# Asymmetric Synthesis of Bicyclic Amidines via Rhodium-Catalyzed [2 + 2 + 2] Cycloaddition of Carbodiimides.

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All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of argon in **General Methods.** flame-dried glassware with magnetic stirring. Toluene was degassed with argon and passed through one column of neutral alumina and one column of Q5 reactant. Triethylamine (peptide synthesis grade) was purchased from Fisher Scientific and used without further purification. Column chromatography was performed on Silicycle Inc. silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh). Thin layer chromatography was performed on Silicycle Inc. 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F plates. Visualization was accomplished with UV light (254 nm) and/or potassium permanganate.

Alkynes 1a – 1d, 1f, 1h – 1l, 1p, and 1q were purchased from Aldrich Chemicals Co. and used without further purification. Alkynes 1e and 1g are known compounds and can be synthesized from the corresponding aryl bromide or iodide via a typical Sonogashira procedure described previously.<sup>1</sup> Alkyne **1m** was prepared by a typical methylation using (trimethylsilyl)diazomethane solution (2.0 M in Et<sub>2</sub>O) of the corresponding carboxylic acid, which was purchased from Aldrich Chemicals Co. Alkyne **1n** and **1o** were prepared by typical TBS-protection of the corresponding alcohols, which were purchased from Aldrich Chemicals Co.  $[Rh(C_2H_4)_2Cl]_2$  and L1 were purchased from Strem Chemical, Inc. and used without further purification. Synthesis of L2 was described previously while L3 - L5 can be synthesized by the procedure described within. All racemate products are obtained via the same cycloaddition using the rac-L3 as the ligand. Carbodiimides 2a - 2f, 5, and 8 can be synthesized by the procedures described within.

### General procedure for synthesis of ligands:

To a flame-dried round bottom flask charged with a magnetic stir bar was added 4 Å molecular sieves, the diol (2.11 mmol) and 9 ml of THF. To the reaction mixture was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (3.40 eq, 7.17 mmol) and phosphorus trichloride (1.2 eq, 2.53 mmol) dropwise at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred for 40 minutes. A solution of amine (10 eq, 21.10 mmol) in 11 ml of THF was added slowly at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to stir overnight at ambient temperature before it was diluted with diethyl ether and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and the resulting crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (4:96 EtOAc:Hexane) to afford the desired phosphoramidite as a white solid.



1-[4,4,8,8-Tetrakis-(4-methyl-phenyl)-2,2-dimethyl-tetrahydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-e][1,3,2]dioxaphosphepin-6-yl]-pvrrolidine (L3). Flash Chromatography (96:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) yielded a white solid (45%).  $R_f = 0.50$  (90:10 Hexanes:EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -109.4$  (c=1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.64 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.46 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.34 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.29 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.11-7.01 (6H, m)

7.04 (2H, d, 8.1 Hz), 5.15 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 3.4 Hz), 4.76 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 3.41-3.37 (2H, m), 3.25-3.21 (2H, m), 2.31 (3H, s), 2.31 (3H, s), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.28 (3H, s) 1.83-1.78 (4H, m), 1.31 (3H, s), 0.29 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 144.6, 144.2,

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139.6, 139.5, 137.0, 136.8, 136.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.2, 127.2, 126.3, 111.6, 83.1, 82.8, 82.6, 81.6, 81.1, 45.2, 45.0, 27.8, 26.2, 26.2, 25.6, 21.3, 21.3, 21.2; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.74; IR (Thin Film) 2924, 2862, 1507, 1452, 1377, 1247, 1161, 1044, 907 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**1-[4,4,8,8-Tetrakis-(3,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-2,2-dimethyl-tetrahydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-e][1,3,2]dioxaphosphepin-6-yl]-pyrrolidine** (L4). Flash Chromatography (96:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) yielded a white solid (50%). R<sub>f</sub> = 0.50 (90:10 Hexanes:EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  = -108.0 (c=1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 (2H, s), 7.16 (2H, s), 7.04 (2H, s), 7.02 (2H, s), 6.84 (3H, s), 6.80 (1H, s), 5.08 (1H, dd, J = 8.5,

2.5 Hz), 4.74 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 3.47-3.35 (2H, m), 3.35-3.15 (2H, m), 2.27 (6H, s), 2.25 (12H, s), 2.24 (6H, s), 1.86-1.72 (4H, m), 1.32 (3H, s), 0.25 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.2, 146.9, 142.2, 142.1, 137.3, 136.9, 136.7, 136.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.0, 126.8, 125.3, 125.2, 111.7, 83.1 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 82.9, 82.7, 81.8, 81.1 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 45.1 (d, J = 19.0 Hz), 27.9, 26.3, 26.2, 25.7, 21.9, 21.8; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.40; IR (Thin Film) 2917, 2866, 1601, 1456, 1379, 1214, 1159, 1042, 854 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 678.3707, found 678.3702.



