Supporting Information

On-DNA Hydroalkylation to Introduce Diverse Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentanes and Abundant Alkyls via Halogen Atom Transfer

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1. General Considerations

1.1 General: All chemical transformations requiring inert atmospheric conditions were carried out using Schlenk line techniques with a 4- or 5-port dual-bank manifold. For blue light irradiation, one Kessil H150-Blue lamp (19 V DC 40 W Max) was placed 1.5 inches away from PCR tubes. NMR spectra (¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F) were obtained at 298 K using 400, 500 or 600 MHz spectrometers. ¹H NMR spectra were referenced to residual CHCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm) in CDCl₃. ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to CDCl₃ (δ 77.16 ppm). Reactions were monitored by LC/MS, GC/MS, ¹H NMR, and/or TLC on silica gel plates (60 Å porosity, 250 µm thickness). TLC analysis was performed using hexanes/EtOAc as the eluent and visualized with UV light. Flash chromatography was accomplished using an automated system (CombiFlash[®], UV detector, $\lambda = 254$ nm and 280 nm) with RediSep[®] R_f silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 40-60 µm) or RediSep Rf Gold® silica gel disposable flash columns (60 Å porosity, 20-40 µm). Accurate mass measurement analyses were conducted using electron ionization (EI) or electrospray ionization (ESI). The signals were mass measured against an internal lock mass reference of perfluorotributylamine (PFTBA) for EI-GCMS, and leucine enkephalin for ESI-LC/MS. The utilized software calibrates the instruments and reports measurements by use of neutral atomic masses. The mass of the electron is not included. IR spectra were recorded on an FT-IR using either neat oil or solid products. Solvents were purified with drying cartridges through a solvent delivery system. Melting points (°C) are uncorrected. 10 W blue LED irradiation for preparation of BCP-I was accomplished via the LED reactor described in a previous report.¹ The set up for on-DNA reaction was described in a previous report.²

1.2 Chemicals: Deuterated NMR solvents were purchased and stored over 4Å molecular sieves. CH₂Cl₂, DMA, EtOAc, hexanes, MeCN, DMSO, DIPEA, Et₃N and HATU (*N*-[(dimethylamino)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolo-[4,5-*b*]pyridin-1-ylmethylene]-*N*-methylmethanaminium hexafluorophosphate *N*-oxide) were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. The synthesis of all new alkyl halides and iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (BCP) derivatives and new on-DNA substrates is outlined here. Additional alkyl halides, carboxylic acids, or alcohols were purchased from commercial suppliers. 4CzIPN, Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ and Ir(ppy)₃ catalysts were prepared according to reported literature.³ All other reagents were purchased commercially and used as received. Photoredox-catalyzed reactions were performed using PCR 8-strip tubes (Ref. Fisher 781320) with PCR strips of 8 caps (Ref. Fisher 781340). HyPureTM Molecular Biology Grade Water was purchased and used as received without further manipulation.

1.3 Analysis of on-DNA reactions: Analysis of on-DNA reactions was performed by LC/MS: After reaction completion, an aliquot of the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O to approximately 0.05–0.13 mM. At this point, 6 - 8 μ L aliquots of the LC/MS sample was injected onto a reverse-phase chromatography column (Clarity 2.6 μ m Oligo-MS 100 Å 2.1x50 mm) and eluted (10-90% B over 4 min at 0.5 mL/min flow rate; Solvent A: 0.75% v/v/ HFIP / 0.038% Et₃N in H₂O; Solvent B: 0.75% HFIP, 0.038% Et₃N in 90/10 MeOH/deionized H₂O) with no UV monitoring. Effluent was analyzed on a Waters SQ Detector 2 ACQUITY UPLC System in Thermo Exactive Plus LC-esiMS with a Vanquish UHPLC. For the functionalized headpiece samples, % conversion was determined based on reported peak intensities following deconvolution (between 3,000-8,000 Da) of the DNA charge states using Intact MassTM by Protein Metrics Inc. (version 3.7-32x64). For the photoredox scope reactions, %

¹ Molander, G. A. et al. Org. Lett. 2016, 18, 764 – 767

² Molander, G. A. et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2019, 141, 3723 - 3732

³ Kelly C. B. et al. Org. Synth. 2019, 96, 455 - 473 ; Weaver J. D et al. Org. Synth. 2018, 95, 29 - 45

conversion was determined using Intact MassTM by Protein Metrics Inc. (version 3.7-32x64). Data was scanned between 1.0 - 2.4 min and deconvoluted between 3,000-8,000 Da, with a mass tolerance window of 3 - 4 Da, with 10% of base peak threshold set for reporting. Na, K, NH₄, Cu, Ni and HFIP adducts were included in the product percentage. Detailed parameters can be found later in the Supporting Information.

1.4 Materials for on-DNA synthesis: DNA headpiece HP (5'-/Phos/GAGTCA/iSp9-PEG/iAm C7_CO-PEG4-NH2/iSp9-PEG/TGACTCCC-3') was obtained from WuXi AppTec, Shanghai, China.



Figure S1. Sequence and structure of the DNA-headpiece (molecular weight = 5184.5220).

2. Preparation of on-DNA Substrates



2.1 HATU premix protocol for acylation of DNA headpieces: The HATU (200 mM in DMA, 40.0 equiv), DIPEA (200 mM in DMA, 40.0 equiv), and the corresponding carboxylic acid (200 mM in DMA, 40.0 equiv) solutions were individually cooled at 4 °C for 5 min. Once chilled, the acid, DIPEA, and HATU solutions were added sequentially to a centrifuge tube, vortexed briefly, and allowed to react at 4 °C for 20 min. The oligomer solution (1 mM in 250 mM pH 9.4 sodium borate buffer) was then added, and the mixture was vortexed. The reaction was allowed to proceed at rt and monitored by LC/MS. Upon completion, the reaction was worked up following the EtOH precipitation protocol below.

