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Diversity-Oriented Synthesis of Cyclophanes *via* Photo-Fries-type Rearrangement of *N*-Aryl Lactams.

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1. General information:

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400, Varian VNMRS 500 and Varian VNMRS 600 spectrometers. ¹H NMR spectra were referenced to: chloroform-*d* (δ = 7.26 ppm), benzene *d*₆ (δ = 7.16 ppm), methanol-*d*₄ (δ = 3.31 ppm), DMSO-*d*₆ (δ = 2.50 ppm), ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to: chloroform-*d* (δ = 77.16 ppm), benzene-*d*₆ (δ = 128.06 ppm), methanol-*d*₄ (δ = 49.00 ppm), DMSO-*d*₆ (δ = 39.52 ppm). Chemical shifts (δ) were given in ppm and coupling constants (*J*) were given in Hertz (Hz). Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), bs (brought singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet). Infrared spectra were recorded on a FT-IR Jasco 6200 and FT-IR Spectrum 2000 Perkin Elmer spectrophotometer. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on ESI-TOF Mariner Spectrometer, SYNAPT G2-S HDMS or AMD 604 mass spectrometer. Thin layer chromatography was performed on Merck aluminium sheet Silica Gel 60 F254. Column chromatography was carried out using Merck silica gel (230-400 mesh).

2. Photochemical reaction in batch.

Photochemical reactions in bath were performed in Rayonet-type, self-made photoreactor consisting of: eight sockets lamp, temperature control, mixing and cooling system. Each of the two lamp sets could be triggered individually or simultaneously via switches, modulating the intensity of the emitted light. The photoreactor can operate at three different wavelengths UV-A (320-400 nm), UV-B (280-320 nm), UV-C (200-280 nm, λ max 254 nm).

elements included in the photoreactor:

cooling system temperature control mixing system test tube racks quartz tube 8 x UV-C lamps (Osram, Puritec, HNS, S 9W)



*The detailed plan for the construction of photoreactor see ref.*¹



3. Photochemical reaction in flow.

Flow photochemical reactions were performed in a closed system under an argon atmosphere in self-made flow set consisting of: Rayonet-type, self-made photoreactor (*with four UV-C lamps*), UV-transparent FEP tubing of dimensions 0.7 mm i.d. × 1.1 mm o.d, wound on a quartz tube of dimensions 18 cm in length and 4 cm in diameter (*loop length 14 m, capacity 7 mL, number of coils 111*), column (*syringe 1mL*) packed with Celite[®] 545 (*CAS 68855-54-9*), fluid matering lab pump (*model RP-SY*), magnetic stirrer.



UV-transparent FEP tubing and column packed with Celite.



4. Synthesis of lactams 1a-i.

Lactam **1** was obtained according to the literature procedure.²



(*S*)-3-((*R*)-1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)azetidin-2-one; 73%; white solid; $[\alpha]_{17}^{D} = -$ 84.9 (*c* = 0.26); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.22 (qd, *J* = 6.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25 - 3.21 (m, 1H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 6H).

Lactam **1b**, **1c** and **1d** are commercially available, and were bought form Sigma Aldrich.



4.1 Synthesis of lactams 1e-i via Schmidt reaction.

General procedure: To a three-necked round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser cyclic ketone (4.55 mmol), sodium azide (532 mg, 8.19 mmol, 1.8 equiv.) and ethyl acetate (6 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 30 min, then concentrated sulfuric acid (756 μ L g, 14.1 mol, 3.1 equiv.) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h, cooled to room temperature and neutralised with 20% aq. solution of NaOH. After phase separation, the aqua layer was washed with AcOEt. The combined organic layers were washed with H₂O and sat. aq. solution of brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product, which was purified by crystallization or column chromatography.



1e

Azocan-2-one; 89% (1.747 g obtained from 2.0 mL of cycloheptanone); purified by column chromatography (1:1 acetone in hexanes); yellow waxy solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroformd) δ 5.92 (bs, 1H), 3.34 – 3.29 (m, 2H), 2.43 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.53 (m, 6H); spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.³



Azonan-2-one; 91% (3.038 g obtained from 3.0 g of cyclooctanone) purified by column chromatography (1:1 acetone in hexanes); white solid; m.p. 76-77 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 5.81 (bs, 1H), 3.37 – 3.33 (m, 2H), 2.44 – 2.41 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.59 (m, 6H), 1.55 – 1.52 (m, 2H); spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.⁴



Azacyclotridecan-2-one; 92% (3.973 g; obtained from 4.0 g of cyclododecanone); purified by crystallization from hexanes; white solid; m.p. 150 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 5.47 (bs, 1H), 3.33 – 3.28 (m, 2H), 2.21 – 2.18 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.27 (m, 14H); spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.⁵



Azacyclohexadecan-2-one; 93% (1.016 g, obtained form 1.021 g of cyclopentadecanone); purified by crystallization from hexanes; white solid; m.p. 134 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 5.39 (bs, 1H), 3.35 – 3.30 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.25 (m, 20H); spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.⁶



4-Methylazacyclohexadecan-2-one (1i-a) and **15-Methylazacyclohexadecan-2-one (1i-b)**; 96%; (1.024 g, obtained from 1.0 g of muscone CAS 541-91-300); inseparable mixture of isomers in ratio 1.0:1.2; waxy yellow solid; **1i-a** selected signals: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 5.71 (bs, 1H), 3.58 (dtd, *J* = 13.7, 7.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.00 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.84 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 172.8, 45.3, 39.2, 20.3; **1i-b** selected signals: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 5.75 (s, 1H), 3.27 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 5.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (td, *J* = 6.4, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 173.2, 45.5, 17.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₆H₃₂NO [M+H⁺] 254.2484. Found 254.2491; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3289,2927, 2856, 1641, 1554, 1460, 1442, 1376, 1246, 722 cm⁻¹.

5. Synthesis of triarylbismuth compound 2a-l:

5.1 With organolithium reagent (Method A)

General procedure: Aryl bromide (10.0 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF (30 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. *n*-Butyllithium (4.0 mL 10.0 mmol)(2.5 M in hexanes) was added dropwise under argone. After stirring for 2 h at -78 °C, bismuth(III) chloride (993 mg, 3.15 mmol) dissolved in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 30 min, then allowed to warm up to room temperature, and left overnight. The resulting precipitate was filtered through a pad of celite, and washed several time with dichloromethane. The combined filtrates were evaporated under diminished pressure to give a crude product, which was purified by crystallization from hot MeOH to afford pure aryl bismuth compound.



Triphenylbismuth; commercially available; CAS 603-33-8; bought from Sigma Aldrich.





Tri-*p***-tolylbismuth**; 52% (936 mg; starting from 2.0 g of 1-bromo-4-methylbenzene); white solid; m.p. 119-120 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.59 – 7.56 (m, 6H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 2.25 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 152.4, 137.2, 136.6, 131.0, 21.0; spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.⁷



Tri-*o***-tolylbismuth**; 44% (781 mg; starting from 1.4 mL of 1-bromo-2-methylbenzene); white solid; m.p. 130-131 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.44 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 3H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 3H), 7.28 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 3H), 7.08 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 3H), 2.38 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 155.1, 143.8, 138.3, 130.5, 129.0, 128.7, 26.3; spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.⁷



Tri(2,6-dimethylphenyl)bismuth; 51%; (910 mg; starting from 2.0 g of 2-bromo-1,3-dimethylbenzene); slightly yellow solid; m.p. 142-143 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.16 – 7.06 (m, 9H), 2.26 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 159.5, 145.7, 128.6, 128.3, 27.9.



