$  178.5, 175.9, 158.5, 154.1, 136.0, 135.60, 135.57, 132.5, 130.9, 129.1, 119.3, 103.1, 87.8, 63.2, 55.7, 51.8, 46.7, 45.9, 45.0, 32.2, 29.7, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>INO<sub>6</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 590.1010, found 590.1010.

methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3-(3-iodophenyl)propyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (3r<sub>mono</sub>)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 15.5 mg, 31%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.54 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.83 – 3.71 (m, 1H), 3.73 – 3.58 (m, 5H), 2.82 (td, *J* = 11.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.15 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.39 – 1.15 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.5, 175.9, 154.3, 144.3, 137.5, 135.1, 130.2, 127.8, 94.6, 63.0, 51.9, 46.6, 45.8, 44.1, 32.8, 29.8, 29.6, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.4. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>INO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 524.0904, found 524.0904.



#### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3-(3,5-diiodophenyl)propyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (3r<sub>di</sub>)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 17.1 mg, 27%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.86 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.83 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.69 – 3.61 (m, 5H), 2.82 (td, J = 11.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.16 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.39 – 1.17 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, )  $\delta$  178.6, 176.0, 154.3, 146.2, 142.7, 136.9, 94.9, 63.1, 52.0, 46.6, 45.8, 44.0, 32.4, 29.7, 29.6, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.4. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>I<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 649.9871, found 649.9863.



methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3-iodobenzyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (3s<sub>mono</sub>) Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 11.1 mg, 24%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (q, J = 15.0 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (td, J = 11.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.84 (td, J = 11.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.19 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.5, 175.8, 154.0, 140.4, 136.8, 136.3, 130.2, 127.0, 94.3, 63.3, 51.9, 46.7, 46.5, 45.7, 29.6, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>INO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 496.0591, found 496.0588.



methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3,5-diiodobenzyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (3s<sub>di</sub>) Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 20.6 mg, 34%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (td, J = 11.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.84 (td, J = 11.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.18 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.20 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.5, 175.8, 153.7, 144.0, 142.1, 136.2, 94.7, 63.5, 52.1, 46.5, 46.0, 45.7, 29.6, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>I<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 621.9558, found 621.9555.



#### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(5-iodo-2-methylbenzyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1carboxylate (3t)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 32.3 mg, 66%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.43 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (td, J = 11.2, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.84 (td, J = 11.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.10 (m, 5H), 1.89 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.17 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.3, 175.9, 154.1, 138.3, 135.8, 134.8, 134.3, 132.0, 91.1, 63.3, 52.1, 46.5, 45.5, 44.6, 29.7, 29.3, 25.7, 25.6, 18.9, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>INO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 510.0748, found 510.0748.



### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(2-fluoro-5-iodobenzyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (3u)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 21.4 mg, 44%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.54 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (td, *J* = 11.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.85 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.22 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.18 (m, 7H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -120.10. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.5, 175.9, 160.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 247.7 Hz), 153.8, 137.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.9 Hz), 137.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0 Hz), 127.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 14.9 Hz), 117.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.9 Hz), 87.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.4 Hz), 63.4, 52.1, 46.4, 45.6,

40.7 (d, *J*<sub>*C*-*F*</sub> = 4.9 Hz), 29.6, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FINO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 514.0497, found 514.0497.



methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((2-chloro-5-iodobenzyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (3v)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 32.0 mg, 63%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.47 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (td, J = 11.2, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.85 (td, J = 11.3, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.25 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.89 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.16 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 153.8, 137.6, 137.1, 135.9, 132.6, 131.0, 91.9, 63.4, 52.2, 46.4, 45.5, 44.8, 29.6, 29.2, 25.7, 25.6, 14.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>CIINO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 530.0202, found 530.0197.



methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3-chloro-5-iodobenzyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (3w)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). White solid, M.p.: 52.3 – 53.7 °C; yield: 25.2 mg, 50%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.57 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (td, *J* = 11.1, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.84 (td, *J* = 11.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.21 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.5, 175.8, 153.8, 141.7, 135.9, 135.1, 134.9, 127.5, 93.9, 63.5, 52.0, 46.5, 46.3, 45.7, 29.6, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>CIINO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 530.0202, found 530.0202.



### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3-bromo-5-iodobenzyl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (3x)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). White solid, M.p.: 56.1 – 57.5 °C; yield: 27.3 mg, 50%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.72 (s, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 4.93 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (td, *J* = 11.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.84 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.19 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.6, 175.9, 153.8, 142.0, 138.5, 135.6, 130.4,

122.9, 94.3, 63.5, 52.1, 46.5, 46.2, 45.7, 29.6, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{23}BrINO_5Na^+$  [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 573.9697, found 573.9696.



methyl 3-(((1R,2R)-N-(ethoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonyl)cyclohexane-1carboxamido)methyl)-5-iodobenzoate (3y)

Purified by semi-preparative MPLC (medium pressure liquid chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 22.4 mg, 42%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.24 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.79 (td, *J* = 11.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.84 (td, *J* = 11.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.30 – 1.25 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.6, 175.9, 165.6, 153.8, 141.1, 140.5, 137.4, 131.9, 128.5, 93.9, 63.4, 52.5, 52.0, 46.5, 46.4, 45.6, 29.6, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>INO<sub>7</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 554.0646, found 554.0651.



methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3',5'-diiodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (5a)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 38.2 mg, 58%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 92:8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.04 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 0.1H), 8.01 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 0.83H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 0.19H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1.73H), 7.45 – 7.35 (m, 2.06H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1.11H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 0.91H), 4.12 – 3.92 (m, 2.04H), 3.73 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.2 Hz, 1.11H), 3.66 (s, 2.68H), 3.61 (s, 0.23H), 2.84 (td, *J* = 11.5, 3.9 Hz, 0.92H), 2.66 (td, *J* = 11.5, 3.9 Hz, 0.08H), 2.21 – 2.10 (m, 0.97H), 2.05 – 1.95 (m, 0.99H), 1.87 – 1.74 (m, 2.03H), 1.42 – 1.01 (m, 7.06H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  179.2, 175.9, 153.1, 144.2, 142.4, 137.5, 136.9, 136.3, 129.8, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 94.4, 63.2, 51.9, 46.4, 45.4, 29.8, 29.1, 25.7, 25.4, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>I<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 683.9714, found 683.9703.





(1R,2R)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(2'-fluoro-5'-iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-

#### yl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (5b)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). White solid, M.p.: 163.6 - 165.4 °C; yield: 37.7 mg, 68%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 90:10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.05 - 7.99

(m, 0.16H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 0.92H), 7.51 – 7.37 (m, 3.17H), 7.36 – 7.20 (m, 2.19H), 6.86 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 0.81H), 4.13 – 3.95 (m, 2.01H), 3.78 – 3.57 (m, 4.03H), 2.82 (td, J = 11.4, 3.8 Hz, 0.90H), 2.73 – 2.63 (m, 0.10H), 2.19 – 2.08 (m, 0.97H), 1.98 – 1.71 (m, 3.20H), 1.42 – 1.22 (m, 3.26H), 1.18 – 1.02 (m, 3.94H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -116.0, -116.8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.7, 175.9, 159.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 248.7$  Hz), 153.3, 146.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 20.0$  Hz), 139.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.0$  Hz), 138.6 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 7.9$  Hz), 136.9, 132.8, 130.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 20.0$  Hz), 129.6, 129.4, 128.2, 117.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 23.3$  Hz), 86.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.7$  Hz), 63.2, 51.9, 46.2, 45.3, 29.4, 29.1, 25.7, 25.4, 13.9. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>FINO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 576.0654, found 576.0650.



