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A Metal-free, Green Strategy for Intramolecular Aminoalkoxylation of Unfunctionalized Olefins via Recyclable NIS Catalysis with Water as the Sole Byproduct

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General experimental information

All reactions were carried out in sealed tube at 35°C under O₂ unless otherwise notified. Reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX 400 spectrometer at 298 K using deuterated chloroform as a solvent and TMS as an internal reference.

Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel plates (GF 254) using a mixture of iodine and silica gel as the visualizing agent, unless otherwise noted. Flash column chromatography was performed using a silica gel (200 - 400 meshes). HRMS analyses were carried out with Varian FTICRMS 7.0T. Melting points were obtained on a Mettler Toledo MP50 apparatus.

General procedure for intramolecular aminoalkoxylation reaction

Substrate (0.25 mmol) and NIS (10 mol%) were charged in a 50 mL sealed tube equipped with a stir bar in O₂ atmosphere. Solvent (2.5 mL) were added to the sealed tube by styinge and the mixture was stirred at 35 °C for 24 h. Upon completion, the mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL × 3). The combined organic mixture was dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified over silica gel via flash column chromatography with PE and EA as the eluent to obtain desired product **2-8**.



Compounds characterization.

1-benzyl-2-(2-ethoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidine 2a: yield: 93%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 250/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 – 7.09 (m, 15H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45 – 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.19 – 3.05 (m, 3H), 2.95 – 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.13 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.11 – 1.02 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.3, 147.6, 141.7, 135.9, 130.1, 129.2, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 126.0, 125.6, 78.7, 70.7, 65.1, 61.1, 56.4, 53.2, 41.6, 22.6, 21.4, 16.3. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C₂₈H₃₄NO [M+H]⁺: 400.2640, found: 400.2641.

2-(2-ethoxypropan-2-yl)-1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidi ne 2b: yield: 95%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 150/1); yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 - 7.17 (m, 6H), 7.15 - 7.02 (m, 6H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.41 - 3.32 (m, 2H), 3.11 - 3.04 (m, 2H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.95 - 2.85 (m, 1H), 2.17 - 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.14 - 1.04 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 243.8 Hz), 149.1, 147.4, 137.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.9 Hz), 129.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 7.7 Hz), 128.3, 128.0, 127.2, 127.0, 125.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 42.6 Hz), 114.9, 114.7, 78.6, 70.5, 64.9, 60.1, 56.3, 53.0, 41.5, 22.5, 21.1, 16.2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₈H₃₃FNO [M+H]⁺: 418.2546, found: 418.2541.

1-(4-bromobenzyl)-2-(2-ethoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidine 2c: yield: 92%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 150/1); yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 6.98 (m, 12H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.32 – 3.19 (m, 2H), 3.05 (t, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.88 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.05 – 1.91(m= 1H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 146.4, 139.7, 130.2, 128.9, 128.2, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 126.7, 126.2, 126.0, 125.0, 124.6, 119.1, 77.7, 69.7, 64.1, 59.4, 55.3, 52.1, 40.4, 21.5, 20.0, 15.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₈H₃₃BrNO [M+H]⁺: 478.1746, found: 478.1749.

2-(2-ethoxypropan-2-yl)-1-(4-nitrobenzyl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidi-

ne 2d: yield: 91%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1); yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 – 8.03 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.98 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 – 3.22 (m, 3H), 3.13 – 3.05 (m, 1H), 3.02 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.03 (s, 6H), 0.94 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 148.6, 147.2, 146.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 127.2, 126.9, 126.6, 126.2, 125.8, 123.5, 78.8, 71.1, 65.5, 60.8, 56.4, 53.5, 41.4,

22.6, 20.6, 16.2. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for $C_{28}H_{33}N_2O_3$ [M+H]⁺: 445.2491; found: 445.2492.



2-(2-ethoxypropan-2-yl)-1-(4-methylbenzyl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidine 2e: yield: 85%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1); yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 7.23 – 7.03 (m, 14H), 4.22 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.38 – 3.11(m, 2H), 3.06 –2.99 (m, 3H), 2.95 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.08 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.17 – 1.06(m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.2, 146.5, 137.5, 134.9, 129.0, 127.8, 127.2, 126.9, 126.2, 126.1, 124.9, 124.4, 77.6, 69.5, 63.9, 59.6, 55.3, 52.0, 40.5, 21.5, 20.4, 20.1, 15.2. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C₂₉H₃₆NO [M+H]⁺: 414.2797, found: 414.2796.

