## Indolizinones as Useful Scaffolds: Fundamental Reactivity and the Relay of Stereochemical Information

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Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware fitted with rubber septa under a nitrogen atmosphere and were stirred with Telflon-coated magnetic stirring bars. Liquid reagents and solvents were transferred via syringe using standard Schlenk techniques. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), diethyl ether, benzene, toluene, and triethylamine were dried over alumina under a nitrogen atmosphere in a GlassContour solvent system. Dichloromethane (DCM) was distilled over calcium hydride. All other solvents and reagents were used as received unless otherwise noted. Reaction temperatures above 23 °C refer to oil or sand bath temperatures, which were controlled by an OptiCHEM temperature modulator. Thin layer chromatography was performed using SiliCycle silica gel 60 F-254 precoated plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV irradiation and anisaldehyde or potassium permanganate stain. SiliCycle Silica-P silica gel (particle size 40-63 µm) was used for flash chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVB-400, DRX-500, AV-500 and AV-600 MHz spectrometers with  $^{13}$ C operating frequencies of 100, 125, 125, and 150 MHz, respectively. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm relative to the residual solvent signal (CDCl<sub>3</sub>;  $\delta = 7.26$  for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and  $\delta =$ 77.0 for <sup>13</sup>C NMR; C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>;  $\delta$  = 7.15 for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and  $\delta$  = 128.39 for <sup>13</sup>C NMR). Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (multiplicity, coupling constants, number of hydrogens). Abbreviations are as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), dd (doublet of doublets), m (multiplet), br (broad). IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet MAGNA-IR 850 spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Only selected IR absorbencies are reported. High resolution mass spectral data were obtained from the Mass Spectral Facility at the University of California, Berkeley.



Tertiary alcohol S3: n-Butyllithium (5.60 mL, 14.0 mmol, 2.5 M in hexanes) was added dropwise to trimethylsilylacetylene (2.14 mL, 15.0 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (10.0 mL) at 0 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at this temperature. The lithium acetylide solution was added dropwise to a vigorously stirred mixture of 2-acetylpyridine (S1) (1.12 mL, 10.0 mmol) and lithium bromide (2.60 g, 30.0 mmol) in a 1:1 mixture of Et<sub>2</sub>O and benzene (total volume = 60.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 12 h at which point a saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>(aq)</sub> solution (30 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 40 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the trimethylsilyl alkyne (S2), which was used without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 9H). Potassium carbonate (3.00 g, 21.7 mmol) was added to crude trimethylsilyl alkyne S2 in MeOH (100 mL), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was taken up in water (30 mL) and EtOAc (30 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford tertiary alcohol S3 in 82% yield over 2 steps (1.21 g, 8.23 mmol). R<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.29; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.50 - 8.40 (m, 1H), 7.69 (td, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 - 7.15 (m, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 1.73 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.2, 147.3, 137.3, 122.7, 119.7, 86.9, 71.8, 68.3, 31.7; HRMS (EI+) calcd for [C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO]: m/z 147.0684, found 147.0684.



**Methyl indolizinone 6:** A solution of tertiary alcohol **S3** (77.0 mg, 0.523 mmol) in EtOH (500  $\mu$ L) was sparged with N<sub>2</sub> for 5 min. The reaction vessel, a 4 mL vial, was equipped with a green Teflon-lined cap and Telfon tape and heated at 100 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated to provide indolizinone **6** in 97% yield (75.0 mg, 0.507 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.31; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (dt, *J* = 23.6, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.40 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  204.5, 159.3, 124.5, 123.0, 122.0, 108.2, 97.6, 66.8, 24.3; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 148.0757, found 148.0757.



Secondary alcohol S5: *p*-tolylmagnesium bromide (5.50 mL, 5.50 mmol, 1.0 M) was added to pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde (74, 478 µL, 5.00 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at 0 °C. After 1 h, the reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>(aq)</sub> solution (30 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford secondary alcohol S5 in 86% yield (862 mg, 4.33 mmol). S5 was taken on without further purification. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.29; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.09 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 200.1070, found 200.1068.



**Ketone S6:** DMSO (1.23 mL, 17.3 mmol) was added dropwise to oxalyl chloride (755  $\mu$ L, 8.66 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL) at -78 °C. After 30 min, alcohol **S5** (862 mg, 4.33 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) was added dropwise at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at this

temperature. Et<sub>3</sub>N (4.80 mL, 34.6 mmol) was added at -78 °C. The cold bath was allowed to gradually expire as the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h. The reaction was quenched with water (30 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 30 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to afford a brown oil. The crude oil was purified via flash chromatography (4:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to provide **S6** as a yellow oil in 58% yield (493 mg, 2.49 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.53; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.70 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.88 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.5, 155.4, 148.4, 143.8, 137.0, 133.6, 131.2, 128.8, 125.9, 124.5, 21.7; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 198.0913, found 198.0913.



**Tertiary alcohol S8:** Ethynylmagnesium bromide (**S7**, 5.20 mL, 2.62 mmol, 2.5 M in THF) was added dropwise to ketone **S6** (470 mg, 2.38 mmol) in THF (20.0 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at which point the reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated  $NH_4Cl_{(aq)}$  solution (30 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford tertiary alcohol **S8** in 94% yield (498 mg, 2.23 mmol). **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for  $[C_{15}H_{14}ON]^+$  (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 224.1070, found 224.1068. Crude **S8** was taken on without further purification.



*p*-tolyl indolizinone 15: A solution of tertiary alcohol S8 (75.5 mg, 0.339 mmol) in EtOH (500  $\mu$ L) was sparged with N<sub>2</sub> for 5 min. The reaction vessel, a 4 mL vial, was equipped with a green Teflon-lined cap and Teflon tape and heated at 100 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was cooled

to room temperature and concentrated to provide indolizinone **15** in 98% yield (74.0 mg, 0.332 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.38; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 5.07 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  202.6, 161.1, 137.7, 136.5, 129.3, 125.6, 124.3, 122.9, 122.2, 109.2, 98.3, 70.4, 21.0; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 224.1070, found 224.1070.



**Internal alkyne S10:** *n*-Butyllithium (5.60 mL, 14.0 mmol, 2.5 M in hexanes) was added dropwise to 1-hexyne (1.12 mL, 15.0 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (10.0 mL) at 0 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at this temperature. The lithium acetylide solution was added dropwise to a vigorously stirred mixture of 2-acetylpyridine (**S1**) (1.12 mL, 10.0 mmol) and lithium bromide (2.60 g, 30.0 mmol) in a 1:1 mixture of Et<sub>2</sub>O and benzene (total volume = 60.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 12 h at which point a saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>(aq)</sub> solution (30 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 40 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford alkyne **S10** [**R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.43] in 83% yield (1.68 g, 8.28 mmol), which was used without further purification.