#### methyl

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((2'-chloro-5'-iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-

yl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (5c)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Yellow solid, M.p.: 173.5 - 174.8 °C; yield: 39.8 mg, 70%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 71:29. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.60 – 7.53 (m, 1.04H), 7.50 – 7.37 (m, 3.04H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 1.00H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1.02H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 0.95H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 0.45H), 4.15 – 4.06 (m, 0.75H), 3.95 – 3.84 (m, 1.04H), 3.75 – 3.59 (m, 4.10H), 2.86 (td, *J* = 11.5, 4.0 Hz, 0.71H), 2.69 (td, *J* = 11.5, 3.7 Hz, 0.29H), 2.20 – 2.12 (m, 0.71H), 2.11 – 2.05 (m, 0.29H), 1.95 – 1.87 (m, 0.72H), 1.86 – 1.72 (m, 1.47H), 1.62 – 1.54 (m, 0.3H), 1.43 – 1.18 (m, 5.63H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2.21H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  179.2, 179.0, 177.1, 175.9, 153.6, 153.2, 139.6, 139.5, 139.2, 138.7, 138.3, 137.8, 136.5, 136.0, 135.9, 134.2, 133.2, 131.6, 131.3, 131.0, 130.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 128.0, 127.9, 91.2, 90.4, 63.4, 63.3, 51.9, 51.8, 46.2, 46.0, 45.4, 45.0, 29.8, 29.1, 28.6, 25.7, 25.6, 25.5, 25.3, 14.5, 13.9. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClINO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 592.0358, found 592.0358.



methyl

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3'-fluoro-5'-iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-

yl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (5d)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). White solid, M.p.: 80.1 - 82.0 °C; yield: 35.8 mg, 65%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 85:15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.47 – 7.36 (m, 3.18H), 7.34 (t, J = 1.4 Hz, 0.87H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1.01H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 0.89H), 7.02 – 6.95 (m, 0.29H), 6.90 (dt, J = 9.3, 1.9 Hz, 0.79H), 4.11 – 3.93 (m, 2.09H), 3.73 (td, J = 11.4, 3.2 Hz, 0.99H), 3.66 (s, 2.53H), 3.62 (s, 0.46H), 2.82 (td, J = 11.4, 3.9 Hz, 0.85H), 2.71 (td, J = 11.5, 3.5 Hz, 0.15H), 2.22 – 2.03 (m, 1.15H), 2.03 – 1.90 (m, 0.87H), 1.86 – 1.73 (m, 2.01H), 1.42 – 1.24 (m, 3.23H), 1.18 – 1.01 (m, 3.99H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -110.45, -111.08. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  179.1, 175.9, 162.0 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 252.0$  Hz), 153.2, 142.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.1$  Hz), 137.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.0$  Hz), 136.3, 133.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.2$  Hz), 129.8, 129.38, 129.36, 128.6, 123.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 23.5$  Hz), 115.6 (d,  $J_C = 5.25$  Hz), 115.6 (d,  $J_C = 5.25$  Hz), 129.8, 129.38, 129.36, 128.6, 123.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.5$  Hz), 129.8, 129.38, 129.36, 128.6, 123.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.5$  Hz), 115.6 (d,  $J_C = 5.5$  Hz), 120.0 (d,  $J_C = 5.5$  Hz), 129.8, 129.38, 129.36, 128.6, 123.9 (d,  $J_C = 5.5$  Hz), 125.6 (d,  $J_C = 5.5$  Hz), 125.8 Hz), 125.8

 $_{-F}$  = 21.8 Hz), 93.2 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 8.5 Hz), 63.2, 51.9, 46.3, 45.4, 29.2, 29.1, 25.7, 25.4, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>FINO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 576.0654, found 576.0649.



methyl

#### (1R,2R)-2-((3'-chloro-5'-iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-

#### yl)(ethoxycarbonyl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (5e)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 37.9 mg, 67%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 90:10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.69 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 0.10H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 0.85H), 7.51 – 7.35 (m, 3.08H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 0.97H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 1.09H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 0.88H), 4.09 – 3.89 (m, 2.16H), 3.73 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.2 Hz, 0.99H), 3.66 (s, 2.63H), 3.60 (s, 0.27H), 2.84 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.9 Hz, 0.90H), 2.68 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.4 Hz, 0.10H), 2.21 – 2.09 (m, 1.03H), 2.02 – 1.92 (m, 0.93H), 1.87 – 1.73 (m, 2.05H), 1.43 – 1.21 (m, 3.26H), 1.22 – 1.02 (m, 4.08H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  179.2, 175.9, 153.1, 142.0, 137.6, 136.3, 136.1, 135.8, 134.7, 129.8, 129.4, 128.6, 128.4, 93.7, 63.2, 51.9, 46.3, 45.4, 29.4, 29.1, 25.7, 25.4, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClINO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 592.0358, found 592.0357.