2.2 EtOH precipitation protocol: The reaction mixture was transferred to a centrifuge tube where it filled at most 1/4 of the total volume. A volume of 5 M aq NaCl equal to 1/10 of the reaction volume was then added, followed by cold (-20 °C) EtOH equal to 2.5 reaction volumes. The resulting mixture was then left to stand in a -20 °C freezer for at least 1 h or overnight. The chilled mixture was then centrifuged for 30 min at 4 °C at 4,000 rpm. The supernatant was then decanted and allowed to dry under reduced pressure. The resulting pellet was re-dissolved in H₂O to give a theoretical concentration of 2 mM. Purity was assessed by LC/MS. For long term storage, solutions were frozen in liquid nitrogen and lyophilized to dryness to give a white solid.

3. Synthesis of Alkyl Halides and BCP-Halides

Procedure for preparation of tricyclo[1.1.1]pentane



The procedure was adapted from the report of the Baran group.⁴ To an appropriately-sized round bottom flask was added 1,1-dibromo-2,2-bis(chloromethyl)cyclopropane (5.0 g, 16.8 mmol) and Et₂O (10 - 12 mL) under inert atmosphere. Once dissolved, the reaction was cooled to -78 °C in a Dry Ice-acetone bath. The reaction turned into a slurry at -78 °C. To the light brown slurry was added PhLi (20 mL, 38.0 mmol, 2.3 equiv, 1.9 M soln in *n*-Bu₂O) dropwise over 10 to 15 min. The reaction was then stirred at -78 °C for another 30 min and then was allowed to warm to 0 °C using an ice-water bath. After 2 h, the reaction turned into a dark-brown slurry, which indicates the reaction is finished. The product propellane is co-distilled with Et₂O by house vacuum (ca. 4 Torr) as a clear, colorless solution. The receiving flask was submerged in a -78 °C bath or liquid nitrogen bath.

Note: Concentration was determined by ${}^{1}H$ NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard. The tricyclo[1.1.1]pentane solution was kept in the freezer.

General procedure for preparation of BCP halides



Preparation of BCP halides were adapted from reported literature⁵: To a screw-capped vial equipped with a stirrer bar was added *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃/4CzIPN/Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.01 – 0.025 equiv), the specified halide (1.0 equiv), if solid. The reaction vial was evacuated and back-filled with nitrogen three times. MeCN (0.1 M) and tricyclo[1.1.1]pentane (2.0 equiv, 0.8 - 1.2 M solution in Et₂O) were added. The vial was sealed. The stirred mixture was irradiated with blue LEDs for 24 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography.

⁴ Gianatassio R. et al. Science **2016**, 351, 241 – 246

⁵ Anderson E. A. et al. ACS Catal. 2019, 9, 9568 – 9574

Compounds 1a,² 1c,² 1d,⁶ 1h,² 1i,⁷ 1n,⁸ 10,⁹1r,² 1u² and 1v¹⁰ were prepared according to the indicated reports.



Characterization of new compounds

Methyl (2R)-2-((((9H-Fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-3-iodobutanoate (S3)



Following the reported procedure:¹¹ To a flame-dried flask containing a mixture of DDQ (545 mg, 2.40 mmol) and PPh₃ (629 mg, 2.40 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL), (*n*-Bu)₄NI (877 mg, 2.40 mmol) was added at rt. Methyl (((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)-D-threoninate (711 mg, 2.0 mmol) was then added to the solution. After 1 h, the solvent was evaporated. **S3** was obtained (271 mg, 0.583 mmol, 29% yield) as a white powder by flash chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes). The product was obtained as a mixture of diastereoisomers.

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 7.77 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33 (tdd, *J* = 7.4, 4.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 5.63 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.52 – 4.30 (m, 4H), 4.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 – 3.76 (m, 3H), 2.12 – 1.92 (m, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 169.4, 164.9, 155.6, 143.9, 143.9, 143.8, 141.5, 127.9, 127.9, 127.3, 127.2, 125.3, 125.2, 125.2, 120.2, 120.2, 77.2, 67.5, 67.2, 60.8, 53.0, 52.4, 47.3, 47.2, 26.5, 25.2, 14.4.

FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 1739, 1719, 1687, 1524, 1444, 1357, 1337, 1277, 1250, 1234, 1209, 1181, 1147, 1077, 1049, 1024, 990, 757, 739.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for $C_{20}H_{21}INO_4$ [M+H]⁺: 466.0515, found: 466.0527. Melting point (°C) 104.7 - 105.9.

⁶ Anderson E. A. et al. Chem. Sci. 2018, 9, 5295 – 5300

⁷ Anderson E. A. et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2020, 59, 11866 – 11870

⁸ Anderson E. A. et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2021, 143, 9729 - 9736

⁹ Shang R. et al. Org. Lett. 2020, 22, 8572 – 8577

¹⁰ Aïssa C. et al. Angew.Chem.Int.Ed. **2022**, 61, e202111291

¹¹ Gothelf K. V. et al. Eur. J. Org. Chem. 2007, 5826 - 5833

1-Iodo-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (1b)

F₃C

Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding alkyl iodide (126 mg, 59.1 μ L, 0.60 mmol), using Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (5.6 mg, 0.006 mmol) as photocatalyst, the compound **1b** (53 mg, 0.19 mmol, 32% yield) was obtained as an clear oil by flash chromatography (100% hexanes).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) δ 2.47 – 2.27 (m, 8H). ¹³**C** NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 125.7 (q, J = 277.8 Hz), 61.1, 41.5 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 41.5, 36.3 (q, J = 28.7 Hz), 4.9. ¹⁹**F** NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) -64.88. **FT-IR** (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 2921, 1738, 1366, 1179, 840. **HRMS** (ESI) calc. for C₇H₈F₃ [M-I]⁺: 149.5078, found: 149.5078.

Methyl 2-(3-Iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)acetate (1ea)



Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding alkyl iodide (120 mg, 0.6 mmol), using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (4.0 mg, 0.006 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound **1ea** (131 mg, 0.49 mmol, 82% yield) was obtained as a clear oil by flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 6H).
 ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 170.9, 61.0, 51.8, 43.7, 37.2, 6.1.
 FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 2994, 2950, 2914, 1735, 1435, 1353, 1311, 1281, 1255, 1198, 1173, 1135, 1117, 1092, 1045, 1004, 977, 843, 787.
 HRMS (EI) calc. for C₇H₈IO₂ [M-OMe]⁺: 234.9620, found: 234.9639.