Tris(3,5-di-*tert***-butylphenyl)bismuth**; 52% (370 mg; starting from 772 of 1-bromo-3,5-ditert-butylbenzene); white solid; m.p. 145-146 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.54 – 7.52 (m, 6H), 7.34 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 1.21 (s, 54H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 155.3, 152.3, 131.8, 121.6, 35.1, 31.6; spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.⁸



Tris(4-methoxyphenyl)bismuth; 42% (1.187 g; starting from 2.0 mL of 1-bromo-4-methoxybenzene); gray solid; m.p. 192-193 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 6H), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 6H), 3.72 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 158.8, 146.1, 138.4, 116.2, 54.8; spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.⁸



Tris(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)bismuth; 66% (603 mg; starting from 1.0 g of 1-bromo-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene); slightly yellow solid; m.p. 145-146 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 – 7.89 (m, 6H), 7.71 – 7.67 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 160.1, 137.9, 130.8 (q, J = 32.4 Hz), 127.5 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.4 (q, J = 272.3 Hz); spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.⁹



N,*N*',*N*''-(**Bismuthanetriyltris(benzene-4,1-diyl))triacetamide**; 68% (995 mg; starting from 2.0 g of *N*-(4-bromophenyl)acetamide); slightly yellow solid; m.p. 158-159 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 6H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 6H), 2.01 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 168.4, 138.9, 131.4, 120.9, 114.3, 24.0.



Tris(1-methyl-1*H***-indol-5-yl)bismuth**; 47% (318 mg; starting form 750 mg of 5-bromo-1-methyl-1*H*-indole); slightly yellow solid; m.p. 224-225 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.94 (s, 3H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.25 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 3H), 6.31 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 3H), 3.74 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 143.9, 135.9, 130.7, 129.8, 129.5, 129.3, 111.7, 100.0, 32.3.



Tri(naphthalen-2-yl)bismuth; 60% (1.086 g; starting from 2.0 g of 2-bromonaphthalene); slightly yellow solid; m.p. 228-229 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.45 (s, 3H), 7.92 – 7.85 (m, 9H), 7.79 – 7.76 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 155.9, 137.7, 135.4, 134.9, 132.8, 129.7, 128.3, 127.9, 126.6, 126.5.



Tri(phenanthren-9-yl)bismuthane; 58% (1.056 g; starting from 2.0 g of 9-bromophenanthrene); the product was additionally recrystallized from toluene; slightly yellow solid; m.p. 287-288 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 8.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 3H), 8.42 (s, 3H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 155.7, 138.9, 136.1, 133.5, 131.0, 130.5, 129.6, 128.4, 127.4, 126.6, 126.5, 126.3, 123.2, 122.5.

5.2 With Grignard reagent (Method B):



To a three-necked round-bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser magnesium dust (235 mg, 9.7 mmol), dry THF (20 mL) and iodine crystal were added. To this mixture a solution of 1-bromonaphthalene (1.35 mL, 9.7 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) was added dropwise under argone. The mixture was reflux until the magnesium was completely consumed (discoloration of the solution from brown to light gray was observed). After generating the Grignard reagent, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. Then, a solution of bismuth(III) chloride (967 mg, 3.06 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) was added, and the reaction was stirred overnight. The resulting precipitate was filtered through a pad of celite, and washed several time with dichloromethane. The combined filtrates were evaporated under diminished pressure to give a crude product, which was purified by crystallization from hot MeOH to afford 965 mg (56%) of tri(naphthalen-1-yl)bismuth as a slightly yellow solid. m.p. 235-236 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.14 – 8.08 (m, 3H), 7.96 – 7.89 (m, 3H), 7.89 – 7.87 (m, 6H), 7.54 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 153.4, 138.84, 138.78, 134.9, 131.1, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 126.3, 125.9.

6. Synthesis of *N*-aryl lactams 3a-t:

6.1 Synthesis of *N*-aryl lactams 3a-s *via* copper-catalyzed cross-coupling of lactams with triarylbismuth compounds.

General procedure: N-arylation reactions were performed according to the literature procedure with small modification.¹⁰ The reactions were prepared in glove box. To a sealed tube lactam (0.51 mmol), triarylbismuth compound (1.1-1.2 equiv.), cupric acetate (92 mg, 0.51 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), suitable solvent (*see for the individual compounds*), and triethylamine (72 μ L, 0.51 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added respectively under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at set temperature for given time. (*Small- and medium- size*)

lactams react fast at room temperature. The reaction was stooped after complete conversion of substrate. Large-size lactams requires long heating. The reaction was stopped 24 hours after no progress was observed.) The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC as well as by the color change from the initial deep blue to turquoise green, with the concomitant precipitation of grayish Cu(I) salt. After the required time, the mixture was filtered through a pad of celite, and washed several time with dichloromethane. The combined filtrates were evaporated under diminished pressure to give a residue, which was preabsorbed onto silica gel, and then purified by flash chromatography.



start of the reaction



complete of the reaction

6.2 The strategies that cannot be used for the synthesis of large-ring N-aryl lactams:



(A)¹¹ X = I, Cul (5 mol%), CsF (2.0 equiv.), DMEDA (10 mol%), AcOEt, 50 °C.

(B) X = I, CuI (10 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (1.5 equiv.), DMEDA (20 mol%), toluene, 80 °C.

(C)¹² X = I, Cul (5 mol%), K₃PO₄ (2.5 equiv.), glycine (20 mol%), 1,4-dioxane, b.p.

(D)¹³ X=I, Cul (5 mol%), K₃PO₄ (2.0 equiv.), DMEDA (10 mol%), 1,4-dioxane, b.p.

 $(E)^{14} X = Br, Pd_2(dba)_3 (1 mol%), Xantphos (1.5 mol%), Cs_2CO_3, (1.4 equiv.), 1,4-dioxane, b.p.$

(F) 15 X = Br, Co(acac)₂ (10 mol%), Cul (10 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), NMP, b.p.

(G)¹⁶ X= Br, Ni(acac)₂ (10 mol%), Cul (10 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), NMP, b.p.





(*S*)-3-((*R*)-1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-1-phenylazetidin-2-one; 91% (121 mg; starting from 100 mg of 1a and 211 mg (1.1 equiv.) of 2a); reaction was performed in dichloromethane (4 mL) at room temperature for 24 h; yellow solid; Rf 0.78 (1:3 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.14 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 4.31 (qd, J = 6.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dd, J = 5.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (ddd, J = 5.5, 4.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.79 (s, 8H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 165.6, 138.5, 129.0, 123.6, 116.2, 65.2, 56.6, 40.2, 25.6, 22.6, 17.8, -4.3, -5.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₇H₂₇NO₂NaSi [M+Na⁺] 328.1713. Found 328.1709; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 2954, 2929, 2890, 2856, 1751, 1600, 1501, 1470, 1386, 1257, 1145, 1079, 838, 777, 753, 691 cm⁻¹.