*n*-Butyl indolizinone 19: A solution of the tertiary alcohol (200 mg, 0.984 mmol) in EtOH (9.0 mL) was sparged with N<sub>2</sub> for 5 min. The reaction vessel, a 20 mL vial, was equipped with a green Teflon-lined cap and Teflon tape and heated at 100 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated to provide indolizinone 19 in 98% yield (196 mg, 0.964 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.46; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.43 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz,

1H), 5.89 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 2.50 – 2.45 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 2H), 1.43 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  203.1, 175.2, 124.3, 121.8, 121.5, 108.9, 96.6, 67.7, 28.6, 26.8, 24.2, 22.4, 13.6; HRMS (EI+) calcd for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO]: *m/z* 203.1310, found 203.1310.



**Tertiary alcohol S12:** *n*-Butyllithium (5.60 mL, 14.0 mmol, 2.5 M in hexanes) was added dropwise to phenylacetylene **(S11**, 1.65 mL, 15.0 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (10.0 mL) at 0 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at this temperature. The lithium acetylide solution was added dropwise to a vigorously stirred mixture of 2-acetylpyridine (**S1**, 1.12 mL, 10.0 mmol) and lithium bromide (2.60 g, 30.0 mmol) in a 1:1 mixture of Et<sub>2</sub>O and benzene (total volume = 60.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 12 h at which point a saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>(aq)</sub> solution (30 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 40 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford alkyne **S12** [**R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.40] in 98% yield (2.20 g, 9.82 mmol), which was used without further purification.



**Phenyl indolizinone 21:** A solution of tertiary alcohol **S12** (200 mg, 0.896 mmol) in EtOH (9.0 mL) was sparged with N<sub>2</sub> for 5 min. The reaction vessel, a 20 mL vial, was equipped with a green Teflon-lined cap and Teflon tape and heated at 100 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated to provide indolizinone **21** in 98% yield (196 mg, 0.878 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.53; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (s, 6H), 6.53 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.97 – 5.89 (m, 2H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 1.45 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  202.9, 172.4, 130.9, 129.6, 129.0, 128.0, 123.8, 123.1, 121.8, 108.7, 98.8, 68.5, 24.9; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for  $[C_{15}H_{14}ON]^+$  (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 224.1070, found 224.1070.



**Indolizinone 17:** A solution of tertiary alcohol **S13** (300 mg, 0.803 mmol) in EtOH (5.0 mL) was sparged with N<sub>2</sub> for 5 min. The reaction vessel, a 20 mL vial, was equipped with a green Teflon-lined cap and Telfon tape and heated at 100 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated to provide indolizinone **17** in 99% yield (298 mg, 0.800 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.83; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (ddt, *J* = 16.8, 10.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 4.95 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 0.5 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (m, 4H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 1.15 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 18H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  202.7, 137.7, 124.0, 123.0, 122.2, 114.8, 109.5, 97.7, 71.0, 58.6, 37.6, 26.5, 17.9, 11.9; **IR** (film)  $v_{max}$  2943, 2866, 1677, 1572, 1457, 1131 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NSi]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 374.2510, found 374.2513.

## Representative procedure for the partial hydrogenation of indolizinones:



Palladium (10 wt %) on activated carbon was added to a solution of indolizinone **12** (10.0 mg, 0.0679 mmol) in methanol (600  $\mu$ L). The mixture was stirred vigorously under an atmosphere are hydrogen (200 psi) in a Parr bomb for 12 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of celite and concentrated to provide **13**.



**Vinylogous amide 14:** The standard hydrogenation protocol afforded **14** in 98% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.20; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (td, *J* = 13.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.79 – 1.71 (m, 3H), 1.65 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40 – 1.29 (m, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.44, 161.65, 94.60, 65.43, 46.47, 32.64, 27.95, 19.81, 17.15; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 152.1070, found 152.1071.



**Vinylogous amide 16:** The standard hydrogenation protocol afforded **16** in 94% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.35; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.40 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.71 (t, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 3H), 1.62 – 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.49 (s, 1H), 1.46 – 1.39 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  204.9, 163.4, 137.2, 131.8, 129.8, 125.9, 94.0, 71.4, 47.0, 32.5, 28.1, 21.0, 20.3; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 228.1383, found 228.1383.



**Vinylogous amide 18:** The standard hydrogenation protocol afforded **18** in 78% yield.  $\mathbf{R}_{f}$  (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.81; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.14 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 1H),

3.79 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 3.07 (s, 1H), 1.91 – 1.76 (m, 4H), 1.76 – 1.59 (m, 6H), 1.38 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 4H), 1.22 (dd, J = 15.7, 7.7 Hz, 3H), 1.13 (dd, J = 14.3, 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.10 – 0.99 (m, 18H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 0.81 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 205.5, 174.7, 96.2, 70.5, 59.0, 42.0, 33.3, 31.0, 27.8, 24.8, 22.8, 19.8, 17.8, 13.9, 11.8; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NSi]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 380.2979, found 380.2993.



**Vinylogous amide 20:** The standard hydrogenation protocol afforded **20** in 93% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.43; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.95 (s, 1H), 3.74 (dd, J = 13.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (td, J = 7.5, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.78 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.66 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (dd, J = 15.1, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (dd, J = 14.9, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.36 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.2, 175.7, 94.8, 66.5, 40.8, 32.9, 29.2, 27.7, 27.4, 22.4, 19.7, 17.6, 13.7; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 208.1696, found 208.1696.



**Vinylogous amide 22:** The standard hydrogenation protocol afforded **22** in 99% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.51; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 2H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (dd, *J* = 20.4, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 4H), 1.24 (dt, *J* = 9.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.4, 173.7, 130.9, 130.3, 128.8, 127.9, 97.1, 66.8, 42.3, 33.1, 27.8, 19.8, 18.0; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 228.1383, found 228.1386.



