# **Supporting Information-I**

# Constructing Chiral Bicyclo[3.2.1]octanes via Low-loading Organocatalysis

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General Methods: The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 500, 400, 125 and 100 MHz, respectively. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield to TMS ( $\delta = 0$ ) for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and relative to the central CDCl<sub>3</sub> resonance ( $\delta = 77.0$ ) for <sup>13</sup>C NMR. In the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra, the nature of the carbons (C, CH, CH<sub>2</sub>, or CH<sub>3</sub>) was determined by recording the DEPT-135 experiment and is given in parentheses. The coupling constants J are given in Hz. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (particle size: 0.063-0.200 mm). High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on a micromass ESI-TOF MS. IR spectra were recorded on FT/IR-5300 and FT/IR-5700. Mass spectra were recorded on either VG7070H mass spectrometer using EI technique or Shimadzu-LCMS-2010 A mass spectrometer. The Xray diffraction measurements were carried out at 298 K on an automated Enraf-Nonious MACH<sub>3</sub> diffractometer using graphite monochromated, Mo–K $\alpha$  ( $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å) radiation with CAD4 software, or the X-ray intensity data were measured at 298 K on a SMART APEX CCD area detector system equipped with a graphite monochromator and a Mo-Ka fine-focus sealed tube ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). For thin-layer chromatography (TLC), silica gel plates were used and compounds were visualized by irradiation with UV light and/or by treatment with a solution of *p*-anisaldehyde (23 mL), conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (35 mL), acetic acid (10 mL), and ethanol (900 mL), followed by heating.

**Materials:** All solvents and commercially available chemicals were used as received. 4isopropyl phenol and 4-tertiarybutyl phenol were utilized for the synthesis of **1a** and **1b** and nitroolefins **6a** to **6e** were prepared according to the literature procedures.<sup>1,2</sup>

**Procedure A: Aniline-induced Cascade Three-Component Reductive Alkylation** (**TCRA**): In an ordinary glass vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, to 0.6 mmol of the aldehyde **2** (2 equiv.), 0.3 mmol of 2-hydroxy-5-alkylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-diones **1** (1 equiv.), 0.6 mmol of Hantzsch ester **4** (151.97 mg, 2 equiv.) was added in 1.0 mL of DCM (0.3 M) and aniline **3c** (27.39  $\mu$ L, 1.0 equiv.) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 40 min and 25 °C for 3 h. The crude reaction mixture was directly loaded onto a silica gel column without aqueous workup and pure cascade TCRA products **5aa–5bl** were obtained in 52-74% yield (silica gel, mixture of hexanes/ethyl acetate).

**Procedure B: Preparation of Racemic Tandem Michael/Henry Annulation Products 10/11:** An oven-dried, round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with 10 mol% of achiral thiourea catalyst **3d** (5.38 mg), followed by the addition of 0.05 mL of dry toluene, 0.15 mmol of 2-hydroxy-3,5-dialkyl-1,4-quinones **5** (1 equiv.). To this solution, 0.45 mmol of nitro-olefins **6** (0.45 mL, 1.0 M in toluene, 3 equiv.) was added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 5-30 min, monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was then treated with 8.0 equiv. of acetyl chloride (85  $\mu$ L) followed by the sequential addition of 0.3 equiv. of conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (2.4  $\mu$ L). The reaction mixture was then allowed to stir at rt for 30 min and reaction progress is monitored by TLC. The crude reaction mixture was directly loaded onto silica gel for column chromatography without aqueous workup and pure racemic products (±)-**10/11** were obtained in 60-96% yield (silica gel, mixture of hexane/ethyl acetate).

# **Procedure C: Preparation of Chiral Tandem Michael/Henry Annulation Products 10/11**: An oven-dried, round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with chiral quinine squaramide catalyst **3g** (1.0 mol%, 0.9 mg) followed by the addition of 0.05 mL of dry toluene, 0.15 mmol of 2-hydroxy-3,5-dialkyl-1,4-quinones **5** (1 equiv.) and 0.45 mmol of nitro-olefins **6** (0.45 mL, 1.0 M in toluene, 3 equiv.). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1-4 h and reaction progress is monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was then treated with 8.0 equiv. of acetyl chloride (85 $\mu$ L) followed by the sequential addition of 0.3 equiv. of conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (2.4 $\mu$ L). The reaction mixture was then allowed to stir at rt for 30 min and reaction progress is monitored by TLC. The crude reaction mixture was directly loaded onto silica gel for column chromatography without aqueous workup and the pure chiral annulation products (+)-**10/11** were obtained in 60-96% yield (silica gel, mixture of hexanes/ethyl acetate).

Procedure D: General Procedure for the Preparation of (1R,4R,5S,7R)-5-Benzyl-4-Hydroxy-3-Isopropyl-7-Methyl-7-Nitro-8-Oxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl Acetate (12c/13c): In a 10 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, compound (+)-10c (115.6 mg, 0.3 mmol) was dissolved in dry MeOH (1.0 mL, 0.3 M) and then cooled to 0 °C, followed by addition of NaBH<sub>4</sub> (17.02 mg, 1.5 equiv.) in portion wise. The reaction mixture was then stirred at the same temperature for 2 h. The crude reaction mixture was quenched with water and the the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give pure products (+)-12c/13c in 95% yield. Procedure E: General Procedure for the Preparation of (1R,4S,5S,7R)-5-Benzyl-3-(*tert*-Butyl)-4-Hydroxy-7-Methyl-7-Nitro-8-Oxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl Acetate (12p/13p): In a 10 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, (+)-10p (59.85 mg, 0.15 mmol) was dissolved in dry MeOH/DCM (1:1, 0.15 M, 1.0 mL) in equimolar ratio under argon atmospear and then cooled to 0 °C, followed by addition of 2.0 equiv. of NaBH<sub>4</sub> (11.35 mg) in portion wise. The reaction mixture was then stirred at the same temperature for 4 h. The crude reaction mixture was quenched with water and the the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by coloumn chromatography to give products (+)-12p/13p in 80% yield (silica gel, mixture of hexane/ethyl acetate).

**Procedure F: Preparation of Racemic 5-Hydroxy-3-Isopropyl-6-Methyl-6-Nitro-1-(2-nitropropyl)bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-ene-2,8-dione** ( $\pm$ )-**8bb/9bb**: An oven-dried, round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with 10 mol% of achiral thiourea catalyst **3d** (10.8 mg), followed by the addition of 0.1 mL of dry toluene, 0.3 mmol of 2-hydroxy-5-isopropylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione **1a** (50 mg) and 0.9 mmol (0.9 mL, 1.0 M in toluene) of  $\alpha$ -methylnitroethylene **6c** the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 min. The crude reaction mixture was directly loaded onto a silica gel column without aqueous workup, and pure products ( $\pm$ )-**8bb/9bb** were obtained in 39% yield (silica gel, mixture of hexane/ethyl acetate).

**Procedure G: Preparation of Chiral 5-Hydroxy-3-Isopropyl-6-Methyl-6-Nitro-1-(2-nitropropyl)bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-ene-2,8-dione** (+)-**8bb/9bb**: An oven-dried, round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with 10 mol% of chiral quinine squaramide catalyst **3g** (18.12 mg), followed by the addition of 0.1 mL of dry toluene, 0.3 mmol of 2-hydroxy-5-isopropylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione **1a** (50 mg) and 0.9 mmol (0.9 mL, 1.0 M in toluene) of  $\alpha$ -methylnitroethylene **6c** and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 min. The crude reaction mixture was directly loaded onto a silica gel column without aqueous workup, and pure products **8bb/9bb** were obtained in 76% yield (silica gel, mixture of hexane/ethyl acetate).

Procedure H: Preparation of Chiral 3-Isopropyl-7-Methyl-7-Nitro-5-(2-Nitropropyl)-4,8-Dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl Acetate (+)-10bb/11bb: In an oven dried 10.0 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, to the compound (+)-**8bb/9bb** (40 mg, 0.1 mmol), in dry toluene (0.4 mL), acetyl chloride (0.936 mmol, 8.0 equiv., 67  $\mu$ l) and conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.0351 mmol, 30 mol%, 1.88  $\mu$ l) were added. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. The crude reaction mixture was directly loaded onto a silica gel column without aqueous workup, and pure products (+)-**10bb/11bb** were obtained in 84% yield (silica gel, mixture of hexane/ethyl acetate).

Reaction Optimization for the Reductive Alkylation of Hydroxy-p-quinone 1a: Initially, we synthesized **1a** from *p*-isopropylphenol and then treated it with commercially available benzaldehyde 2a and Hantzsch ester 4 under the proline-catalysis to furnish the corresponding reductive alkylation product **5aa**. In this reaction, we have utilized proline **3a** as the catalyst and Hantzsch ester 4 as hydride source in DCM solvent at room temperature and obtained 5aa in only 28% yield (Table S1, entry 1). The desired reductive alkylation product 5aa was obtained when we performed reactions using benzylamine 3b as a catalyst, but there is no considerable increase in the yield with the increase in loading of catalyst **3b**. Moreover, stirring the reaction for a longer time (>1 h) has decreased the yield as multiple spots appeared (Table S1, entries 2-4). The same alkylation reaction was then carried out using aniline 3c as the catalyst and to our delight, the yield slightly improved to 56% (Table S1, entry 5). When the equivalence of aniline 3c was changed from 0.2 to 0.05, the reaction took longer hours with decreased product formation of 5aa (Table S1, entries 5-7). Screening of solvents such as THF, *n*-butanol, methanol, isopropanol, DCE, and CH<sub>3</sub>CN, the reaction proved that only DCM and DCE are efficient, and establishing them as the most suitable solvents in this reductive alkylation reaction (Table S1, entries 8-14). Upon increasing the loading of aniline 3c from 0.5 equiv. to 1.0 equiv, the yield of alkylation product 5aa enhanced from 58% to 70% within 0.5 h, thus indicating it as the optimized condition for the synthesis of designed 3,5-dialkyl-2hydroxy-p-quinone 5aa (Table S1, entries 15-16).

With the established optimized reaction conditions in hand, we investigated to synthesize various substituted 3,5-dialkyl-2-hydroxy-*p*-quinones **5** in good to very good yields as shown in Tables S2-S3.

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Entry	<b>1a</b> O <b>2a</b> Catalyst <b>3</b> (mol%)	<b>2a</b> (equiv.)	<b>4</b> (equiv.)	O Solvent (0.3 M)	5aa Time (h)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	Proline <b>3a</b> (20)	2.0	1.1	DCM	11 h	28
2	Benzylamine <b>3b</b> (5)	2.0	1.1	DCM	1.0 h	15
3	Benzylamine <b>3b</b> (10)	2.0	1.1	DCM	0.25 h	36
4	Benzylamine <b>3b</b> (20)	2.0	1.1	DCM	0.25 h	42
5	Aniline <b>3c</b> (20)	2.0	1.1	DCM	3.0 h	56
6	Aniline <b>3c</b> (10)	2.0	1.1	DCM	3.0 h	53
7	Aniline <b>3c</b> (5.0)	2.0	1.1	DCM	16 h	50
8	Aniline <b>3c</b> (20)	2.0	1.1	THF	3.0 h	45
9	Aniline <b>3c</b> (20)	2.0	1.1	n-butanol	3.0 h	56
10	Aniline <b>3c</b> (20)	2.0	1.1	DMSO	3.0 h	25
11	Aniline <b>3c</b> (20)	2.0	1.1	MeOH	3.0 h	20
12	Aniline <b>3c</b> (20)	2.0	1.1	<i>i</i> -PrOH	3.0 h	45
13	Aniline <b>3c</b> (20)	2.0	1.1	DCE	1.0 h	58
14	Aniline <b>3c</b> (20)	2.0	1.1	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	6.0 h	33
15	Aniline <b>3c</b> (50)	2.0	2.0	DCM	1.0 h	60
16	Aniline <b>3c</b> (1.0 equiv.)	2.0	2.0	DCM	0.5 h	70

**Table S1**: Reaction Optimization for the Reductive Alkylation of Hydroxy-p-quinone 1a.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Reactions were carried out in solvent (0.3 M) with 2.0 equiv. of **2a** (0.6 mmol) and 2.0 equiv. of **4** (0.6 mmol) relative to the hydroxy-*p*-quinone **1a** (0.3 mmol) in the presence of aniline **3c**. <sup>*b*</sup> Yield refers to the column-purified product.

We performed the **3c**-induced reaction between **1a**, **4** and various aldehydes **2b-2l** to furnish the reductive alkylation products **5ab-5al**. The reaction of 4-fluoro and 4-chlorobenzaldehydes **2b** and **2c** with **1a** and **4** gave **5ab** and **5ac** in 72% and 65% yields, respectively within 2 h (Table S2). The reaction of **1a** with **2d-2f** went smoothly to give **5ad-5af** in moderate yields (54%, 68%, 67%) in less than 3 h, stating that steric factors are govern the reaction (Table S2). Reactions were carried out with electron-withdrawing groups (4-CN, 4-NO<sub>2</sub>, and 4-CF<sub>3</sub>) containing **2g-2i** with **1a** and **4** to give products **5ag-5ai** in very good yields, i.e., 72%, 70%, 74%, respectively and also with electron-donating groups of 4-methyl and 4-methoxy **2j** and **2k** also furnished the products **5aj** and **5ak** in 1 h with moderate yields of 52% and 60% respectively (Table S2). The reaction of **1a** and **4** with 5.0 equiv. of acetaldehyde **2l** at 0 °C went smoothly to give **5al** in 3 h with 60% yield (Table S2).