Methyl 2-(3-Bromobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)acetate (1eb)



Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding alkyl bromide (92 mg, 67 μ L, 0.60 mmol), using Ir(ppy)₃ (4.0 mg, 0.006 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound **1eb** (65.1 mg, 0.29 mmol, 49% yield) was obtained as a clear oil by flash chromatography (100% hexanes).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 2H), 2.23 (s, 6H). ¹³**C** NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 171.0, 59.2, 51.8, 37.2, 36.2, 36.1. **FT-IR** (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 2975, 2916, 2878, 1737, 1435, 1410, 1357, 1316, 1287, 1257, 1200, 1178, 1117, 1094, 1050, 1007, 985, 887, 858. **HRMS** (EI) calc. for C₇H₈BrO [M-OMe]⁺: 186.9759, found: 186.9758.

tert-Butyl (S)-(2-(3-Iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)-1-phenylethyl)carbamate (1f)



Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding alkyl iodide (139.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), using $Ru(bpy)_3(PF_6)_2$ (7 mg, 0.02 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound **1f** (45 mg, 0.11 mmol, 27% yield) was obtained as a white powder by flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 4.68 – 4.60 (m, 1H), 2.12 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 1.7 Hz, 6H), 2.02 (td, *J* = 14.3, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 155.0, 142.2, 128.9, 127.8, 126.6, 79.8, 61.0, 53.5, 46.2, 38.5, 28.6, 7.3.

FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 3379, 2981, 2912, 1680, 1516, 1455, 1430, 1390, 1364, 1269, 1251, 1178, 1045, 1017, 868, 841, 758.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for $C_{20}H_{27}IN_2NaO_2 [M+Na+MeCN]^+$: 477.1015, found: 477.1018. Melting point (°C) 133.3 – 134.5

(3aS,5R,5aR,8aR,8bS)-5-((3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)methyl)-2,2,7,7-tetramethyltetrahydro-5H-bis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-b:4',5'-d]pyran (1g)



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Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding alkyl iodide (72.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (2.0 mg, 0.003 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound **1g** (87.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 99% yield) was obtained as a white solid by flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes).

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 5.50 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd, J = 7.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dt, J = 9.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 6H), 1.93 (dd, J = 14.8, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.74 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 109.3, 108.5, 96.8, 73.2, 71.1, 70.4, 66.1, 61.4, 51.3, 46.4, 32.6, 26.14, 26.10, 25.0, 24.5, 7.8.

 $\label{eq:FT-IR} $ (cm^{-1}, neat, ATR) 2989, 2912, 1381, 1255, 1210, 1174, 1106, 1069, 1014, 995, 918, 907, 837. $ $ HRMS (EI) calc. for $ C_{17}H_{25}O_5$ [M-I]^+: 309.1702, found: 309.1707. $ $ $ Melting point (°C) 76.6 - 77.4 $ $ $ $ True of the second se$

1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2-Methyl (2*S*)-4-(3-Iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)pyrrolidine-1,2dicarboxylate (1j)

MeO₂C, BocN

Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding alkyl iodide (107 mg, 0.30 mmol), using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (4.0 mg, 0.006 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound **1j** (61 mg, 0.14 mmol, 48% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil by flash chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes). The product was obtained as a mixture of diastereoisomers.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 4.36 – 4.15 (m, 1H), 3.71 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 3H), 3.69 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.17 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.22 (m, 1.5H), 2.19 (s, 6H), 1.98 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.58 (m, 0.5H), 1.50 – 1.33 (m, 9H).

¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 173.4, 173.4, 173.3, 154.3, 153.7, 153.6, 80.4, 80.3, 59.5, 59.1, 59.0, 59.0, 58.7, 52.4, 52.2, 52.2, 49.3, 49.1, 49.0, 48.8, 48.5, 48.5, 47.9, 40.1, 39.3, 39.0, 38.2, 34.3, 33.8, 33.4, 33.0, 28.5, 28.5, 28.4, 28.3, 6.4(1), 6.3(9).

FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 2975, 2978, 1749, 1701, 1478, 1450, 1435, 1397, 1365, 1256, 1200, 1177, 1119, 1029, 991, 899, 839, 772.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C₁₆H₂₅INO₄ [M+H]⁺: 422.0822, found: 422.0828.

1-(2-Bromobenzyl)-3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (1k)



Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding alkyl iodide (119 mg, 0.40 mmol), using $Ru(bpy)_3(PF_6)_2$ (7.5 mg, 0.008 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound **1k** (109 mg, 0.30 mmol, 75% yield) was obtained as a white solid by flash chromatography (100% hexanes)

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.23 (td, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 3.02 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 6H). ¹³**C** NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 138.0, 133.1, 131.0, 128.2, 127.6, 124.5, 60.7, 47.6, 38.8, 7.9.

FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 2988, 2965, 2909, 2872, 1465, 1432, 1213, 1167, 1138, 1034, 1020, 979, 938, 831, 777, 747, 721, 657.

HRMS (EI) calc. for $C_{12}H_{12}BrI [M]^+$: 361.9167, found: 361.9176. **Melting point** (°C) 51.4 – 51.6.

Methyl 4-((3-Iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)methyl)benzoate (11)

Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding alkyl iodide (110 mg, 0.4 mmol), using $Ru(bpy)_3(PF_6)_2$ (7.5 mg, 0.008 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound **11** (110.4 mg, 0.32 mmol, 80% yield) was obtained as a white solid by flash chromatography (7% EtOAc/hexanes).

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 7.96 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.86 (s, 2H), 2.15 (s, 6H). ¹³**C** NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 167.0, 143.5, 129.8, 128.8, 128.4, 60.2, 52.1, 47.7, 39.2, 7.6. **FT-IR** (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 2983, 1710, 1610, 1433, 1416, 1305, 1277, 1197, 1173, 1103, 1019, 977, 863, 843, 805, 776, 753, 705. **HRMS** (EI) calc. for C₁₄H₁₅O₂ [M-I]⁺: 215.1072, found: 215.1074. **Melting point** (°C) 81.2 – 81.4.

tert-Butyl (3-((3-Iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)carbamate (1m)



Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding alkyl iodide (100 mg, 0.3 mmol), using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (4.0 mg, 0.006 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound **1m** (41 mg, 0.13 mmol, 43% yield) was obtained as a white solid by flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/hexanes).