1-Phenyl-2-pyrrolidinone; commercially available; CAS 4641-57-0; bought from Sigma Aldrich.



1-Phenylpiperidin-2-one; 82% (144 mg; starting from 100 mg of **1c** and 211 mg (1.1 equiv.) of **2a**); reaction was performed in dichloromethane (4 mL) at room temperature for 24 h; yellow solid; m.p. 100-101 °C; Rf 0.33 (1:3 acetone in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 3.68 – 3.62 (m, 2H), 2.60 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.98 – 1.90 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 170.1, 143.6, 129.3, 126.8, 126.4, 51.8, 33.0, 23.7, 21.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₁H₁₄NO [M+H⁺] 176.1075. Found 176.1079; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 2959, 1641, 1594, 1492, 1429, 1347, 1327, 1307, 1240, 1179, 1162, 765, 700, 547 cm⁻¹;); spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.¹⁷



1-Phenylazepan-2-one; 70% (117 mg; starting from 100 mg of **1d** and 211 mg (1.1 equiv.) of **2a**); reaction was performed in dichloromethane (4 mL) at room temperature for 24 h; colorless waxy solid; Rf 0.41 (1:1 acetone in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 3.78 – 3.73 (m, 2H), 2.73 – 2.67 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.78 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 175.6, 144.7, 129.2, 126.5, 126.4, 53.1, 37.8, 30.0, 29.1, 23.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₂H₁₆NO [M+H⁺] 190.1232. Found 190.1236; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 2928, 1658, 1594, 1494, 1442, 1409, 1351, 1216, 1198, 1150, 1124, 1078, 982, 761, 697, 591, 550 cm⁻¹; spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.¹⁸



1-Phenylazocan-2-one; 63% (101 mg; starting from 100 mg of **1e** and 211 mg (1.1 equiv.) of **2a**); reaction was performed in dichloromethane (3 mL) at room temperature for 24 h; colorless oil; Rf 0.38 (1:1 acetone in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 3.85 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 2.70 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.61 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 174.8, 142.7, 129.3, 127.5, 126.9, 50.8, 34.7, 29.6, 29.1, 26.5, 24.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₃H₁₈NO [M+H⁺] 204.1388. Found 204.1390; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 2925, 2858, 649, 1594, 1494, 1452, 1409, 1360, 1253, 1212, 1147, 1125, 756, 697, 591 cm⁻¹.



1-Phenylazonan-2-one; 68% (103 mg; starting from 100 mg of **1f** and 211 mg (1.1 equiv.) of **2a**); reaction was performed in dichloromethane (3 mL) at room temperature for 4 days; colorless solid; m.p. 51-52 °C; Rf 0.47 (1:1 acetone in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 3.89 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 2.70 – 2.64 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.69 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.57 (m, 4H); ¹³CNMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 175.2, 142.8, 129.3, 127.6, 127.0, 52.3, 35.3, 28.3, 27.4, 26.1, 24.8, 22.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₄H₂₀NO [M+H⁺] 218.1545. Found 218.1548; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3464, 2925, 2881, 1643, 1594, 1493, 1451, 1493, 1409, 1353, 1191, 1024, 63, 697, 585 cm⁻¹.



1-Phenylazacyclotridecan-2-one; 63% (130 mg; starting from 150 mg of **1g** and 368 mg (1.1 equiv.) of **2a**); reaction was performed in mixture of dichloromethane (4 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (4 mL) at 80 °C for 4 days; white solid; m.p. 124-125 °C; Rf 0.35 (1:4 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 4.82 – 4.60 (m, 1H), 2.86 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.89 (m, 0H), 1.82 – 1.68 (m, 3H), 1.57 – 1.21 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 174.1, 144.0, 129.7, 128.6, 127.7, 48.9, 34.5, 27.2, 26.9, 26.6, 26.0, 25.9, 25.4, 25.2, 25.1, 24.4.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₈H₂₈NO [M+H⁺] 274.2171. Found 274.2177; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 2926, 2859, 1643, 1594, 1493, 1453, 1400, 1356, 1266, 1177, 1100, 773, 742, 708, 561 cm⁻¹.



1-Phenylazacyclohexadecan-2-one; 53% (87 mg; starting from 125 mg of **1h** and 253 mg (1.1 equiv.) of **2a**); reaction was performed in mixture of dichloromethane (3 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (3 mL) at 100 °C for 3 days; white solid; m.p. 75-76 °C; R*f* 0.51 (1:4 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 3.84 – 3.76 (m, 2H), 2.05 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.26 (m, 24H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 203.0, 151.5, 134.7, 131.9, 117.8, 113.6, 111.9, 41.9, 38.3, 28.6, 28.4, 28.3, 28.1, 27.70, 27.65, 27.3, 27.2, 26.5, 25.7, 24.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₁H₃₄NO [M+H⁺] 316.2640. Found 316.2644; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 2925, 2855, 1657, 1595, 1495, 1457, 1398, 1269, 772, 701, 563 cm⁻¹.



1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)azacyclotridecan-2-one; 68% (103 mg; starting from 100 mg of **1g** and 296 mg (1.1 equiv.) of **2f**); reaction was performed in mixture of dichloromethane (4 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (4 mL) at 100 °C for 2 days; colorless oil; R*f* 0.35 (1:4 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.13 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.94 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 4.75 – 4.68 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.77 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.19 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.96 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.21 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 174.4, 158.9, 136.6, 129.6, 114.8, 55.6, 48.7, 34.3, 27.2, 26.9, 26.5, 26.03, 25.99, 25.4, 25.1, 25.0, 24.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₉H₃₀NO₂ [M+H⁺] 304.227. Found 304.2284; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 2927, 2858, 1652, 1511, 1443, 1397, 1248, 1178, 1105, 104, 835, 563 cm⁻¹.



1-(*p***-Tolyl)azacyclotridecan-2-one; 1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)azacyclotridecan-2-one**; 53% (78 mg; starting from 100 mg of **1g** and 295 mg (1.1 equiv.) of **1b**); reaction was performed in mixture of dichloromethane (4 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (4 mL) at 100 °C for 2 days; white solid; m.p. 66-67 °C; *Rf* 0.71 (1:2 acetone in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 4.75 – 4.67 (m, 1H), 2.78 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.20 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.97 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.20 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 141.2, 137.6, 130.3, 128.3, 48.7, 34.3, 27.1, 26.9, 26.5, 25.93, 25.88, 25.3, 25.1, 24.9, 24.3, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₉H₃₀NO [M+H⁺] 288.2327. Found 288.2332; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) v: 2926, 2859, 1656,1513, 1445, 1395, 1280, 822, 560 cm⁻¹.