#### methyl 2'-((1*R*,2*R*)-N-(ethoxycarbonyl)-2-(methoxycarbonyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxamido)-5-iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carboxylate (5f)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 39.0 mg, 66%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 91:9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.38 – 8.30 (m, 0.96H), 7.88 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 0.15H), 7.84 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 0.85H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 0.12H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 0.88H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 2.05H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 0.99H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 0.89H), 4.05 – 3.92 (m, 1.99H), 3.89 (s, 2.93H), 3.76 – 3.62 (m, 3.75H), 3.51 (s, 0.22H), 2.81 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.8 Hz, 0.91H), 2.62 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.9 Hz, 0.09H), 2.19 – 2.08 (m, 1.01H), 1.95 – 1.85 (m, 0.96H), 1.83 – 1.71 (m, 1.98H), 1.39 – 1.21 (m, 3.38H), 1.16 – 1.00 (m, 3.83H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  179.1, 175.9, 165.4, 153.2, 141.6, 141.0, 138.0, 137.6, 136.3, 131.8, 129.9, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 93.5, 63.2, 52.5, 51.9, 46.3, 45.4, 29.4, 29.1, 25.7, 25.4, 14.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>INO<sub>7</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 616.0803, found 616.0796.



#### methyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3'-iodo-5'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2vl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (5g)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). White solid, M.p.: 87.4 - 88.5 °C; yield: 36.5 mg, 66%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 87:13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.51 (s, 0.13H), 7.49 (s, 0.86H), 7.42 - 7.27 (m, 4.02H), 7.21 - 7.16 (m, 0.86H), 7.08 (s, 0.13H), 7.02 - 6.94 (m, 0.98H), 4.06 - 3.89 (m, 2.22H), 3.72 (td, J = 11.4, 3.2 Hz, 1.03H), 3.67 (s, 2.60H), 3.61 (s, 0.35H), 2.83 (td, J = 11.4, 3.8 Hz, 0.87H), 2.73 (td, J = 11.4, 3.7 Hz, 0.13H), 2.38 (s, 0.32H), 2.27 (s, 2.674H), 2.20 - 2.04 (m, 1.18H), 2.02 - 1.94 (m, 0.87H), 1.87 - 1.71 (m, 2.07H), 1.41 - 1.26 (m, 3.16H), 1.18 - 0.99 (m, 4.00H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  179.1, 175.9, 153.3, 140.6, 139.9, 139.0, 137.2, 136.3, 134.6, 130.0, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 94.0, 63.0, 51.9, 46.3, 45.4, 29.3, 29.1, 25.7, 25.4, 21.0, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>INO<sub>5</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 572.0904, found 572.0900.



#### methyl

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3'-iodo-5'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2e-1-carboxylate (5h)

#### yl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (5h)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Pale yellow sticky oil; yield: 36.3 mg, 64%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 88:12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.44 – 7.34 (m, 2.02H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 0.98H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 2.01H), 7.12 (s, 0.83H), 6.79 (s, 0.12H), 6.71 (s, 0.84H), 4.07 – 3.97 (m, 1.92H), 3.79 (s, 0.36H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 35.2 Hz, 6.19H), 3.57 (s, 0.29H), 2.81 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.8 Hz, 0.88H), 2.68 (td, *J* = 11.5, 3.7 Hz, 0.12H), 2.21 – 2.07 (m, 1.01H), 2.01 – 1.91 (m, 0.90H), 1.87 – 1.72 (m, 2.02H), 1.41 – 1.25 (m, 3.16H), 1.20 – 1.01 (m, 3.95H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  179.0, 175.9, 159.8, 153.3, 141.7, 138.8, 136.3, 129.9, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 122.1, 114.6, 93.9, 63.1, 55.6, 51.9, 46.3, 45.4, 29.3, 29.2, 25.7, 25.4, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>INO<sub>6</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 588.0854, found 588.0851.