(*R*,*R*)-1-[4,4,8,8-Tetrakis-(3,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-2,2-dimethyltetrahydro-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-e][1,3,2]dioxaphosphepin-6-yl]piperidine (L5) Flash Chromatography (96:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) yielded a white solid (52%);  $R_f$ = 0.50 (90:10 Hexanes:EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -108.0 (c=1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 (2H, s), 7.20 (2H, s), 7.04 (4H, s), 6.84 (3H, s), 6.79 (1H, s), 5.02 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.5, 3.0

Hz), 4.67 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 3.34-3.27 (2H, m), 3.20-3.08 (2H, m), 2.26 (6H, s), 2.26 (6H, s), 2.26 (6H, s), 2.24 (6H, s), 1.65-1.50 (6H, m), 1.37 (3H, s), 0.25 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.5, 147.0, 142.1, 137.3, 136.9, 136.7, 136.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.1, 126.8, 125.3, 111.5, 83.3, 82.9, 82.7, 81.4, 81.3, 81.2, 77.4, 45.3, 45.1, 27.9, 27.2, 27.2, 25.7, 25.5, 21.9, 21.8, 21.7; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.76; IR (Thin Film) 2931, 2851, 1600, 1448, 1370, 1215, 1159, 1040, 940 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 692.3863, found 692.3843.

#### General procedure for synthesis of carbodiimides:



Procedure A: To a solution of 5-hexenoic acid (5.26 mmol) in 6 ml of MeCN (ca. 1 M) was added 0.77 ml of  $Et_3N$  (1.06 eq, 5.57 mmol) slowly, followed by 1.2 ml of diphenyl phosphoryl azide (1.06 eq, 5.57 mmol) dropwise at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 30 minutes before heated to 45 °C in an oil bath. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for additional two hours to ensure complete conversion to the isocyanate. The amine (1.2 eq, 6.31 mmol) was added, and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 12 hours fitted with a reflux condenser. The reaction was diluted with  $Et_2O$  (40 ml), washed with 1M HCl (2x20 ml)

and brine (20 ml). The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The urea was then purified by silica gel flash chromatography (70:30 Hexane:EtOAc). To a solution of the urea (1.76 mmol) in 14 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added triphenyl phosphine (2.0 eq, 3.53 mmol), 1.0 ml of Et<sub>3</sub>N (4.0 eq, 7.05 mmol), followed by a solution of CBr<sub>4</sub> (2.0 eq, 3.53 mmol) in 5 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> slowly at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 12 hours and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The target carbodiimide was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (96:4 Hexane:EtOAc). Note: Two consecutive purifications of flash chromatography are recommended, as the purity of carbodiimides is vital to the success of cycloaddition.

Procedure B: To a solution of isocyanate<sup>2</sup> (2.70 mmol) in 12 ml of  $CH_2Cl_2$  was added the amine (1.05 eq, 2.83 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 12 hours and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude material was dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O followed by addition of Hexane. The urea was then precipitated and filtered as a white solid. To a solution of the urea (1.76 mmol) in 14 ml of  $CH_2Cl_2$  was added triphenyl phosphine (2.0 eq, 3.53 mmol), 1.0 ml of Et<sub>3</sub>N (4.0 eq, 7.05 mmol), followed by a solution of  $CBr_4$  (2.0 eq, 3.53 mmol) in 5 ml of  $CH_2Cl_2$  slowly at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 12 hours and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The target carbodiimide was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (96:4 Hexane:EtOAc). Note: Two consecutive purifications of flash chromatography are recommended, as the purity of carbodiimides is vital to the success of cycloaddition.

**1-(pent-4-enyl)-3-phenylurea.** Procedure B yielded a white solid (81%);  $R_f = 0.56$  (1:1 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 (br s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.01 (m, 1H), 5.73 (ddt, 1H, J = 6.6, 10.2, 16.6 Hz), 5.58 (m, 1H), 4.99 – 4.92 (m, 2H), 3.18 (dt, 2H, J = 6.4, 6.4 Hz), 2.03 (dt, 2H, J = 7.2, 7.2 Hz), 1.54 (tt, 2H, J = 7.2, 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.7, 139.1, 138.0, 129.3, 123.5, 120.8, 115.3, 39.9, 31.2, 29.5; IR (Thin Film) 3338, 2925, 1647, 1596, 1558, 1500, 1443, 1310, 1240 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>)

205.13353, found 205.13350.

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*N*-((pent-4-enylimino)methylene)aniline (2a). Procedure B yielded an clear oil (66%);  $R_f = 0.63$  (95:5 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 5.80 (ddt, 1H, J = 6.8, 10.2, 17.0 Hz), 5.07 (dm, 1H, J = 17.1 Hz), 5.02 (dm, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 3.44 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.20 (dt, 2H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz), 1.78 (tt, 2H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.8, 137.4, 136.3, 129.6, 124.8, 123.7, 115.9, 46.3, 31.0, 30.6; IR (Thin Film) 2931, 2135, 1595, 1502, 1344, 1153 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> (a) Yu, R. T.; Rovis, T. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 2782. (b) Lee, E. E.; Rovis, T. Org. Lett. In press.



1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(pent-4-enyl)urea. Procedure A yielded a white solid (52%);  $R_f = 0.33$  (1:1 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.13 (d, 2H, J = 7.7 Hz), 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.79 (d,

2H, J = 7.8 Hz), 5.73 (m, 1H), 5.16 (m, 1H), 4.97 – 4.89 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.16 (m, 2H), 2.01 (dt, 2H, J = 6.2, 6.2 Hz), 1.52 (tt, 2H, J = 6.6, 6.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 157.2, 156.8, 138.1, 131.4, 124.5, 115.2, 114.6, 55.7, 40.0, 31.3, 29.5; IR (Thin Film) 3313, 2938, 1634, 1570, 1513, 1297, 1246, 1176, 1030 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 235.14410, found 235.14350.