1-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)azacyclotridecan-2-one; 44% (76 mg; starting from 100 mg of **1g** and 361 mg (1.1 equiv.) of **2g**); reaction was performed in mixture of dichloromethane (4 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (4 mL) at 100 °C for 2 days; waxy solid; Rf 0.19 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 4.84 – 4.61 (m, 1H), 2.90 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.19 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.14 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 173.8, 147.2, 129.7, 128.7, 126.8, 123.9 (q, J = 272.4 Hz), 49.2, 34.5, 29.8, 27.0, 26.7, 26.4, 26.0, 25.4, 25.3, 25.1, 24.2.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₉H₂₇NOF₃ [M+H⁺] 342.2045. Found 342.2053; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 2930, 2861, 1662, 1612, 1393, 1326, 1167, 1128, 1067, 1016, 847 cm⁻¹.



1-(3,5-di-*tert*-**Butylphenyl)azacyclotridecan-2-one**; 21% (31 mg; starting from 75 mg of **1g** and 356 mg (1.2 equiv.) of **2e**); reaction was performed in mixture of dichloromethane (4 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (4 mL) at 100 °C for 3 days; white solid; m.p. 143-144 °C; Rf 0.29 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 4.77 – 4.67 (m, 1H), 2.83 – 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.97 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.42 (m, 6H), 1.38 – 1.29 (m, 28H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 152.4, 143.0, 122.9, 121.4, 48.6, 35.1, 34.4, 31.5, 29.8, 27.2, 27.1, 26.9, 25.9, 25.8, 25.4, 25.3, 25.0, 24.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₆H₄₄NO [M+H⁺] 386.3423. Found 386.3426; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) v: 2959, 2926, 2861, 1654, 1593, 1441, 1393, 1362, 127, 736, 716 cm⁻¹.



1-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)azacyclotridecan-2-one; 55% (85 mg; starting from 100 mg of **1g** and 321 mg (1.2 equiv.) of **2d**); reaction was performed in toluene (8 mL) at 120 °C for 1 days; slightly yellow solid; m.p. 120-121 °C; R*f* 0.34 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.80 (s, 2H), 4.74 – 4.64 (m, 1H), 2.78 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 6H), 2.21 – 2.14 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.80 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.25 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 139.4, 135.3, 129.3, 126.1, 48.8, 34.4, 27.2, 27.0, 26.6, 26.1, 25.9, 25.4, 25.2, 25.1, 24.4, 21.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₀H₃₂NO [M+H⁺] 302.2484. Found 302.2488; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 2925, 2858, 1654, 1606, 1445, 1395, 1354, 1299, 1233, 1194, 1041, 852, 742, 710 cm⁻¹.



1-(o-Tolyl)azacyclotridecan-2-one; 29% (43 mg; starting from 100 mg of **1g** and 295 mg (1.2 equiv.) of **2c**); reaction was performed in toluene (8 mL) at 120 °C for 3 days; waxy solid; Rf 0.17 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 4.76 – 4.65 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.06 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.27 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 174.2, 142.2, 136.4, 131.7, 129.5, 128.2, 126.8, 46.9, 33.8, 27.2, 27.1, 26.7, 26.0, 25.7, 25.3, 25.0, 24.7, 24.2, 17.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₉H₃₀NO [M+H⁺] 288.2327. Found 288.2326; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 2926, 2857, 1649, 1600, 1491, 1442, 1307, 1356, 1281, 1264, 1095, 772, 732 cm⁻¹.



1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)azacyclotridecan-2-one; 34% (104 mg; starting from 185 mg of **1g** and 665 mg (1.2 equiv.) of **2j**); reaction was performed in mixture of dichloromethane (6 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (6 mL) at 100 °C for 4 days; colorless oil; Rf 0.17 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 – 7.84 (m, 3H), 7.70 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 4.85 – 4.76 (m, 1H), 2.95 – 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.24 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.05 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.30 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 174.3, 141.3, 133.8, 132.5, 129.8, 128.1, 127.8, 126.9, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 49.0, 34.7, 27.2, 27.0, 26.6, 26.1, 25.9, 25.5, 25.2, 25.1, 24.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₂H₃₀NO [M+H⁺] 324.2327. Found 324.2325; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3056, 2927, 2858, 1656, 1597, 1505, 1444, 1396, 1352, 1276, 1234, 859, 817, 749, 481 cm⁻¹.



1-(1-Methyl-1*H***-indol-5-yl)azacyclotridecan-2-one**; 47% (130 mg; starting from 87.4 mg of **1g** and 292 mg (1.1 equiv.) of **2i**); reaction was performed in toluene (5 mL) at 120 °C for 1 days; pink solid; m.p. 99-100 °C; R*f* 0.28 (1:4 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.83 – 4.75 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.86 – 2.80 (m, 1H), 2.20 (ddd, J = 12.9, 9.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.96 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.27 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 174.8, 136.0, 135.8, 130.3, 129.0, 122.2, 120.6, 110.1, 101.5, 49.0, 34.4, 33.2, 27.3, 27.0, 26.6, 26.1, 26.0, 25.5, 25.2, 25.0, 24.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₁H₃₁N₂O [M+H⁺] 327,2436. Found 327.2432; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3469, 2926, 2858, 1646, 1490, 1445, 1399, 1260, 723 cm⁻¹.



1-(Naphthalen-1-yl)azacyclotridecan-2-one; 33% (55 mg; starting from 100 mg of **1g** and 361 mg (1.2 equiv.) of **2l**); reaction was performed in mixture of dichloromethane (4 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (4 mL) at 100 °C for 3 days; white solid; m.p. 177-178 °C; Rf 0.38 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.94 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.79 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 4.95 – 4.84 (m, 1H), 2.81 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.89 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.28 (m, 17H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 175.1, 139.5, 135.1, 131.1, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 126.8, 126.7, 125.5, 122.7, 47.7, 34.2, 27.7, 27.2, 26.8, 26.2, 25.8, 25.5, 25.3, 24.8, 24.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₂H₃₀NO [M+H⁺] 324.2327. Found 324.2328; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3057, 2925, 2858, 1649, 1594, 1461, 1442, 1400, 1281, 808, 779 cm⁻¹.



1-(Phenanthren-9-yl)azacyclotridecan-2-one; 50% (95 mg; starting from 100 mg of **1g** and 450 mg (1.2 equiv.) of **2k**); reaction was performed in mixture of toluene (10 mL) and 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) at 120 °C for 4 days; yellow solid; m.p. 165-166 °C; Rf 0.38 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.75 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 4.95 – 4.87 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.13 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.34 (m, 17H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 175.2, 137.7, 132.0, 131.3, 130.2, 129.9, 129.2, 127.9, 127.7, 2x127.6, 127.3, 123.5, 123.4, 122.8, 47.4, 34.3, 27.8, 27.3,

26.9, 26.3, 25.7, 25.5, 25.4, 24.8, 24.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for $C_{26}H_{32}NO$ [M+H⁺] 374.2484. Found 374.2486; IR (film, CH_2Cl_2) v: 2927, 2858, 1656, 1624, 1450, 1394, 1252, 769, 749, 728 cm⁻¹.