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>*a*</sup> Reactions were performed with 1.0 equiv. of hydroxy-*p*-quinone **1a** (0.3 mmol), 2.0 equiv. of aldehyde **2** (0.6 mmol) and 2.0 equiv. of Hantzsch ester **4** (0.6 mmol) in the presence of aniline **3c** (1.0 equiv.) in DCM (0.3 M) at room temperature. <sup>*b*</sup> Reaction was performed with 5.0 equiv. of aliphatic acetaldehyde **2l** as aldehyde source at 0 °C.



Table S3: Reductive Alkylation of Hydroxy-p-quinone 1b with various Aldehydes 2.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Reactions were performed with 1.0 equiv. of hydroxy-*p*-quinone **1b** (0.3 mmol), 2.0 equiv. of aldehyde **2** (0.6 mmol) and 2.0 equiv. of Hantzsch ester **4** (0.6 mmol) in the presence of aniline **3c** (1.0 equiv.) in DCM (0.3 M) at room temperature. <sup>*b*</sup> Reaction was performed with 5.0 equiv. of aliphatic acetaldehyde **2l** as aldehyde source at 0 °C.

We went onto investigate the reaction scope for 2-(*tert*-butyl)-5-hydroxycyclohexa-2,5diene-1,4-dione **1b** with various aldehydes **2** and **4** to furnish the products **5ba-5bl** (Table S3). The reaction of **1b** with aldehydes **2a-2c** resulted in the formation of products **5ba-5bc** with good yields of 70% and 76% in 2 h or less than 2 h, respectively (Table S3). Treatment of **1b** with aldehydes **2d-2f** gave products **5bd-5bf** with 54%, 66%, 74% yields respectively, which can be attributed to steric factors (Table S3). Electron-withdrawing groups containing aldehydes **2g-2i** gave the products **5bg-5bi** in less than 2 h with good yields. Same time electron-donating groups containing aldehydes **2j-2k** gave products **5bj-5bk** in 1 h with yields of 52% and 60% (Table S3). The **3c**-induced reaction of **1b** and **4** with 5.0 equiv. of acetaldehyde **2l** at 0 °C for 1.0 h furnished product **5bl** in 60% yield (Table S3).



Table S4: Organocatalytic Racemic Synthesis of Bicyclo [3.2.1] octanes 10a/11a-10o/110.<sup>a-c</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Reactions were carried out in toluene (0.05 mL) with 3.0 equiv. of **6** (0.45 mL, 1.0 M in toluene) relative to **5** (0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in the presence of catalyst **3d** (5.38 mg, 10 mol%) at room temperature for 5-30 minutes followed by *in situ* protection of *tert*-hydroxy group with 8.0 equiv. of acetyl chloride (85  $\mu$ L) in the presence of 30 mol% of conc.H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (2.4  $\mu$ L). <sup>*b*</sup> Yield refers to the column-purified combined products of **10** and **11**. <sup>*c*</sup> *dr* was determined by CSP-HPLC analysis of the column-purified combined products of **10** and **11**.





<sup>*a*</sup> Reactions were carried out in toluene (0.05 mL) with 3.0 equiv. of **6c** (0.45 mL, 1.0 M in toluene) relative to **5** (0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in the presence of catalyst **3d** (5.38 mg, 10 mol%) at room temperature for 20-30 minutes followed by *in situ* protection of the *tert*-hydroxy group with 8.0 equiv. of acetyl chloride (85  $\mu$ L) in the presence of 30 mol% of conc.H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (2.4  $\mu$ L). <sup>*b*</sup> Yield refers to the column-purified combined products of **10** and **11**. <sup>*c*</sup> *dr* was determined by CSP-HPLC analysis of the column-purified combined products of **10** and **11**.



Scheme S1: Organocatalytic Racemic Synthesis of Bicyclo[3.2.1]octanes 10bb/11bb-10cc/11cc.

Substrate Scope for the Racemic Synthesis of Bicyclo[3.2.1]octanes 10/11: Then, we went on to synthesize a library of racemic bicyclic compounds ( $\pm$ )-10a to ( $\pm$ )-10o, considering all the electronic and steric factors into account, and by using achiral amine-thiourea 3d as the catalyst (Table S4). The [3+2]-annulation reaction of 5aa with different  $\alpha$ -substituted nitroethylenes 6a, 6b, 6c, and 6d under the catalysis of 3d followed by *in situ* protection of the *tert*-hydroxy group with acetyl chloride in the presence of 30 mol% of conc.H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> gave the products  $(\pm)$ -10a,  $(\pm)$ -10b,  $(\pm)$ -10c and  $(\pm)$ -10d respectively, within 5 min, which is highlighting the high reactivity of nitroethylenes 6. The [3+2]-annulation followed by in situ protection of the *tert*-hydroxy group reactions of **5aa** with **6a**, **6b** and **6c** gave excellent yields of cyclization products  $(\pm)$ -10a to  $(\pm)$ -10c in 93%, 91% and 83% with a dr of 2:1, 4.5:1 and 2.8:1, respectively (Table S4). The same reaction sequence with 6d gave excellent diastereoselectivity of  $(\pm)$ -10d in 17.2 :1 dr with 88% yield, which can be attributed to the inherent nature of the benzyl group to participate in epimerization (Table S4). The reaction of 5ab and 5ac with 6c followed by *in situ* protection of the *tert*-hydroxy group gave products  $(\pm)$ -10e and  $(\pm)$ -10f with 75% and 93% yield with a dr of 3.2:1 and 4:1 in 5 and 10 min, respectively (Table S4). The one-pot annulation products  $(\pm)$ -10g,  $(\pm)$ -10h, and  $(\pm)$ -10i were synthesized in very good yields with no remarkable change in yield, diastereoselectivity, and reaction time, stating its conditions to be independent of the steric factors (Table S4). The [3+2]-annulation followed by in situ protection of the tert-hydroxy reaction of 6c with electronwithdrawing groups such as 4-CN, 4-NO<sub>2</sub>, and 4-CF<sub>3</sub> contianing **5ag-5ai** reacted without any hassle in less than 20 min with excellent yields and dr of 2.5:1, 5.5:1, and 3.9:1 to give  $(\pm)$ -10j, (±)-10k and (±)-10l respectively (Table S4). Electron-donating groups such as 4-Me and 4-OMe contianing 5aj-5ak gave (±)-10m and (±)-10n in 30 min with yields of 76% and 88% and a dr of 2.5:1 and 2.6:1 respectively (Table S4). The [3+2]-annulation followed by in situ protection of the *tert*-hydroxy group reaction of **6c** with **5al** gave  $(\pm)$ -**10o** in 83% yield with dr of 2.5:1 within 5 min ascertaining that the reaction conditions are independent of the reactant's substitution like aliphatic or aromatic nature.

After accomplishing the synthesis of a library of racemic bicyclic compounds with **5aa-5al** and **6c**, we further investigated the reaction scope of **5ba-5bl** with **6c** (Table S5). We performed the **3d**-catalyzed reaction of **6c** with **5ba**, **5bb** and **5bc** followed by *in situ* protection of the *tert*-hydroxy group to furnish  $(\pm)$ -**10p**,  $(\pm)$ -**10q**, and  $(\pm)$ -**10r** in excellent yields with *dr* of 4.5:1, 3:1 and 3.1:1, respectively within 30 min (Table S5). The **3d**-catalyzed reaction of **6c** with **5bd-5bf** furnished the racemic bicyclic products  $(\pm)$ -**10s**,  $(\pm)$ -**10t**, and  $(\pm)$ -**10u** in very good yields and *dr* within 20 min, without showing much of steric factors (Table S5). The annulation followed by *in situ* protection of the *tert*-hydroxy group scontaining **5bg-5bi** with **6c** to furnish products  $(\pm)$ -**10v** and  $(\pm)$ -**10w** both in 82% yield and  $(\pm)$ -**10x** in 94% yield within 20 min (Table S5). The reaction of **6c** with electron-donating groups containing **5bj** and **5bk** gave  $(\pm)$ -**10y** and  $(\pm)$ -**10z** in 82% and 60% yield with *dr* of 1.5:1 and 20:1, respectively (Table S5). Obtaining the low yield of  $(\pm)$ -**10z** 

from **5bk** can be attributed to the electronic factors related to the methoxy group (Table S5). Aliphatic group containing **5bl** with **6c** under the **3d**-catalysis furnished the annulation product ( $\pm$ )-**10aa** in 20 min with 80% yield and a *dr* of >20:1 (Table S5).



Scheme S2: Organocatalytic Racemic Synthesis of Bicyclo[3.2.1]octanes 10dd/11dd-10ff/11ff.

In a similar manner, achiral bicyclo[3.2.1]octanes ( $\pm$ )-10bb/11bb to ( $\pm$ )-10ff/11ff containing different functional groups were constructed by using same achiral amine-thiourea **3d**-catalysed [3+2]-annulation of 3,5-dialkyl-2-hydroxy-*p*-quinones **5** with  $\alpha$ -methyl nitroethylene **6c** or masked  $\alpha$ -phenyl nitroethylene **6'e** in toluene at 25 °C for few minutes followed by *in situ* acid-catalysed *O*-acetylation with acetyl chloride at 25 °C for 0.5 h in toluene solvent furnished the racemic bicyclic products ( $\pm$ )-10bb/11bb to ( $\pm$ )-10ff/11ff in very good yield and selectivity as shown in Schemes S1 and S2.



Figure S1. X-Ray crystal structure of compounds (+)-10g, (+)-10y and (+)-11a.

3-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-5-isopropylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5aa): The title compound



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was prepared following the procedure **A** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (0.5:9.5 to 1:9) and isolated as a light brown solid; Yield: 70% (53.8 mg); Mp.: 80-82 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{\text{max}}$  3358, 2959, 2927, 2870, 1637, 1611, 1492, 1459, 1430, 1362, 1276, 1213, 1186, 1078, 972, 692, 630, 497 and 448 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 7.27 (2H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 7.18 (1H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.97 (1H, br s, O*H*), 6.49 (1H, d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 3.79 (2H, s), 3.11 (1H, dsept, *J* = 6.7, 1.0 Hz), 1.11 (6H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.6 (C, *C*=O), 183.8 (C, *C*=O), 158.3 (C), 150.7 (C), 139.0 (C), 129.1 (2 x CH), 128.4 (2 x CH), 126.3 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 120.4 (C), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.3 (CH), 21.6 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na 279.0997; Found 279.0995.

**3-(4-Fluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-5-isopropylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5ab)**: The title compound was prepared following the procedure **A** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (0.7:9.3 to 1.2:8.8) and isolated as a yellow solid; Yield: 72% (59 mg); Mp.:

110-112 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{\text{max}}$  3344, 2920, 2851, 1635, 1610, 1507, 1464, 1362, 1220, 1159, 935, 802, 745 and 687 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.40 (2H, dd, J = 8.7, 5.5 Hz), 7.05 (2H, t, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.62 (1H, s), 3.87 (2H, s), 3.23 (1H, dseptet, J = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 1.23 (6H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.5 (C, C=O), 183.7 (C, C=O), 161.4 (C, d, J = 242.5 Hz, C-F), 158.2 (C), 150.6 (C), 134.6 (C, d, J = 3.7 Hz), 130.4 (2 x CH, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 125.6 (CH), 120.2 (C), 115.1 (2 x CH, d, J = 21.2 Hz), 28.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH), 21.6 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz):  $\delta = -116.8$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FO<sub>3</sub> 275.1083; Found 275.1083.

**3-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-5-isopropylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5ac)**: The title compound was prepared following the procedure **A** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (0.7:9.3 to 1.2:8.8) and isolated as a yellow solid; Yield: 65% (56.7 mg); Mp.: 105-107 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3340, 2967, 1634, 1612, 1363, 1216, 1090, 1015, 936, 810, 685 and 501 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500

MHz): δ 7.25 (2H, br d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.21 (2H, br d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.06 (1H, br s, OH), 6.49 (1H,

d, J = 1.0 Hz), 3.75 (2H, s), 3.10 (1H, dsept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 1.11 (6H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.5 (*C*, *C*=*O*), 183.6 (*C*, *C*=*O*), 158.3 (C), 150.7 (C), 137.4 (C), 132.0 (C), 130.4 (2 x CH), 128.5 (2 x CH), 125.6 (CH), 119.9 (C), 28.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH), 21.6 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>Na 313.0607; Found 313.0603.