#### methyl

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(3'-iodo-4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-

#### yl)carbamoyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (5i)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 26.0 mg, 47%. The two rotamers' ratio is about 83:17. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.69 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 0.14H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 0.77H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 2.15H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 0.98H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 1.83H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 0.83H), 7.03 – 6.98 (m, 0.17H), 4.05 – 3.90 (m, 2.18H), 3.77 – 3.64 (m, 3.44H), 3.63 (s, 0.45H), 2.88 – 2.72 (m, 1.05H), 2.50 – 2.36 (m, 2.97H), 2.20 – 2.05 (m, 1.17H), 2.02 – 1.94 (m, 0.83H), 1.86 – 1.73 (m, 1.99H), 1.42 – 1.23 (m, 3.27H), 1.17 – 0.97 (m, 3.96H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  179.1, 175.9, 153.4, 140.7, 138.7, 138.1, 136.4, 130.1, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5,

100.8, 63.1, 51.9, 46.3, 45.5, 29.3, 29.2, 27.9, 25.7, 25.4, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{28}INO_5Na^+$  [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 572.0904, found 572.0903.

#### 2.4 Unsuccessful substrates



Reaction conditions: **1** (0.1 mmol), **2** (0.3 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.01 mmol), 3-nitropyridin-2-ol (0.005 mmol), AgOTFA (0.05 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (0.05 mmol), HFIP (1.0 mL), 90 °C, 36 h; Then MeI (0.1 mL), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol), acetone (2.0 mL), 60 °C, 2 h.<sup>a</sup>15% unknown iodinated product was detected. <sup>b</sup>most starting material decomposed.

#### 2.5 Gram-scale synthesis



To an oven-dried 120 mL sealed tube (with a Teflon cap) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **11** (1.16 g, 3.08 mmol, 1 equiv), 4-iodo-3-nitroanisole (2.57 g, 9.24 mmol, 3 equiv), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (70 mg, 0.31 mmol, 10 mol%), **L1** (3-nitropyridin-2-ol, 21.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 5 mol%), AgOTFA (339 mg, 1.54 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (268 mg, 1.54 mmol, 0.5 equiv) sequentially. HFIP (30 mL) was added to the mixture along the inside wall of the tube. The tube was then capped and placed into a preheated oil bath (90 °C). The reaction was stirred for 36 h and cooled to room temperature. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, MeI (2 mL, 30.8 mmol, 10 equiv), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.1 g, 15.4 mmol, 5 equiv) were added sequentially. Acetone (45 mL) was added to the mixture along the inside wall of the tube. The mixture along the inside wall of C for 2 h and then cooled to room temperature. The crude reaction mixture was diluted with EA (20 mL) and filtered through a short pad of Celite. The sealed tube and Celite pad were washed with an additional 150 mL of EA. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo, and the resulting residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography using PE/EA (40/1 to 20/1) as the eluent to give the desired product (**3**].

#### 2.6 Removal of Directing Group (DG)



#### 2.6.1 Hydrolysis DG by a one-pot protocol:

To an oven-dried 38 mL sealed tube (with a Teflon cap) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with substrate **11** or **4h** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), 4-iodo-3-nitroanisole (168 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv), Pd(OAc)2 (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), **L1** (3-nitropyridin-2-ol, 1.4 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol%), AgOTFA (22 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and K2HPO<sub>4</sub> (17.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv) sequentially. HFIP (2 mL) was added to the mixture along the inside wall of the tube. The tube was then capped and placed into a preheated oil bath (90 °C) or hotplate (90 °C). The reaction was stirred for 36 h and cooled to room temperature. Then the volatile matter was removed under reduced pressure, NaH (as a 60% dispersion in mineral oil, 1 mmol, 5 equiv) was added, THF (3 mL) was charged follow and stirred at room temperature for another 6 h, The crude reaction mixture was diluted with EA (5 mL) and filtered through a short pad of silica gel. The sealed tube and silica gel pad were washed with an additional 25 mL of EA. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo, and the resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using PE/EA (15/1) as the eluent to give the desired product.