4-methoxy-N-((pent-4-enylimino)methylene)aniline (2b). Procedure A yielded an clear oil (46%);  $R_f = 0.26$  (95:5 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.02 \text{ (d, 2H, } J = 8.7 \text{ Hz}), 6.82 \text{ (d, 2H, } J = 8.7 \text{ Hz}),$ 

5.80 (ddt, 1H, J = 6.6, 10.0, 16.8 Hz), 5.05 (dm, 1H, J = 17.3 Hz), 5.01 (dm, 1H, J = 10.0Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.40 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.19 (dt, 2H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz), 1.76 (tt, 2H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.0, 137.5, 137.3, 133.2, 124.5, 115.8, 114.8, 55.7, 46.4, 31.0, 30.6; IR (Thin Film) 2936, 2129, 1582, 1507, 1289, 1240, 1170,  $1033 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .



1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-(pent-4-enyl)urea. Procedure A yielded a white solid (59%);  $R_f = 0.53$  (1:1 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.01 (dd, 1H, J = 1.9, 7.7 Hz), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.98 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.84 (dd, 2H, J = 1.7, 7.7 Hz), 5.78 (ddt, 1H, J = 6.6, 10.2, 17.1 Hz), 5.21 (m, 1H), 5.01 (dm, 1H, J = 17.0 Hz), 4.96 (dm, 1H, J = 10.2 Hz), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.26 (dt, 2H, J =6.7, 6.7 Hz), 2.09 (dt, 2H, J = 7.2, 7.2 Hz), 1.62 (tt, 2H, J = 7.2, 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.9, 148.5, 138.1, 128.9, 122.7, 121.4, 119.9, 115.3, 110.4, 55.8, 40.0, 31.3, 29.5; IR (Thin Film) 3326, 2933, 1640, 1602, 1564, 1462, 1284, 1252, 1170, 1025  $cm^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 235.14410, found 235.14318.



2-methoxy-N-((pent-4-envlimino)methylene)aniline (2c). Procedure A yielded an clear oil (72%);  $R_f = 0.29$  (95:5 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.07 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.5, 7.7, 7.7 Hz), 7.02 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.6, 8.1 Hz, 6.89 - 6.85 (m, 2H), 5.81 (ddt, 1H, J = 6.6, 10.0, 16.8 Hz), 5.07 Hz

(dm, 1H, J = 17.0 Hz), 5.00 (dm, 1H, J = 10.2 Hz), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.41 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz),2.20 (dt, 2H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz), 1.77 (tt, 2H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.1, 137.7, 137.1, 129.1, 125.5, 124.8, 121.2, 115.6, 111.3, 56.1, 46.4, 31.1, 30.4; IR (Thin Film) 2936, 2135, 1589, 1502, 1464, 1344, 1245, 1109, 1027 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-(pent-4-enyl)urea. Procedure A vielded a vellow oil (51%);  $R_f = 0.63$  (1:1 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.13 – 7.11 (m, 2H),

6.96 (m, 1H), 5.77 (m, 1H), 5.73 (ddt, 1H, J = 6.6, 10.0, 16.8 Hz), 5.00 - 4.85 (m, 2H), 5.00 - 4.3.18 (dt, 2H, J = 6.8, 6.8 Hz), 2.03 (dt, 2H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz), 1.53 (tt, 2H, J = 7.2, 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 156.5, 140.4, 137.8, 134.8, 130.2, 123.1, 120.1, 118.0, 115.4, 39.9, 31.2, 29.3; IR (Thin Film) 3326, 2931, 1653, 1595, 1558, 1475, 1271, 1233,  $1093, 1074 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 239.09456, found 239.09391.



**3-chloro-***N***-((pent-4-enylimino)methylene)aniline (2d).** Procedure A yielded an clear oil (55%);  $R_f = 0.57$  (10:1 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.20 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.96 (dm, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 5.80 (ddt, 1H, *J* = 6.8, 10.2, 17.1 Hz), 5.09 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 3.46 (t,

2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.20 (dt, 2H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz), 1.78 (tt, 2H, J = 6.8, 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.4, 137.2, 134.9, 134.8, 130.4, 124.9, 123.9, 121.9, 116.0, 46.2, 31.0, 30.5; IR (Thin Film) 2936, 2140, 1589, 1485, 1344, 1164, 1109 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**1-(pent-4-enyl)-3-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)urea.** Procedure A yielded a white solid (70%);  $R_f = 0.47$  (7:3 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (d, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.56 (d, 1H, J = 7.7

Hz), 7.47 (dd 1H, J = 7.7, 7.7 Hz), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.85 (m, 1H), 5.75 (ddt, 1H, J = 6.6, 10.2, 16.8 Hz), 5.01 – 4.92 (m, 2H), 3.17 (dt, 2H, J = 6.8, 6.8 Hz), 2.04 (dt, 2H, J = 6.8, 6.8 Hz), 1.56 (tt, 2H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.8, 137.9, 136.5, 133.0, 129.6, 126.3, 125.5, 124.0, 120.4, 115.4, 40.2, 31.2, 29.1; IR (Thin Film) 3326, 2938, 1650, 1564, 1456, 1322, 1284, 1175, 1119, 1030 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 273.12092, found 273.12023.