3-(2-Bromobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-5-isopropylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5ad): The title



compound was prepared following the procedure **A** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (0.7:9.3 to 1.2:8.8) and isolated as brown semisolid; Yield: 54% (54 mg); IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3355, 2964, 1639, 1610, 1465, 1363, 1323, 1216, 1024, 889 and 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.54 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.18 (1H, t, J

= 7.5 Hz), 7.08 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.05 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.55 (1H, s), 3.93 (2H, s), 3.13 (1H, sept, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.13 (6H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.3 (C, *C*=O), 183.5 (C, *C*=O), 158.7 (C), 151.6 (C), 137.8 (C), 132.7 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 124.5 (C), 118.7 (C), 29.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.3 (CH), 21.6 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub> 335.0283; Found 335.0282.

3-(3-Bromobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-5-isopropylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5ae): The title



compound was prepared following the procedure A and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (0.7:9.3 to 1.2:8.8) and isolated as a yellow solid; Yield: 68% (68.3 mg); Mp.: 75-77 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2970, 1718, 1441, 1368, 1280, 1220, 1099, 1042 and 771 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.46

(1H, br s), 7.31 (1H, br d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.25 (1H, br d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.12 (1H, t, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.01 (1H, br s, OH), 6.51 (1H, s), 3.75 (2H, s), 3.11 (1H, tsept, J = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 1.12 (6H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.4 (C, *C*=O), 183.6 (C, *C*=O), 158.4 (C), 150.8 (C), 141.2 (C), 132.0 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 122.4 (C), 119.6 (C), 28.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.3 (CH), 21.7 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub> 335.0283; Found 335.0285.

# 3-(4-Bromobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-5-isopropylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5af): The



compound was prepared following the procedure **A** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (0.7:9.3 to 1.2:8.8) and isolated as light brown solid; Yield: 67% (67.4 mg); Mp.: 92-94 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3342, 2965, 1633, 1612, 1485, 1363, 1327, 1216, 1068, 1011, 979, 889, 808, 789, 715, 683, 642, 541, and 500 cm<sup>-1</sup>;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.37 (2H, td, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz), 7.19 (2H, td, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz), 6.98 (1H, br s, OH), 6.50 (1H, d, J = 1.5 Hz), 3.73 (2H, s), 3.10 (1H, dsept, J = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 1.11 (6H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.5 (C, C=O), 183.7 (C, C=O), 158.4 (C), 150.7 (C), 138.0 (C), 131.5 (2 x CH), 130.9 (2 x CH), 125.7 (CH), 120.2 (C), 119.8 (C), 28.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.3 (CH), 21.6 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub>N 352.0548; Found 352.0546.

# 4-((2-Hydroxy-5-isopropyl-3,6-dioxocyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)methyl)benzonitrile (5ag):



The title compound was prepared following the procedure **A**, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (0.7:9.3 to 1.2:8.8), and was isolated as a yellow solid; Yield: 72% (60.7 mg); Mp.: 99-101 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{\text{max}}$  3259, 2228, 1636, 1605, 1380, 1357, 1268, 1210, 1186, 1020, 899, 817, 744,

689, 616 and 546 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.55 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.43 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.53 (1H, s), 3.84 (2H, s), 3.10 (1H, sept, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.12 (6H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135): δ 186.3 (C, C=O), 183.4 (C, C=O), 158.3 (C), 151.0 (C), 144.5 (C), 132.2 (2 x CH), 129.8 (2 x CH), 125.8 (CH), 118.9 (C), 118.8 (C), 110.1 (C), 29.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.3 (CH), 21.6 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na 304.0950; Found 304.0955.

2-Hydroxy-5-isopropyl-3-(4-nitrobenzyl)cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5ah): The title compound was prepared following the procedure A, purified by



compound was prepared following the procedure **A**, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.5:8.5 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated as a yellow solid; Yield: 70% (63 mg); Mp.: 120-122 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{\text{max}}$  3345, 2964, 1634, 1598, 1514, 1336, 1218, 1105, 890, 853, 743, 684 and 499 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,

500 MHz): δ 8.11 (2H, td, *J* = 9.5, 4.5 Hz), 7.47 (2H, td, *J* = 10.0, 4.5 Hz), 7.18 (1H, br s, O*H*), 6.52 (1H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 3.87 (2H s), 3.09 (1H, dsept, *J* = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 1.11 (6H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz,

2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135): δ 186.3 (C, *C=O*), 183.3 (C, *C=O*), 158.4 (C), 151.1 (C), 146.6 (C), 146.6 (C), 129.8 (2 x CH), 125.8 (CH), 123.6 (2 x CH), 118.7 (C), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.3 (CH), 21.6 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na 324.0848; Found 324.0851.

# 2-Hydroxy-5-isopropyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5ai):



The title compound was prepared following the procedure **A** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (0.8:9.2 to 1.3:8.7), and isolated as a yellow solid; Yield: 74% (72 mg); Mp.: 138-140 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3351, 2969, 1636, 1613, 1363, 1323, 1155, 1122, 1066, 821 and 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.50 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.43 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.09 (1H, br s, OH), 6.51 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 3.84 (2H, s), 3.10 (1H, dsept, J = 7.0, 1.5 Hz), 1.11 (6H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135)  $\delta$  186.4 (C, C=O), 183.5 (C, C=O), 158.4 (C), 150.9 (C), 143.0 (C), 129.3 (2 x CH), 128.9 (C, q, J = 32.5 Hz), 125.7 (CH), 125.3 (2 x CH, q, J = 3.7 Hz), 123.1 (C, q, J = 270.0 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 119.4 (C), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.3 (CH), 21.6 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz):  $\delta = -62.4$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 325.1051; Found 325.1054.

2-Hydroxy-5-isopropyl-3-(4-methylbenzyl)cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5aj): The title



compound was prepared following the procedure A and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (0.8:9.2 to 1.3:8.7) and isolated as a yellow solid; Yield: 52% (42 mg); Mp.: 80-82 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3350, 2968, 2918, 1634, 1612, 1387, 1362, 1315, 1216, 886, 806, 676 and 625 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,

500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.23 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.08 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.04 (1H, br s, OH), 6.49 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 3.77 (2H, s), 3.12 (1H, dsept, J = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 2.30 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.12 (6H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135)  $\delta$  186.6 (C, *C*=O), 183.8 (C, *C*=O), 158.2 (C), 150.5 (C), 135.9 (C), 135.7 (C), 129.1 (2 x CH), 128.9 (2 x CH), 125.5 (CH), 120.6 (C), 28.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH), 21.6 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 271.1334; Found 271.1333.

#### 2-Hydroxy-5-isopropyl-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5ak): The



compound was prepared following the procedure A and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (0.8:9.2 to 1.3:8.7) and isolated as a yellow solid; Yield: 60% (51.5 mg); Mp.: 87-89 °C; IR (Neat): v<sub>max</sub> 3368, 2968, 1738, 1639, 1610, 1363, 1215 and 805 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500

MHz): δ 7.25-7.23 (2H, m), 6.94 (1H, br s, OH), 6.80 (2H, td, J = 8.5, 3.0 Hz), 6.47 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 3.76 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.73 (2H, s), 3.10 (1H, dsept, J = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 1.11 (6H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135): δ 186.6 (*C*, *C*=O), 183.9 (*C*, C=O), 158.2 (C), 158.1 (C), 150.4 (C), 131.1 (C), 130.0 (2 x CH), 125.5 (CH), 120.7 (C), 113.8 (2 x CH), 55.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 27.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH), 21.6 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub> $H_{19}O_4$  287.1283; Found 287.1280.

3-Ethyl-2-hydroxy-5-isopropylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5al): The title compound was prepared following the procedure A, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was  $CH_3$ isolated yellow solid; Yield: 60% (35 mg); Mp.: 103-105 °C; IR (Neat): ЮH Ö v<sub>max</sub> 2965, 1785, 1756, 1679, 1550, 1459, 1369, 1205, 1108 and 847 5al cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 6.93 (1H, br s, OH), 6.47 (1H, d,

J = 1.0 Hz), 3.11 (1H, dsept, J = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 2.46 (2H, q, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.11 (6H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.05 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.8 (C, C=O), 183.8 (C, C=O), 158.3 (C), 150.3 (C), 125.4 (CH), 123.0 (C), 27.1 (CH), 21.6 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 12.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na 217.0841; Found 217.0838.

3-Benzyl-5-(tert-butyl)-2-hydroxycyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5ba): The title compound



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was prepared following the procedure A and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and isolated as a pale yellow solid; Yield: 70% (56.7 mg); Mp.: 78-80 °C; IR (Neat): v<sub>max</sub> 3371, 2927, 1635, 1598, 1072, 1026, 923, 743, 628, 662 and 500 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.31 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz),

7.26 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.18 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.88 (1H, br s, OH), 6.56 (1H, s), 3.78 (2H, s), 1.28 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135): δ 186.8 (C, C=O), 184.0 (C, C=O), 159.2 (C), 150.1 (C), 139.0 (C), 129.0 (2 x CH), 128.4 (2 x CH), 126.9 (CH),

126.2 (CH), 121.5 (C), 35.9 (C), 29.6 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 271.1334; Found 271.1334.

# 5-(tert-Butyl)-3-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxycyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5bb): The title



compound was prepared following the procedure **A** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (0.7:9.3 to 1.2:8.8) and isolated as a light yellow solid; Mp.: 70-72 °C; Yield: 70% (60.5 mg); IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2957, 2922, 2851, 1644, 1508, 1462, 1380, 1260, 1221, 1096, 1023, 806, 595 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.29-7.27 (2H, m), 6.93 (2H, tt, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz), 6.90 (1H, br s, O*H*), 6.56 (1H, s), 3.74 (2H, s), 1.27 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.8 (C, *C*=O), 184.0 (C, *C*=O), 161.5 (C, d, *J* = 242.5 Hz, *C*-F), 159.3 (C), 150.0 (C), 134.7 (C, d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 130.5 (2 x CH, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 126.9 (CH), 121.4 (C), 115.1 (2 x CH, d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 36.0 (C), 29.6 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 375 MHz):  $\delta$  = -117.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FO<sub>3</sub>N 306.1505; Found 306.1500.

5-(tert-Butyl)-3-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2-hydroxycyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5bc): The title



compound was prepared following the procedure **A**, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0), and was isolated yellow solid; Yield: 76% (69.5 mg); Mp.: 102-104 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3354, 2958, 1638, 1599, 1485, 1378, 1364, 1220, 1195, 1070, 1011, 981, 913, 808, 744, 675 and 500 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.25 (2H, td, J = 9.0, 2.0 Hz), 7.21 (2H, td, J = 9.0, 2.5 Hz), 6.94 (1H, br s, OH), 6.57 (1H, s), 3.73 (2H, s), 1.27 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.7 (C, C=O), 183.9 (C, C=O), 159.3 (C), 150.1 (C), 137.5 (C), 132.0 (C), 130.4 (2 x CH), 128.5 (2 x CH), 126.9 (CH), 121.0 (C), 36.0 (C), 29.6 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub> 305.0944; Found 305.0938.

**3-(2-Bromobenzyl)-5-(***tert***-butyl)-2-hydroxycyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5bd):** The title compound was prepared following the procedure **A** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and isolated as a brown semi solid; Yield: 54% (56.6 mg); IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3369, 2960, 1640, 1597, 1418, 1377, 1363, 1335, 1223, 1193, 1025 and 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.53 (1H, dd, J = 8.2,

1.5 Hz), 7.17 (1H, dt, J=7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.06-7.02 (2H, m), 6.63 (1H, s), 3.91 (2H, s), 1.29 (9H,

s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135): δ 186.7 (C, *C=O*), 183.8 (C, *C=O*), 159.7 (C), 151.1 (C), 137.9 (C), 132.8 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 124.5 (C), 119.9 (C), 36.0 (C), 29.6 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub>Na 349.0439; Found 349.0440.

3-(3-Bromobenzyl)-5-(tert-butyl)-2-hydroxycyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5be): The



compound was prepared following the procedure **A** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and isolated as a yellow semi solid; Yield: 66% (69 mg); IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2043, 1708, 1630, 1358, 1274, 1190, 1070, 980, 764, 699, 565 and 459 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.45

(1H, s), 7.31 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.24 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.12 (1H, t, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.90 (1H, br s, OH), 6.58 (1H, s), 3.74 (2H, s), 1.28 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.7 (C, C=O), 183.9 (C, C=O), 159.4 (C), 150.2 (C), 141.3 (C), 132.0 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 122.4 (C), 120.7 (C), 36.0 (C), 29.6 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub>N 366.0705; Found 366.0700.

3-(4-Bromobenzyl)-5-(tert-butyl)-2-hydroxycyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5bf): The title



compound was prepared following the procedure **A**, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0), and was isolated yellow solid; Yield: 74% (77.5 mg); Mp.: 106-108 °C; IR (Neat):  $\nu_{max}$  3352, 2963, 1637, 1600, 1485, 1379, 1364, 1222, 1196, 1070, 1011, 982, 914, 898, 807, 745, 675 and 528 cm<sup>-1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.37 (2H, td, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.5 Hz), 7.19 (2H, td, *J* = 8.5, 2.5 Hz), 6.89 (1H, br s, O*H*), 6.57 (1H, s), 3.72 (2H, s), 1.27 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.7 (C, *C*=*O*), 183.9 (C, *C*=*O*), 159.3 (C), 150.1 (C), 138.0 (C), 131.4 (2 x CH), 130.8 (2 x CH), 126.9 (CH), 120.9 (C), 120.0 (C), 35.0 (C), 29.6 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub> 349.0439; Found 349.0435.