Alcohol 24: H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (959 µL, 30% in H<sub>2</sub>O) was added dropwise to pyridine 23 (700 mg, 4.75 mmol) in AcOH (2.66 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 70 °C for 12 h before it was cooled and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (4.5 mL) and sodium carbonate (2.8 g) was added slowly in portions. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The solids were removed via filtration, and the organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the N-oxide. The N-oxide was taken up in Ac<sub>2</sub>O (5.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 36 h before being cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in water (13 mL) and potassium carbonate (1.33 g) was added in portions over 10 min. Next, MeOH (3.0 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were concentrated to provide alcohol 24 in 87% yield over 3 steps (675 mg, 4.13 mmol), which was used without further purification.  $\mathbf{R}_{f}$  (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.48; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.36 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 7.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (dd, J = 11.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (s, 1H), 2.77 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.51 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.07 (dd, J = 10.8, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.02 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.47 - 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.22 (dd, J = 13.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H).<sup>1</sup>



**Ketone S14:** Oxalyl chloride (217  $\mu$ L, 2.48 mmol) was added dropwise to DMSO (354  $\mu$ L, 4.97 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (18 mL) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred at this temperature for 15 min, then

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Gudmundsson, K.; Boggs, S. D. U.S. Patent Appl. 11/574,583, 2007.

a solution of alcohol **24** (338 mg, 2.07 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C. Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.38 mL, 9.94 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred as the cold bath was allowed to gradually expire. The reaction was quenched with water (20 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford ketone **S14** in quantitative yield. The crude ketone was used without further purification. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.52; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.64 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 2.94 – 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.83 – 2.78 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.86 (m, 2H). <sup>2</sup>



**Propargylic alcohol S15:** *n*-Butyllithium (1.27 mL, 3.18 mmol, 2.5 M in hexanes) was added dropwise to trimethylsilylacetylene (604  $\mu$ L, 4.24 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mL) at 0 °C and stirred at this temperature for 30 min. The lithium acetylide solution was added dropwise to a vigorously stirred mixture of ketone **S14** (342 mg, 2.12 mmol) and flame-dried lithium bromide (552 mg, 6.36 mmol) in a 1:1 mixture of benzene and Et<sub>2</sub>O (total volume = 20 mL). The mixture was stirred for 36 h at ambient temperature. The reaction was quenched with a saturated ammonium chloride solution (20 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (40 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to provide tertiary alcohol **S15** in 53% yield (354 mg, 1.12 mmol), which was used without further purification. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.46; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.32 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 2.70 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.28 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.87 (s, 2H), 1.71 – 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.56 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 0.16 – 0.13 (m, 10H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.7, 143.8, 138.9, 136.5, 123.1, 105.9, 90.5, 71.4, 40.5, 34.2, 27.5, 27.5, -0.1; **IR** (film)  $v_{max}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Gudmundsson, K.; Boggs, S. D. U.S. Patent Appl. 11/574,583, 2007.

3350, 2930, 2175, 1398, 843 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for  $[C_{15}H_{22}ONSi]^+$  (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: m/z 260.1465, found 260.1463.



Tertiary alcohol 25: Potassium carbonate (288 mg, 2.08 mmol) was added to a solution of trimethylsilyl alkyne S15 (270 mg, 1.04 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and diluted with water (20 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with bring, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford propargylic alcohol 25 in 80% yield (147 mg, 0.785 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.37; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.34 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (t, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 1H), 2.29 (dd, *J* = 19.8, 17.0 Hz, 2H), 2.07 – 1.98 (m, 3H), 1.62 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.31 – 1.23 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.6, 143.8, 139.0, 136.4, 123.2, 84.6, 73.7, 71.0, 40.3, 34.3, 27.3, 27.3; IR (film)  $\nu_{max}$  3418, 2950, 1647, 1047 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 188.1070, found 188.1068.



**Indolizinone 26:** A solution of tertiary alcohol **25** (73.5 mg, 0.393 mmol) in EtOH (2.0 mL) was sparged with N<sub>2</sub> for 5 min, then heated to 100 °C. After 4 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated to provide a crude yellow oil. The oil was purified via flash chromatography (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford indolizinone **26** in 95% yield (70.1 mg, 0.374 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.47; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz,

1H), 3.24 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dd, J = 11.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.08 – 1.94 (m, 3H), 1.57 (dd, J = 16.0, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.1, 158.9, 140.5, 124.0, 114.1, 107.2, 95.7, 72.0, 36.8, 31.2, 30.7, 19.3; **IR** (film)  $v_{\text{max}}$  3467, 2076, 1640 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 188.1070, found 188.1069.



**Tricycle 30:** Palladium (4.0 mg, 10 wt %) on activated carbon was added to a solution of indolizinone **2** (64.7 mg, 0.0251 mmol) in methanol (400 µL). The mixture was stirred vigorously under an atmosphere are hydrogen (200 psi) in a Parr bomb for 12 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of celite and concentrated to provide **30** as a light yellow oil in 94% yield (4.5 mg, 0.0235 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.32; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.29 – 3.24 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 2H), 2.35 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (ddd, J = 17.5, 13.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.62 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.38 (ddd, J = 18.6, 10.5, 6.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.7, 161.3, 95.1, 66.7, 46.0, 36.3, 27.0, 26.0, 25.5, 24.5, 19.6, 19.4; **IR** (film)  $v_{max}$  2926, 2854, 1540, 1445 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 192.1383, found 192.1383.



**Trisubstituted pyridine 27:** *n*-Butyllithium (2.51 mL, 6.27 mmol, 2.5 M in hexanes) was added dropwise to pyridine **24** (500 mg, 3.06 mmol) in toluene (30 mL). The Schlenk flask was sealed and heated to 110 °C. After 18 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction was quenched by the addition of MeOH (2.0 mL) followed by a saturated  $NH_4Cl_{(aq)}$ 

solution (20 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to provide **27** in 91% yield (611 mg, 2.78 mmol) as a brown oil that was used without further purification. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.29; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.79 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.25 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 1H), 1.95 (ddd, *J* = 9.7, 4.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (dt, *J* = 12.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.74 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.32 (m, 3H), 1.27 – 1.17 (m, 1H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.9, 157.1, 137.6, 132.4, 120.7, 72.0, 37.1, 36.4, 33.9, 31.6, 29.1, 27.2, 22.4, 13.9; **IR** (film)  $\nu_{max}$  3353, 2927, 2854, 1594, 1470, 1064 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m*/z 220.1696, found 220.1695.



**Ketone S16:** Oxalyl chloride (836 μL, 9.58 mmol) was added dropwise to DMSO (1.37 mL, 19.2 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 mL) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred at this temperature for 15 min, then, alcohol **27** (1.05 g, 4.79 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C. Et<sub>3</sub>N (5.30 mL, 38.3 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred as the cold bath was allowed to gradually expire. The reaction was quenched with water (40 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford ketone **S16**. The crude ketone was used without further purification. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.39; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 5.9 Hz, 4H), 2.79 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 1.90 – 1.82 (m, 4H), 1.68 (ddd, *J* = 12.7, 6.7, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 205.4, 161.3, 154.4, 138.2, 133.1, 124.7, 40.5, 37.8, 32.1, 30.6, 25.1, 22.6, 21.5, 13.9; **IR** (film)  $v_{max}$  2931, 2860, 1698, 1590, 1461 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 218.1539, found 218.1538.