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 7.19 (td, *J* = 7.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (dt, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 2.77 (s, 2H), 2.16 (s, 6H), 1.52 (s, 9H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃), *δ* (ppm) 152.8, 139.4, 138.6, 129.1, 123.6, 118.8, 116.5, 60.5, 48.2, 39.3, 28.5, 28.5, 8.4.

FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 3331, 2978, 2912, 1695, 1610, 1592, 1535, 1491, 1440, 1392, 1367, 1302, 1239, 1159, 1055, 868, 838, 771.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for $C_{17}H_{23}INO_2 [M+H]^+$: 400.0774, found: 400.0776. Melting point (°C) 138.6 – 139.4.

1-(4-(3-Iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (1p)



Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding aryl iodide (98.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (5.0 mg, 0.008 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound **1p** (35.9 mg, 0.15 mmol, 29% yield) was obtained as a white solid by flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes).

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 7.90 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (s, 6H), 2.58 (s, 3H).

 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 197.7, 143.5, 136.0, 128.7, 126.4, 61.9, 50.3, 26.8, 6.3.

FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 1681, 1605, 1423, 1402, 1350, 1294, 1266, 1241, 1195, 1138, 1078, 1057, 1015, 956, 843, 827, 747, 607.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for $C_{13}H_{14}IO [M+H]^+$: 313.0089, found: 313.0090. **Melting point** (°C) decomposition (90 °C).

1-(4-Bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (1q)

F V

Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding aryl iodide (90.3 mg, 0.3 mmol), using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (4.0 mg, 0.006 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound 1q (18.1 mg, 0.05 mmol, 14% yield) was obtained as a white solid by flash chromatography (100% hexanes).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 7.21 (ddd, J = 8.1, 1.9, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 9.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 6H).

¹³**C** NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 161.2 (d, J = 252.3 Hz), 129.8 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 127.3 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.6 (d, J = 15.4 Hz), 121.3 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 119.4 (d, J = 24.5 Hz), 61.9, 46.5, 6.6.

¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.65.

FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 2915, 1879, 1605, 1569, 1509, 1483, 1399, 1211, 1187, 1144, 1056, 926, 857, 837, 813, 758, 579.

HRMS (EI) calc. for $C_{11}H_8BrF$ [M-HI]⁺: 237.9793, found:237.9789. **Melting point** (°C) 69.8 – 71.1.

3-(3-Iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)pyridine (1s)



Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding aryl iodide (123 mg, 0.6 mmol), using 4-CzIPN (4.7 mg, 0.006 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound **1s** (54 mg, 0.2 mmol, 33% yield) was obtained as a pale-yellow solid by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 8.50 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 2.64 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 148.0, 147.2, 134.0, 123.4, 61.7, 48.2, 5.6.

FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 2966, 2909, 2871, 1739, 1569, 1475, 1444, 1412, 1198, 1183, 1133, 1080, 1028, 831, 813, 751, 710, 621.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for $C_{10}H_{11}IN [M+H]^+$: 271.9936, found: 271.9938. Melting point (°C) 44 – 46

3-Bromo-5-(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)pyridine (1t)



Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding aryl iodide (114 mg, 0.4 mmol), using 4-CzIPN (6.3 mg, 0.008 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound **1t** (19.0 mg, 0.0543mmol, 14% yield) was obtained as a white solid by flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 8.56 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 149.6, 145.9, 136.4, 135.5, 120.8, 61.7, 47.7, 5.1.

FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 2995, 2971, 2914, 2876, 1576, 1549, 1433, 1413, 1198, 1171, 1131, 1092, 1071, 1020, 939, 880, 849, 748, 701.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for $C_{10}H_{10}BrIN [M+H]^+$: 349.9041, found: 349.9056. **Melting point** (°C) 97.9 – 98.1.

Methyl 5-Bromo-2-((3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)methyl)benzoate (1w)



Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding alkyl iodide (142 mg, 0.4 mmol), using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (5.3 mg, 0.008 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound 1v (80.4 mg, 0.191 mmol, 48% yield) was obtained as a white solid by flash chromatography (100% hexanes).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃), *δ* (ppm) 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.26 (s, 2H), 2.13 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃), *δ* (ppm) 167.2, 142.2, 134.5, 132.6, 129.9, 128.4, 126.9, 60.6, 52.2, 48.0, 36.5, 7.6.

FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 2995, 1720, 1587, 1560, 1477, 1432, 1281, 1258, 1217, 1174, 1140, 1090, 1074, 978, 878, 863, 840, 809, 768, 713.

HRMS (EI) calc. for $C_{14}H_{14}BrO_2$ [M-I]⁺: 292.0099, found: 292.0103. Melting point (°C) 79.6 – 80.3.

Methyl (2*S*)-2-((((9*H*-Fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-3-(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1] pentan-1-yl)butanoate (1x)



Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding alkyl iodide (140 mg, 0.30 mmol), using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (3.9 mg, 0.006 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound **1w** (50.8 mg, 0.096 mmol, 32% yield) was obtained as a white solid by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes). The product was obtained as a mixture of diastereoisomers.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 7.81 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 5.17 – 5.03 (m, 1H), 4.61 – 4.37 (m, 3H), 4.32 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 3.80 – 3.67 (m, 3H), 2.27 – 2.06 (m, 6H), 0.95 – 0.76 (m, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 172.2, 156.0, 144.0, 143.7, 143.7, 141.6, 141.5, 128.0, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3, 127.3, 127.2, 125.1, 125.1, 120.2, 120.2, 67.1, 66.9, 59.6, 59.2, 57.0, 55.9, 52.7, 52.5, 50.1, 49.9, 47.4(4), 47.3(7), 38.1, 37.2, 14.3, 12.0, 6.9, 6.5.

FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 3336, 2969, 1720, 1511, 1448, 1334, 1216, 1179, 1083, 1055, 1015, 834, 758, 738, 539.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for $C_{25}H_{27}INO_4$ [M+H]⁺: 532.0985, found: 532.0987. Melting point (°C) 54.0 – 56.2.