# 4-((5-(tert-Butyl)-2-hydroxy-3,6-dioxocyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)methyl)benzonitrile (5bg):



The title compound was prepared following the procedure **A** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (0.7:9.3 to 1.2:8.8), and isolated as a yellow solid; Mp.: 100-102 °C; Yield: 72% (63.8 mg); IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3367, 2960, 2228, 1641, 1600, 1377, 1364, 1220, 1195, 983, 916, 547 and 421 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.54 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.41 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.95 (1H, br s, OH), 6.59 (1H, s), 3.81 (2H, s), 1.27 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135)  $\delta$  186.6 (C, *C*=O), 183.7 (C, *C*=O), 159.4 (C), 150.4 (C), 144.6 (C), 132.3 (2 x CH), 129.8 (2 x CH), 127.1 (CH), 120.0 (C), 119.0 (C), 110.2 (C), 36.0 (C), 29.6 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.1(CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> 296.1287; Found 296.1285.

5-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-hydroxy-3-(4-nitrobenzyl)cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5bh): The title compound was prepared following the procedure A, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.5:8.5 to 2.5:7.5), and was isolated yellow solid; Yield: 76% (72 mg). Mp.: 142-144 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3409, 2920, 1638, 1596, 1513,

1379, 1338, 1287, 1215, 1105, 979, 820, 700 and 495 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  8.12 (2H, td, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz), 7.47 (2H, td, J = 9.0, 2.5 Hz), 6.99 (1H, br s, OH), 6.60 (1H, s), 3.86 (2H, s), 1.28 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.5 (C, *C*=O), 183.6 (C, *C*=O), 159.4 (C), 150.5 (C), 146.7 (C), 146.5 (C), 129.8 (2 x CH), 127.1 (CH), 123.6 (2 x CH), 119.8 (C), 36.0 (C), 29.5 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na 338.1004; Found 338.1009.

#### 5-(tert-Butyl)-2-hydroxy-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione

(5bi): The title compound was prepared following the procedure A and purified by column



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chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (0.8:9.2 to 1.3:8.7), and isolated as a yellow solid; Yield: 74% (75 mg); Mp.: 117-119 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{\text{max}}$  3343, 2970, 1656, 1640, 1615, 1600, 1365, 1226, 1198, 1122, 1105, 1064, 1033, 681 and 650 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.51 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.42 (2H, d, *J* =

8.0 Hz), 6.93 (1H, br s, O*H*), 6.58 (1H, s), 3.82 (2H, s), 1.28 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135): δ 186.7 (C, *C*=O), 183.8 (C, *C*=O), 159.4 (C), 150.3 (C), 143.1 (C), 129.3 (2 x CH), 128.6 (C, q, *J* = 32.5 Hz), 127.0 (CH), 125.3 (2 x CH, q, *J* = 3.75 Hz),

123.2 (C, q, J = 270.0 Hz,  $CF_3$ ), 120.5 (C), 36.0 (C), 29.6 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz):  $\delta = -62.4$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 339.1208; Found 339.1205.

# 5-(tert-Butyl)-2-hydroxy-3-(4-methylbenzyl)cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5bj): The



compound was prepared following the procedure A and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (0.5:9.5 to 1.0:9.0) and isolated as a yellow solid; Yield: 52% (44.3 mg); Mp.: 75-77 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3383, 2959, 1639, 1598, 1376, 1362, 1336, 1217, 1193, 913 and 891 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,

500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.22 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.07 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.89 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 6.55 (1H, s), 3.75 (2H, s), 2.30 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135)  $\delta$  187.0 (C, *C*=O), 184.1 (C, *C*=O), 159.2 (C), 150.0 (C), 136.0 (C), 135.8 (C), 129.1 (2 x CH), 128.9 (2 x CH), 126.9 (CH), 121.7 (C), 36.0 (C), 29.6 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 285.1491; Found 285.1494.

5-(tert-Butyl)-2-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxybenzyl)cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5bk): The



compound was prepared following the procedure **A** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and isolated as a semi solid; Yield: 60% (54 mg); IR (Neat):  $v_{\text{max}}$ , 3339, 2957, 1642, 1599, 1510, 1458, 1378, 1299, 1246, 1220, 1195, 1033, 913, 821 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.24 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.83 (1H, br s, O*H*), 6.80 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.55 (1H, s), 3.76 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.71 (2H, s), 1.27 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.9 (C, *C*=O), 184.1 (C, *C*=O), 159.2 (C), 158.0 (C), 149.9 (C), 131.1 (C), 130.0 (2 x CH), 126.8 (CH), 121.9 (C), 113.8 (2 x CH), 55.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 35.9 (C), 29.6 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M-H] Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 299.1284; Found 299.1284.





was prepared following the procedure **A**, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated yellow solid; Yield: 60% (37.5 mg); Mp.: 108-110 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{\text{max}}$  3386, 2964, 1639, 1598, 1382, 1361, 1246, 1192, 1115, 891, 742 and 577 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  6.54 (1H, s), 2.44 (2H, q, *J* =

7.5 Hz), 1.28 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.05 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  187.1 (C, *C*=O), 184.1 (C, *C*=O), 159.2 (C), 149.7 (C), 126.8 (CH), 124.3 (C), 35.9 (C), 29.6 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 12.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 209.1178; Found 209.1179.

**3-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-5-methoxycyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione** (**5ca**): The title compound was prepared following the procedure **A**, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.2:8.8 to 2.0:8.0), and was isolated yellow solid. Mp.: 155-157 °C. Yield: 70% (51.3 mg). IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3341, 2922, 1640, 1596, 1356, 1221, 1034, 978, 865, 742, 695 and 626 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.24, (2H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.16 (1H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 5.83 (1H, s), 3.83 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.78 (2H, s); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135): δ 182.7 (C, *C*=O), 181.3 (C, *C*=O), 161.1 (C), 151.6 (C), 138.7 (C), 129.0 (2 x CH), 128.4 (2 x CH), 126.3 (CH), 117.9 (C), 102.3 (CH), 56.7 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 245.0814; Found 245.0814.

3-Benzyl-4-hydroxy-[1,1'-bi(cyclohexane)]-3,6-diene-2,5-dione (5da): The title compound



was prepared following the procedure A and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (0.5:9.5 to 1:9) and isolated as a light orange solid; Yield: 56% (50 mg); Mp.: 62-64 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3460, 3016, 2969, 1738, 1642, 1437, 1367,

1215, 1091, 901, and 528 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.25 (2H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.18 (2H, t, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.10 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.93 (1H, br s, OH), 6.37 (1H, s, olefinic-H), 3.71 (2H, s), 2.69 (1H, t, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.74 (2H, d, J = 13.0 Hz), 1.67 (3H, d, J = 12.0 Hz), 1.31 (2H, tq, J = 13.0, 3.5 Hz), 1.13 (1H, tt, J = 13.0, 3.5 Hz), 1.05 (2H, dq, J = 12.5, 2.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.6 (C, C=O), 183.8 (C, C=O), 157.3 (C), 150.6 (C), 139.1 (C), 129.1 (2 x CH), 128.4 (2 x CH), 126.3 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 120.3 (C), 37.0 (CH), 32.4

(2 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.3 (2 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 297.1491; Found 297.1492.

3-Benzyl-5-(sec-butyl)-2-hydroxycyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (5ea): The title compound



was prepared following the procedure **A** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (0.5:9.5 to 1:9) and isolated as a light orange solid; Yield: 66% (54 mg); Mp.: 82-84 °C; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3379, 2966, 2930, 2876, 1641, 1609, 1363, 1214, 733,

and 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.32 (2H, br d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.26 (2H, br t, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.18 (1H, br t, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.01 (1H, br s, OH), 6.47 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, olefinic-H), 3.80 (2H, s), 2.94 (1H, sextet, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.59-1.49 (1H, m), 1.45-1.34 (1H, m), 1.10 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 0.88 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135):  $\delta$  186.7 (C, *C*=O), 183.7 (C, *C*=O), 157.5 (C), 150.6 (C), 139.0 (C), 129.1 (2 x CH), 128.4 (2 x CH), 126.3 (2 x CH), 120.3 (C), 33.6 (CH), 28.94 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.90 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na 293.1154; Found 293.1156.

(1-Nitrovinyl)benzene (6e):<sup>2c-2e</sup> The title compound was prepared following literature and purified by column chromatography using hexanes and isolated as a yellow liquid; Yield: 50% (15 mg); IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2926, 1528, 1494, 1446, 1345, 1236, 1075, 1027, 906, 769 and 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$ 7.50-7.40 (5H, m), 6.52 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 5.87 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135): 158.2 (C), 130.6 (C), 130.1 (CH), 128.8 (2 x CH), 128.5 (2 x CH), 118.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na 172.0375; Found 172.0378. (1*S*,5*R*,6*R*)-1-Benzyl-6-ethyl-5-hydroxy-3-isopropyl-6-nitrobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-ene-2,8dione (8a): The compound was prepared following the procedure C and purified by column



chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and isolated as a semi solid; Yield: 80 (42.9 mg); The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 97:3, flow rate 0.7

mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_{\rm R} = 28.619$  min (minor),  $t_{\rm R} = 34.001$  min (major) [For major isomer];  $t_{\rm R} = 44.049$  min (minor),  $t_{\rm R} = 47.611$  min (major) [For minor isomer];  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25} = +174.0^{\circ}$  (c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 88% major *ee*, 12% minor *ee*, and 22:1 *dr*); IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  3437 (O-H), 2965, 1774, 1686, 1542, 1553, 1494, 1455, 1353, 1297, 1129, 1014, 837 and 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 2:1 *dr*, for major isomer):  $\delta$  7.32-7.27 (5H, m), 6.68 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, olefinic-*H*), 3.63 (1H, br s, O*H*), 3.46 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.19 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.85 (1H, dsept, J = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 2.58 (1H, dd, J = 15.5, 1.5 Hz), 2.33 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.27-2.19 (2H, m), 1.05 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.00 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.38 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz);  $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 2:1 *dr*, for major isomer):  $\delta$  200.0 (C, *C*=O), 195.0 (C, *C*=O), 147.2 (C), 142.9 (CH), 135.8 (C), 130.9 (2 x CH), 128.6 (2 x CH), 127.2 (CH), 94.7 (C), 84.6 (C), 66.9 (C), 32.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.9 (CH), 21.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 2:1 *dr*, for minor isomer):  $\delta$  7.25-7.21 (5H, m), 6.80 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, olefinic-*H*), 3.77 (1H, br s, O*H*), 3.46 (1H d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.36 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.92 (1H, dsept, J = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 2.63 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.87-1.78 (1H, m), 1.65 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.11 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.08 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 1.00 (3H, *t*, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.82-0.75 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 2:1 *dr*, for minor isomer):  $\delta$  200.7 (C, *C*=O), 195.6 (C, *C*=O), 147.7 (C), 142.2 (CH), 135.8 (C), 131.0 (2 x CH), 128.3 (2 x CH), 126.9 (CH), 95.1 (C), 86.4 (C), 65.7 (C), 37.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.0 (CH), 26.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Na 380.1474; Found 380.1476.

# (1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-5-Benzyl-7-ethyl-3-isopropyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10a): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified by column



chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 93% (56 mg); Mp.: 128-130 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R = 4.674$  min (major),  $t_R$ 

= 6.253 min (minor) [For major isomer];  $t_R$  = 7.554 min (major),  $t_R$  = 13.145 min (minor) [For minor isomer]; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +175.0° [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 99% major ee, 86% minor ee, and 1.5:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2964, 1784, 1761, 1688, 1546, 1368, 1211, 1017, 962, 846, 737 and 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 1.5:1 dr, major isomer): δ 7.37-7.35 (1H, m), 7.32-7.24 (3H, m), 7.24-7.21 (1H, m), 6.78 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 3.43 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.23 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz). 2.89 (1H, dsept, J = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 2.57 (1H, dd, J = 15.0, 1.5 Hz), 2.31 (1H, br d, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.32-2.25 (1H, m), 2.27 (3H, s), 1.08 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.02 (1H, m), 0.99 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.40 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135, 1.5:1 dr, major isomer): δ 194.5 (C, C=O), 194.1 (C, C=O), 168.3 (C, O-C=O), 144.5 (C), 141.1 (CH), 135.9 (C), 131.1 (2 x CH), 128.5 (2 x CH), 127.1 (CH), 93.5 (C), 87.5 (C), 67.1 (C), 31.8

(CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.0 (CH), 21.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 1.5:1 *dr*, minor isomer):  $\delta$  7.37-7.35 (1H, m), 7.32-7.24 (3H, m), 7.23-7.21 (1H, m), 6.90 (1H, d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 3.55 (1H, d, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 3.32 (1H, d, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 2.97 (1H, dsept, *J* = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 2.68 (1H, d, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 2.46-2.39 (1H, m), 2.16 (3H, s), 1.71-1.65 (1H, m), 1.61 (1H, d, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 1.14 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.07 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 0.94 (3H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 1.5:1 *dr*, minor isomer):  $\delta$  195.2 (C, *C*=O), 193.6 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 145.7 (C), 140.0 (CH), 136.1 (C), 131.2 (2 x CH), 128.3 (2 x CH), 126.8 (CH), 94.0 (C), 89.2 (C), 66.1 (C), 36.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH), 25.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 417.2026; Found 417.2030.