Alkyne S17: *n*-Butyllithium (948  $\mu$ L, 2.37 mmol, 2.5 M in hexanes) was added dropwise to trimethylsilylacetylene (77, 451  $\mu$ L, 3.17 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (3.0 mL) at 0 °C and stirred at this temperature for 30 min. The lithium acetylide solution was added dropwise to a vigorously stirred mixture of ketone S16 (344 mg, 1.58 mmol) and lithium bromide (412 mg, 4.74 mmol) in a 1:1 mixture of benzene and Et<sub>2</sub>O (total volume = 20 mL). The mixture was stirred for 36 h and ambient temperature. The reaction was quenched with a saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>(aq)</sub> solution (20 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (40 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to provide tertiary alcohol S17, which was used without further purification. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.79; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (t, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.80 – 2.72 (m, 3H), 2.66 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (s, 2H), 1.70 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.57 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.16 (s, 9H); **IR** (film) v<sub>max</sub> 3423, 2929, 2857, 2156, 1387, 843 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>30</sub>ONSi]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 316.2091, found 316.2088.



**Tertiary alcohol 28:** Potassium carbonate (281 mg, 2.03 mmol) was added to a solution of trimethylsilyl alkyne **S17** (320 mg, 1.02 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and diluted with water (20 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with bring, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford propargylic alcohol **28**, which was used without further purification. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.69; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 1H), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 5.9 Hz, 3H), 2.28 (s, 2H), 2.04 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.70 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 2H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.2, 156.8, 139.5, 133.2, 122.0, 84.9, 73.5, 70.8, 40.4, 36.9, 33.8, 31.4, 27.5, 27.4, 22.4, 13.9; **IR** (film)  $v_{max}$  3286, 2929, 2857, 1595, 1468, 1054 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 244.1696, found 244.1693.



**Indolizinone 29:** A solution of tertiary alcohol **28** (53.0 mg, 0.218 mmol) in EtOH (1.0 mL) was sparged with N<sub>2</sub> for 5 min, then heated to 100 °C. After 4 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated to provide a crude yellow oil. The oil was purified via flash chromatography (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford indolizinone **29** in 70% yield over 4 steps (from alcohol **27**). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.65; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d, *J* =

7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.03 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.70 (s, 1H), 2.34 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 1H), 2.16 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.08 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.89 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.54 (dd, J = 15.5, 5.8 Hz, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.39 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 4H), 0.93 (dd, J = 9.2, 5.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.1, 155.9, 139.1, 134.6, 114.5, 106.0, 95.7, 72.9, 36.5, 31.3, 30.3, 29.9, 28.7, 22.1, 19.3, 13.8; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 244.1696, found 244.1693.



**Tricycle 31:** Palladium (10 wt %) on activated carbon was added to a solution of indolizinone **29** (10.0 mg, 0.0411 mmol) in methanol (400 µL). The mixture was stirred vigorously under an atmosphere are hydrogen (200 psi) in a Parr bomb for 12 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of celite and concentrated to provide **31** as a light yellow oil in 93% yield (9.4 mg, 0.038 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.54; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.10 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 1H), 2.98 (tt, *J* = 13.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.71 – 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.09 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 1.90 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.73 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.53 (ddd, *J* = 11.2, 8.8, 5.2 Hz, 5H), 1.32 (s, 5H), 1.24 – 1.21 (m, 2H), 1.15 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 4.7 Hz, 4H), 0.82 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  204.8, 154.8, 104.6, 100.6, 65.8, 50.8, 32.8, 31.2, 29.7, 26.8, 25.1, 24.9, 22.8, 19.9, 19.8, 14.6; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 248.2009, found 248.2012.

## Diels-Alder cycloaddition of methyl indolizinone with various dienophiles:



Anhydride 37: A solution of methylindolizinone 6 (5.0 mg, 0.034 mmol) and maleic anhydride (36, 4.0 mg, 0.041 mmol) in benzene (400 µL) was heated to 80 °C for 12 h in a 4 mL vial equipped with a green Teflon-lined cap and Teflon tape. The reaction mixture was cooled and concentrated to provide a light yellow oil, 37 (8.0 mg, 0.033 mmol) in 96% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.29; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.61 – 6.53 (m, 2H), 5.66 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.59 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  206.6, 170.2, 169.8, 167.1, 133.6, 130.2, 112.3, 68.8, 52.9, 44.4, 39.6, 38.6, 22.8; HRMS (EI) calcd for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N] (M): *m/z* 245.0688, found 245.0691.



Aldehyde 39: A solution of methylindolizinone 6 (50.0 mg, 0.267 mmol) and acrolein (38, 179  $\mu$ L, 2.67 mmol) in benzene (2.00 mL) was heated to 80 °C for 12 h in a 4 mL vial equipped with a green Teflon-lined cap and Teflon tape. The reaction mixture was cooled and concentrated to provide a yellow oil, 39 (45.8 mg, 0.224 mmol) in 84% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.13; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.35 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.56 – 6.51 (m, 1H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.68 – 4.63 (m, 1H), 3.08 (s, 1H), 2.78 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 1.80 – 1.65 (m, 3H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.0, 201.4, 168.3, 135.8, 128.4, 110.8, 71.2, 53.4, 51.3, 38.3, 23.1, 19.8; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 204.1019, found 204.1020.



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**Methyl ester 41:** A solution of methylindolizinone **6** (20.0 mg, 0.136 mmol) and methyl acrylate (**40**, 122 µL, 1.36 mmol) in benzene (1.00 mL) was heated to 80 °C for 12 h in a 4 mL vial equipped with a green Teflon-lined cap and Teflon tape. The reaction mixture was cooled and concentrated to provide a yellow oil, **41** (30.0 mg, 0.128 mmol) in 94% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.25; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.34 – 6.29 (m, 1H), 5.56 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.05 – 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.77 (m, 1H), 1.78 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.64 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.09 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.1, 172.8, 168.3, 135.7, 128.0, 110.6, 70.9, 54.6, 52.1, 43.6, 38.5, 23.0, 21.8; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 234.1125, found 234.1126.



*t*-Butyl ester 43: A solution of methylindolizinone 6 (20.0 mg, 0.136 mmol) and *tert*-butyl acrylate (42, 118  $\mu$ L, 0.816 mmol) in benzene (1.00 mL) was heated to 80 °C for 12 h in a 4 mL vial equipped with a green Teflon-lined cap and Teflon tape. The reaction mixture was cooled and concentrated to provide a yellow oil, 43 (34.2 mg, 0.124 mmol) in 91% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.32; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.35 – 6.28 (m, 1H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.62 – 4.57 (m, 1H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.73 – 2.68 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.55 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.08 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.3, 171.4, 168.5, 135.5, 127.9, 110.2, 81.0, 71.0, 54.9, 44.6, 38.7, 28.0, 23.0, 21.7; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 276.1594, found 276.1596.