N-((pent-4-enylimino)methylene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline(2e).Procedure A yielded an clear oil (60%);  $R_f = 0.52$  (95:5 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.46 (dd, 1H, J = 7.9,7.9 Hz), 7.25 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 7.15 (dd, 1H, J = 7.7, 7.7 Hz), 5.79 (ddt,

1H, J = 6.8, 10.2, 17.0 Hz), 5.05 (dm, 1H, J = 17.3 Hz), 5.01 (dm, 1H, J = 10.8 Hz), 3.47 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.19 (dt, 2H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz), 1.78 (tt, 2H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.7, 137.3, 132.8, 132.6, 127.0, 126.9, 125.5, 124.1, 122.4, 116.0, 46.0, 30.9, 30.4; IR (Thin Film) 2942, 2151, 1581, 1507, 1462, 1315, 1130, 1056 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**4-((pent-4-enylimino)methyleneamino)benzonitrile (2f).** After a quick flash chromatography, the crude urea was converted to the target perhodized to precedure **A** as an alege sil (25%) example.

carbodiimide according to Procedure A as an clear oil (25% overall);  $R_f = 0.18$  (95:5 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.12 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 5.79 (ddt, 1H, J = 6.6, 10.2, 17.1 Hz), 5.08 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 3.50 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.19 (dt, 2H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz), 1.79 (tt, 2H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.4, 137.0, 133.6, 132.5, 124.3, 119.1, 116.2, 107.7, 46.0, 30.9, 30.4; IR (Thin Film) 2936, 2230, 2150, 1594, 1507, 1340, 1155 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-methylpent-4-enyl)urea.** Procedure B yielded a white solid (67%);  $R_f = 0.54$  (1:1 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 6.98 – 6.90 (m, 3H),

(400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8 8.01 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 6.98 – 6.90 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, 2H, J = 7.9 Hz), 5.15 (m, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.25 (dt, 2H, J = 6.7, 6.7 Hz), 2.05 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.67 (tt, 2H, J = 7.3, 7.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8 155.8, 148.5, 145.3, 128.8, 122.7, 121.4, 120.0, 110.5, 110.4, 55.8, 40.3, 35.2, 28.2, 22.6; IR (Thin Film) 3326, 2938, 1640, 1602, 1558, 1462, 1431, 1246, 1106, 1025 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 249.15975, found 249.15873.



**2-methoxy-***N***-((4-methylpent-4-enylimino)methylene)aniline** (5). Procedure B yielded an clear oil (68%);  $R_f = 0.34$  (95:5 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.07 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.5, 7.7, 7.7 Hz), 7.02 (dd, 1H, J = 1.5, 8.3 Hz), 6.88 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.40 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.15 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.82 (tt, 2H, J =

7.0, 7.0 Hz), 1.73 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.1, 144.9, 137.1, 129.2, 125.5, 124.8, 121.2, 111.3, 110.8, 56.0, 46.6, 35.1, 29.2, 22.6; IR (Thin Film) 2940, 2131, 1588, 1501, 1465, 1347, 1245, 1107, 1020 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**1-(hex-5-enyl)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)urea.** Procedure B yielded a white solid (80%);  $R_f = 0.53$  (1:1 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.02 (dd, 1H, J = 1.9, 7.7 Hz), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.99 –

6.90 (m, 2H), 6.84 (dd, 2H, J = 1.7, 7.7 Hz), 5.77 (ddt, 1H, J = 6.8, 10.2, 17.1 Hz), 5.13 (m, 1H), 4.99 (dm, 1H, J = 17.1 Hz), 4.94 (dm, 1H, J = 10.2 Hz), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.25 (dt, 2H, J = 6.7, 6.7 Hz), 2.05 (dt, 2H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz), 1.58 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.38 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.8, 148.4, 138.7, 128.9, 122.6, 121.4, 119.8, 114.9, 110.3, 55.8, 40.4, 33.6, 29.8, 26.3; IR (Thin Film) 3319, 2931, 1640, 1602, 1551, 1456, 1240, 1214, 1170, 1030 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 249.15975, found 249.15959.



*N*-((hex-5-enylimino)methylene)-2-methoxyaniline (8). Procedure B yielded an clear oil (70%);  $R_f = 0.32$  (95:5 Hex/EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.07 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz), 7.02 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 6.89 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 5.80 (ddt, 1H, J = 6.8, 10.2, 17.1 Hz), 5.01 (dm, 1H,

J = 17.1 Hz), 4.96 (dm, 1H, J = 10.2 Hz), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.40 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.10 (dt, 2H, J = 6.9, 6.9 Hz), 1.74 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.1, 138.6, 137.1, 129.2, 125.5, 124.8, 121.2, 115.0, 111.3, 56.1, 47.0, 33.5, 30.8, 26.3; IR (Thin Film) 2936, 2132, 1594, 1501, 1464, 1342, 1242, 1107, 1025 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# General procedure for the Rh-catalyzed [2+2+2] cycloaddition of alkenyl carbodiimides and terminal alkynes:

A flame-dried round bottom flask was charged with  $[Rh(C_2H_4)_2Cl]_2$  (1.8 mg, 0.0048 mmol) and the phosphoramidite ligand L4 (6.5 mg, 0.0097 mmol), and was fitted with a flame-dried reflux condenser in an inert atmosphere (N<sub>2</sub>) glove box. Upon removal from the glove box, 1.0 ml toluene was added via syringe and the resulting yellow solution was stirred at ambient temperature under argon flow for 15 minutes. To this solution was added a solution of alkyne 1 (0.322 mmol) and carbodiimide 2, 5, or 8 (0.161 mmol) in 1 ml of toluene via syringe or cannula. After an additional 1 ml of toluene to wash down the remaining residue, the resulting solution was heated to 110 °C in an oil bath, and maintained at reflux for *ca*. 3 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, concentrated in vacuo, and purified by flash column chromatography (gradient elution typically 50:50 Hex:EtOAC, then 100% EtOAc, followed by 60:40:4 Hex:EtOAc:Et<sub>3</sub>N). Evaporation of solvent afforded the analytically pure product 3, 6, or 9. The minor products 4, 7, 10 were much more polar (basic), requiring 96:4 EtOAc:Et<sub>3</sub>N for isolation. The minor products were typically a 2:1 or 3:1 mixture of imine isomers, and often

contaminated with other by-products. For characterization purpose, products that can be isolated relatively clean such as 4aa, 4ab, 4ac, 7a, 4ke, and 4kc, analytical data are provided. Others are not provided due to the impurities.