2-(2-ethoxypropan-2-yl)-1-(4-isopropylbenzyl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidine 2f: yield: 79%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 – 7.06 (m, 14H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.53 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 3.15 (t, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 3H), 3.03 – 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.94 – 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 6H), 1.11 (t, *J* =6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.3, 147.5, 147.0, 138.9, 128.2, 128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 127.1, 126.1, 125.9, 125.5, 78.6, 70.6, 65.0, 60.7, 56.3, 53.2, 41.5, 33.7, 24.1, 24.1, 22.5, 21.5, 16.2. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C₃₁H₄₀NO [M+H]⁺: 442.3110, found: 442.3112.



2-(2-ethoxypropan-2-yl)-1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidine 2g: yield: 83%; (Flash column chromatography eluent,

petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 – 7.05 (m, 12H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.37 – 3.22 (m, 2H), 3.02 – 2.96 (m, 3H), 2.92 – 2.83(m, 1H), 2.11 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.09 – 1.01 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.4, 149.4, 147.7, 129.5, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.4, 127.2, 126.0, 125.6, 113.6, 78.7, 70.6, 64.9, 60.3, 56.4, 55.3, 53.1, 41.6, 22.6, 21.5, 16.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₉H₃₆NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 430.2746, found: 430.2748.



methyl 4-((2-(2-ethoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidin-1yl)**methyl**)**benzoate** 2h: yield: 54%; (Flash column chromatography

(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.02 (m, 12H), 4.32 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.41 – 3.31 (m, 2H), 3.21 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (m, 1H), 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.91 (s, 1H), 2.19 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.10 – 1.05(m, 6H), 1.02 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 149.0, 147.4, 147.3, 129.6, 128.3, 128.1, 128.1, 127.2, 127.0, 126.1, 125.6, 78.7, 70.9, 65.4, 61.0, 56.3, 53.2, 52.0, 41.5, 22.6, 21.0, 16.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₀H₃₆NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 458.2695, found: 458.2693.



2-benzyl-3-(2-ethoxypropan-2-yl)-2-azaspiro [4.5] decane 2i: yield: 69%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 – 7.02

(m, 5H), 4.60 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.45 –3.37 (m, 1H), 3.34 –3.30 (m, 1H), 3.12 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.58 –1.51 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.19 (m, 14H), 1.06 – 1.01(m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.9, 128.1, 128.1, 126.2, 78.5, 69.1, 60.5, 56.1, 39.4, 38.4, 38.0, 26.2, 23.6, 23.4, 20.4, 16.2. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C₂₁H₃₄NO [M+H]⁺: 316.2640, found: 316.2643.

1-benzyl-2-(2-ethoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4-dimethylpyrrolidine 2j: yield: 65%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.45 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 3.21 – 3.16 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz,

(iii, 511), 4.57 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 111), 5.45 = 5.56 (iii, 211), 5.21 = 5.16 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89 = 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.57 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.57 = 1.51(m, 1H), 1.25 = 1.18(m, 4H), 1.05 = 1.01 (m, 6H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.9, 128.1, 128.0, 126.2, 78.5, 70.2, 68.6, 60.7, 56.1, 43.9, 35.7, 29.7, 29.4, 28.7, 23.2, 20.5, 16.2. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C₁₈H₃₀NO [M+H]⁺: 276.2327, found: 276.2328.

2-((2-(2-ethoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)methyl) pyridine 2k: yield: 72%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.06 (m, 13H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.50 – 3.34 (m, 2H), 3.33 – 3.21 (m, 2H), 2.93 (m = 1H), 2.22 (m = 1H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 6H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.1, 149.1, 148.8, 147.2, 128.4, 128.1, 127.3, 127.0, 126.1, 125.7, 122.4, 121.5, 78.6, 70.7, 66.0, 63.2, 56.3, 53.5, 41.6, 22.7, 21.2, 16.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₇H₃₃N₂O [M+H]⁺:401.2593, found: 401.2593.