[2.2.2]azabicycle 45: A solution of methylindolizinone 6 (20.0 mg, 0.136 mmol) and 44 (65.0  $\mu$ L, 0.816 mmol) in benzene (1.00 mL) was heated to 80 °C for 12 h in a 4 mL vial equipped 19

with a green Teflon-lined cap and Teflon tape. The reaction mixture was cooled and concentrated to provide **45** (29.7 mg, 0.126 mmol) in 93% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.30; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.11 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 5.58 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (s, 1H), 2.29 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  206.8, 166.8, 134.5, 127.8, 119.7, 116.1, 110.3, 69.7, 59.6, 53.8, 37.2, 22.9; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ON<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 235.0633, found 235.0637.



[2.2.2]triazabicycle 47: PTAD (46, 23.8 mg, 0.136 mmol) was added to methylindolizinone (6, 20.0 mg, 0.136 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.00 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 min at 0 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford 47 (32.0 mg, 0.0993 mmol) in 73% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.05; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  173.8, 166.8, 155.6, 132.2, 131.0, 130.9, 130.3, 128.6, 126.2, 99.0, 67.6, 62.4, 33.6, 24.5, 15.3; HRMS (EI) calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>] (M): *m/z* 322.1066, found 322.1063.

Representative procedure for the Diels-Alder cycloaddition of indolizinones with maleic anhydride:



A solution of indolizinone **52** (0.0340 mmol) and maleic anhydride (**36**, 0.0408 mmol) in benzene (400  $\mu$ L) was heated to 80 °C for 12 h in a 4 mL vial equipped with a green Teflon-lined cap and Teflon tape. The reaction mixture was cooled and concentrated to provide **53**.



[2.2.2]bicycle 37: The standard Diels-Alder protocol afforded 37 in 96% yield.  $\mathbf{R}_{f}$  (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.29; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd, J = 5.0, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, J = 8.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.02 – 2.98 (m, 1H), 1.06 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  206.6, 170.2, 169.8, 133.6, 130.2, 128.3, 112.3, 68.9, 52.9, 44.4, 39.6, 38.6 22.9; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 246.0761, found 246.0763.



[2.2.2]bicycle 55: The standard Diels-Alder protocol afforded 55 in 67% yield.  $\mathbf{R}_{f}$  (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.55; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (dd, J = 4.8, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 5.71 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (dd, J = 20.9, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.60 – 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.31 (dd, J = 8.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, J = 8.6, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.95 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 1.58 (td, J = 12.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H); HRMS (ESI+) calcd for  $[C_{16}H_{15}O_4N]^+$  (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 285.1001, found 285.1003. For X-ray crystal structure see 35.



[2.2.2]bicycle 56: The standard Diels-Alder protocol afforded 56 in 89% yield.  $\mathbf{R}_{f}$  (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.45; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, J = 8.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  203.8, 167.4, 164.1, 136.5, 133.4, 129.8, 129.3, 128.3, 125.6, 111.9, 72.4, 52.7, 45.2, 41.4, 38.6, 21.0; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for  $[C_{19}H_{16}O_4N]^+$  (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 322.1074, found 322.1073.



[2.2.2]bicycle 57: The standard Diels-Alder protocol afforded 57 in 93% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.47; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.57 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 4.86 – 4.82 (m, 1H), 3.53 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 16.8, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.69 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.44 (dd, J = 7.4, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.7, 170.4, 170.0, 134.1, 129.7, 128.3, 111.2, 69.8, 50.6, 42.8, 38.8, 38.7, 29.5, 29.2, 23.5, 22.4, 13.7; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 301.1314, found 301.1312.



[2.2.2]bicycle 58: The standard Diels-Alder protocol afforded 58 in 91% yield.  $\mathbf{R}_{f}$  (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.49; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.3 Hz,

1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.86 – 4.82 (m, 1H), 3.62 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 8.6, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 8.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.6, 170.4, 169.9, 133.9, 132.6, 130.2, 130.2, 129.6, 128.3, 127.9, 111.3, 70.5, 52.1, 42.2, 39.2, 38.6, 23.8; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 321.1001, found 321.1004.



[2.2.2]bicycle 59: The standard Diels-Alder protocol afforded 59 in 88% yield.  $\mathbf{R}_{f}$  (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.46; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 5.53 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.01 – 2.96 (m, 2H), 2.64 (dd, J = 13.6, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.47 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.19 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.13 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 2.05 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.85 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (ddd, J = 13.2, 10.6, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 1.54 – 1.41 (m, 5H), 1.39 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 0.99 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.2, 169.7, 168.8, 162.5, 137.2, 132.0, 111.9, 70.9, 61.3, 51.7, 45.2, 45.0, 30.7, 30.7, 25.6, 25.1, 22.9, 21.2, 17.2, 14.0; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>N]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 342.1700, found 342.1696.



Ester 62: A solution of indolizinone 54 (100 mg, 0.534 mg), methyl crotonate (61, 283  $\mu$ L, 2.67 mmol) and Grubbs 2<sup>nd</sup> generation catalyst (45.0 mg, 0.0534) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash chromatography to afford ester 62 in 84% yield (69.4 mg, 0.283 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.29; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.81 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.80 – 5.74 (m, 2H), 5.41 (dd, *J* 

= 9.2, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.89 (ddd, J = 13.5, 11.1, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (ddd, J = 13.5, 11.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  203.5, 166.8, 161.0, 148.0, 125.3, 122.9, 122.1, 121.3, 109.0, 99.2, 69.2, 51.4, 36.3, 24.8; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 246.1125, found 246.1126.



**Caged polycycle 63:** A solution of indolizinone **62** (25.3 mg, 0.103 mmol) in xylenes (1.0 mL) was heated to 150 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford polycycle **63** in a 99% yield (25.0 mg, 0.102 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.24; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.14 – 6.10 (m, 1H), 6.07 – 6.02 (m, 1H), 5.49 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.39 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.98 – 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.81 – 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.63 (s, 1H), 2.24 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.16 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.89 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.68 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.3, 172.2, 167.2, 129.1, 128.3, 111.3, 75.5, 53.2, 52.7, 52.1, 47.4, 40.3, 33.8, 30.0; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 246.1125, found 246.1123.