Methyl 3-Bromo-5-(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)benzoate (1y)



Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding aryl iodide (170 mg, 0.50 mmol), using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (4.9 mg, 0.007 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound 1x (33.2 mg, 0.08 mmol, 16% yield) was obtained as a pale-yellow solid by flash chromatography (100% hexanes).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃), *δ* (ppm) 8.04 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.61 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 165.7, 140.9, 133.6, 132.2, 131.3, 126.1, 122.6, 61.9, 52.7, 49.6, 5.6.

FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 1717, 1568, 1439, 1422, 1322, 1263, 1248, 1187, 1122, 1098, 992, 943, 886, 852, 833, 770, 756, 733, 718, 680. **HRMS** (EI) calc. for $C_{13}H_{11}BrO_2$ [M-HI]⁺: 277.9942, found: 277.9956.

Melting point (°C) 124.2 - 126.8.

5-Chloro-7-(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)quinolin-8-yl acetate (1z)



Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding aryl iodide (174 mg, 0.50 mmol), using $Ir(ppy)_3$ (4.9 mg, 0.007 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound **1y** (32.4 mg, 0.078 mmol, 16% yield) was obtained as a white solid by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes).

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 8.92 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 8.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 2.73 (s, 6H), 2.53 (s, 3H). ¹³**C** NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 169.5, 151.4, 144.5, 141.9, 133.1, 130.1, 128.7, 126.6, 125.9,

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 169.5, 151.4, 144.5, 141.9, 133.1, 130.1, 128.7, 126.6, 125.9, 122.4, 62.2, 47.6, 21.1, 6.0.

FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 1766, 1592, 1456, 1370, 1352, 1173, 1130, 1075, 1040, 1003, 944, 892, 856, 831, 811, 796, 766, 749, 630.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for $C_{16}H_{14}ClINO_2~[M+H]^+:$ 413.9758, found:413.9759. Melting point (°C) 123.3 - 125.3.

1-(3-Bromo-5-chlorophenyl)-3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (1aa)



Following the general procedure for the preparation of BCP halides: starting from the corresponding aryl iodide (127 mg, 0.4 mmol), using $Ru(bpy)_3(PF_6)_2$ (4.0 mg, 0.006 mmol) as photocatalyst, compound **1z** (55 mg, 0.14 mmol, 36% yield) was obtained as a white solid by flash chromatography (100% hexanes).

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 7.39 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 141.9, 135.3, 130.2, 127.8, 125.3, 122.9, 61.8, 49.3, 5.3.

FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 2994, 2910, 2874, 1589, 1557, 1429, 1408, 1376, 1311, 1192, 1114, 1090, 1073, 876, 860, 837, 789, 764, 729, 678. **HRMS** (ESI, EI): Not found.

Melting point (°C) 111.8 – 113.1.

4-Chloro-1-(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)-1H-pyrazole (1ab)

Following a reported procedure:¹² A round-bottomed vial with a stir-bar was charged with iodine (168 mg, 0.66 mmol), 4-chloro-1H-pyrazole (61.5 mg, 0.6 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (621 mg, 1.2 mmol), and MeCN (6 mL), then sealed with a Teflon septum cap and stirred at rt for 30 min. The vial was then charged with a solution of [1.1.1]propellane (3.31 mL, 0.8 M in Et₂O, 0.72 mmol), and the reaction was stirred at rt for 14 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with MeCN (10 mL) and filtered through a pad of Celite[®]. The resulting solution was concentrated under vacuum. Purification of the resulting crude by silica gel chromatography with 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes as eluent afforded **1aa** (36.9 mg, 0.12 mmol, 21% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 2.72 (s, 6H).
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm) 138.8, 125.6, 110.8, 61.6, 56.6, -2.2.
FT-IR (cm⁻¹, neat, ATR) 3091, 1738, 1426, 1383, 1337, 1294, 1213, 1194, 1168, 1075, 989, 965, 869, 837, 615.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for $C_8H_9CIIN_2 [M+H]^+$: 294.9499, found: 294.9485. Melting point (°C) 73.3 – 74.0.

¹² Zarate, C. et al. Org. Process Res. Dev. 2021, 25, 642 – 647

4. General Procedures for Photoinduced Transformations on-DNA

General Procedure I

Photoinduced on-DNA alkylation reaction for BCP iodide



To a PCR Eppendorf tube was added 4CzIPN (5 μ L of a 1 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 5 nmol, 0.5 equiv), BCP-iodide (10 μ L of a 25 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 250 nmol, 25 equiv), TTMSOH (10 μ L of a 50 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 500 nmol, 50 equiv), Na₂CO₃ (2.5 μ L of a 400 nmol/ μ L soln in H₂O, 1000 nmol, 100 equiv), and DNA-tethered alkene (5 μ L of a 2 nmol/ μ L soln in H₂O, 10 nmol, 1.0 equiv). The mixture was mixed by pipetting back and forth. The PCR tube was then capped and irradiated for 5 min with Kessil H150-blue lamps at a distance of 1.5 inches. The reaction was then diluted with H₂O (100 μ L), filtered, and analyzed by LC/MS.

General Procedure II

Photoinduced on-DNA alkylation reaction for alkyl halides



To a PCR Eppendorf tube was added 4CzIPN (5 μ L of a 1 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 5 nmol, 0.5 equiv), BCP-iodide (10 μ L of a 20 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 200 nmol, 20 equiv), TTMSOH (10 μ L of a 40 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 400 nmol, 40 equiv), Na₂CO₃ (2.5 μ L of a 400 nmol/ μ L soln in H₂O, 1000 nmol, 100 equiv), and DNA-tethered alkene (5 μ L of a 2 nmol/ μ L soln in H₂O, 10 nmol, 1.0 equiv). The mixture was mixed by pipetting back and forth. The PCR tube was then capped and irradiated for 5 min with Kessil H150-blue lamps at a distance of 1.5 inches. The reaction was then diluted with H₂O (100 μ L), filtered, and analyzed by LC/MS.