# (1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-5-Benzyl-3-isopropyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate



(10b): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 81% (45 mg); Mp.: 124-126 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column

(hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 7.804 min (major),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 9.185 min (minor); [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +157.0° [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 79% major ee, >50:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  2967, 1784, 1755, 1681, 1560, 1369, 1213, 1164, 1041, 954, 854, 704, 595, and 508 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, >50:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.33-7.27 (4H, m), 7.23 (1H, tt, J = 7.0, 2.5 Hz), 7.01 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 5.17 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 1.0 Hz), 3.46 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.39 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.91 (1H, dsept, J = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 2.56 (1H, dd, J = 16.0, 1.0 Hz), 2.20 (3H, s), 2.01 (1H, dd, J = 16.0, 8.5 Hz), 1.11 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.06 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135, >50:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.8 (C, C=O), 193.9 (C, C=O), 169.0 (C, O-C=O), 147.3 (C), 137.7 (CH), 135.6 (C), 131.1 (2 x CH), 128.4 (2 x CH), 127.0 (CH), 86.0 (C), 82.3 (CH), 65.1 (C), 31.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.8 (CH), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH4]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 389.1713; Found 389.1714.



(1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-5-Benzyl-3-isopropyl-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10c): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 91% (52.6 mg); Mp.: 138-140 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R = 4.789$  min (major),  $t_R = 6.459$  min (minor) [For minor isomer];  $t_R = 7.958$  min (major),  $t_R = 12.686$  min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +347.0^\circ$  [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 93% major *ee*, 99% minor *ee* and 14.3:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $\nu_{max}$  2960, 1775, 1758, 1687, 1547, 1442, 1370, 1203, 1122, 1031, 927, 847, 761, 705 and 598 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 11:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.32 (2H, br d, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.27 (2H, tt, J = 7.0, 2.0 Hz), 7.22 (1H, tt, J = 7.0, 2.5 Hz), 6.89 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 3.52 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.35 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.98 (1H, dsept, J = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 2.66 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 1.59 (1H, d, J = 16.0 Hz), 1.14 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 1.07 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 11:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  195.1 (C, *C*=O), 193.5 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 145.8 (C), 140.1 (CH), 136.0 (C), 131.2 (2 x CH), 128.3 (2 x CH), 126.8 (CH), 89.7 (C), 88.9 (C), 66.4 (C), 38.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z; [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na 408.1423; Found 408.1421.

(1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-5,7-dibenzyl-3-isopropyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10d): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified by column



chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 94% (65 mg); Mp.: 126-128 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R = 4.747$  min (major),  $t_R$ 

= 5.791 min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +108.0^\circ$  [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 98.7% major ee, and >30:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2962, 1776, 1762, 1690, 1544, 1494, 1452, 1370, 1242, 1206, 1164, 1032, 978, 920, 789, 732, 702, 594, and 491 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, >30:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.44-7.38 (3H, m), 7.32 (2H, br d, J = 6.5 Hz), 7.17 (1H, br t, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.06 (2H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.78 (1H, s, olefinic-H), 6.02 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 3.75 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.49 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 3.27 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.88 (1H, sept, J = 6.7 Hz), 2.55-2.20 (2H, m), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.11 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 1.07 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.95 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, >30:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.5 (C, C=0), 194.3 (C, C=0), 168.4 (C, O-C=0), 144.7 (C), 140.6 (CH), 136.5 (C), 131.5 (2 x CH), 131.56 (C), 129.6 (2 x CH), 129.1 (2 x CH), 128.6 (2 x CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 93.6 (C), 87.4

(C), 67.2 (C), 39.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.0 (CH), 21.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.99 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 479.2182; Found 479.2183.

# (1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-5-(4-Fluorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10e): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified



by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 1.5:8.5) and was isolated as a semi solid; Yield: 80% (48.4 mg); The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 0.8 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),

 $t_{\rm R} = 4.951$  min (major),  $t_{\rm R} = 7.643$  min (minor) [For minor isomer];  $t_{\rm R} = 8.138$  min (major),  $t_{\rm R} = 14.347$  min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25} = +181.0^{\circ}$  [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 94% major ee, 96% minor ee and 14:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  2923, 1785, 1686, 1552, 1508, 1369, 1205, 1007, 844, 761 and 484 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 10:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.31-7.29 (2H, m), 6.96 (2H, tt, J = 9.0, 2.5 Hz), 6.90 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 3.45 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 3.34 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.97 (1H, dseptet, J = 6.7, 1.0 Hz), 2.63 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 1.62 (3H, s), 1.60 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.14 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 1.07 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 10:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  195.0 (C, C=O), 193.5 (C, C=O), 168.1 (C, O-C=O), 161.8 (C, d, J = 243.7 Hz, C-F), 145.8 (C), 140.2 (CH), 132.7 (2 x CH, d, J = 8.75 Hz), 131.5 (C, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 115.1 (2 x CH, d, J = 20.0 Hz), 89.6 (C), 88.9 (C), 66.3 (C), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz):  $\delta = -115.9$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 421.1775; Found 421.1778.

# (1R,5S,7R)-5-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-



**2-en-1-yl acetate (10f):** The compound was prepared following the procedure **C** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 1.5:8.5) and isolated as a pale yellow semisolid; Yield: 93% (58.5 mg); The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary

phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 0.7 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm);  $t_{\rm R} = 7.834$  min (major),  $t_{\rm R} = 16.045$  min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25} = +163.2^{\circ}$  [c = 0.250, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 95% major ee, >99% minor ee, and >20:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  2963, 2927, 1787, 1767, 1686, 1554, 1369, 1205, 1012 and 847 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,

500 MHz, >20:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.28 (2H, br d, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.24 (2H, br d, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.90 (1H, br s), 3.46 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 3.32 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.96 (1H, sept, J = 7.0 Hz), 2.61 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 1.62 (3H, s), 1.60 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.14 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.07 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, >20:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.9 (C, *C*=O), 193.4 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 145.8 (C), 140.2 (CH), 134.4 (C), 132.8 (C), 132.5 (2 x CH), 128.4 (2 x CH), 89.7 (C), 88.8 (C), 66.2 (C), 38.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 437.1479; Found 437.1479.

# (1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-5-(2-Bromobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10g): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified



by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 90% (62.7 mg); Mp.: 136-138 °C; The enanantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 0.8 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 4.639 min (major),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 5.589 min (minor) [For minor

isomer];  $t_{\rm R} = 7.006 \text{ min (major)}$ ,  $t_{\rm R} = 11.348 \text{ min (minor)}$  [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25} = +65.0^{\circ}$ [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 93% major ee, >99% minor ee and >20:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  2961, 1785, 1689, 1551, 1440, 1370, 1204, 1120, 1007, 914, 846, 735, 629 and 446 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, >20:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.62 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz), 7.49 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz), 7.27 (1H, dt, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.09 (1H, dt, J = 7.5, 2.0 Hz), 6.91 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 3.85 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz). 3.54 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.99 (1H, sept, J = 7.0 Hz), 2.55 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.16 (3H, s), 1.82 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.62 (3H, s), 1.15 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.10 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, >20:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.0 (C, *C*=O), 193.5 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 145.5 (C), 140.4 (CH), 135.6 (C), 134.0 (CH), 132.4 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 126.0 (C), 89.6 (C), 88.7 (C), 66.6 (C), 38.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO<sub>6</sub>Na 486.0528; Found 486.0525.

#### (1R,5S,7R)-5-(3-Bromobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-



**2-en-1-yl acetate (10h):** The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0), and was isolated as white solid; Yield: 93% (65 mg); Mp.: 97-99 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-

propanol = 90:10, flow rate 0.7 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_R$  = 5.018 min (major),  $t_R$  = 6.995 min (minor) [For minor isomer];  $t_R$  = 9.077 min (major),  $t_R$  = 18.681 min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = +241.0° [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 93% major ee, 99% minor ee and 19.2:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2964, 1787, 1762, 1687, 1554, 1369, 1204, 1097, 1006, 848, 734 and 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 13.4:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.49 (1H, br s), 7.36 (1H, br d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.29 (1H, br d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.15 (1H, br t, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.90 (1H, br s), 3.47 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz). 3.31 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.97 (1H, sept, J = 7.0 Hz), 2.61 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.18 (3H, s), 1.63 (3H, s), 1.62 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 1.14 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.08 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 13.4:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.8 (C, C=O), 193.2 (C, C=O), 168.1 (C, O-C=O), 145.8 (C), 140.2 (CH), 138.4 (C), 134.0 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 122.3 (C), 89.7 (C), 88.8 (C), 66.2 (C), 38.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO<sub>6</sub>Na 486.0528; Found 486.0527.

#### (1R,5S,7R)-5-(4-Bromobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-



**2-en-1-yl acetate (10i):** The compound was prepared following the procedure **C** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and isolated as brown semi solid; Yield: 86% (60 mg); The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel

Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 4.949 min (major),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 9.906 min (minor). [for minor isomer],  $t_{\rm R}$  = 8.070 min (major),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 17.153 min (minor) [for major isomer];  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25}$  = +365.0° (c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 94% major *ee*, 99% minor *ee* and 12:1 *dr*); IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  2963, 1786, 1687, 1553, 1487, 1369, 1205, 1010, 847 and 733 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 12:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.40 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.22 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.90 (1H, s), 3.45 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.30 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.97 (1H, sept, J = 7.0 Hz), 2.61 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 1.62 (3H, s), 1.60 (1H, d, J = 5.31

= 15.5 Hz), 1.14 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.07 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 12:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.9 (C, *C*=O), 193.4 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 145.8 (C), 140.3 (CH), 135.0 (C), 133.0 (2 x CH), 131.4 (2 x CH), 121.0 (C), 89.7 (C), 88.9 (C), 66.2 (C), 38.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO<sub>6</sub>Na 486.0528; Found 486.0529.

# (1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-5-(4-Cyanobenzyl)-3-isopropyl-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10j): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C and



purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1.0:9.0 to 1.5:8.5) and isolated as a light brown semi solid; Yield: 90% (55 mg); The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate

1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_{\rm R} = 24.652$  min (major),  $t_{\rm R} = 49.991$  min (minor) [for major isomer]; [ $\alpha$ ]p<sup>25</sup> = +191.0° (c = 0.290, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 94% major ee and >20:1 dr); IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  2958, 2872, 2359, 2227, 1787, 1759, 1687, 1554, 1439, 1367, 1205, 1007, 846 and 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 12.5:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.58 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.47 (2H, d, J = 8.0Hz), 6.92 (1H, s), 3.50 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.43 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.97 (1H, sept, J = 7.0Hz), 2.56 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 1.65 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.63 (3H, s) 1.15 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 1.08 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 12.5:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.5 (C, *C*=O), 193.1 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 145.8 (C), 141.6 (C), 140. 4 (CH), 132.0 (4 x CH), 118.8 (C), 110.9 (C), 89.7 (C), 88.7 (C), 65.9 (C), 38.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 428.1822; Found 428.1822.

(1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-3-Isopropyl-7-methyl-7-nitro-5-(4-nitrobenzyl)-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2en-1-yl acetate (10k): The compound was prepared following the procedure C and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1.0:9.0 to 1.5:8.5) and isolated as a yellow



solid; Yield: 96% (62 mg); Mp.: 151-153 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R = 21.701$  min (major),  $t_R = 48.251$  min (minor) [for major isomer],  $t_R = 8.817$  min (major),  $t_{\rm R} = 18.460$  min (minor) [for minor isomer];  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25} = +268.0^{\circ}$  (c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 95% major *ee*, >99% minor *ee* and 11.5:1 *dr*); IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  2962, 2922, 2850, 1787, 1766, 1687, 1554, 1519, 1440, 1346, 1206, 1109, 1044, 1009, 850 and 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 10:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  8.14 (2H, br d, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.53 (2H, br d, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.92 (1H, br s), 3.54 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.48 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.97 (1H, dsept, J = 6.7, 1.0 Hz), 2.58 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.18 (3H, s), 1.68 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 1.63 (3H, s), 1.15 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.08 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135, 10:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.5 (C, *C*=O), 193.1 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 147.0 (C), 145.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na 453.1274; Found 453.1273.