Aldehyde i: A solution of indolizinone 54 (50.0 mg, 0.267 mmol) and acrolein (38, 179  $\mu$ L, 2.67 mmol) in benzene (2.00 mL) was heated to 80 °C for 12 h in a 4 mL vial equipped with a green Teflon-lined cap and Teflon tape. The reaction mixture was cooled and concentrated to provide a yellow oil, i (47.6 mg, 0.195 mmol) in 73% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.24; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.37 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.57 – 6.50 (m, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 5.70 – 5.59 (m, 2H), 4.93 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.8

Hz, 1H), 3.14 - 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.81 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.92 - 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.79 - 1.66 (m, 5H), 1.61 (dd, J = 12.5, 4.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.6, 201.5, 170.0, 137.9, 135.8, 128.4, 114.7, 113.0, 74.0, 53.6, 51.8, 38.6, 36.2, 26.6, 19.7; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for  $[C_{15}H_{18}O_2N]^+$  (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: m/z 244.1332, found 244.1333.



Arene 66: Potassium metal (26.9 mg, 0.688 mmol) was added in portions to 64 (18.9 mg, 0.0688 mmol) in HMPA/t-BuOH (1:1, total volume = 600 µL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred warming to ambient temperature for 30 min. The reaction was quenched with by addition of a saturated solution of ammonium chloride (2.0 mL). The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 2.0 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a crude oil, which after flash chromatography afforded 66 (10.7 mg, 0.0447 mmol) in 65% yield. R<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.21; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.17 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.03 – 4.96 (m, 2H), 3.65 (s, 1H), 2.21 (s, 1H), 2.14 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.6, 163.4, 139.8, 137.3, 131.2, 130.3, 129.6, 129.1, 116.2, 112.8, 110.6, 98.8, 70.6, 37.0, 28.4; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ON<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 239.1179, found 239.1177.



[2.2.2]azabicycle 70: A solution of tertiary alcohol 28 (155 mg, 0.637 mmol) in EtOH (5.0 mL) was sparged with  $N_2$  for 3 min, then heated at 100 °C. After 2 h, the reaction mixture was cooled

to room temperature and concentrated to afford 29, which was taken on without purification. A solution of indolizinone 29 (entire crude) and acryloyl chloride (67, 518 µL, 6.37 mmol) in benzene (5.0 mL) was heated to 60 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure and dried under high vac for 2 h. Next, the acid chloride (68) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) and a solution of 2-mercaptopyridine Noxide (69, 122 mg, 0.956 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (178 µL, 1.27 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) was added dropwise over 1 h in the dark. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and tert-butylthiol (718 µL, 6.37 mmol) was added dropwise over 1 min. The mixture was irradiated with a tungsten lamp for 2.5 h, while the temperature was maintained at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (5.0 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 5.0 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a brown oil. The crude product was purified via flash chromatography (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to provide [2.2.2]azabicycle 70 in 30% yield over 4 steps (51.0 mg, 0.188 mmol). R<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.66; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, {J = 3 = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 1.87 - 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.72 (s, 1H), 1.68 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.57 (m, 4H), 1.53 – 1.48 (m, 3H), 1.45 – 1.39 (m, 5H), 1.36 – 1.30 (m, 4H), 1.27 (ddd, J = 11.4, 8.5, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 1.12 – 1.08 (m, 1H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  210.0, 164.2, 138.2, 131.8, 109.4, 73.7, 61.0, 43.3, 35.6, 33.6, 30.9, 28.7, 28.2, 26.2, 23.2, 21.6, 17.5, 14.0; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for  $[C_{18}H_{26}ON]^+$  (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 272.2009, found 272.2015.



**Dialdehyde 71:** DIBAL-H (13  $\mu$ L, 0.074 mmol) followed by BF<sub>3</sub>OEt<sub>2</sub> (6.0  $\mu$ L, 0.44 mmol) was added to a solution of vinylogous amide **70** (10.0 mg, 0.0368 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (400  $\mu$ L) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78 °C and was then quenched by addition of a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (2.0 mL). The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x

2.0 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (100 mL) and concentrated to give a yellow oil. The oil was dissolved in acetone/water (4:1, total volume = 500  $\mu$ L) and osmium tetroxide (1 drop, 2.5 wt % in *tert*-butanol) and NMO (7.8 mg, 0.067 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 d. NaOI<sub>4</sub> (36 mg, 0.17 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 d. The reaction was quenched by addition of a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (2.0 mL). The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 2.0 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (100 mL) and concentrated to give **71** as a mixture with its hydrate forms. **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 306.2064, found 306.2060.



Alcohol S18: 1-Bromo-4-butene (75, 7.61 mL, 75.0 mmol) was added dropwise to Mg(0) in THF (10 mL). Following initiation of the Grignard formation, which was marked by vigorous bubbling, an additional 10 mL of THF was added. The round bottom flask was equipped with a reflux condenser and heated to reflux (oil bath temperature = 70 °C) for 1 h. The Grignard solution was removed from the oil bath and cooled to room temperature, then further cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath. The Grignard solution was diluted with THF (80 mL) and pyridine-2carboxaldehyde (74, 4.76 mL, 50 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min. The reaction mixture was stirred while the ice bath expired. The reaction was quenched by addition of a saturated solution of ammonium chloride (30 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL), the organic layers were combined, washed with brine (100 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to give a brown oil. Flash chromatography (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc) provided the alcohol **S18** in 97% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.36; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.50 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (td, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.17 (dd, J = 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 5.82 (ddt, J = 16.9, 10.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dt, J = 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd, J = 10.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.77 - 4.72 (m, 2H), 2.23 - 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.90 (dddd, J = 13.5, 9.2, 6.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.81 - 1.71 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.1, 148.1, 136.6, 122.2, 120.3, 114.8, 72.2, 64.2, 37.6, 29.5; **IR** (film) v<sub>max</sub> 3363, 3080, 2918, 1641, 1595, 1071 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for  $[C_{10}H_{14}ON]^+$  (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: m/z 164.1070, found 164.1069.



**Ketone 76:** DMSO (6.10 mL, 85.6 mmol) was added dropwise to oxalyl chloride in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (80 mL) at -78 °C. After 30 min, alcohol **S18** (3.50 g, 21.4 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was added dropwise at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at this temperature. Et<sub>3</sub>N (24.0 mL, 171 mmol) was added at -78 °C. The cold bath was allowed to gradually expire as the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h. The reaction was quenched with water (100 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to afford **76** as a brown oil in 98% yield (3.39 g, 21.0 mmol) that was used without further purification. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.51; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.68 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  200.8, 153.0, 148.6, 137.2, 136.8, 126.9, 121.5, 114.8, 36.6, 27.7; **IR** (film)  $v_{max}$  3381, 3077, 2979, 2600, 1698, 1437, 995 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 162.0913, found 162.1310.