2-((2-(2-ethoxypropan-2-yl)-4, 4-diphenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)methyl) phenol 21: yield: 65%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.40 – 7.13 (m, 11H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.44 (m = 2H), 3.26 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (m = 1H), 2.88 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (m = 1H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.3, 145.9, 137.4, 136.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.0, 126.7, 126.6, 126.2, 118.5, 77.9, 73.0, 62.4, 60.3, 56.7, 54.4, 39.8, 23.1, 19.7, 16.1. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₈H₃₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺:416.2590, found: 416.2592.

1-benzyl-2-(1-ethoxyethyl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidine 2m: yield 65%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.17 (m, 15H), 3.72 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.32 – 3.24 (m, 3H), 2.64 – 2.46 (m, 4H), 2.28 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 0.95 – 0.92 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.7, 147.7, 138.5, 136.0, 129.4, 129.3, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3, 127.2, 125.6, 73.6, 63.5, 63.0, 62.8, 56.0, 46.2, 45.6, 23.2, 16.0. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C₂₇H₃₂NO [M+H]⁺: 386.2484, found: 386.2482.

benzyl-2-(2-methoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidine 3a: yield: 95%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 200/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23-6.98 (m, 15H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 13Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 3.15-3.01 (m, 3H), 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.09-1.05 (s, 6H).; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.1, 147.4, 141.5, 128.2, 128.2 128.1,128.0, 127.2, 127.0, 126.5, 125.9, 125.5, 78.8, 70.6, 65.0, 61.1, 53.2, 49.0, 41.4, 21.6, 21.1. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C₂₇H₃₂NO [M+H]⁺: 386.2484, found: 386.2485.

1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-(2-methoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4 -diphenylpyrrolidine 3b: yield: 93%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 150/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 - 7.15 (m, 6H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 5H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 3.09 - 2.98 (m, 3H), 2.97 - 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.15 - 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.05 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H).¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 243.8 Hz), 149.0, 147.4, 137.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.9 Hz), 129.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 7.8 Hz), 128.3, 128.0, 127.2,127.0, 125.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 42.0 Hz), 115.0, 114.8, 78.8, 70.5, 64.8, 60.3, 53.1, 49.0, 41.3, 21.6, 20.9. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.6. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₇H₃₁FNO [M+H]⁺: 404.2390, found 404.2389.

1-(4-bromobenzyl)-2-(2-methoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4 -diphenylpyrrolidine 3c: yield: 96%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 150/1); yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 7H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 3.09 – 2.98 (m, 3H), 2.98 – 2.87 (m, 1H), 2.14 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.05 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.9, 146.3, 139.5, 130.2, 128.9, 127.3, 127.0, 126.1, 125.9, 125.0, 124.6, 119.1, 77.8, 69.5, 63.9 59.4, 52.2, 48.0, 40.2, 20.6, 19.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₇H₃₁FNO [M+H]⁺: 464.1589, found 464.1590.

2-(2-methoxypropan-2-yl)-1-(4-methylbenzyl)-4,4 -diphenylpyrrolidine 3e: yield: 89%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 200/1); white solid, melting point: 56-58°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 –6.98 (m, 14H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 3.09 – 3.02 (m, 3H), 2.97 –2.86 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.14 –2.03 (m, 1H), 1.07 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.3, 147.6, 138.5, 136.1, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.3, 127.1, 126.0, 125.6, 78.9, 70.7, 65.0, 60.9, 53.3, 49.1, 41.4, 21.7, 21.3, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₈H₃₄NO [M+H]⁺: 400.2640, found: 400.2643. **1-(4-isopropylbenzyl)-2-(2-methoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4** -diphenylpyrrolidine **3f**: yield: 80%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1); white solid, melting point: 75-77°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.10 (m, 12H), 7.08 – 7.6.98 (m, 1H), 4.12 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 3.10 – 3.03 (m, 3H), 2.97 – 2.92 (m, 1H), 2.86 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.14 – 2.08 (m, 1H)1.26 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.16 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.2, 147.5, 147.1, 138.9, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.1, 127.3, 127.1, 126.8, 126.3, 126.1, 126.0, 125.6, 118.5, 78.9, 70.7, 65.0, 60.9, 53.4, 49.2, 41.3, 33.8, 24.2, 24.2, 21.6, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₀H₃₈NO [M+H]⁺: 428.2953, found: 428.2953.