(S,E)-N-(7-phenyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1H)-ylidene)aniline (3aa). General procedure with alkyne 1a and carbodiimide 2a yielded 32.5 mg of the cycloadduct (70%);  $R_f = 0.46$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -$ 430.8 (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 85:15 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 8.34 minutes, Minor: 7.22 minutes, 254

nm detection light, ee = 97%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 6.99 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.88 (d, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.42 (d, 1H, J = 2.6 Hz), 3.78 (m, 1H), 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.64 (m, 1H), 2.92 (dd, 1H, J = 4.3, 16.2 Hz), 2.59 (ddd, 1H, J = 2.8, 13.2, 16.0 Hz), 2.29 (ddd, 1H, J = 5.5, 5.5, 11.3 Hz), 2.14 (m, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.75 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 152.1, 150.7, 145.4, 139.2, 129.0, 128.8, 126.0, 123.4, 122.0, 114.6, 56.4, 45.6, 33.8, 33.7, 23.3; IR (Thin Film) 2959, 1629, 1573, 1454, 1350, 1328 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 289.16992, found 289.16896.



(R)-N-(5-phenyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-7(1H)-ylidene)aniline (4aa). General procedure with alkyne 1a and carbodiimide 2a yielded 8.5 mg of the cycloadduct (18%) as a 3:1 mixture of the imine isomers;  $R_f =$ 0.28 (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N); *ee* not determined; See spectra for its <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (Thin Film) 2967, 1600, 1575, 1489, 1452, 1235, 1111 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 289.16992, found 289.1702.



(S,E)-4-methoxy-N-(7-phenyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1H)ylidene)aniline (3ab). General procedure with alkyne 1a and carbodiimide **2b** yielded 36.0 mg of the cycloadduct (70%);  $R_f = 0.43$ (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -329.0$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis -Chiracel OD-H column 85:15 hexane: iPrOH with 0.1% diethyl amine.

1.0 ml/min, Major: 9.05 minutes, Minor: 8.06 minutes, 254 nm detection light, ee = 94%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 6.83 – 6.78 (m, 4H), 6.42 (d, 1H, J = 2.1 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.60 (m, 1H), 2.90 (dd, 1H, J = 4.1, 16.2 Hz), 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.27 (ddd, 1H, J = 5.7, 5.7, 11.5 Hz), 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.72 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.1, 152.5, 145.1, 144.0, 139.3, 128.9, 128.8, 125.9, 124.1, 114.6, 114.1, 56.4, 55.6, 45.5, 33.8, 33.6, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2954, 1627, 1571, 1496, 1446, 1322, 1235 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 319,18048, found 319.17926.



(R)-4-methoxy-N-(5-phenyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-7(1H)vlidene)aniline (4ab). General procedure with alkyne 1a and carbodiimide **2b** yielded 9.2 mg of the cycloadduct (18%) as a 3:1 mixture of the imine isomers;  $R_f = 0.17$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N); *ee* not determined; See spectra for its <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (Thin Film) 2961, 1600, 1581, 1544, 1489, 1452, 1235, 1111 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 319.18048, found 319.1812.



(S,E)-2-methoxy-N-(7-phenyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1H)ylidene)aniline (3ac). General procedure with alkyne 1a and carbodiimide **2c** yielded 35.0 mg of the cycloadduct (68%);  $R_f = 0.49$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20} = -330.1$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 80:20 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 12.35 minutes, Minor: 8.67 minutes, 210 nm detection light, ee = 98%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.34 (m, 1H), 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.75 - 3.63 (m, 2H), 2.89 (dd, 1H, J =4.0, 16.2 Hz), 2.57 (ddd, 1H, J = 2.3, 12.2, 15.8 Hz), 2.27 (ddd, 1H, J = 6.0, 6.0, 11.5 Hz), 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.2, 146.1, 139.0, 134.3, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 126.0, 123.5, 121.9, 121.7, 114.3, 56.4, 45.5, 33.8, 33.7, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2946, 1635, 1579, 1491, 1441, 1328, 1240 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 319.18048, found 319.17991.

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(R)-2-methoxy-N-(5-phenyl-2.3.8.8a-tetrahydroindolizin-7(1H)ylidene)aniline (4ac). General procedure with alkyne 1a and carbodiimide 2c yielded 7.2 mg of the cycloadduct (14%) as a 3:1 mixture of the imine isomers;  $R_f = 0.15$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N); *ee* not determined; See spectra for its <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (Thin Film) 2955, 1600, 1575, 1551, 1489, 1452, 1235, 1111 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 319.18048, found 319.1801.