4-Methyl-1-phenylazacyclohexadecan-2-one (3t-a) and **15-Methyl-1-phenylazacyclohexadecan-2-one (3t-b)**; 60%; (233 mg, obtained from 300 mg of mixture **1i-a** and **1i-b** in ratio 1.0:1.2); inseparable mixture of isomers in ratio 1.0:1.1 (**3t-a:3t-b**); waxy yellow solid; Rf 0.33 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); **1i-a** selected signals: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 4.49 – 4.41 (m, 1H), 3.11 – 3.04 (m, 1H), 1.91 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 0.75 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 172.4, 143.1, 42.0, 30.7, 19.9; **1i-b** selected signals: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 4.25 (t, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (dt, *J* = 14.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 0.78 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 173.1, 143.3, 54.9, 33.4, 31.7, 17.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₂H₃₆NO [M+H⁺] 330.2797. Found 330.2806; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 2926, 2856, 1659, 1595, 1495, 1458, 1397, 1258, 775, 701, 597 cm⁻¹.

7. Photochemical Fries-type rearrangement of *N*-aryl lactams 3a-t in bath and flow. General procedure for the synthesis of 4a-s.

7.1 Reaction in Bath:

The reaction was prepared in glove box. To the quartz vial containing *N*-aryl lactam **3a-t** (0.1 mmol) degassed MeOH (5 mL) or cyclohexane (5 mL) was added. The vial was sealed with a septum (wrapped with aluminum foil) and transferred to a photoreactor. The reaction was irradiated with eight UV-C lamps (9W, 254 nm) at internal temperature 25-35 °C until complete conversion of substrate (TLC monitoring). After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was preabsorbed onto silica gel, and purified by flash chromatography.

7.2 Reaction in Flow:

General remarks for flow conditions:

The flow reactions were prepared in glovebox (*weighting the substrate and adding the solvent*). Before every reaction, argon was pumped through the flow set for 15 min. Fluid

matering lab pump flow was set to 10 mL/min. The reactions were irradiated with four UV-C lamps (9W, 254 nm) at internal temperature 25-35 °C.

General Procedure in flow:

Substrate **3o-t** (0.1 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of degassed cyclohexane in the pear-shaped 25 mL flask equipped with a stirring bar. The flask was connected to the flow set and pumping of the solution was started. After a 5 minutes required to stabilize the flow, UV-C lamps were switched on simultaneously. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After complete conversion of substrate **3o-t** the reaction was stopped by turning off the lamps. The reaction mixture was collected in a flask, the flow set was rinsed with 10 mL of cyclohexane, both solutions were combined and concentrated. The crude product was preabsorbed onto silica gel, and then purified by column chromatography.

Methyl (*R***)-3-((***tert*-**butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)butanoate**; 26% (10 mg; starting from 52 mg of **3a**); reaction in bath performed in degassed methanol (9 mL) for 4 h; colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -27.3$ (c = 0.98, CDCl₃); R*f* 0.28 (1:2 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 4.28 (dq, J = 12.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.48 (dd, J = 14.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dd, J = 14.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 3H).; spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.¹⁹



1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-*5H***-benzo**[*b*]**azepin-5-one**; 16% (7 mg; starting from 45 mg of 3b); reaction in bath performed in degassed methanol (13 mL) for 4 h; white solid; m.p.; 69-70 °C; R*f* 0.69 (1:1 acetone in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.83 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.74 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (bs, 1H), 3.25 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.20 – 2.14 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 202.9, 153.7, 132.5, 129.7, 125.5, 118.9, 117.8, 48.1, 41.4, 31.5; spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.²⁰



2,3,4,5-Tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]**azocin-6(1***H***)-one**; 8% (3 mg; starting from 37 mg of **3c**); reaction in bath performed in degassed methanol (10 mL) for 3 h; yellow oil; R*f* 0.72 (1:1 acetone in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.35 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.76 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 6.63 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (bs, 1H), 3.19 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.81 – 2.76 (m, 2H), 1.98 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.72 (m, 2H); spectroscopic data are in agreement with literature data.²¹



1,2,3,4,5,6-Hexahydro-7H-benzo[*b*]azonin-7-one; 32% (12 mg; starting from 38 mg of **3d**); reaction in bath performed in degassed methanol (10 mL) for 3 h; colorless oil; Rf 0.67 (1:1 acetone in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) $\delta \delta$ 7.37 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (bs, 1H), 3.14 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.86 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.60 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 209.4, 150.3, 131.7, 131.5, 129.1, 120.3, 119.9, 52.5, 42.0, 29.7, 27.1, 24.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₂H₁₆NO [M+H⁺] 190.1232. Found 190.123; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3353, 2926, 2857, 1738, 1668, 1600, 1479, 1447, 1327, 1274, 1215, 1032, 756 cm⁻¹.



2,3,4,5,6,7-Hexahydrobenzo[*b*]**azecin-8(1***H***)-one**; 45% (18 mg; starting from 40 mg of 3e); reaction in bath performed in degassed methanol (10 mL) for 3 h; yellow oil; R*f* 0.47 (1:4 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 4.23 (bs, 1H), 3.11 – 3.07 (m, 2H), 2.93 – 2.89 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.46 (m, 4H), 1.31 – 1.25 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 210.5, 146.8, 134.6, 131.8, 127.2, 122.7, 121.5, 49.9, 42.0, 26.4, 25.4, 22.6, 21.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₃H₁₈NO [M+H⁺] 204.1388. Found 204.1389; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3343, 2931, 2852, 1675, 1600, 1468, 1369, 1279, 1251, 1217, 1158, 758 cm⁻¹.



1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-Octahydro-9H-benzo[*b*][**1**]*azacycloundecin-9-one*; 50% (17 mg; starting from 34 mg of **3f**); reaction in bath in degassed methanol (8 mL) for 3 h; yellow waxy solid; R*f* 0.78 (1:4 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 6.97 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.80 – 6.74 (m, 1H), 5.97 (bs, 1H), 3.25 – 3.22 (m, 2H), 2.80 – 2.78 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.25 (p, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.16 (p, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.10 – 1.05 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 209.5, 149.0, 132.6, 130.3, 128.6, 119.1, 118.1, 47.9, 42.6, 28.5, 27.4, 25.2, 24.4, 22.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₄H₂₀NO [M+H⁺] 218.1545. Found 218, 1544; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3368, 2933, 2867, 1656, 1603, 1571, 1499, 1461, 1446, 1300, 1258, 1205, 1161, 761, 597 cm⁻¹.



2-Aza-1(1,4)-benzenacyclodecaphan-10-one; 30% (11 mg; starting from 34 mg of **3f**); reaction in bath performed in degassed methanol (8 mL) for 3 h; yellow oil; Rf 0.15 (1:4 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.51 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 3.35 – 3.33 (m, 2H), 2.65 – 2.63 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.30 (m, 4H), 0.99 – 0.94 (m, 2H), 0.96 – 0.88 (m, 2H), 0.06 – -0.02 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 205.5, 152.3, 132.0, 129.9, 119.9, 50.5, 44.3, 30.4, 30.1, 29.8, 28.5, 25.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₄H₂₀NO [M+H⁺] 218.1545. Found 218, 1542; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3335, 2928, 2854, 1669, 1593, 1513, 1462, 1269, 1170, 838, 555 cm⁻¹.