General Procedure III

Photoinduced on-DNA alkylation reaction for BCP iodide with HP-8



To a PCR Eppendorf tube was added 4CzIPN (5 μ L of a 1 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 5 nmol, 0.5 equiv), BCP-iodide (5 μ L of a 30 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 150 nmol, 15 equiv), TTMSOH (5 μ L of a 60 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 300 nmol, 30 equiv), Na₂CO₃ (2.5 μ L of a 400 nmol/ μ L soln in H₂O, 1000 nmol, 100 equiv), 5 μ L of DMSO and DNA-tethered alkene **HP-8** (5 μ L of a 2 nmol/ μ L soln in H₂O, 10 nmol, 1.0 equiv). The mixture was mixed by pipetting back and forth. The PCR tube was then capped, and irradiated for 5 min with Kessil H150-blue lamps at a distance of 1.5 inches. The reaction was then diluted with H₂O (100 μ L), filtered, and analyzed by LC/MS.

General Procedure IV

Photoinduced on-DNA alkylation reaction for BCP iodide with HP-9



To a PCR Eppendorf tube was added 4CzIPN (5 μ L of a 1 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 5 nmol, 0.5 equiv), BCP-iodide (10 μ L of a 25 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 250 nmol, 25 equiv), TTMSOH (10 μ L of a 2 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 20 nmol, 2 equiv), Na₂CO₃ (2.5 μ L of a 400 nmol/ μ L soln in H₂O, 1000 nmol, 100 equiv), and DNA-tethered alkene **HP-9** (5 μ L of a 2 nmol/ μ L soln in H₂O, 10 nmol, 1.0 equiv). The mixture was mixed by pipetting back and forth. The PCR tube was then capped and irradiated for 5 min with Kessil H150-blue lamps at a distance of 1.5 inches. The reaction was then diluted with H₂O (100 μ L), filtered, and analyzed by LC/MS.

General Procedure for telescoped reaction from redox active ester



Redox active ester S4, S5 were prepared according to the indicated literature procedures.¹³



From a modified procedure¹⁴

Redox-active esters (1.0 equiv, 0.1 mmol), LiI (1.5 equiv, 0.3 mmol), and PPh₃ (10 mol %) were added to a 3 mL reaction vial. The vial was evacuated and back-filled with nitrogen (three cycles). Acetone (1.0 mL) was added under a N₂-atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred under irradiation with blue LEDs (Kessil, PR160-456 nm), maintained at rt. After 24 h, the mixture was concentrated on a rotary evaporator. 1 mL of acetone was added to dilute the reaction mixture (to prevent any solvent loss during reaction time). 100 μ L of reaction crude was taken and the solvent was removed to give 10 μ mol of iodide (assuming full completion was reached). The crude was then diluted in 400 μ L of DMSO (25 mmol/L).

10 μ L of the iodide solution (25 mmol/L, 25 equiv) was then added to a PCR Eppendorf tube containing 4CzIPN (5 μ L of a 1 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 5 nmol, 0.5 equiv). TTMSOH (10 μ L of a 50 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 500 nmol, 50 equiv), Na₂CO₃ (2.5 μ L of a 400 nmol/ μ L soln in H₂O, 1000 nmol, 100 equiv), and DNA-tethered alkene (5 μ L of a 2 nmol/ μ L soln in H₂O, 10 nmol, 1.0 equiv) were then added, and the mixture was mixed by pipetting back and forth. The PCR tube was then capped and irradiated for 5 min with Kessil H150-blue lamps at a distance of 1.5 inches. The reaction was then diluted with H₂O (100 μ L), filtered, and analyzed by LC/MS.

General Procedure for telescoped reaction from carboxylic acid



*From a modified procedure:*¹⁵ In a sealed tube, a mixture of the alkyl carboxylic acid (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), 1,3-diiodo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin (DIH, 0.24 mmol, 91.2 mg, 1.2 equiv), and DCE (1.2 mL, 0.17 M) was irradiated (CFL) for 2 h under reflux conditions. After cooling, the reaction mixture was washed with aq 1 M NaHSO₃. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, and the combined organic fractions were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered through short silica pad, and concentrated under vacuum to give substantially pure iodide derivative. 10 μ L of the iodide solution (20 mmol/L in DMSO, 20 equiv) are

¹³ Baran P. et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2016, 138, 2174 – 2177

¹⁴ Shang, R. et al. Org. Lett. 2020, 22, 8572 – 8577.

¹⁵ Gandelman M. et al. Adv. Synth. Catal. 2011, 353, 1438 - 1442

then added to a PCR Eppendorf containing 4CzIPN (5 μ L of a 1 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 5 nmol, 0.5 equiv). TTMSOH (10 μ L of a 40 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 400 nmol, 40 equiv), Na₂CO₃ (2.5 μ L of a 400 nmol/ μ L soln in H₂O, 1000 nmol, 100 equiv), and DNA-tethered alkene (5 μ L of a 2 nmol/ μ L soln in H₂O, 10 nmol, 1.0 equiv) were then added, and the mixture was mixed by pipetting back and forth. The PCR tube was then capped and irradiated for 5 min with Kessil H150-blue lamps at a distance of 1.5 inches. The reaction was then diluted with H₂O (100 μ L), filtered, and analyzed by LC/MS.

General Procedure for telescoped reactions from alcohol



From a modified procedure¹⁶:

To a stirred solution of alcohol (0.1 mmol) in dry DMF (0.2 mL) was added a solution of methyltriphenoxyphosphonium iodide (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry DMF (0.2 mL). The reaction was stirred at rt under a N₂-atmosphere, and the flask was covered with aluminum foil. After 1 h, 16 μ L of reaction mixture was diluted with 84 μ L of DMSO. Assuming full conversion of the alcohol to the corresponding iodide is reached, the concentration of this solution is 40 mM in a mixture of DMF/DMSO (1:5.2).

10 μ L of the iodide solution (40 mmol/L, 40 equiv) is then added to a PCR Eppendorf containing 4CzIPN (5 μ L of a 1 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 5 nmol, 0.5 equiv). TTMSOH (10 μ L of a 40 nmol/ μ L soln in DMSO, 400 nmol, 40 equiv), Na₂CO₃ (2.5 μ L of a 400 nmol/ μ L soln in H₂O, 1000 nmol, 100 equiv), and DNA-tethered alkene (5 μ L of a 2 nmol/ μ L soln in H₂O, 10 nmol, 1.0 equiv) were then added, and the mixture was mixed by pipetting back and forth. The PCR tube was then capped and irradiated for 5 min with Kessil H150-blue lamps at a distance of 1.5 inches. The reaction was then diluted with H₂O (100 μ L), filtered, and analyzed by LC/MS.