(S,E)-3-chloro-N-(7-phenyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1H)vlidene)aniline (3ad). General procedure with alkyne 1a and carbodiimide **2d** yielded 34.9 mg of the cycloadduct (67%);  $R_f = 0.60$ (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -391.8$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis -Chiracel AD-H column 99:1 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 8.90

minutes, Minor: 8.21 minutes, 254 nm detection light, ee = 97%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.15 (dd, 1H, J = 7.9, 8.1 Hz), 6.94 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz), 6.36 (d, 1H, J = 2.3 Hz), 3.76 - 3.67 (m, 2H), 3.57(m, 1H), 2.92 (dd, 1H, J = 4.1, 16.2 Hz), 2.57 (ddd, 1H, J = 2.6, 13.6, 16.0 Hz), 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.74 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.2, 146.1, 139.0, 134.3, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 126.0, 123.5, 121.9, 121.7, 114.3, 56.4, 45.5, 33.8, 33.7, 23.3; IR (Thin Film) 2959, 1623, 1573, 1447, 1353, 1328, 1278 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 323.13095, found 323.12911.

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(S,E)-N-(7-phenyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1H)-ylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (3ae). General procedure with alkyne 1a and carbodiimide 2e yielded 47.0 mg of the cycloadduct (82%);  $R_f = 0.56$ (EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -212.7$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel AD-

H column 99:1 hexane: iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 5.24 minutes, Minor: 5.54 minutes, 210 nm detection light, ee = 97%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 7.01 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 7.7 Hz), 6.81 (d, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz), 6.16 (d, 1H, J = 2.6 Hz), 3.76 - 3.68 (m, 2H), 3.62 (m, 1H), 2.90 (dd, 1H, J = 4.3, 16.2 Hz), 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.75 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 151.3, 150.2, 146.1, 139.1, 132.1, 129.0, 128.8, 126.5, 126.4, 126.1, 126.0, 124.7, 123.4, 123.1, 121.3, 114.7, 56.4, 45.3, 33.9, 33.7, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2963, 1633, 1578, 1559, 1443, 1248, 1126 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 357.15730, found 357.15647.

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## (S,E)-4-(7-phenyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1H)-

vlideneamino)benzonitrile (3af). General procedure with alkyne 1a and carbodiimide **2f** in the presence of 5 mol%  $[Rh(C_2H_4)_2Cl]_2$  and 10 mol% L4 yielded 28.0 mg of the cycloadduct (55%);  $R_f = 0.12$  (EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = -413.2 (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 90:10

hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 11.26 minutes, Minor: 12.37 minutes, 210 nm detection light, ee = 92%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 6.88 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 6.29 (d, 1H, J = 2.6 Hz), 3.78 – 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.56 (m, 1H), 2.95 (dd, 1H, J = 4.3, 16.4 Hz), 2.60 (ddd, 1H, J = 2.8, 13.4, 16.2 Hz), 2.32 (ddd, 1H, J = 6.0, 6.0, 11.9 Hz), 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.75 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 155.7, 152.0, 146.8, 138.7, 133.1, 129.4, 129.0, 125.9, 124.0, 120.4, 114.1, 104.2, 56.3, 45.6, 33.7, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2963, 2218, 1626, 1553, 1456, 1322, 1273, 1163 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 314.16468, found 314.16517.

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(S,E)-2-methoxy-N-(8a-methyl-7-phenyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1H)-vlidene)aniline (6a). General procedure with alkyne 1a and carbodiimide **5** yielded 34.3 mg of the cycloadduct (64%);  $R_f = 0.44$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20} = -249.8$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel

OD-H column 80:20 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 6.74 minutes, Minor: 8.76 minutes, 210 nm detection light, ee = 99%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.36 - 7.29 (m, 5H), 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.87 - 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 6.30 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.79 - 3.65 (m, 2H), 2.83 (d, 1H, J = 16.2 Hz), 2.77 (dd, 1H, J = 2.1, 16.2 Hz), 2.11 – 2.04 (m, 3H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.3, 151.8, 143.3, 140.4, 139.9, 128.7, 126.0, 124.6, 122.6, 120.8, 114.7, 111.5, 60.2, 55.9, 45.1, 40.9, 40.8, 23.1, 21.7; IR (Thin Film) 2963, 1626, 1578, 1486, 1431, 1236, 1169 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 333.19614, found 333.19614.

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(R)-2-methoxy-N-(8a-methyl-5-phenyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-7(1H)-vlidene)aniline (7a). General procedure with alkyne 1a and carbodiimide 5 yielded 10.8 mg of the cycloadduct (20%) as a 2:1 mixture of the imine isomers;  $R_f = 0.36$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N); *ee* not determined; See spectra for its <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz. CDCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (Thin Film) 2967, 1600, 1575, 1551, 1489, 1452, 1241, 1111 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 333. 19614, found 333.1963.

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(S,E)-2-methoxy-N-(2-phenyl-1H-quinolizin-4(6H,7H,8H,9H,9aH)ylidene)aniline (9a). General procedure with alkyne 1a and carbodiimide 8 in the presence of 5 mol%  $[Rh(C_2H_4)_2Cl]_2$  and 10 mol% L4 yielded 23.0 mg of the cycloadduct (43%);  $R_f = 0.55$  (65:35:4 Hex/EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20} = -240.1$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column

85:15 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 20.39 minutes, Minor: 11.03 minutes, 210 nm

detection light, ee = 98%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.33 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.74 (d, 1H, J = 6.6 Hz), 6.26 (d, 1H, J = 1.7 Hz), 4.62 (dm, 1H, J = 12.8 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.37 (m, 1H), 2.78 (dd, 1H, J = 4.9, 17.1 Hz), 2.71 (dd, 1H, J = 3.2, 13.2 Hz), 2.61 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.7, 10.4, 16.8 Hz), 1.87 – 1.80 (m, 3H), 1.72 – 1.42 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.8, 151.7, 143.4, 140.4, 139.1, 128.9, 128.7, 125.8, 123.6, 122.8, 121.0, 113.7, 111.6, 56.0, 55.1, 45.3, 34.6, 33.6, 24.8, 24.1; IR (Thin Film) 2930, 1637, 1581, 1489, 1440, 1328, 1260 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 333.19614, found 333.19535.