**Propargylic alcohol S19:** *n*-Butyllithium (6.95 mL, 17.4 mmol, 2.5 M in hexanes) was added dropwise to trimethylsilylacetylene (77, 2.82 mL, 19.8 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) at 0 °C. After 30 min, the lithium acetylide solution was added dropwise to a mixture of ketone **76** (2.00 g, 12.4 mmol) and lithium bromide (3.20 g, 37.2 mmol) in a 1:1 mixture of Et<sub>2</sub>O and benzene (total volume = 120 mL) at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously for 18 h. The reaction was quenched with the addition of a saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>(aq)</sub> solution (60 mL). The

aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 80 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure to provide propargylic alcohol **S19** as a brown oil in 80% yield (2.00 g, 4.69 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.64; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.51 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (q, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.98 (dd, J = 17.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.33 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.17 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.10 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.94 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 0.20 – 0.15 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.8, 147.2, 138.1, 137.2, 122.8, 120.6, 114.5, 107.2, 89.3, 71.6, 44.2, 28.5, -0.2; **IR** (film)  $\nu_{max}$  3363, 3077, 2959, 2078, 1593, 844 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ONSi]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 260.1465, found 260.1464.



**Propargylic alcohol 78:** Potassium carbonate (2.02 g, 14.6 mmol) was added to trimethylsilyl alkyne **S19** (1.90 g, 7.32 mmol) in MeOH (70 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was taken up in water (100 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to provide **78** as a brown oil in 97% yield (1.33 g, 7.10 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.44; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.51 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 5.77 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 4.97 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 1H), 2.17 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.93 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 8.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.4, 147.3, 137.8, 137.3, 122.9, 120.4, 114.6, 85.9, 72.7, 71.2, 43.6, 28.2; **IR** (film) υ<sub>max</sub> 3299, 3150, 1641, 1593, 1435, 1079 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 188.1070, found 188.1069.



Homoallyl indolizinone 54: A solution of tertiary alcohol 78 (600 mg, 3.20 mmol) in EtOH (6.0 mL) was sparged with N<sub>2</sub> for 5 min. The reaction vessel, a 20 mL vial, was equipped with a green Teflon-lined cap and Telfon tape and heated at 100 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated to provide indolizinone 54 in 99% yield (594 mg, 3.17 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.44; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.79 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (ddt, J = 16.8, 10.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 5.07 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd, J = 17.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (dd, J = 10.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (s, 1H), 1.98 (s, 1H), 1.86 – 1.68 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 204.0, 160.9, 137.4, 125.2, 122.5, 122.4, 114.9, 108.8, 99.0, 69.6, 37.6, 26.2; HRMS (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 188.1070, found 188.1069.



[2.2.2]azabicycle 64: A solution of indolizinone 54 (250 mg, 1.34 mmol) and 2chloroacrylonitrile (44, 535  $\mu$ L, 6.70 mmol) were heated in benzene (6.0 mL) at 80 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated to afford a brown oil. The crude product was purified via flash chromatography (gradient 4:1 hexanes/EtOAc, then 2:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 64 as a yellow oil in 71% yield (259 mg, 0.951 mmol). **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.51; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.35 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.35 – 6.30 (m, 1H), 5.69 – 5.59 (m, 2H), 4.91 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.82 – 2.76 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.54 (m, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz,

 $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  205.8, 168.8, 138.5, 134.8, 120.5, 115.6, 112.8, 109.8, 72.4, 59.8, 55.3, 37.5, 37.2, 36.7, 27.5; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for  $[C_{15}H_{16}ON_2Cl]^+$  (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 275.0946, found 275.0951.



**Tricycle 79:** A solution of **64** (10 mg, 0.036 mmol) and **81** (3.1 mg, 0.0036 mmol) in benzene (3.6 mL) was sparged with ethylene for 5 min. The 20 mL vial was equipped with a Teflon cap and heated to 80 °C. After 12 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a brown oil. The crude oil was purified via flash chromatography to afford **79** and **S20**. Relative amounts of these products varied depending on the scale of the reaction. In this case, **79** was obtained in 73% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.27; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.23 – 6.12 (m, 1H), 5.94 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.57 – 5.50 (m, 3H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (ddd, *J* = 13.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  202.4, 167.4, 138.0, 129.5, 119.6, 115.9, 110.0, 99.1, 72.6, 66.5, 59.8, 52.8, 40.2, 38.7, 27.2; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ON<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 275.0946, found 275.0950.



Ene adduct 82: PTAD (46, 13.9 mg, 0.0793 mmol) was added to indolizinone 29 (20.3 mg, 0.0834 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (800  $\mu$ L) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 min at 0 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford 82 (23.8 mg, 0.0567 mmol) in 68%

yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.08; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.17 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 6.76 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dd, J = 19.3, 7.7 Hz, 3H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.40 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  204.1, 157.8, 152.5, 151.1, 131.1, 130.0, 128.9, 128.0, 125.9, 125.5, 125.0, 117.0, 100.0, 98.3, 68.3, 63.4, 53.4, 31.9, 30.0, 28.4, 23.2, 21.5, 18.5, 13.6; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 419.2078, found 419.2126.



**Tertiary amines 86 and 87:** Vinylmagnesium bromide (**85**, 142 µL, 0.0992 mmol, 0.7 M in hexanes) was added dropwise to **14** (10.0 mg, 0.0661 mmol) in benzene (600 µL). The reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C for 2 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and quench by the addition of water (1.0 mL). The product was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 x 2.0 mL) from 1 M NaOH<sub>(aq)</sub>. The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a 3:1 mixture of **87** to **86** in 64% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.15; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.68 – 5.59 (m, 1H), 5.31 – 5.23 (m, 1H), 5.21 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.04 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.88 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.72 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.23 – 1.12 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  216.8, 139.7, 118.3, 63.2, 57.4, 42.2, 40.7, 24.5, 20.0, 19.2, 18.2; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd for [C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ON]<sup>+</sup> (M-H)<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 180.1383, found 180.1386.



**Tertiary amine 87:** TBSOTf (141 μL, 0.615 mmol) was added to **14** (31.0 mg, 0.205 mmol) in benzene (2.0 mL) at ambient temperature. Vinylmagnesium bromide (**85**, 586 μL, 0.410 mmol)

was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The mixture was stirred for 1 h then quenched by the addition of water (1.0 mL). The product was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 x 2.0 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford crude **92**. Flash chromatography afforded ketone **87** in 84% yield as a single diastereomer.