1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12-Dodecahydro-13*H*-benzo[*b*][1]azacyclopentadecin-13-one; 36% (8 mg; starting from 22 mg of **3g**); reaction in bath performed in degassed methanol (4 mL) for 4 h; yellow oil; Rf 0.65 (1:4 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.65 (bs, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (q, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.92 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.34 (p, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.29 – 1.22 (m, 4H), 1.19 – 1.12 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 205.2, 150.9, 134.4, 132.1, 118.8, 114.0, 112.7, 42.2, 39.8, 27.6, 27.3, 27.3, 27.3, 27.0, 26.7, 26.5, 25.6, 25.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₈H₂₈NO [M+H⁺] 274.2171. Found 274.2175; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3307, 2928, 2855, 1633, 1573, 1517, 1459, 1326, 1246, 1162, 746 cm⁻¹.



2-aza-1(1,4)-Benzenacyclotetradecaphan-14-one; 60% (13 mg; starting from 22 mg of **3g**); reaction in bath performed in degassed methanol (4 mL) for 4 h; slightly yellow solid; m.p. 102-103 °C; Rf 0.34 (1:4 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (bs, 1H), 3.42 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 2.85 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.59 (dt, J = 12.1, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.22 – 1.12 (m, 4H), 1.12 – 1.04 (m, 4H), 1.03 – 0.92 (m, 4H), 0.73 – 0.65 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 202.3, 152.7, 130.8, 128.1, 113.6, 43.2, 38.1, 29.0, 28.7, 2x28.1, 28.1, 27.2, 26.9, 26.8, 24.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₈H₂₈NO [M+H⁺] 274.2171. Found 274.2175; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3351, 2926, 2855, 1650, 1596, 1532, 1328, 1217, 1177, 831 cm⁻¹.



2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15-tetradecahydrobenzo[b][1]azacyclooctadecin-16(1H)-

one; 45% (21 mg; starting from 47 mg of **3h**); reaction in bath performed in degassed methanol (7 mL) for 6 h; yellow solid; m.p. 71-72 °C; R*f* 0.52 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 9.07 (bs, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (q, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.99 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.53 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.23 (m, 18H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 203.0, 151.5, 134.7, 131.9, 117.8, 113.6, 111.9, 41.9, 38.3, 28.6, 28.4, 2x28.3, 28.1, 27.70, 27.65, 27.3, 27.2, 26.5, 25.7, 24.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₁H₃₄NO [M+H⁺] 316.2640. Found 316.2645; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3219, 2924, 2855, 1638, 1574, 1519, 1458, 1332, 1213, 743, 613 cm⁻¹.



2-Aza-1(1,4)-benzenacycloheptadecaphan-17-one; 45% (13 mg; starting from 47 mg of **3h**); reaction in bath performed in degassed methanol (7 mL) for 6 h; white solid; m.p.; 80-81 °C; Rf 0.13 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.82 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (bs, 1H), 3.31 (q, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (p, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.63 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.07 (m, 20H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 200.5, 152.4, 131.1, 126.4, 111.6, 42.2, 37.0, 29.2, 29.1, 28.5, 28.4, 28.3, 28.2, 28.1, 27.9, 27.8, 27.6, 26.3, 24.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₁H₃₄NO [M+H⁺] 316.2640. Found

316.2644; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3354, 2925, 2853, 1649, 1595, 1536, 1460, 1338, 1270, 1178, 827 cm⁻¹.



15-Methoxy-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12-dodecahydro-13*H*-benzo[*b*][1]azacyclopentadecin-**13-one**; 75% (6 mg; starting from 8 mg of **3I**); reaction in bath performed in degassed cyclohexane (1.5 mL) for 3 h; yellow oil; R*f* 0.73 (1:2 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.27 (bs, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.32 – 3.26 (m, 2H), 2.90 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.12 (m, 14H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 204.5, 148.8, 146.1, 122.8, 118.8, 115.5, 114.3, 56.3, 42.7, 39.9, 27.7, 27.3, 27.2, 27.0, 26.6, 26.3, 25.5, 25.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₉H₃₀NO₂ [M+H⁺] 304.2277. Found 304.2275; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3322, 2927, 2855, 1641, 1517, 1461, 1275, 1218, 1176, 1047, 812 cm⁻¹.



Methyl 12-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)dodecanoate; 20% (7 mg; starting from 31 mg of **3l**); reaction in bath performed in degassed methanol (4 mL) for 5 h; waxy solid; Rf 0.50 (1:2 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 6.80 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 6.64 – 6.60 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.06 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.57 (m, 4H), 1.40 – 1.24 (m, 14H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 174.5, 152.5, 142.3, 115.1, 114.7, 56.0, 51.6, 45.6, 34.3, 29.68, 2x29.64, 29.57, 29.55, 29.4, 29.3, 27.3, 25.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₀H₃₄NO₃ [M+H⁺] 336.2539. Found 336.2546; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3392, 2919, 2847, 1729, 1522, 1466, 1251, 1237, 1178, 1033, 825 cm⁻¹.



15-Methyl-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12-dodecahydro-13*H*-benzo[*b*][1]azacyclopentadecin-13one; 92% (12 mg; starting from 13 mg of **3***j*); reaction in bath performed in degassed cyclohexane (3 mL) for 3 h; yellow waxy solid; Rf 0.43 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.46 (bs, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (q, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.90 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.76 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.27 (m, 2H), 1.27 – 1.21 (m, 4H), 1.19 – 1.13 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 205.0, 149.0, 135.6, 131.8, 122.8, 118.8, 112.9, 42.4, 39.7, 27.7, 27.3, 27.3, 27.2, 27.0, 26.6, 26.4, 25.5, 25.4, 20.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₉H₃₀NO [M+H⁺] 288.2327. Found 288.2329; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3314, 2927, 2855, 1735, 1637, 1573, 1522, 1460, 1424, 1321, 1261, 1175, 1103, 972, 809 cm⁻¹.



Methyl 12-(*p***-tolylamino)dodecanoate**; 18% (7 mg; starting from 35 mg of **3j**); reaction in bath performed in degassed methanol (5 mL) for 4 h; yellow solid; m.p. 68-69 °C; R*f* 0.25 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.08 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.64 – 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.33 – 1.25 (m, 14H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 174.5, 145.8, 130.2, 129.9, 113.6, 51.6, 45.0, 34.3, 29.7, 29.64, 2x29.56, 29.4, 29.3, 27.3, 25.1, 20.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₀H₃₄NO₂ [M+H⁺] 288.2327. Found 288.2329; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3399, 2916, 2850, 1731, 1619, 1525, 1469, 1436, 1322, 1269, 1230, 1203, 1171, 815, 802, 717, 508 cm⁻¹.



15-(Trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12-dodecahydro-13H-

benzo[b][1]azacyclopentadecin-13-one; 86% (19 mg; starting from 22 mg of **3k**); reaction in bath performed in degassed cyclohexane (3 mL) for 4 h; yellow oil; Rf 0.62 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.97 (bs, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.38 – 3.29 (m, 2H), 2.94 – 2.89 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.35 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.28 – 1.23 (m, 4H), 1.18 – 1.13 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 204.8, 152.6, 130.8 (q, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 129.5 (q, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 124.8 (q, *J* = 270.3 Hz), 117.5, 115.7 (d, *J* = 33.1 Hz), 112.6, 42.3, 39.7, 27.5, 27.4, 2x27.3, 27.0, 26.7, 26.6, 25.6, 25.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₉H₂₇NOF₃ [M+H⁺] 342.2045. Found 342.2047; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3302, 2929, 2856, 1643, 1577, 1536, 1322, 1112, 1083, 818, 610 cm⁻¹.