#### ethyl (3-iodo-5-methoxyphenethyl)carbamate (6)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 43.4 mg, 62%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.12 (s, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.09 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.38 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  160.3, 156.7, 142.3, 130.3, 121.1, 114.6, 94.6, 60.9, 55.5, 41.9, 35.8, 14.7. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>INO<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 372.0067, found 372.0067.



ethyl (3'-iodo-5'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)carbamate (7)

Purified by PTLC (preparative thin layer chromatography). Colorless sticky oil; yield: 37.1 mg, 47%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 4.18 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  160.4, 153.7, 141.2, 134.9, 130.6, 129.9, 129.1, 123.5, 122.8, 120.4 – 119.8 (m), 114.8, 95.2, 61.4, 55.7, 14.7. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>INO<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 420.0067, found 420.0067.

#### 2.6.2 Hydrolysis by a stepwise protocol:



Step 1:To an oven-dried 38 mL sealed tube (with a Teflon cap) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with substrate 11 (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), 4-iodo-3-nitroanisole (84 mg, 0.3 mmol, 3 equiv), Pd(OAc)2 (2.3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), L1 (3-nitropyridin-2-ol, 0.7 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol%), AgOTFA (11 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and K2HPO4 (8.72 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.5 equiv) sequentially. HFIP (1 mL) was added to the mixture along the inside wall of the tube. The tube was then capped and placed into a preheated hotplate (90 °C). The reaction was stirred for 36 h and cooled to room temperature. Then, acidize by HOAc (50 µl) with stirred for another 10 min. The crude reaction mixture was diluted with EA (5 mL) and filtered through a short pad of Celite. The sealed tube and Celite pad were washed with an additional 25 mL of EA. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo, and the resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using PE/EA (5/1 and 0.5% of HOAc) as the eluent to give the desired product **3l**acid. Brown sticky oil; yield: 39.3 mg, 78%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) & 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.94 - 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.65 (td, J)= 11.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (td, J = 11.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.22 - 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.87 -1.73 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.24 (m, 6H), 1.22 – 1.11 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 181.5, 178.2, 160.2, 154.0, 142.3, 130.5, 121.2, 114.5, 94.4, 63.1, 55.5, 46.3, 45.6, 45.4, 34.4, 29.5, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>INO<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> [M-H<sup>+</sup>] 502.0732, found 502.0738.

**Step 2**: To an oven-dried 38 mL sealed tube (with a Teflon cap) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with  $3I_{acid}$  (0.066 mmol, 1 equiv),NaH (as a 60% dispersion in mineral oil, 0.33 mmol, 5 equiv) was added, THF (1.5 mL) was charged follow and stirred at room temperature for 6 h, The crude reaction mixture was diluted with EA (5 mL) and filtered through a short pad of silica gel. The sealed tube and silica gel pad were washed with an additional 25 mL of EA. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo, and the resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using PE/EA (15/1) as the eluent to give the desired product 6 (18.5 mg, 80%).

#### 2.6.3 Other hydrolysis conditions by one-pot protocol:

	$\sim N = 0$ 0	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10 3-nitropyridin-2-ol .NO <sub>2</sub> AgOTFA (0.5	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10 mol%) 3-nitropyridin-2-ol (5 mol%) hydrolysis 2 AgOTFA (0.5 equiv) condition		CO <sub>2</sub> Et	
OM	e 0Me 0Me	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> (0.5 HFIP, 90 °C,	equiv) , 36 h	OMe 6		
entry	acid or base	solvent	Т	t	6 (%)	
1	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	THF	rt	6 h	ND	
2	КОН	THF	rt	6 h	34	
3	КОН	MeOH	110 °C	24 h	trace	
4	conc. HCl	MeOH	110 °C	24 h	40	

The experimental procedures were similar to **2.6.1**, entry 4 should alkalization before filtration. Yield was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with  $CH_2Br_2$  as internal standard. ND = no product detected.