# (1R,5S,7R)-3-Isopropyl-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxo-5-(4-

(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10l): The title compound was



prepared following the procedure **C**, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 1.5:8.5) and was isolated as white solid; Mp.: 138-140 °C; Yield: 85% (57.8 mg) The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG

column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), *t*<sub>R</sub> = 4.582 min (major), *t*<sub>R</sub> = 7.947 min (minor) [For minor isomer]; *t*<sub>R</sub> = 6.368 min (major), *t*<sub>R</sub> = 12.402 min (minor) [For major isomer]; [*α*]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +295.0° [*c* = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 95% major *ee*, >99% minor *ee* and >20:1 *dr*]; IR (Neat): *v*<sub>max</sub> 2965, 1788, 1687, 1554, 1322, 1205, 1163, 1113, 1065, 1007, 846, 736, 594 and 410 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, >20:1 *dr*, major isomer): δ 7.54 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.47 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.91 (1H, d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 3.56 (1H, d, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 3.40 (1H, d, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 2.97 (1H, dsept, *J* = 6.7, 1.0 Hz), 2.60 (1H, d, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 1.63 (1H, d, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 1.63 (3H, s), 1.15 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.08 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, >20:1 *dr*, major isomer): δ 194.8 (*C*, *C*=O), 193.3 (*C*, *C*=O), 168.1 (*C*, O-*C*=O), 145.8 (C), 140.3 (CH), 140.2 (C), 131.5 (2 x CH), 129.1 (*C*, q, *J* = 32.5 Hz), 125.2 (2 x CH, q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 124.2 (C, q, *J* = 271.2 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 89.6 (C), 88.8 (C), 66.0 (C), 38.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz):  $\delta$  = -62.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na 476.1297; Found 476.1297.

#### (1R,5S,7R)-3-Isopropyl-7-methyl-5-(4-methylbenzyl)-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-



**2-en-1-yl acetate (10m):** The title compound was prepared following the procedure **C**, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 78% (46.7 mg); Mp.: 105-107 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by

chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak ID column (hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, flow rate 0.8 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R = 7.094$  min (major),  $t_R = 12.377$  min (minor) [For minor isomer];  $t_R = 13.553$  min (major),  $t_R = 26.552$  min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +297.0^\circ$  [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 94% major ee, >99% minor ee and >20:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2963, 1786, 1686, 1552, 1439, 1368, 1203, 1006, 847, 734, 592 and 471 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, >20:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.21 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.08 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.89 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 3.48 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.29 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.97 (1H, dsept, J = 7.0, 1.0 Hz). 2.67 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.20 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 1.57 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.07 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135, >20:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  195.2 (C, C=O), 193.6 (C, C=O), 168.1 (C, O-C=O), 145.8 (C), 140.0 (CH), 136.3 (C), 132.8 (C), 131.0 (2 x CH), 129.0 (2 x CH), 89.7 (C), 89.0 (C), 66.5 (C), 38.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na 422.1580; Found 422.1580.

#### (1R,5S,7R)-3-Isopropyl-5-(4-methoxybenzyl)-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-



**dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10n):** The title compound was prepared following the procedure **C**, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 85% (53 mg). Mp.: 114-116 °C. The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was

determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak ID column (hexane/2propanol = 95:5, flow rate 0.7 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 9.230 min (major),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 15.800 min (minor) [For minor isomer];  $t_{\rm R}$  = 25.182 min (major),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 41.793 min (minor) [For major isomer]; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +112.1° [c = 0.238, MeOH, 91% major ee, 98% minor ee, and 3.1:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  2964, 1786, 1685, 1553, 1514, 1369, 1203, 1006, 911, 847, 730 and 486 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 3.1:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.24 (2H, td, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz), 6.89 (1H, d, 1.0 Hz), 6.80 (2H, td, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz), 3.77 (3H, s), 3.45 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.28 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz). 2.97 (1H, dsept, J = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 2.66 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.16 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 1.56 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.14 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.07 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 3.1:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  195.3 (C, *C*=O), 193.6 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 158.5 (C), 145.9 (C), 140.1 (CH), 132.2 (2 x CH), 127.9 (C), 113.7 (2 x CH), 89.7 (C), 89.0 (C), 66.6 (C), 55.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 38.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>Na 438.1529; Found 438.1525.

# (1R,5S,7R)-5-Ethyl-3-isopropyl-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl



**acetate** (100): The title compound was prepared following the procedure **C** purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (0.7:9.3 to 1.2:8.8) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 82% (40 mg); Mp.: 145-147 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-

propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R = 7.837$  min (major),  $t_R = 9.353$  min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_D{}^{25} = +261.0^\circ$  [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 92% major ee and >20:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $\nu_{max}$  2961, 1786, 1755, 1673, 1554, 1448, 1370, 1207, 1055, 848, 594 and 404 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, >20:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  6.88 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 2.92 (1H, dsept, J = 7.0, 1.0 Hz), 2.74 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 2.03 (2H, q, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.76 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz). 1.69 (3H, s), 1.11 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.08 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.06 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135, >20:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  195.5 (C, C=O), 194.0 (C, C=O), 168.2 (C, O-C=O), 146.0 (C), 140.0 (CH), 89.8 (C), 88.9 (C), 65.5 (C), 39.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.9 (CH), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 8.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na 346.1267; Found 346.1267.

# (1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-5-Benzyl-3-(*tert*-butyl)-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10p): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C and purified by



column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1.0:9.0 to 1.5:8.5) and isolated as a white solid; Yield: 93% (55.7 mg); Mp.: 162-164 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak ID column (hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm), *t*<sub>R</sub> =

10.315 min (major),  $t_{\rm R} = 17.764$  min (minor) [for minor isomer],  $t_{\rm R} = 16.727$  min (major), 31.700 (minor) [for major isomer];  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20} = +194.0^{\circ}$  (c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 95% major *ee*, >99.9% minor *ee* and 8.7:1 *dr*); IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2957, 1785, 1762, 1688, 1553, 1364, 1202, 1007 and 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 7.1:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.32 (2H, td, J = 7.0, 1.5 Hz), 7.28 (2H, tt, J = 7.0, 2.5 Hz), 7.21 (1H, tt, J = 7.5, 2.5 Hz), 6.95 (1H, s), 3.49 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.33 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.64 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.16 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 1.58 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.25 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 7.1:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.7 (C, *C*=O), 193.1 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 147.0 (C), 140.9 (CH), 136.1 (C), 131.2 (2 x CH), 128.3 (2 x CH), 126.8 (CH), 89.6 (C), 88.9 (C), 67.2 (C), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (C), 31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 417.2026; Found 417.2024.

# (1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-3-(*tert*-Butyl)-5-(4-fluorobenzyl)-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10q): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C and



purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1.0:9.0 to 1.5:8.5) and isolated as a white solid; Mp.: 145-147 °C; Yield: 96% (60 mg); The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate

1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R = 4.024$  min (major),  $t_R = 7.679$  min (minor) [for minor isomer],  $t_R = 6.311$  min (major), 14.004 (minor) [for major isomer];  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +108.4^\circ$  (c = 0.118, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 97% major *ee*, 69% minor *ee* and 14:1 *dr*); IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2961, 1786, 1689, 1553, 1509, 1365, 1262, 1219, 1029, 848, 799 and 733 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 17:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.30-7.28 (2H, m), 6.98-6.94 (3H, m), 3.43 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.32 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.60 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 1.62 (3H, s), 1.59 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 1.25 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135, 17:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.6 (C, C=O), 193.1 (C, C=O), 168.0 (C, O-C=O), 161.8 (C, d, J = 244.0 Hz, C-F), 146.9 (C), 141.1 (CH), 132.7 (2 x CH, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 131.6 (C, d, J = 3.0 Hz), 115.0 (2 x CH, d, J = 21.0 Hz), 89.6 (C), 88.8 (C), 67.1 (C), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.9 (C), 31.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 470 MHz):  $\delta = -116.0$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 435.1932; Found 435.1934.

# (1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-3-(*tert*-Butyl)-5-(4-chlorobenzyl)-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10r): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified



by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated white solid; Yield: 86% (56 mg); Mp.: 165-167 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10 flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  =

254 nm),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 4.229 min (major),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 8.708 min (minor) [For minor isomer];  $t_{\rm R}$  = 6.174 min (major),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 14.963 min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25}$  = +231.0° [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 94% major ee, >99.9% minor ee, and 4.5:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  2960, 1777, 1749, 1685, 1554, 1492, 1438, 1361, 1222, 1134, 1010, 847, 822, 590 and 484 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 4:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.27-7.24 (4H, m), 6.96 (1H, s), 3.44 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.30 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.58 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s). 1.62 (3H, s), 1.59 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.24 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 4:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.5 (C, C=O), 193.0 (C, C=O), 168.1 (C, O-C=O), 147.0 (C), 141.0 (CH), 134.5 (C), 132.8 (C), 132.5 (2 x CH), 128.4 (2 x CH), 89.6 (C), 88.8 (C), 66.9 (C), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (C), 31.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 451.1638; Found 451.1638.

(1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-5-(2-Bromobenzyl)-3-(*tert*-butyl)-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10s): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified



by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated as yellow semisolid; Yield: 91% (65.3 mg); The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak OJ-H column (hexane/2-propanol = 97:3, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R = 12.173$  min (major),  $t_R$ 

= 14.632 min (minor) [For minor isomer];  $t_{\rm R}$  = 26.890 min (minor),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 37.154 min (major) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25}$  = +52.5° [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 96 major ee, >99.9% minor ee, and 5.3:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  2927, 1763, 1690, 1551, 1436, 1361, 1276, 1210, 1069, 1020, 761 and 602 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 12.5:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.61 (1H, dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.5 Hz), 7.47 (1H, br d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.27 (1H, br t, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.09 (1H, tt, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 6.97 (1H, s), 3.81 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.52 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.53 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.16 (3H, s), 1.79 (1H, d, J = 16.0 Hz), 1.61 (3H, s), 1.26 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 12.5:1 *dr*, major isomer) δ 193.6 (C, *C*=O), 193.2 (C, *C*=O), 168.2 (C, O-*C*=O), 146.8 (C), 141.2 (CH), 135.7 (C), 134.1 (CH), 132.5 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 126.1 (C), 89.6 (C), 88.7 (C), 67.3 (C), 38.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (C), 30.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 495.1131; Found 495.1131.

# (1R,5S,7R)-5-(3-Bromobenzyl)-3-(tert-butyl)-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8 dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-



**2-en-1-yl acetate (10t):** The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0), and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 76% (55 mg); Mp.:166-168 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak ID column (hexane/2-

propanol = 95:5, flow rate 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_R$  = 9.116 min (major),  $t_R$  = 14.420 min (minor) [For minor isomer];  $t_R$  = 15.022 min (major),  $t_R$  = 36.013 min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = +187.0° [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 95% major ee, 84% minor ee, and >20:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2954, 1779, 1754, 1683, 1594, 1551, 1440, 1363, 1330, 1223, 1070, 877, 825 and 710 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, >20:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.47 (1H, t, J = 2.0 Hz), 7.36 (1H, qd, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz), 7.28 (1H, br d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.15 (1H, t, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.96 (1H, s), 3.44 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 3.30 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.58 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 1.63 (3H, s), 1.61 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.25 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, >20:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.4 (C, C=O), 192.9 (C, C=O), 168.1 (C, O-C=O), 147.0 (C), 141.0 (CH), 138.5 (C), 134.0 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 122.3 (C), 89.6 (C), 88.8 (C), 67.0 (C), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (C), 31.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 495.1131; Found 495.1131.

# (1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-5-(4-Bromobenzyl)-3-(*tert*-butyl)-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10u): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified



by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 90% (64.6 mg); Mp.: 152-154 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0

mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R = 4.222$  min (major),  $t_R = 9.466$  min (minor) [For minor isomer];  $t_R = 6.475$  min (major),  $t_R = 17.202$  min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +197.0^\circ$  [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 96% major ee, >99.9% minor ee, and 9.9:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2960, 2360, 1777, 1686, 1593, 1554, 1360, 1278, 1218, 1136, 1069, 1008, 846, 815 and 422 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 7.7:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.39 (2H, td, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz), 7.21 (2H, td, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz), 6.96 (1H, s), 3.43 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.28 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.58 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 1.62 (3H, s), 1.59 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.24 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 7.7:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.5 (C, C=0), 193.0 (C, C=0), 168.1 (C, O-C=0), 147.0 (C), 141.0 (CH), 135.1 (C), 132.9 (2 x CH), 131.4 (2 x CH), 120.9 (C), 89.6 (C), 88.8 (C), 66.9 (C), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (C), 31.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>] <sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 495.1131; Found 495.1129.

# (1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-3-(*tert*-Butyl)-5-(4-cyanobenzyl)-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10v): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified



by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 1.5:8.5) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 74% (47 mg); Mp.:  $152-154^{\circ}$ C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate

1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_{\rm R} = 17.294$  min (major),  $t_{\rm R} = 41.996$  min (minor);  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25} = +231.0^{\circ}$ [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 97% major *ee* and >20:1 *dr*]; IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  2962, 2224, 1786, 1770, 1685, 1547, 1508, 1360, 1284, 1203, 1184, 1011, 903, 849, 547, 474 and 419 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, >20:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.57 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.45 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.98 (1H, s), 3.47 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.41 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.54 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 1.65 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.63 (3H, s), 1.25 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, >20:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.1 (C, *C*=O), 192.8 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 146.9 (C), 141.8 (C), 141.3 (CH), 132.0 (4 x CH), 118.8 (C), 110.8 (C), 89.6 (C), 88.7 (C), 66.7 (C), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (C), 32.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23H28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 442.1974; Found 442.1974.