14,16-di-tert-Butyl-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12-dodecahydro-13H-

benzo[*b*][1]azacyclopentadecin-13-one; 85% (23 mg; starting from 27 mg of 3I); reaction in bath performed in degassed cyclohexane (4 mL) for 3 h; waxy solid; R*f* 0.38 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 6.92 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.11 - 2.96 (m, 4H), 1.85 - 1.69 (m, 4H), 1.42 - 1.27 (m, 32H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 214.8, 151.7, 145.5, 143.9, 127.3, 114.3, 106.9, 45.1, 43.6, 36.6, 35.1, 32.5,

31.5, 29.5, 26.6, 26.4, 26.3, 25.8, 25.5, 25.3, 23.3, 21.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for $C_{26}H_{44}NO$ [M+H⁺] 386.3423. Found 386.3424; IR (film, CH_2Cl_2) v: 3387, 2927, 2856, 1687, 1600, 1561, 1460, 1362, 1313, 1244, 979, 847 cm⁻¹.



14,16-Dimethyl-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12-dodecahydro-13H-

benzo[*b*][1]azacyclopentadecin-13-one; 58% (19 mg; starting from 33 mg of **3m**); reaction in bath performed in degassed cyclohexane (6 mL) for 6 h; yellow solid; m.p.77-78 °C; Rf 0.52 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 6.34 (s, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 5.03 (bs, 1H), 3.13 – 3.09 (m, 2H), 2.77 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.73 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.25 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 210.9, 146.2, 141.0, 135.3, 124.7, 120.0, 109.8, 44.3, 42.5, 28.7, 27.2, 26.8, 26.4, 26.3, 25.4, 25.2, 25.0, 24.1, 21.9, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₀H₃₂NO [M+H⁺] 302.2484. Found 302.2486; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3390, 2926, 2855, 1686, 1645, 1605, 1573, 1456, 1326, 1219, 822 cm⁻¹.



1³,**1**⁵-Dimethyl-2-aza-1(1,4)-benzenacyclotetradecaphan-14-one; 24% (8 mg; starting from 33 mg of **3m**); reaction in bath performed in degassed cyclohexane (6 mL) for 6 h; yellow oil; Rf 0.17 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 6.29 (s, 2H), 3.64 (bs, 1H), 3.31 – 3.28 (m, 2H), 2.69 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 6H), 1.58 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.27 – 1.24 (m, 4H), 1.10 – 0.96 (m, 8H), 0.86 – 0.82 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 211.8, 149.0, 135.4, 130.7, 113.4, 44.6, 42.9, 28.6, 28.34, 28.28, 27.92, 27.88, 27.7, 27.1, 25.4, 24.7, 20.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₀H₃₂NO [M+H⁺] 302.2484. Found 302.2486; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3377, 2925, 2853, 1670, 1604, 1512, 1457, 1332, 1260, 1174, 840 cm⁻¹.



17-Methyl-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12-dodecahydro-13*H*-benzo[*b*][1]azacyclopentadecin-13-one; 15% (5 mg; starting from 32 mg of **3**n); reaction in bath performed in degassed cyclohexane (6 mL) for 7 h; yellow waxy solid; R*f* 0.78 (15:85 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.89 (bs, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.98 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.80 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.20 (m, 14H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 205.2, 151.8, 136.7, 129.4, 129.1, 125.3, 118.0, 48.0, 39.7, 30.5, 27.1, 27.0, 26.4, 26.1, 26.0,

25.5, 25.1, 24.5, 21.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for $C_{19}H_{30}NO$ [M+H⁺] 288.2327. Found 288.2326; IR (film, CH_2Cl_2) v: 3322, 2925, 2854, 1643, 1595, 1502, 1456, 1226, 749 cm⁻¹.



1²-Methyl-2-aza-1(1,4)-benzenacyclotetradecaphan-14-one; 41% (13 mg; starting from 32 mg of **3n**); reaction in bath performed in degassed cyclohexane (6 mL) for 7 h; yellow waxy solid; Rf 0.21 (15:85 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 6.72 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 4.02 (bs, 1H), 3.50 – 3.44 (m, 2H), 2.85 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.72 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.15 – 1.11 (m, 4H), 1.10 – 1.05 (m, 4H), 1.00 – 0.92 (m, 4H), 0.70 – 0.62; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 202.6, 150.8, 130.8, 129.3, 127.2, 121.7, 110.6, 43.0, 38.1, 29.0, 28.8, 28.10, 28.07, 28.04, 27.2, 26.93, 26.89, 24.6, 17.5.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₁₉H₃₀NO [M+H⁺] 288.2327. Found 288.2331; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3392, 2926, 2854, 1654, 1595, 1527, 1458, 1289, 1145, 814, 739, 528 cm⁻¹.



7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18-Dodecahydro-19*H*-naphtho[**2,1-***b*][**1**]azacyclopentadecin-**19-one**; bath: 50% (16 mg; starting from 32 mg of **30**); reaction was performed in degassed cyclohexane (5 mL) for 4 h; flow: 61% (18 mg; starting from 30 mg of **30**); reaction was performed in degassed cyclohexane (10 mL) for 20 min; yellow oil; Rf 0.73 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, benzene-*d*₆) δ 7.67 (bs, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (q, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.63 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.30 (p, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.23 – 1.10 (m, 10H), 1.02 – 0.96 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 207.5, 146.9, 133.8, 133.2, 128.7, 127.3, 126.5, 124.6, 122.1, 115.7, 114.6, 44.2, 42.1, 29.2, 27.3, 27.0, 26.6, 26.4, 26.2, 25.9, 25.2, 25.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₂H₃₀NO [M+H⁺] 324.2327. Found 324.2332; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3348, 2926, 2855, 1626, 1563, 1511, 1431, 1343, 1188, 1155, 811, 746 cm⁻¹.



3-Methyl-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-[1]azacyclopentadecino[3,2-

e]indol-18(3*H*)-one; bath: 25% (12 mg; starting from 48 mg of 3p); reaction was performed in degassed cyclohexane (8 mL) for 5 h; flow: 57% (12 mg; starting from 21 mg of 3p);

reaction was performed in degassed cyclohexane (8 mL) for 30 min; yellow oil; Rf 0.33 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.79 (bs, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.36 – 3.32 (m, 2H), 3.12 – 3.09 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.36 (p, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.29 – 1.17 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 204.3, 129.2, 127.6, 116.5, 109.1, 101.9, 43.4, 42.9, 33.1, 28.5, 27.8, 27.2, 26.8, 26.7, 26.0, 25.6, 24.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₁H₃₁N₂O [M+H⁺] 327.2436. Found 327.2431; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3298, 2925, 2854, 1619, 1598, 1510, 1426, 1361, 1332, 1294, 1174, 1092, 793, 719 cm⁻¹.