1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-(2-methoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4 -diphenylpy rrolidine 3g: yield: 85%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 200/1);colourless oil;¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 – 6.95 (m, 12H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 3.04 – 2.99 (m, 3H), 2.95 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.11 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.05 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 6H).¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 149.1, 147.4, 133.5, 129.2, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 126.5, 125.9 125.4, 78.8, 76.0, 70.4, 64.6, 60.3, 53.1, 49.0,41.2, 21.5, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₈H₃₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 416.2590, found: 416.2591.



methyl 4-((2-(2-methoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidin-1yl)methyl)benzoate 3h: yield: 65%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80/1); white solid, melting

point: 75-77°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 6.99 (m, 12H), 4.22 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.53 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 3.07 – 3.01(m, 2H), 2.94 – 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.14 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.05 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 148.9, 147.3, 147.2, 131.0, 129.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.6, 127.2, 127.0, 126.6, 126.1, 125.7, 78.9, 70.8, 65.3, 61.1, 53.3, 52.1, 49.1, 41.4, 21.7, 20.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₉H₃₄NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 444.2539, found: 444.2541.

2-benzyl-3-(2-methoxypropan-2-yl)-2-azaspiro [4.5] decane 3i: yield: 73%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (s, 4H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.34 – 1.19 (m, 14H), 1.03 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.8, 128.1, 128.0, 126.2, 78.8, 69.1, 60.5, 48.7, 39.5, 38.4, 38.0, 26.2, 23.6, 22.6, 19.9. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C₂₀H₃₂NO [M+H]⁺: 302.2484, found: 302.2484.



1-benzyl-2-(2-methoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4-dimethylpyrrolidine 3j: yield: 65%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate

= 30/1); yellow oil; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.88 – 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.58 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.61 – 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.31 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.9, 128.1, 126.2, 78.8, 70.1, 68.6, 60.8, 48.8, 43.9, 35.8, 29.4, 28.7, 22.5, 20.0. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C₁₇H₂₈NO [M+H]⁺: 262.2171, found: 262.2171.

1-benzyl-4,4-diphenyl-2-(2-propoxypropan-2-yl) pyrrolidine 4a: yield: 80%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 200/1); yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 – 7.00 (m, 15H), 4.28 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.3 –3.20 (m, 2H), 3.12 – 3.01 (m, 3H), 2.95 – 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.49 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.07 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 6H), 0.79 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.3, 147.7, 141.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 127.2, 126.5, 126.0, 125.6, 78.7, 71.1, 65.1, 62.9, 61.1, 53.2, 41.6, 23.9, 22.5, 21.1, 11.0. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₉H₃₆NO [M+H]⁺: 414.2797, found: 414.2796.

1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4,4-diphenyl-2-(2-propoxypropan-2-yl)py-rrolidine 4b: yield: 82%; (Flash column chromatography eluent,petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 150/1); yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 7.22 – 6.90 (m, 14H), 4.21 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.29 – 3.19 (m, 2H), 3.07 – 2.96 (m, 3H), 2.95 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.13 (t, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.06 (s, 6H), 0.79 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 243.5 Hz), 149.2, 147.6, 137.3(d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.6 Hz), 129.7(d, *J*_{C-F} = 7.7 Hz), 128.3, 128.1 127.3, 127.1, 126.0(d, *J*_{C-F} = 42.6 Hz), 115.0, 114.8, 78.6, 71.1, 65.0, 62.8, 60.2, 41.6, 23.9, 22.5, 20.8, 10.9. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.8. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C₂₉H₃₅FNO [M+H]⁺: 432.2703, found: 432.2704.

> **1-(4-bromobenzyl)-4,4-diphenyl-2-(2-propoxypropan-2-yl)** pyrrolidine 4c: yield: 79%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 150/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 – 7.06 (m, 14H), 4.21 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.30 – 3.18 (m, 2H), 3.11 – 2.97 (m, 3H), 2.96 – 2.87 (m, 1H), 2.10 – 2.03(m, 1H), 1.44 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.05 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 6H), 0.77 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.1, 147.5, 140.8, 131.2, 130.0, 129.2, 128.3, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.3, 127.0, 126.1, 125.6, 120.1, 78.7, 71.1, 65.1, 62.8, 60.4, 53.2, 41.5, 23.9, 22.5, 20.7, 11.0. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₉H₃₅BrNO [M+H]⁺: 492.1902, found: 492.1904.