## (1R,5S,7R)-3-(tert-Butyl)-7-methyl-7-nitro-5-(4-nitrobenzyl)-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-

2-en-1-yl acetate (10w): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified



by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.5:8.5 to 2.5:7.5), and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 84% (56 mg); Mp.: 186-188 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate

1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R = 7.286$  min (major),  $t_R = 19.470$  min (minor) [For minor isomer];  $t_R = 15.742$  min (major),  $t_R = 43.829$  min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +201.0^\circ$  [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 98% major ee, >99.9% minor ee, and 5.2:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2941, 1786, 1753, 1687, 1557, 1513, 1342, 1204, 1188, 1070, 850, 707, 565 and 482 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 5:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  8.13 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.51 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 6.98 (1H, s), 3.50 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz), 3.46 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.55 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 1.67 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.62 (3H, s), 1.24 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135, 5:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.0 (C, C=O), 192.7 (C, C=O), 168.1 (C, O-C=O), 146.9 (C), 143.9 (C), 141.3 (CH), 132.1 (2 x CH and C), 123.4 (2 x CH), 89.5 (C), 88.6 (C), 66.6 (C), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (C), 32.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> 462.1876; Found 462.1870.

### (1R,5S,7R)-3-(tert-Butyl)-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxo-5-(4-

(**trifluoromethyl**)**benzyl**)**bicyclo**[**3.2.1**]**oct-2-en-1-yl acetate** (**10x**): The title compound was prepared following the procedure **C**, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane



(1.5:8.5 to 2.5:7.5) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 94% (66 mg). Mp.: 130-132 °C; Yield: 94% (66 mg). The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R =$ 

4.925 min (major),  $t_{\rm R} = 11.313$  min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25} = +236.0^{\circ}$  [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, >99.9% major and >20:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  2940, 1786, 1767, 1688, 1557, 1365, 1321, 1206, 1187, 1110, 1065, 1011, 849, 595 and 431 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, >20:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.53 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.46 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.97 (1H, s), 3.54 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.39 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.57 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 1.62 (3H, s), 1.61 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.25 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135,

>20:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.3 (C, *C*=O), 192.9 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 147.0 (C), 141.0 (CH), 140.3 (C), 131.5 (2 x CH), 129.1 (C, q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 125.2 (2 x CH, q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 124.2 (C, q, *J* = 274.0 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 89.6 (C), 88.8 (C), 66.8 (C), 38.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (C), 31.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 375 MHz):  $\delta$  –62.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 485.1899; Found 485.1898.

# (1R,5S,7R)-3-(tert-Butyl)-7-methyl-5-(4-methylbenzyl)-7-nitro-4,8-

dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10y): The title compound was prepared following



the procedure C, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated white solid; Yield: 80% (50 mg). Mp.: 156-158 °C. The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol =

90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R = 5.007$  min (major),  $t_R = 9.440$  min (minor) [For minor isomer];  $t_R = 7.277$  min (major),  $t_R = 17.321$  min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +263.0^\circ$  [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 95% major ee, >99.9% minor ee, and >20:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2962, 1778, 1752, 1686, 1546, 1445, 1360, 1274, 1219, 1198, 1133, 1070, 848, 592 and 476 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, >20:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.20 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.07 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.95 (1H, s), 3.46 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.28 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.64 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.16 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 1.57 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.24 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, >20:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.8 (C, C=0), 193.2 (C, C=0), 168.1 (C, O-C=0), 147.0 (C), 140.8 (CH), 136.3 (C), 133.0 (C), 131.0 (2 x CH), 129.0 (2 x CH), 89.6 (C), 89.0 (C), 67.3 (C), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (C), 31.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 431.2183; Found 431.2183.

# (1R,5S,7R)-3-(tert-Butyl)-5-(4-methoxybenzyl)-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-

dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10z): The compound was prepared following the



procedure **C** and purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and isolated as a semi solid; Yield: 95% (61 mg); The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel

Chiralpak ID column (hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, flow rate 0.7 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 16.025 min (major),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 33.048 min (minor) [for major isomer];  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25}$  = +108.2° (c = 0.085,

CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 95% *ee* major, 84% *ee* minor and 6.3:1 *dr*); IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2960, 1777, 1756, 1685, 1612, 1553, 1511, 1439, 1361, 1280, 1180, 1036, 845 and 416 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 6:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.23 (2H, td, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz), 6.95 (1H, s, olefinic-*H*), 6.81 (2H, td, J = 9.0, 2.5 Hz), 3.77 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.43 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.27 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.64 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.16 (3H, s), 1.61 (3H, s), 1.56 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.24 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 6:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.8 (C, *C*=O), 193.3 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 158.4 (C), 147.0 (C), 140.9 (CH), 132.2 (2 x CH), 128.0 (C), 113.7 (2 x CH), 89.6 (C), 88.9 (C), 67.3 (C), 55.1 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (C), 31.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> 447.2132; Found 447.2131.

# (1R, 5S, 7R) - 3 - (tert - Butyl) - 5 - ethyl - 7 - methyl - 7 - nitro - 4, 8 - dioxobicyclo [3.2.1] oct - 2 - en - 1 - yl - 2 - en - 1



**acetate** (10aa): The title compound was prepared following the procedure **C**, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated as white solid; Mp.:148-150 °C; Yield: 84% (42.5 mg). The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by

(+)-**10aa** chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 5.818 min (major),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 7.717 min (minor); [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +163.5° [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 94% major *ee* and >20:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  2941, 1786, 1760, 1677, 1552, 1459, 1390, 1364, 1280, 1191, 1060, 872 and 591 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, >20:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  6.94 (1H, s), 2.71 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 2.02 (2H, q, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.75 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 1.69 (3H, s), 1.23 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.07 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135, >20:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  195.2 (C, c=O), 193.7 (C, c=O), 168.1 (C), 147.1 (C), 140.8 (CH), 89.7 (C), 88.8 (C), 66.2 (C), 39.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.9 (C), 28.5 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 8.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 355.1869; Found 355.1867.

(1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-3-Isopropyl-7-methyl-7-nitro-5-(2-nitropropyl)-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2en-1-yl acetate (10bb): The title compound was prepared following the procedure G, H



purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (0.9:9.1 to 1.4:8.6), and was isolated as a semi solid; Yield: 84% (32 mg); The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_{\rm R} = 19.151$  min (major),

 $t_{\rm R} = 24.316 \text{ min} (\text{minor})$  [For minor isomer];  $t_{\rm R} = 25.967 \text{ min} (\text{major})$ ,  $t_{\rm R} = 28.551 \text{ min} (\text{minor})$ [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25} = +311.0^{\circ}$  [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 79% major ee, 93% minor ee and 3.9:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  2964, 1788, 1764, 1686, 1550, 1446, 1388, 1356, 1200, 1009, 847, 735 and 591 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 4.5:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  6.90 (1H, s), 4.94-4.87 (1H, m), 3.00 (1H, dd, J = 16.0, 7.5 Hz), 2.93 (1H, sextet, J = 7.0 Hz), 2.78 (1H, d, J = 16.0 Hz), 2.34 (1H, dd, J = 16.0, 2.5 Hz), 2.16 (3H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 1.89 (1H, d, J = 16.0 Hz), 1.69 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.68 (3H, s), 1.11 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.05 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 4.5:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  194.0 (C, *C*=O), 193.5 (C, *C*=O), 168.0 (C, O-*C*=O), 145.6 (C), 140.4 (CH), 89.8 (C), 88.3 (C), 79.3 (CH), 64.4 (C), 39.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.0 (CH), 22.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na 405.1274; Found 405.1271.

# (1*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-5-Benzyl-3-methoxy-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (10cc): The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified by



column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 1.5:8.5) and was isolated as white solid; Yield: 86% (48 mg); Mp.: 148-150 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R = 27.953$  min (major),  $t_R$ 

= 36.892 min (minor);  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +257.0^{\circ}$  [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 87% major *ee*, and >20:1 *dr*]; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  2921, 1782, 1760, 1695, 1610, 1550, 1387, 1347, 1267, 1203, 1064, 1011, 733 and 402 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, >20:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.33 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.27 (2H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.22 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.14 (1H, s), 3.76 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.57 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.34 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.70 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.16 (3H, s), 1.67 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 1.67 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, >20:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  192.9 (C, *C*=O), 190.2 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 151.4 (C), 135.6 (C), 131.2 (2 x CH), 128.3 (2 x CH), 126.9 (CH), 114.0 (CH), 90.1 (C), 88.1 (C), 65.1 (C), 56.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 38.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> 391.1505; Found 391.1505.

# (1R,5S,7R)-5-Benzyl-3-cyclohexyl-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl



acetate [(+)-10dd]: The title compound was prepared following the procedure **C**, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated as a yellow solid; Yield: 63% (40 mg); Mp.: 154-156 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using

a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_{\rm R} = 9.565$  min (major),  $t_{\rm R} = 16.426$  min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{27} = +182.0^{\circ}$  [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 87% *ee*]; IR (Neat):  $v_{\rm max}$  3002, 2969, 2926, 2854, 1739, 1688, 1555, 1444, 1371, 1209, 736, 704 and 525 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.37-7.31 (2H, m), 7.31-7.25 (2H, m), 7.22 (1H, tt, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.86 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, olefinic-*H*), 3.52 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.33 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.67-2.61 (1H, m), 2.65 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.17 (3H, s, COC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.85-1.71 (5H, m), 1.61 (3H, s), 1.58 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 1.46-1.31 (2H, m), 1.25-1.12 (2H, m), 1.02 (1H, dq, J = 12.5, 3.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, DEPT-135, major isomer):  $\delta$  195.2 (C, *C*=O), 193.5 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 144.9 (C), 140.5 (CH), 136.1 (C), 131.2 (2 x CH), 128.3 (2 x CH), 126.8 (CH), 89.7 (C), 89.0 (C), 66.4 (C), 38.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.6 (CH), 32.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na 448.1736; Found 448.1740.

# (1R,5S,7S)-5-Benzyl-3-cyclohexyl-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl



acetate [(+)-11dd]: The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 33% (21 mg); Mp.: 152-154 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel

Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R = 5.13$  min (major),  $t_R = 7.48$  min (minor) [For minor isomer];  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +45.5^\circ$  [c = 0.138, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 99.9% *ee*]; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3015, 2969, 2928, 2952, 1739, 1548, 1444, 1367, 1216, 1093, 1031, 897, 763, 708, and 527 cm-1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, minor isomer):  $\delta$  7.33-7.28 (2H, m), 7.27-7.22 (3H, m), 6.85 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, olefinic-*H*), 3.42 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.20 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.59-2.54 (1H, m), 2.55 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.27 (3H, s, COC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 2.22 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 1.82-1.67 (5H, m), 1.39-1.35 (1H, m), 1.35-1.32 (1H, m), 1.25 (3H, s), 1.20-1.12 (2H, m), 0.97-0.90 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, minor isomer):  $\delta$ 

194.5 (C, *C*=O), 193.5 (C, *C*=O), 168.3 (C, O-*C*=O), 143.2 (C), 142.0 (CH), 135.8 (C), 131.1 (2 x CH), 128.6 (2 x CH), 127.1 (CH), 89.3 (C), 87.5 (C), 67.3 (C), 36.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.1 (CH), 22.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na 448.1736; Found 448.1740. (*IR*,*5S*,*7R*)-5-Benzyl-3-(*sec*-butyl)-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl



**acetate** [(+)-10ee]: The title compound was prepared following the procedure **C**, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 67% (40 mg); Mp.: 132-134 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel

Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 91:09, flow rate 0.9 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 9.054 min (major),  $t_R = 16.730$  min (minor) [For major isomer];  $t_R = 9.054$  min (major),  $t_R =$ 18.165 min (minor) [For minor isomer];  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +99.5^\circ$  [c = 0.200, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 98% *ee* for major isomer, 98% ee for minor isomer, and 1:1 dr]; IR (Neat): v<sub>max</sub> 2965, 1788, 1764, 1688, 1555, 1206, 906, 729 and 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 1:1 dr for major isomer): δ 7.27-7.25 (4H, m), 7.22-7.18 (4H, m), 7.14 (2H, tt, J = 7.0, 2.5 Hz), 6.81 (1H, br s, olefinic-H), 6.80 (1H, s, olefinic-H), 3.45 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.45 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.27 (1H, d, J = 14.5Hz), 3.26 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.72 (2H, sextet, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.59 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.58 (1H, d, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 2.09 (6H, s, 2 x COC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.55 (3H, s), 1.54 (3H, s), 1.50-1.52 (2H, m), 1.49-1.43 (2H, m), 1.43-1.38 (1H, m), 1.34-1.24 (1H, m), 1.05 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.98 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.81 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 0.80 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125) MHz, DEPT-135, 1:1 dr for major isomer): δ 195.5 (C, C=O), 195.2 (C, C=O), 193.6 (C, C=O), 193.4 (C, C=O), 168.1 (C, O-C=O), 168.1 (C, O-C=O), 145.1 (C), 144.8 (C), 141.1 (CH), 141.0 (CH), 136.1 (C), 136.1 (C), 131.2 (2 x CH), 131.2 (2 x CH), 128.3 (2 x CH), 128.3 (2 x CH), 126.8 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 89.8 (C), 89.7 (C), 89.1 (C), 88.9 (C), 66.5 (C), 66.4 (C), 38.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.8 (CH), 33.7 (CH), 31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na 422.1580; Found 422.1580.