Representative procedure for the reduction of vinylogous amides with sodium cyanoborohydride:



2 N HCl<sub>(aq)</sub> (300 µL) was added dropwise to vinylogous amide **94** (0.150 mmol) in MeOH (700 µL). NaCNBH<sub>3</sub> (0.375 mmol, 2.50 equiv) was added slowly to the reaction mixture. After 6 h, a saturated NaHCO<sub>3(aq)</sub> (1.0 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 2.0 mL). The combined organic layers were concentrated under reduced pressure to afford tertiary amine (**96**).



**Tertiary amine 93:** The standard reduction protocol afforded **93** as the HCl salt in 87% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.05; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.00 (s, 1H), 4.48 (s, 1H), 4.10 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 56.9 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, J = 40.5 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (s, 1H), 2.87 (s, 1H), 2.49 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.5, 69.9, 48.5, 46.1, 30.4, 28.6, 22.5, 17.8, 15.0.



**Tertiary amine 97:** The standard reduction protocol afforded **97** in 83% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.11; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.71 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 3.66 (s, 1H), 3.63 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.35 (s, 1H), 3.23 (s, 1H), 3.17 (m, 1H), 2.76 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (m, 4H), 2.41 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.41 (m, 1H), 0.97 – 0.91 (t, 3H).



**Tertiary amine 98:** The standard reduction protocol afforded **98** in 76% yield. **R**<sub>f</sub> (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) 0.09; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.11 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.10 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 3.18 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (dd, J = 9.1, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (dd, J = 16.2, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.74 – 1.59 (m, 6H), 1.56 – 1.49 (m, 3H), 1.49 – 1.41 (m, 7H), 1.33 (dt, J = 11.5, 10.2 Hz, 8H), 1.24 (dt, J = 14.3, 5.1 Hz, 9H), 0.92 (dd, J = 9.2, 4.8 Hz, 3H).

X-Ray Structure of 55:



**X-Ray Experimental Details:** A colorless rod 0.12 x 0.08 x 0.06 mm in size was mounted on a Cryoloop with Paratone oil. Data were collected in a nitrogen gas stream at 100(2) K using phi and omega scans. Crystal-to-detector distance was 60 mm and exposure time was 5 seconds per frame using a scan width of 1.0°. Data collection was 97.8% complete to 67.00° in  $\theta$ . A total of 2466 reflections were collected covering the indices, -26 <= h <= 24, 0 <= k <= 15, 0 <= l <= 12. 2466 reflections were found to be symmetry independent, with an R<sub>int</sub> of 0.0188. Indexing and unit cell refinement indicated a twinned, C-centered monoclinic lattice. The space group was found to be C2/c (No. 15). The data were integrated using the Bruker SAINT software program and scaled using the TWINABS software program. Solution by direct methods (SIR-2008) produced a complete heavy-atom phasing model consistent with the proposed structure. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically by full-matrix least-squares (SHELXL-97). All hydrogen atoms were placed using a riding model. Their positions were constrained relative to their parent atom using the appropriate HFIX command in SHELXL-97.

## X-Ray Data:

sarpong18	
ARN-IX-173B	
C16 H15 N O4	
285.29	
100(2) K	
1.54178 Å	
Monoclinic	
C2/c	
a = 22.2396(13) Å	α= 90°.
b = 12.8939(7) Å	$\beta = 110.568(3)^{\circ}$ .
c = 10.3090(6)  Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ .
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Volume Ζ Density (calculated) Absorption coefficient F(000) Crystal size Crystal color/habit Theta range for data collection Index ranges Reflections collected Independent reflections Completeness to theta =  $67.00^{\circ}$ Absorption correction Max. and min. transmission Refinement method Data / restraints / parameters Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup> Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R indices (all data) Largest diff. peak and hole

2767.7(3) Å<sup>3</sup> 8  $1.369 \text{ Mg/m}^3$ 0.820 mm<sup>-1</sup> 1200 0.12 x 0.08 x 0.06 mm<sup>3</sup> colorless rod 4.03 to 68.18°. -26<=h<=24, 0<=k<=15, 0<=l<=12 2466 2466 [R(int) = 0.0188]97.8 % Semi-empirical from equivalents 0.9524 and 0.9080 Full-matrix least-squares on F<sup>2</sup> 2466 / 0 / 191 1.070 R1 = 0.0465, wR2 = 0.1257R1 = 0.0479, wR2 = 0.12742.113 and -0.188 e.Å-3
X-Ray Structure of 64:



**X-Ray Experimental Details:** A colorless plate  $0.12 \times 0.10 \times 0.06$  mm in size was mounted on a Cryoloop with Paratone oil. Data were collected in a nitrogen gas stream at 100(2) K using phi and omega scans. Crystal-to-detector distance was 60 mm and exposure time was 5 seconds per frame using a scan width of  $1.0^{\circ}$ . Data collection was 99.8% complete to  $67.00^{\circ}$  in  $\theta$ . A total of 14245 reflections were collected covering the indices, -10 < h < = 10, -7 < = k < = 8, -26 < = l < = 26. 2476 reflections were found to be symmetry independent, with an R<sub>int</sub> of 0.0123. Indexing and unit cell refinement indicated a primitive, monoclinic lattice. The space group was found to be P2(1)/n (No. 14). The data were integrated using the Bruker SAINT software program and scaled using the SADABS software program. Solution by direct methods (SIR-2004) produced a complete heavy-atom phasing model consistent with the proposed structure. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically by full-matrix least-squares (SHELXL-97). All hydrogen atoms were placed using a riding model. Their positions were constrained relative to their parent atom using the appropriate HFIX command in SHELXL-97.

## X-Ray Data:

Empirical formula	C15 H15 Cl N2 O	
Formula weight	274.74	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54178 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2(1)/n	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.4660(3)  Å	a= 90°.
	b = 7.2644(2)  Å	b=95.0810(10)°.
	c = 22.2712(7)  Å	$g = 90^{\circ}$ .
Volume	1364.31(7) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Ζ	4	
Density (calculated)	1.338 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	2.418 mm <sup>-1</sup>	

## F(000)

Crystal size Crystal color/habit Theta range for data collection Index ranges Reflections collected Independent reflections Completeness to theta =  $67.00^{\circ}$ Absorption correction Max. and min. transmission Refinement method Data / restraints / parameters Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup> Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R indices (all data) Largest diff. peak and hole

576 0.12 x 0.10 x 0.06 mm<sup>3</sup> colorless plate 3.99 to 68.08°. -10<=h<=10, -7<=k<=8, -26<=l<=26 14245 2476 [R(int) = 0.0123]99.8 % Semi-empirical from equivalents 0.8685 and 0.7601 Full-matrix least-squares on F<sup>2</sup> 2476 / 0 / 172 1.057 R1 = 0.0353, wR2 = 0.0949R1 = 0.0361, wR2 = 0.09560.357 and -0.326 e.Å<sup>-3</sup>



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