1-(4-methylbenzyl)-4,4-diphenyl-2-(2-propoxypropan-2-yl)py-rrolidine 4e: yield: 65%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, μ_3 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 – 6.98 (m, 14H), 4.23 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 3H), 2.96 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s,

3H), 2.13 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.45 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.07 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 6H), 0.79 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.4, 147.7, 138.6, 136.0, 128.9, 128.3, 128.0, 127.3, 127.2, 126.0, 125.5, 78.6, 71.0, 65.0, 62.8, 60.8, 53.1, 41.6, 23.9, 22.5, 21.2, 21.2, 11.0. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C₃₀H₃₈NO [M+H]⁺: 428.2953, found: 428.2954.

 $\frac{1-(4-isopropylbenzyl)-4,4-diphenyl-2-(2-propoxypropan-2-yl) py-rrolidine 4f: yield: 63\%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400)$

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 – 6.97 (m, 14H), 4.21 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.26 – 3.21 (m, 2H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 3H), 2.95 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.86 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.11 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.44 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.79 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.4, 147.7, 147.0, 139.0, 128.3, 128.3, 128.0, 127.4, 127.2, 126.2, 126.0, 125.5, 78.6, 71.1, 65.1, 62.3, 60.8, 53.2, 41.6, 33.8, 29.8, 24.2, 23.9, 22.5, 21.3, 11.0. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C₃₂H₄₂NO [M+H]⁺: 456.3266, found: 456.3266.



1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4,4-diphenyl-2-(2-propoxypropan-2-yl) pyrrolidine 4g: yield: 68%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 – 6.72 (m, 14H), 4.19 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 3H), 2.93 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (t, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 6H), 0.79 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.4, 149.4, 147.8, 133.8, 129.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.4, 127.2, 126.0, 125.6, 113.6, 78.7, 71.0, 64.9, 62.9, 60.4, 55.3, 53.1, 41.7, 24.0, 22.5, 21.2, 11.0. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₀H₃₈NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 444.2903, found: 444.2905.

methyl 4-((4, 4-diphenyl-2-(2-propoxypropan-2-yl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)methyl)benzoate 4h: yield: 62%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1); colourless oil; ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 6.93 (m, 10H), 4.29 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.50 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.22 – 3.15 (m, 3H), 3.07 – 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.97 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.96 – 2.85 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.37 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.02 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 6H), 0.72 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 149.1, 147.5, 144.2, 129.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.2, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.7, 126.2, 125.8, 78.8, 71.4, 65.5, 62.9, 61.1, 53.4, 52.0, 41.6, 24.0, 22.6, 20.7, 11.1. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₁H₃₈NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 472.2852, found: 472.2854.

2-benzyl-3-(2-propoxypropan-2-yl)-2-azaspiro [4.5] decane 4i: yield: 65%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 – 7.12 (m, 5H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 3.34 – 3.26 (m, 1H), 3.24 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 3.12 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 19.3 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.59 - 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.45 - 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.32 - 1.22 (m, 10H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.79 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.9, 128.1, 128.0, 126.1, 78.4, 69.5, 66.5, 62.6, 60.4, 41.7, 39.4, 38.4, 38.0, 26.2, 23.9, 23.5, 23.5, 23.3, 20.1, 10.9. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₂H₃₆NO [M+H]⁺: 330.2797, found: 330.2797.

1-benzyl-4,4-dimethyl-2-(2-propoxypropan-2-yl) pyrrolidine 4j: yield: 67%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (t, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.37(m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 6H), 0.79 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.0, 128.1, 128.0, 126.2, 78.5, 70.7, 68.6, 62.6, 60.8, 44.0, 35.8, 29.5, 28.7, 23.9, 23.2, 20.2, 11.0. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₉H₃₂NO [M+H]⁺: 290.2484, found: 290.2483.