Note: TTMSOH was kept in the freezer under argon. The TTMSOH stock solution has to be prepared freshly and used directly.

¹⁶ Bunch L. et al. ACS Chem. Neurosci. 2020, 11, 702 - 714

5. NMR Spectra



$Methyl\ (2R)-2-((((9H-Fluoren-9-yl)methoxy) carbonyl) amino)-3-iodobutano ate\ (S3)$











tert-Butyl (*S*)-(2-(3-Iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)-1-phenylethyl)carbamate (1f) ¹H NMR (CDCl₃)



(3a\$,5R,5aR,8aR,8b\$)-5-((3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)methyl)-2,2,7,7tetramethyltetrahydro-5H-bis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-b:4',5'-d]pyran (1g) 'H NMR (CDCl₃)



1-(*tert*-Butyl) 2-Methyl (2S)-4-(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (1j) $^1{\rm H}$ NMR (CDCl_3)







tert-Butyl (3-((3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)carbamate (1m) ¹H NMR (CDCl₃)





¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃)

-80 -90

-110 f1 (ppm) -120 -130 -140

-100



-30 -40 -50 -60 -70

S34

190 -200








 Methyl
 (2S)-2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-3-(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1yl)butanoate (1x)









6. UPLC/MS Spectra of DNA headpieces

The synthesis of DNA- headpieces **HP-1**, **HP-2**, **HP-3**, **HP-4**, **HP-8** and **HP-9** was previously reported.^{17, 2} **HP-5**, **HP-6** and **HP-7** were prepared according to a described procedure starting from the corresponding carboxylic acid.²

Mass spectra of HP-5



¹⁷ Flanagan M. E. et al. ChemMedChem 2018, 13, 2159 – 2165











7. Control experiments for On-DNA reactions













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5504.0 54922 5754.0 55993

6316.0 51618

6166.0 44266 6152.0 34924

6774.0 48508 6686.0 40443

6524.0 42843

7466

7256.0 40254

Ir(ppy)3 instead of 4-CzIPN: degradation













8. Investigation for double alkylation on-DNA

To perform this study, the number of equivalents of both piperidine iodide and mediator were decreased. The global volume was identical to the one described in procedure II and analyzed the mixture by LCMS after 5 min of irradiation with blue LED.

For 20 equiv of 1-Boc-4-iodo-piperidine and 40 equiv of TTMSOH (See page S93)

With 50 equiv of 1-Boc-4-iodo-piperidine and 100 equiv of TTMSOH





With 10 equiv of 1-Boc-4-iodo-piperidine and 20 equiv of TTMSOH



With 5 equiv of 1-Boc-4-iodo-piperidine and 10 equiv of TTMSOH



With 2.5 equiv of 1-Boc-4-iodo-piperidine and 5 equiv of TTMSOH

9. Determination of yields for On-DNA reactions

General procedure I : Compound 2a, 91% yield









<u>General procedure I</u> : Compound **2d**, *30% yield With the following modification:* using 50 equiv of **1d** (50 mM) and 100 equiv of TTMSOH (100 mM)



General procedure I : Compound 2e (from BCP-I 1ea), 84% yield



<u>General procedure I</u>: Compound **2e** (from BCP-Br **1eb**), *63% yield with the following modification*: using 50 equiv of **1eb** (50 mM) and 100 equiv of TTMSOH(100 mM)





<u>General procedure I</u> : Compound 2g, >95% yield


















<u>General Procedure II</u> : Compound **20**, *46% yield with the following modification*: using 50 equiv of **10'** (50 mM) and 100 equiv of TTMSOH(100 mM)























<u>General Procedure II</u> : Compound **3d**, 85% yield With the following modification TTMSOH 40 equiv, 40 mM in DMSO



























General Procedure II: Compound 4a, 89% yield



General Procedure II : Compound 4b, 92% yield



General procedure I : Compound 4c, trace



General procedure I : Compound 4d, 34% yield





General procedure I : Compound 4f, 49% yield


























General procedure I : Compound 4s, 57% yield

















General procedure IV : Compound 4aa, 93% yield









General procedure for telescoped reaction from redox active ester: Compound 3i, 90% yield



General procedure for telescoped reaction from redox active ester: Compound 3p, 93% yield



General procedure for telescoped reaction from redox active ester: Compound 20, 28% yield







General procedure for telescoped reaction from carboxylic acid: Compound 3r, 90% yield



General procedure for telescoped reaction from carboxylic acid: Compound 3i, 76% yield



General procedure for telescoped reaction from carboxylic acid: Compound 3s, 84% yield



<u>General procedure for telescoped reaction from alcohol</u>: Compound **3t**, >95% yield



<u>General procedure for telescoped reaction from alcohol</u>: Compound **3u**, 90% yield



General procedure for telescoped reaction from alcohol: Compound 3i, 92% yield



<u>General procedure for telescoped reaction from alcohol</u>: Compound **3m**, >95% yield With the following modification: 3 equiv of [P(OPh)₃Me]I



Preparation of 4-vinyl benzamide-capped cycle 2 DNA tag (5a).

To a 1.5 mL PCR was added 400 nmol DNA (NH₂-HP-ST-T1-T2, 80 μ L, 5 mM in water, 1 equiv) in water. To this was added 320 μ L of sodium borate buffer (pH 9.4), followed by the addition of 80 μ L DMTMM (16000 nmol, 200 mM in water, 40 equiv), and 80 μ L of 4-vinylbenzoic acid (16000 nmol, 200 mM in DMA, 40 equiv). The reaction was equipped with a stirbar and allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. In the morning, the reaction solution was clear and colorless.

Following the conclusion of the reaction, the reaction sample was subjected to an ethanol precipitation according to General Procedure 1. The DNA pellet was then resuspended in 200 μ L of water, and a 1 μ L aliquot was taken for LCMS analysis. The DNA solution was then frozen in an acetone/dry ice bath and lyophilized to give the DNA material as a colorless solid.