(*S*,*E*)-*N*-(7-(4-bromophenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)ylidene)-2-methoxyaniline (3bc). General procedure with alkyne 1b and carbodiimide 2c yielded 47.7 mg of the cycloadduct (75%);  $R_f =$ 0.45 (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -345.1$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 80:20 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 12.44 minutes, Minor: 9.03 minutes, 210 nm detection light,

ee = 98%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.20 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.32 (m, 1H), 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.75 – 3.63 (m, 2H), 2.83 (dd, 1H, J = 4.3, 16.2 Hz), 2.55 (ddd, 1H, J = 2.3, 13.2, 15.8 Hz), 2.27 (ddd, 1H, J = 6.0, 6.0, 11.5 Hz), 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.72 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.4, 143.7, 138.1, 131.9, 127.5, 124.5, 123.0, 120.8, 115.5, 111.3, 56.4, 55.9, 45.7, 33.6, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2938, 1620, 1578, 1431, 1320, 1230, 1108 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 397.09100, found 397.08916. X-ray data is attached at the end of this manuscript.

![](_page_10_Picture_4.jpeg)

(*S*,*E*)-*N*-(7-(3-fluorophenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)ylidene)-2-methoxyaniline (3cc). General procedure with alkyne 1c and carbodiimide 2c yielded 41.9 mg of the cycloadduct (77%);  $R_f = 0.48$ (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -359.1$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 80:20 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 11.83

minutes, Minor: 8.45 minutes, 210 nm detection light, ee = 99%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.27 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.04 -- 6.95 (m, 3H), 6.88 - 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.74 (dd, 1H, J = 1.7, 7.7 Hz), 6.34 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz), 3.82 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.73 - 3.61 (m, 2H), 2.83 (dd, 1H, J = 4.3, 16.2 Hz), 2.55 (ddd, 1H, J = 2.6, 13.0, 15.8 Hz), 2.27 (ddd, 1H, J = 5.8, 5.8, 11.3 Hz), 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.3, 161.8, 152.2, 152.1, 143.3, 141.8, 141.7, 139.9, 130.3, 130.2, 124.3, 122.8, 121.6, 120.8, 116.2, 115.7, 115.5, 113.0, 112.8, 111.3, 56.3, 55.9, 45.5, 33.8, 33.6, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2953, 1636, 1579, 1485, 1435, 1328, 1247, 1109 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 337.17106, found 337.17014.

![](_page_10_Picture_7.jpeg)

(*S*,*E*)-*N*-(7-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)ylidene)-2-methoxyaniline (3dc). General procedure with alkyne 1d and carbodiimide 2c yielded 37.7 mg of the cycloadduct (66%);  $R_f =$ 0.43 (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -341.4$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 80:20 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 11.40 minutes, Minor: 8.20 minutes, 210 nm detection light, *ee* = 99%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.98 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.86 (m, 4H), 6.75 – 6.71 (m, 2H), 6.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.73 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 2.78 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.3, 16.2 Hz), 2.54 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 2.6, 13.0, 16.0 Hz), 2.27 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 6.2, 6.2, 12.1 Hz), 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.72 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.9, 152.2, 151.7, 142.2, 139.7, 124.2, 123.0, 120.8, 117.0, 111.4, 109.0, 108.8, 104.2, 103.9, 103.7, 56.2, 55.9, 45.6, 33.7, 33.6, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2938, 1626, 1596, 1443, 1322, 1242, 1120 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 355.16164, found 355.16026.

![](_page_11_Picture_1.jpeg)

(*S*,*E*)-1-(4-(5-(2-methoxyphenylimino)-1,2,3,5,8,8ahexahydroindolizin-7-yl)phenyl)ethanone (3ec). General procedure with alkyne 1e and carbodiimide 2c yielded 45.2 mg of the cycloadduct (78%);  $R_f = 0.37$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -352.8$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 80:20 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 25.11 minutes, Minor: 17.29

minutes, 210 nm detection light, ee = 99%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (d, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.42 (d, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.74 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.42 (m, 1H), 3.82 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.75 – 3.66 (m, 2H), 2.88 (dd, 1H, J = 4.1, 16.0 Hz), 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.28 (ddd, 1H, J = 6.6, 6.6, 11.9 Hz), 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.74 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.6, 152.2, 152.0, 143.9, 143.3, 139.8, 136.9, 128.8, 126.1, 124.3, 122.9, 120.8, 117.1, 111.3, 56.3, 55.9, 45.6, 33.7, 26.9, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2954, 1683, 1627, 1577, 1434, 1353, 1271, 1235, 1116 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 361.19105, found 361.19049.