1-benzyl-2-(2-isopropoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidine 5a: yield: 78%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 200/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 –

6.95 (m, 15H), 4.32 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 – 3.71 (m, 1H), 3.51 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.05 – 2.90 (m, 3H), 2.11 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.05 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 6H), 0.99 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.3, 147.7, 141.9, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.4, 127.2, 126.6, 126.0, 125.6, 79.7, 72.3, 65.0, 63.3, 61.4, 53.3, 41.5, 25.5, 25.3, 23.3, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₉H₃₆NO [M+H]⁺: 414.2797, found: 414.2795.

benzyl-2-(2-(isobutoxy) propan-2-yl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidine 6a: yield: 69%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 200/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.01 (m, 15H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.13 – 3.01 (m, 5H), 2.96 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.12 –2.04 (m, 1H), 1.63 (m, *J* = 15.5, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 6H), 0.78 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.2, 146.6, 140.7, 128.2, 127.2, 127.2, 127.1, 126.9, 126.7, 126.3, 126.0, 125.4, 124.9, 124.4, 77.5, 70.4, 66.9, 64.0, 60.1, 52.1, 41.6, 40.5, 28.1, 21.2, 19.7, 18.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₀H₃₈NO [M+H]⁺: 428.2953, found: 428.2955.



1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-(2-isobutoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidine 6b: yield: 70%; (Flash column chromatography eluent,

petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 150/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 – 6.96 (m, 12H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.09–2.98 (m, 5H), 2.95–2.89 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.01 (m, 1H), 1.65–1.56 (m, 1H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 6H), 0.77 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.7(d, *J*_{C-F} = 243.8 Hz), 149.2, 147.6, 137.4(d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.9 Hz), 129.7(d, *J*_{C-F} = 7.8 Hz), 128.3, 128.1, 127.3, 127.1, 125.7(d, *J*_{C-F} = 43.1 Hz), 115.0, 114.8, 78.6, 71.5, 68.0, 65.0, 60.3, 53.2, 41.6, 29.2, 22.4, 20.5, 19.8, 19.7, ¹⁹F

NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₀H₃₇FNO [M+H]⁺: 446.2859, found: 446.2857.



1-(4-bromobenzyl)-2-(2-isobutoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidine 6c: yield: 68%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 150/1; colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 6.99 (m, 9H), 4.22 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.08 - 2.99 (m, 5H), 2.95 - 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.10 - 2.02(m, 1H), 1.63 - 1.56(m, 1H), 1.03(d, J = 2.6 Hz, 6H), 0.77 - 0.73(m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.1, 147.5, 140.8, 131.3, 130.0, 128.4, 128.1, 127.3, 127.1, 126.1, 125.7, 120.1, 78.6, 71.6, 68.0, 65.10, 60.5, 53.3, 41.5, 29.2, 22.4, 20.4, 19.8, 19.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₀H₃₇BrNO [M+H]⁺: 506.2059, found: 506.2061.



^{Ph} Ph **2-(2-isobutoxypropan-2-yl)-1-(4-methylbenzyl)-4,4-diphenylpyr- rolidine 6e:** yield: 59%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1); yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 – 7.05 (m, 15H), 4.24 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.09 – 3.00 (m, 5H), 2.96 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.12 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.64 -1.60 (m, 1H), 1.05 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 6H), 0.78 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.4, 147.7, 138.7, 135.9, 132.4, 130.1, 129.2, 128.8, 128.3, 128.3, 128.0, 127.3, 127.1, 125.9, 125.5, 78.5, 71.5, 68.0, 65.0, 60.8, 53.2, 42.6, 41.6, 29.2, 22.3, 21.2, 20.8, 19.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₁H₄₀NO [M+H]⁺: 442.3110, found: 442.3111.



2-(2-isobutoxypropan-2-yl)-1-(4-isopropylbenzyl)-4,4-diphenylpyrrolidine 6f: yield: 54%; (Flash column chromatography eluent,

petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1; yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.19 (m, 14H), 4.47 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35 – 3.25(m, 5H), 3.20 – 3.12 (m, 1H), 3.09 – 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.28 (m, 1H), 1.90 - 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.30 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 6H), 1.02 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 16.36.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.5, 147.8, 147.1, 139.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 126.3, 126.1, 125.6, 78.6, 71.6, 68.1, 65.2, 60.9, 53.3, 41.7, 33.9, 29.3, 24.3, 24.2, 22.4, 21.1, 19.9. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₃H₄₄NO [M+H]⁺: 470.3423, found: 470.3423.



methyl 4-((2-(2-isobutoxypropan-2-yl)-4, 4-diphenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)methyl)benzoate 6h: yield: 66%; (Flash column

chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1Hz, 2H), 7.23 - 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.12 - 6.97 (m, 6H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.53 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.08 - 2.98 (m, 4H), 2.95 - 2.982.88 (m, 1H), 2.13 - 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.63 - 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.04 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 6H), 0.74 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 6H),(m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 149.0, 147.5, 129.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.3, 127.1, 126.1, 125.7, 78.6, 71.7, 68.0, 65.4, 61.1, 53.3, 52.0, 41.5, 29.1, 22.4, 20.3, 19.7. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for $C_{32}H_{40}NO_3$ [M+H]⁺: 486.3008, found: 486.3008.