A sample of the 4-vinyl benzamide capped, elongated DNA was kept for DNA damage analysis without being subjected to the on-DNA photoredox cross-coupling conditions.



[0.3 mM] effective concentration

Synthesis of cycle 2 DNA BCP-coupled product (6).

Reaction conditions A, B, and C were each carried out as 10 x 10 nmol reactions, then pooled to give on 100 nmol sample for qPCR and NGS analysis.

To a 0.2 mL PCR tube was added 5 uL of 4-CzIPN (5 nmol, 1 mM in DMSO, 0.5 equiv), followed by the addition of 10 μ L of I-BCP (250 nmol, 25 mM in DMSO, 25 equiv), 10 μ L of (Me₃Si)₃SiOH (500 nmol, 50 mM in DMSO, 50 equiv), and 2.5 μ L of Na₂CO₃ (1000 nmol, 400 mM in H₂O, 100 equiv). Finally, 4-vinyl functionalized DNA-HP material was added (5 μ L, 2 mM in water, 10 nmol) and the solution was vortexed for 30 s. The PCR tube was then suspended about 2 in in front of a 456 nm PR-160 Kessil lamp and irradiated on 100% power for 5 mins. At the conclusion of the reaction time, the reaction solution was taken up into 100 μ L of water. 30 μ L of this solution was syringe filtered into a low-volume LM-CS vial, this solution was diluted to 90 μ L by the addition of 60 μ L of ddH₂O. The reaction sample was then submitted for LC-MS analysis. LC-MS showed 39% yield for the desired product.

Reaction sample 6 were subjected to the normal reaction conditions and irradiated for 5 mins.

Reaction sample 5b were subjected to the reaction conditions but were covered with aluminum foil to avoid irradiation (dark control).

Reaction sample 5c were diluted with appropriate volumes of DMSO and water and irradiated in the absence of reagents.

Reaction sample 5d were not subjected to reagents or irradiation.
At the conclusion of the reaction, the 10 reaction samples were combined for each of the samples and subjected to an ethanol precipitation according to Section 2.2. The precipitated DNA material was taken up into 200 μ L of water, frozen in a dry ice/acetone bath and lyophilized in preparation for subsequent ligation steps, followed by qPCR and NGS analysis.

10.3 Ligations

Cycle 3 (T3) ligation (5-T3a-c, 6-T3)

To each tube of **5b-d** and **6** (50 nmol, 1 mM in ddH₂O) was added 1.8 equiv T3 (90 nmol, 1.98 mM in ddH₂O), 10X T4 DNA ligase buffer(20.00 μ L), ddH₂O (82.5 μ L) and T4 DNA ligase (2 μ L, 30 U/ μ L). The tubes were vortexed, centrifuged and stood at 16°C for 16 h. After that the samples were subjected to ethanol precipitation and spin filtration with 10K membrane. The ligation efficiency was detected by gel electrophoresis and LC-MS analysis.



Figure S3: Gel image and yield (LC-MS) for the T3 ligation.

Cycle 4 and 5 (T45, library tag) ligation (5-T3-T45a-c, 6-T3-T45)

To each tube of **5-T3a-c** and **6-T3** (20 nmol, 1 mM in ddH₂O) was added 1.3 equiv. T45 (26 nmol, 1 mM in ddH₂O), 10X T4 DNA ligase buffer (8 μ L) , ddH₂O (25 μ L) and T4 DNA ligase (1 μ L, 30 U/ μ L). The tubes were vertexed, centrifuged and stood at 16°C for 16 h. After that the samples were subjected to ethanol precipitation and spin filtration with 30K membrane. The ligation efficiency was detected by gel electrophoresis and LC-MS analysis.



Figure S4: Gel image and yield (LC-MS) for the cycle 4 and library tag ligation.

Closing tag ligation

To each tube of **5-T3-T45a-c** and **6-T3-T45** (1 nmol, 1 mM in ddH₂O) was added 2 equiv closing tag (2 nmol, 1 mM in ddH₂O), 10X T4 DNA ligase buffer (2 μ L), ddH₂O (15.6 μ L) and T4 DNA ligase (0.4 μ L, 30 U/ μ L). The tubes were vortexed, centrifuged and stood at 16°C for 16 h. After that the samples were subjected to ethanol precipitation and gel electrophoresis.



Figure S5: Gel images for the closing tag ligation.

10.4 qPCR and Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)

qPCR procedure

qPCR was performed with the SYBR Green Master Mix kit (Thermo) on a Real-Time PCR System (QuantStudio 7 Flex). All samples were subjected to PCR cycles as follows: 50°C incubation for 2 min, then 95°C heat activation for 5 min followed by 40 cycles of 95°C denaturation (10 seconds each), 55°C annealing (15 seconds each), and 72°C extension (30 seconds each).

To assess the amplification efficiency, the quantity of the full-length DNA templates was first normalized based on the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer result and qPCR with serial dilutions was performed. Linear fitting was then calculated respectively based on the CT values. The slope was then used to

determine amplification efficacy, which was found to be comparable between the reaction sample and the controls (\sim 90%).





Figure S6: qPCR efficiency.

Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)

Samples were diluted to 1E+7 copies/35 μ L as a template for PCR amplification. To a PCR tube was added diluted sample (35.0 μ L), 10x high fidelity PCR buffer (5 μ L), 50.0 mM MgSO₄ (2 μ L), 10 mM dNTP mix (1 μ L), Platinum Taq DNA Polymerase (0.2 μ L), 10 μ M forward primer (2 μ L), 10 μ M reverse primer (2 μ L), and nuclease-free water (2.8 μ L). The PCR products were purified by the Agencourt AMPure XP Beads method. The purified samples underwent next-generation sequencing (Illumina NovaSeq). Bowtie2 was used to map the sequenced reads to reference sequence (primer + coding region sequence) by local alignment. The detailed mapping identities were extracted from CIGAR string and XM flag in the SAM format. The translation rate of the four samples were found to be comparable and the percentage of the sequences that was a perfect match ranged from 73% for reaction sample 7 to 78% for the control **5-T3-T45-CPd**. When normalized to the control, reaction sample 7 was a 94% perfect sequence match, indicating just 6% mutated sequences.



Figure S7: Results and analysis of the NGS data.