#### 2.7 Further elaborations



To an oven-dried 38 mL sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **31** (51.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), CuCN (17.9 mg, 0.2 mmol), L-Proline (11.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and DMF (1 mL). Then the tube was capped and placed into a preheated hotplate (120 °C). The reaction was stirred for 48 h and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was filtered through a short pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. Afterwards, the residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using PE/EA (10/1) as the eluent to afford **8**. Colorless sticky oil; yield: 33.3 mg, 80%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.09 (s, 1H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 4.18 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.99 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.67 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.87 – 2.70 (m, 3H), 2.19 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.17 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 159.9, 153.9, 142.2, 125.1, 120.0, 118.9, 115.1, 113.1, 63.1, 55.7, 51.8, 46.5, 45.6, 45.4, 34.5, 29.6, 29.2, 25.7, 25.5, 14.3. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 439.1840, found 439.1842.



To an oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **31** (51.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), boronic acid (25 mg, 0.2 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol) and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) under Ar atmosphere. Then acetone/H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL/0.5 mL) was added and the reaction was heated at 110 °C for 24 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with EA (5 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. Afterwards, the residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using PE/EA (10/1) as the eluent to afford **9**. Colorless sticky oil; yield: 39.2 mg,

84%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 4.18 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (hept, *J* = 6.9, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.73 (td, *J* = 11.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.85 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 2.13 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.87 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.21 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 160.1, 154.2, 142.9, 141.1, 141.0, 128.8, 127.5, 127.3, 120.6, 113.4, 111.1, 63.0, 55.4, 51.8, 46.6, 46.0, 45.7, 35.1, 29.6, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 490.2200, found 490.2206.



To an oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **31** (51.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (5.8 mg, 0.005 mmol) and CuI (1.0 mg, 0.005 mmol) under Ar atmosphere. Then anhydrous MeCN (1 mL), Et<sub>3</sub>N (42 µL, 0.3 mmol) and trimethylsilylacetylene (42 µL, 0.3 mmol) was added sequentially to the mixture. The reaction was stirred at 30 °C for 24 h. The mixture was filtered through a short pad of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. Afterwards, the residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using PE/EA (10/1) as the eluent to afford **10**. Colorless sticky oil; yield: 47.6 mg, 98%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  6.92 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 4.23 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 3.95 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.68 (td, *J* = 11.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.82 (td, *J* = 11.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 1.85 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.18 (m, 7H), 0.23 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  178.4, 175.9, 159.4, 154.1, 140.5, 125.3, 124.0, 116.2, 114.6, 105.1, 93.9, 63.0, 55.4, 51.8, 46.5, 45.7, 45.7, 34.6, 29.6, 29.3, 25.7, 25.5, 14.2, 0.1. HRMS (m/z, ESI-TOF): Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>SiNa<sup>+</sup> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>] 510.2282, found 510.2281.

#### **2.8** The reduced (C–I -> C–H) by-product from iodinating reagents



To an oven-dried 38 mL sealed tube (with a Teflon cap) equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with substrate **1a** (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), 4-iodo-3-nitroanisole (84 mg, 0.3 mmol, 3 equiv), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), **L1** (3-nitropyridin-2-ol, 0.7 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol%), AgOTFA (11 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (8.72 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.5 equiv) sequentially. HFIP (1 mL) was added to the mixture along the inside wall of the tube. The tube was then capped and placed into a preheated hotplate (90 °C). The reaction was stirred for 36 h and cooled to room temperature. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, MeI (0.1 mL), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (70 mg, 0.5 mmol, 5 equiv) were added sequentially. Acetone (2 mL) was added to the mixture along the inside would be not the mixture along the tube. The was stirred at 60 °C for 2 h and then cooled to room temperature. The crude reaction mixture was diluted with EA (5 mL) and filtered through a short pad of Celite. The sealed tube and Celite pad
were washed with an additional 25 mL of EA. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo, and the resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using PE/EA (30/1) as the eluent to give product **S1**. Yellow sticky oil; yield: 15mg, 98% (part of **S1** might be removed in vacuo). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.83 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  160.2, 149.3, 130.1, 121.5, 115.9, 108.2, 56.0. The data are consistent with reference<sup>[S4]</sup>.

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## 3. NMR spectra of compounds

### 3.1 NMR spectra of substrates









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