1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12-Dodecahydro-13*H***-naphtho**[**1,2-***b*][**1**]azacyclopentadecin-13-one; bath: 28% (9 mg; starting from 32 mg of **3r**); reaction was performed in degassed cyclohexane (5 mL) for 5 h; flow: 39% (13 mg; starting from 33 mg of **3r**); reaction was performed in degassed cyclohexane (10 mL) for 25 min; yellow oil; R*f* 0.67 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 9.35 (bs, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.50 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.03 – 2.99 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.19 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 203.8, 153.9, 137.6, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 2x126.8, 124.2, 118.2, 117.4, 51.6, 39.4, 31.7, 27.2, 27.1, 26.6, 26.3, 25.9, 25.5, 25.4, 24.5.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₂H₃₀NO [M+H⁺] 324.2327. Found 324.2331; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3290, 2926, 2854, 1618, 1569, 1510, 1445, 1346, 1228, 1146, 1065, 795 cm⁻¹.



2-Aza-1(1,4)-naphthalenacyclotetradecaphan-14-one; bath: 34% (11 mg; starting from 32 mg of **3r**); reaction was performed in degassed cyclohexane (5 mL) for 5 h; flow: 44% (15 mg; starting from 33 mg of **3r**); reaction was performed in degassed cyclohexane (10 mL) for 25 min; yellow solid; m.p. 164-165 °C; Rf 0.16 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.94 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 3.61 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.01 – 2.94 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.27 – 1.14 (m, 4H), 1.08 – 1.02 (m, 4H), 0.98 – 0.93 (m, 2H), 0.90 – 0.85 (m, 2H), 0.70 – 0.64 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 205.4, 147.7, 132.31, 132.29, 128.0, 127.0, 125.2, 123.8, 122.9, 119.6, 103.4, 42.8, 41.2, 28.8, 28.6, 27.93, 27.89, 27.6, 27.3, 27.04, 27.02, 25.0; HRMS

(ESI-TOF) m/z calc for $C_{22}H_{30}NO$ [M+H⁺] 324.2327. Found 324.2330; IR (film, CH_2Cl_2) v: 3056, 2920, 2851, 1648, 1442, 1399,1280, 808, 779, 741 cm⁻¹.



14-Methyl-2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15-tetradecahydrobenzo[b][1]azacyclooctadecin-3-Methyl-2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15and 16(1*H*)-one tetradecahydrobenzo[b][1]azacyclooctadecin-16(1H)-one; inseparable mixture of isomers o-4t-a and o-3t-b in ratio 1.0:1.0; bath: 43% (22 mg; starting from 51 mg of mixture of 3t-a and **3t-b** in ratio 1.0:1.1); reaction was performed in degassed cyclohexane (5 mL) for 6 h; flow: 54% (14 mg; starting from 26 mg of mixture of **3t-a** and **3t-b** in ratio 1.0:1.1); reaction was performed in degassed cyclohexane (12 mL) for 35 min; waxy yellow solid; Rf 0.73 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); *o***-4t-a** selected signals: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-d) δ 9.10 (bs, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 15.9, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J = 15.8, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.24 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 1.00 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, chloroform-d) δ 202.5, 46.8, 41.8, 34.0, 28.65, 20.2; *o***-4t-b** selected signals: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 3.00 (ddd, *J* = 16.1, 8.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (ddd, J = 15.8, 7.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.86 (m, 1H), 1.88 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 0.99 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 202.8, 151.4, 48.5, 38.0, 32.6, 23.9, 18.2, ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for $C_{22}H_{36}NO [M+H^{+}] 330.2797$. Found 330.2806; IR (film, CH_2Cl_2) *v*: 3294, 2925, 2854, 1638, 1606, 1575, 1520, 1459, 1208, 1161, 744 cm⁻¹.



15-Methyl-2-aza-1(1,4)-benzenacycloheptadecaphan-17-one and **4-Methyl-2-aza-1(1,4)-benzenacycloheptadecaphan-17-one**; inseparable mixture of isomers *p*-4t-a and *p*-3t-b in ratio 1.0:1.2; bath: 29% (15 mg; starting from 51 mg of mixture of **3t-a** and **3t-b** in ratio 1.0:1.1); reaction was performed in degassed cyclohexane (5 mL) for 6 h; flow: 35% (9mg; starting from 26 mg of mixture of **3t-a** and **3t-b** in ratio 1.0:1.1); reaction was performed in degassed cyclohexane (5 mL) for 6 h; flow: 35% (9mg; starting from 26 mg of mixture of **3t-a** and **3t-b** in ratio 1.0:1.1); reaction was performed in degassed cyclohexane (12 mL) for 35 min; waxy yellow solid; Rf 0.73 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); *p*-4t-a selected signals: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 4.29 (bs, 1H), 3.36 – 3.29 (m, 1H), 3.29 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.12 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 0.99 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 45.3, 42.0, 31.3, 21.1; *p*-

4t-b selected signals: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 4.45 (bs, 1H), 3.16 – 3.06 (m, 2H), 2.94 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.69 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.79 (m, 1H), 0.91 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 48.7, 36.8, 31.0, 18.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for C₂₂H₃₆NO [M+H⁺] 330.2797. Found 330.2804; IR (film, CH₂Cl₂) *v*: 3357, 2925, 2853, 1648, 1596, 1535, 1460, 1339, 1281, 1178, 827 cm⁻¹.

8. Synthesis of indazole 6 *via N*-nitrosation of o-4h, and subsequent reductive heterocyclization.



N-nitrosation reaction and subsequent reductive heterocyclization was performed according to the literature procedure with small modification. To a solution of *ortho*-cyclophane *o*-4h (17 mg, 0.054 mmol) in acetic acid (0.5 mL) NaNO₂ was added (7.5 mg, 0.108 mmol;,2.0 equiv). The reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight. After complete conversion of substrate *o*-4h (TLC monitoring, 1:9 AcOEt:hexanes) H₂O (0.5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (3x 1.0 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude nitrosoaniline as a yellow oil, which was used to the next step without farther purification.

To a solution of crude nitrosoaniline (0.054 mmol) in mixture of DMF (0.5 mL) and acetic acid (0.5 mL) zinc dust (18 mg, 0.27 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) was added at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for one hour, then heated at 100 °C overnight. After complete conversion of nitrosoaniline (TLC monitoring, 1:9 AcOEt:hexanes) H₂O (0.5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (3x 1.0 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which was preabsorbed onto silica gel, and then purified by flash chromatography to afford 14 mg (83%, after two steps) of indazole **6** as a slightly yellow oil. Rf 0.48 (1:9 AcOEt in hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.09 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 4.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 4.35 (m, 2H), 3.04 – 2.99 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.78 (m, 4H), 1.32 – 1.10 (m, 20H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 145.1, 140.5, 125.9, 123.1, 120.7, 119.4, 109.1, 48.7, 30.0, 28.9, 28.22, 28.17, 27.98, 2x27.86,

27.22, 27.17, 26.8, 2x26.4, 26.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calc for $C_{21}H_{33}N_2$ [M+H⁺] 313.2644. Found 313.2647; IR (film, CH_2Cl_2) v: 2925, 2854, 1614, 1503, 1458, 1367, 1309, 1177, 1134, 1007, 741 cm⁻¹.

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