2-benzyl-3-(2-isobutoxypropan-2-yl)-2-azaspiro [4.5] decane 6i: yield: 59%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.15 – 3.07 (m, 2H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.68 – 1.52 (m, 3H), 1.34 – 1.21 (m, 10H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.80 – 0.76 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.0, 128.1, 128.0, 126.1, 78.4, 70.0, 67.8, 66.6, 60.5, 41.8, 39.5, 38.4, 38.0, 29.2, 26.2, 23.6, 23.5, 23.2, 19.8, 19.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₃H₃₈NO [M+H]⁺: 344.2953, found: 344.2952.

1-benzyl-2-(2-isobutoxypropan-2-yl)-4,4-dimethylpyrrolidine 6j: yield: 65%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80/1); colourless oil; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 3.15 (m, 1H), 3.12 – 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.95 – 2.87 (m, 1H), 2.64 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.74 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.41 – 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 6H), 0.85 (m, 6H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.0, 128.1, 128.0, 126.1, 78.3, 71.1, 68.5, 67.8, 60.8, 43.9, 35.8, 29.4, 29.1, 28.6, 23.0, 19.9, 19.7, 19.7. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C₂₀H₃₄NO [M+H]⁺: 304.2640, found: 304.2640.

1-benzyl-2-(2-(benzyloxy)propan-2-yl)-4, 4-diphenylpyrrolidine 7a: yield: 74%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 150/1); white solid (m.p. = 104 - 105 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 – 7.01 (m, 20H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.16 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 3.00 (m= 1H), 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 146.3, 140.6, 138.9, 127.3, 127.2, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.2, 126.1, 126.0, 125.9, 125.4, 125.0, 124.5, 78.5, 70.3, 63.9, 62.6, 60.2, 52.4, 40.3, 21.4, 20.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₃H₃₆NO [M+H]⁺: 462.2797, found: 462.2798.

1-benzyl-5-ethoxy-3, 3-diphenylpiperidine 8a: yield: 79%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80/1); white solid (m.p. = 114 - 116 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 – 7.00 (m, 15H), 3.52 (s, 2H), 3.47 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.27 – 3.21 (m 1H), 3.14 – 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (t, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.0, 145.0, 137.0, 128.3, 127.4, 127.2, 127.2, 126.9, 126.2, 125.5, 125.0, 124.5, 71.5, 62.9, 61.9, 61.5, 57.5, 45.8, 40.8, 14.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₂₆H₃₀NO [M+H]⁺: 372.2327, found: 372.2329.

2-benzyl-4-ethoxy-2-azaspiro[5.5]undecane 8b: yield: 66%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 - 7.16 (m, 5H), 3.52 - 3.46 (m, 2H), 3.44 - 3.41 (m, 2H), 3.35 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.53 - 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.45 - 1.14 (m, 10H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.2 127.6, 127.1, 125.8, 71.3, 62.7, 61.8, 58.7, 37.6, 33.4, 32.7, 25.8, 20.6, 14.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₉H₃₀NO [M+H]⁺: 288.2327, found: 288.2326.

1-benzyl-5-ethoxy-3, 3-dimethylpiperidine 8c: yield: 69%; (Flash column chromatography eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80/1); colourless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 3.52 – 3.34 (m, 5H), 3.05 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 1.72 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.58 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 4H), 0.80 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.0, 127.6, 127.1, 125.8, 71.9, 64.1, 62.7, 61.7, 58.0, 43.1, 30.7, 28.6, 24.8, 14.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₆H₂₆NO [M+H]⁺: 248.2014, found: 248.2014.

The procedure for gram-scale reaction



1a (6.5 mmol) and NIS (0.65 mmol) were charged in a 100 mL sealed tube equipped with a stir bar in O₂ atmosphere. Solvent (30 mL) were added to the sealed tube by syringe and the mixture was stirred at 35 °C for 24 h. Upon completion, the mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL × 3). The combined organic mixture was dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified over silica gel via flash column chromatography with PE and EA as the eluent to obtain desired product **2a** (2.37 g, 97%).