#### (1R,5S,7S)-5-Benzyl-3-(sec-butyl)-7-methyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl



acetate [(+)-11ee]: The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 17% (10 mg); Mp.: 130-132 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak

IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 93:07, flow rate 0.7 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{\rm R}$  = 7.226 min (major),  $t_R = 11.022$  min (minor) [For major isomer];  $t_R = 7.226$  min (major),  $t_R = 11.775$  min (minor) [For minor isomer];  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = +57.4^\circ$  [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 85% *ee* for major isomer, 88% ee for minor isomer, and 1:1 dr]; IR (Neat): v<sub>max</sub> 2900, 1785, 1690, 1688, 1551, 1372, 1264, 1217, 906, 729 and 650 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 1:1 dr for minor isomer): δ 7.33-7.28 (4H, m), 7.27-7.26 (3H, m), 7.25-7.22 (3H, m), 6.88 (1H, s, olefinic-H), 6.87 (1H, s, olefinic-*H*), 3.43 (1H, d, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 3.43 (1H, d, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 3.21 (1H, d, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 3.19 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 2.72 (2H, sextet, J = 5.0 Hz), 2.56 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.55 (1H, d, JJ = 14.5 Hz), 2.27 (6H, s, 2 x COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.26-2.22 (2H, m), 1.47-1.41 (2H, m), 1.35-1.27 (2H, m), 1.25 (3H, s), 1.25 (3H, s), 1.07 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.98 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.85 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 0.80 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 1:1 dr for minor isomer): § 194.7 (C, C=O), 194.6 (C, C=O), 193.6 (C, C=O), 193.5 (C, C=O), 168.3 (2 x C, 2 x O-C=O), 143.1 (C), 142.9 (C), 142.6 (CH), 142.4 (CH), 135.8 (2 x C), 131.1 (4 x CH), 128.6 (4 x CH), 127.1 (2 x CH), 89.3 (C), 89.2 (C), 87.6 (C), 87.4 (C), 67.4 (C), 67.2 (C), 36.6 (2 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.6 (CH), 33.5 (CH), 31.2 (2 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.1 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.4 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> 400.1760; Found 400.1752.

(1*R*,5*S*,7*S*)-5-Benzyl-3-isopropyl-7-nitro-4,8-dioxo-7-phenylbicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate [(-)-10ff]: The title compound was prepared following the procedure C, purified by



column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (1.0:9.0 to 2.0:8.0) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 70% (47 mg); Mp.: 150-152 °C; The enantiomeric excess (*ee*) was determined by chiral stationary phase HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak IG column (hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_R = 8.456$  min (major),  $t_R =$ 

12.898 min (minor) [For major isomer];  $[\alpha]_D^{27} = -260.8^\circ$  [c = 0.05, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 88% major *ee*, and >20:1 *dr*]; IR (Neat):  $v_{\text{max}}$  2969, 2926, 2854, 1741, 1688, 1558, 1435, 1366, 1228, 1216, 895, 702 and 527 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, for major isomer):  $\delta$  7.49-7.38 (7H, m), 7.32

(2H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.27-7.24 (1H, m), 6.70 (1H, s, olefinic-*H*), 3.58 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.45 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz), 3.02 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.79 (1H, septet, J = 7.0 Hz), 2.45 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.30 (3H, s, COC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 0.94 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 0.63 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, >20:1 *dr*, for major isomer):  $\delta$  194.9 (C, *C*=O), 193.2 (C, *C*=O), 167.9 (C, O-*C*=O), 144.4 (C), 140.7 (CH), 136.0 (C), 132.2 (C), 131.3 (2 x CH), 130.4 (CH), 128.9 (2 x CH), 128.8 (2 x CH), 128.4 (2 x CH), 127.0 (CH), 93.6 (C), 90.1 (C), 66.0 (C), 37.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.1 (CH), 20.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Na 470.1580; Found 470.1580.

(1*R*,4*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-5-Benzyl-4-hydroxy-3-isopropyl-7-methyl-7-nitro-8-oxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (12c/13c): The title compound was prepared following the procedure **D** and



was isolated as white semi solid; Yield: 95% (110 mg);  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +46.5^\circ [c = 0.100, CHCl_3, 1.6:1 dr];$  IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3464, 2961, 1778, 1547, 1451, 1385, 1297, 1205, 1033, and 755 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl\_3, 500 MHz, 1.6:1 dr, major isomer):  $\delta$  7.33 (1H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.29-7.27

(1H, m), 7.22-7.20 (3H, m), 5.58 (1H, s, olefinic-*H*), 4.18 (1H, s), 3.62 (1H, br s, O*H*), 3.57 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz), 2.81 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz), 2.61 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.53-2.50 (1H, m), 2.09 (3H, s), 1.58 (3H, s), 1.35 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 1.07 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 0.96 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 1.6:1 *dr*, major isomer):  $\delta$  204.1 (C, *C*=O), 168.1 (C, O-*C*=O), 146.4 (C), 135.9 (C), 130.4 (2 x CH), 128.5 (2 x CH), 126.8 (CH), 122.5 (CH), 91.2 (C), 86.6 (C), 81.4 (CH), 52.6 (C), 40.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.2 (CH), 22.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 1.6:1 *dr*, minor isomer):  $\delta$  7.33 (1H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.29-7.27 (1H, m), 7.22-7.20 (3H, m), 5.59 (1H, s, olefinic-*H*), 4.60 (1H, s), 3.62 (1H, br s, O*H*), 3.22 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz), 3.15 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz), 2.53-2.50 (1H, m), 2.34 (1H, d, J = 15.5 Hz), 2.05 (3H, s), 1.66 (3H, s), 1.23 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 1.04 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 0.98 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 1.6:1 *dr*, minor isomer):  $\delta$  199.2 (C, *C*=O), 168.5 (C, O-*C*=O), 146.6 (C), 136.9 (C), 130.3 (2 x CH), 128.8 (2 x CH), 127.1 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 91.8 (C), 86.2 (C), 79.5 (CH), 55.3 (C), 37.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.9 (CH), 21.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 405.2026; Found 405.2028.

# (1R,4S,5S,7R)-5-Benzyl-3-(tert-butyl)-4-hydroxy-7-methyl-7-nitro-8-



oxobicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-1-yl acetate (12p/13p): The title compound was prepared following the procedure **E**, purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (2.0:8.0 to 3.0:7.0) and was isolated as a white solid; Yield: 80% (48 mg); Mp.: 105-107 °C;

[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +85.0° [c = 0.100, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 6.25:1 dr]; IR (Neat):  $v_{max}$  3543, 2956, 1778, 1547, 1451, 1384, 1365, 1218, 1194, 1047, 1008, 755, 703 and 422 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 6.2:1 dr, major isomer): δ 7.34-7.27 (5H, m), 5.76 (1H, s, olefinic-H), 4.80 (1H, d, J = 4.5 Hz), 3.28 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz), 3.14 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz), 2.64 (1H, d, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.41 (1H, dd, J = 15.0, 1.5 Hz), 2.09 (3H, s), 1.70 (3H, s), 1.14 (9H, s, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, DEPT-135, 6.2:1 dr, major isomer): δ 198.9 (C, C=O), 168.1 (C, O-C=O), 147.6 (C), 137.0 (C), 130.0 (2 x CH), 129.1 (2 x CH), 126.8 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 91.6 (C), 86.3 (C), 80.3 (CH), 55.2 (C), 37.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.1 (C), 30.0 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 419.2182; Found 419.2183.

# X-ray Single Crystal Data for 10g. The Ellipsoid Counter % Probability Levels are 50%

Crystallized from DCM-Hexane;  $C_{21}H_{22}BrNO_6$ ; Mr = 464.30; orthorhombic; space group =  $P 2_1 2_1 2_1$ ; A clear white crystal of  $0.179 \times 0.169 \times 0.158 \text{ mm}^3$  was used.

Table S6. Crystal data and structure refinement for (+)-10g (CCDC-2360361)

Bond precision: C-C = 0.0088 A		Wavelength=0.71073		
Cell:	a=7.0203(7) alpha=90	b=10.9547(10) beta=90	c=28.092(3) gamma=90	
Temperature:	234 К			
	Calculated	Reported		
Volume	2160.4(4)	2160.4(4)		
Space group	P 21 21 21	P 21 21 2	1	
Hall group	P 2ac 2ab	P 2ac 2ab		
Moiety formula	C21 H22 Br N 06	C21 H22 B	r N 06	
Sum formula	C21 H22 Br N 06	C21 H22 B	r N 06	
Mr	464.30	464.30		
Dx,g cm-3	1.428	1.428		
Z	4	4		
Mu (mm-1)	1.938	1.938		
F000	952.0	952.0		
F000'	951.32			
h,k,lmax	9,14,36	8,13,34		
Nref	4803[ 2764]	4479		
Tmin, Tmax	0.714,0.736	0.645,1.0	00	
Tmin'	0.700			
Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.645 Tmax=1.000 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN				
Data completeness= 1.62/0.93 Theta(max)= 27.211				
R(reflections) = 0.0605(2591) wR2(reflections) 0.1085(4479)				
S = 1.031	Npar= 26	56		

# Ellipsoid plot for 10g



## X-ray Single Crystal Data for 10y. The Ellipsoid Counter % Probability Levels are 50%

Crystallized from DCM-Hexane;  $C_{23}H_{27}NO_6$ ; Mr = 413.45; orthorhombic; space group =  $P 2_1 2_1 2_1$ ; A clear white crystal of  $0.24 \times 0.2 \times 0.14$  mm<sup>3</sup> was used.

Table S7. Crystal data and structure refinement for (+)-10y (CCDC-2360360)

Bond precision: C-C = 0.0054 A		Wavelength=0.71073		
Cell:	a=9.8373(7) alpha=90	b=12.5432(11) beta=90	c=18.3743(13) gamma=90	
Temperature:	296 K		-	
	Calculated	Reported	l	
Volume	2267.2(3)	2267.2(3	•)	
Space group	P 21 21 21	P 21 21	21	
Hall group	P 2ac 2ab	P 2ac 2a	b	
Moiety formula	C23 H27 N 06	C23 H27	N 06	
Sum formula	n formula C23 H27 N O6 C23 H27 N O6		N 06	
Mr	413.46	413.45		
Dx,g cm-3	1.211	1.211		
Z	4	4		
Mu (mm-1)	0.087	0.087		
F000	880.0	880.0		
F000'	880.47			
h,k,lmax	12,16,23	12,16,23	\$	
Nref	5204[ 2942]	4922		
Tmin, Tmax	0.979,0.988	0.632,0.	746	
Tmin'	0.979			
Correction metho AbsCorr = MULTI-	od= # Reported T I -SCAN	imits: Tmin=0.632 T	max=0.746	
Data completenes	ss= 1.67/0.95	Theta(max) = 27.4	80	
R(reflections)=	0.0780( 4170)		<pre>wR2(reflections)= 0.1819( 4922)</pre>	
S = 1.191	Npar=	277		

# **Ellipsoid plot for (+)-10y**:



# X-ray Single Crystal Data for 11a. The Ellipsoid Counter % Probability Levels are 50%

Crystallized from DCM-Hexane;  $C_{22}H_{25}NO_6$ ; Mr = 399.43; orthorhombic; space group =  $P 2_1 2_1 2_1$ ; A clear white crystal of  $0.2 \times 0.19 \times 0.13$  mm<sup>3</sup> was used.

Table S8. Crystal data and structure refinement for (+)-11a (CCDC-2365952)

Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0073 A	A Wavelength=0.71073		
Cell:	a=10.5076(6)	b=12.7385(7)	c=15.5696(10)	
Temperature:	alpha=90 298 K	beta=90	gamma=90	
	Calculated	Reported		
Volume	2084.0(2)	2084.0(2)	)	
Space group	P 21 21 21	P 21 21 2	21	
Hall group	P 2ac 2ab	P 2ac 2al	b	
Moiety formula C22 H25 N O6 C22 H25 N		N 06		
Sum formula	um formula C22 H25 N O6 C22 H25 N O6		N 06	
Mr	Mr 399.43 399.43			
Dx,g cm-3	1.273	1.273		
Z	4	4		
Mu (mm-1)	0.093	0.093		
F000	848.0	848.0		
F000'	848.46			
h,k,lmax	13,16,19	13,15,19		
Nref	4523[ 2565]	4297		
Tmin, Tmax	0.982,0.988	0.616,1.000		
Tmin'	0.982			
Correction metho AbsCorr = MULTI-	od= # Reported T Li -SCAN	mits: Tmin=0.616 Th	max=1.000	
Data completene	ss= 1.68/0.95	Theta(max) = 26.94	19	
R(reflections) = 0.0653(2518) WR2(reflections)				
S = 0.937	Npar= 2	66		

# **Ellipsoid plot for (+)-11a:**



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