Procedure for debenzylation reaction: Substrate **2a** (1g), HCO₂NH₄ (0.25g), Pd/C (0.6g) and MeOH (20 mL) were charged in a 100 mL sealed reactor with a stir bar in H₂ atmosphere and then the mixture was stirred at 68 °C for 6 h. Upon completion, the mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL × 3). The combined organic mixture was dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate, concentrated *in vacuo*, and

purified over silica gel via flash column chromatography with PE and EA as the eluent to obtain desired product 2A (0.66 g, 85%).



The procedure for control reactions

Substrate 9 (0.25 mmol), PhCO₂Ag (2.0 equiv), NIS (1.5 equiv), benzene (10 mL) and EtOH (10mL) were added to a round-bottomed flask (100mL) with a magnetic stirrer. The mixture was stirring at 35 °C for 24 h. Finally, the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL \times 3) and the organic mixture was then dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel plates (GF 254) and NMR (Bruker DRX 400 spectrometer at 298 K using deuterated chloroform as a solvent and TMS as an internal reference), and it was found did not form the expected dialkoxylation product.



Styrene (0.25mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonamide (1.2 equiv) and NIS (1.5 equiv) were charged in a 50 mL sealed tube equipped with a stir bar in O₂ atmosphere. Solvent (20 mL) were added to the sealed tube by syringe and the mixture was stirred at 35 °C for 24 h. Upon completion, the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL × 3). The combined organic mixture was dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified over silica gel via flash column chromatography with PE and EA as the eluent to obtain desired product **12** (0.013 g, 19%).

$$H = T_{SNH_2} + T_{SNH_2} + \frac{NIS (10 \text{ mol}\%), O_2}{EtOH, 35 \,^{\circ}C, 24 \text{ h}}$$

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Substrate **1a** (0.25 mmol) and **13** (lequiv) were charged in a 50 mL sealed tube equipped with a stir bar in O₂ and HI atmosphere. EtOH (10 mL) were added to the sealed tube by syringe and the mixture was stirred at 35 °C for 24 h. Upon completion, the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL \times 3). The combined organic mixture was dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified over silica gel via flash column chromatography with PE and EA as the eluent to obtain desired product **2a** (0.085g, 85%).



Derivatization of the products.

Computational details

All DFT¹ calculations were carried out using Gaussian 16 ES64L-G16RevB.01² suite of programs. Geometries of intermediates and transition states were optimized using the b3lyp³ level of theory in combination with the DFT-D3 dispersion corrections with the Becke-Johnson damping scheme (D3BJ)^{4,5}. The def2-SVP basis set^{6,7} was used for all atoms and the solvent effects were computed with the SMD solvation model⁸ (Solvent = EtOH). Vibrational frequency calculations were performed for all stationary points to confirm if each optimized structure is a local minimum or a transition state structure. All optimized transition state structures have only one imaginary (negative) frequency, and all minima (reactants, products, and intermediates) have no imaginary frequencies. The single-point energies and solvent effects were computed with the wB97XD ⁹/def2-TZVPP ^{10, 11} basis sets. The corrections of free energies ¹² were applied for entropy calculations with a frequency cut-off of 100 cm⁻¹ using the Shermo ¹³ program. The relative Gibbs free energies are given in kcal/mol, which were calculated by adding the gas-phase thermal and non-thermal corrections at 308.15 K to the singlepoint energies. 1 05/51/0 0.0250020 4 25 45510

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Selected NMR

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2a



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2b



¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2b



10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 fl (ppm)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2d



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2e





¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) of 2e



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¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) of 2g



















¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2l



¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) of 2l



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2m




¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3b





10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 fl (ppm)





¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) of 3c









¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3f





fl (ppm)









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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3h





¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) of 3h





¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3i







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¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4b



-60 -65 -70 -75 -80 -85 -90 -95 -100 -105 -110 -115 -120 -125 -130 -135 -140 -145 -150 -155 -160 -165 -170 fl (ppm)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4c





¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) of 4c

















¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 5a





fl (ppm)





¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) of 6b



¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of 6b





¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 6c









¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) of 6f



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 6h



fl (ppm)















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