![](_page_11_Picture_4.jpeg)

(*S*,*E*)-2-methoxy-*N*-(7-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,3,8,8atetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)-ylidene)aniline (3fc). General procedure with alkyne 1f and carbodiimide 2c yielded 42.5 mg of the cycloadduct (68%);  $R_f = 0.44$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -303.4$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 80:20 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 9.49 minutes, Minor: 7.13 minutes, 210 nm detection

light, ee = 96%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.43 (d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz), 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, 1H, J = 6.8 Hz), 6.38 (d, 1H, J = 2.3 Hz), 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78 – 3.63 (m, 2H), 2.86 (dd, 1H, J = 4.3, 16.0 Hz), 2.60 (ddd, 1H, J = 2.4, 13.2, 15.8 Hz), 2.28 (ddd, 1H, J = 5.8, 5.8, 11.3 Hz), 2.14 (m, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.74 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.3, 152.0, 143.3, 142.9, 131.1, 130.5 126.2, 125.7, 125.7, 124.4, 123.1, 120.8, 117.0, 111.4, 56.3, 55.9, 45.7, 33.7, 33.6, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2948, 1625, 1581, 1439, 1328, 1235, 1111 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 387.16787, found 387.16857.

![](_page_11_Picture_7.jpeg)

## (S,E)-3-(5-(2-methoxyphenylimino)-1,2,3,5,8,8a-

hexahydroindolizin-7-yl)benzonitrile (3gc). General procedure with alkyne 1g and carbodiimide 2c yielded 34.3 mg of the cycloadduct (62%);  $R_f = 0.49$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -280.9$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 80:20 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0

ml/min, Major: 21.14 minutes, Minor: 15.22 minutes, 210 nm detection light, ee = 94%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60 (s, 1H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd, 1H, J = 7.9, 7.9 Hz), 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.73 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.35 (d, 1H, J = 2.3 Hz), 3.82 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.76 – 3.61 (m, 2H), 2.82 (dd, 1H, J = 4.3, 16.2 Hz), 2.59 (ddd, 1H, J = 2.6, 13.2, 15.8 Hz), 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.74 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.2, 151.7, 142.2, 140.8, 139.7, 132.0, 130.2, 129.7, 129.5, 124.2, 123.0, 120.9, 118.7, 117.1, 113.1, 111.4, 56.2, 55.9, 45.6, 33.7, 33.6, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2953, 2225, 1629, 1573, 1485, 1435, 1328, 1234, 1115 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 344.17573, found 344.17469.

![](_page_12_Picture_1.jpeg)

(*S,E*)-2-methoxy-*N*-(7-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8,8atetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)-ylidene)aniline (3hc). General procedure with alkyne 1h and carbodiimide 2c yielded 38.8 mg of the cycloadduct (69%);  $R_f = 0.40$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -280.9$  (c

<sup>H</sup> = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 80:20 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 15.51 minutes, Minor: 11.07 minutes, 210 nm detection light, ee = 99%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.23 (dd, 1H, J = 7.9, 7.9 Hz), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.77 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.33 (m, 1H), 3.82 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.76 – 3.63 (m, 2H), 2.86 (dd, 1H, J =4.3, 16.2 Hz), 2.56 (ddd, 1H, J = 2.1, 13.0, 15.6 Hz), 2.26 (ddd, 1H, J = 6.0, 6.0, 11.7 Hz), 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.8, 152.5, 152.4, 144.7, 140.9, 129.8, 124.5, 122.9, 120.8, 118.5, 115.5, 113.8, 112.0, 111.3, 56.4, 55.9, 55.5, 45.7, 33.9, 33.6, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2947, 1633, 1583, 1490, 1440, 1328, 1253, 1116 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 349.19105, found 349.19044.

![](_page_12_Picture_4.jpeg)

(*S*,*E*)-2-methoxy-*N*-(7-*m*-tolyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)ylidene)aniline (3ic). General procedure with alkyne 1i and carbodiimide 2c yielded 32.8 mg of the cycloadduct (61%);  $R_f = 0.47$ (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -349.2$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 80:20 hexane:iPrOH. 1.0 ml/min, Major: 11.50

minutes, Minor: 8.21 minutes, 210 nm detection light, *ee* = 98%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.2 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.32 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 3.84 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.74 – 3.63 (m, 2H), 2.88 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.3, 16.2 Hz), 2.57 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 2.6, 13.2, 16.0 Hz), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.26 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 5.8, 5.8, 11.7 Hz), 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.6, 152.4, 145.0, 139.4, 138.4, 129.6, 128.7, 126.7, 124.5, 123.1, 122.8, 120.8, 115.1, 111.2, 56.4, 55.9, 45.7, 33.9, 33.7, 23.2, 21.7; IR (Thin Film) 2942, 1631, 1569, 1489, 1439, 1322, 1235, 1114 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 333.19614, found 333.19545.

![](_page_12_Picture_7.jpeg)

(*S*,*E*)-*N*-(7-*m*-tolyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)-ylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (3ie). General procedure with alkyne 1i and carbodiimide 2e yielded 44.0 mg of the cycloadduct (74%);  $R_f = 0.51$ (EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -230.2$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel AD-H column 99:1 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 4.81 minutes,

Minor: 5.41 minutes, 210 nm detection light, ee = 98%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.33 (dd, 1H, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.18 (dd, 1H, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 6.98 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz), 6.79 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.11 (m,

1H), 3.74 - 3.65 (m, 2H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.86 (dm, 1H, J = 6.4 Hz), 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.72 (m, 1H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.4, 146.3, 139.2, 138.4, 132.1, 129.8, 128.7, 126.6, 126.5, 126.4, 124.7, 123.1, 121.2, 114.5, 56.4, 45.3, 34.1, 33.7, 23.2, 21.6; IR (Thin Film) 2961, 1631, 1594, 1563, 1439, 1310, 1124 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 371.17296, found 371.1734.

![](_page_13_Picture_1.jpeg)

(*S*,*E*)-2-methoxy-*N*-(7-(thiophen-3-yl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)-ylidene)aniline (3jc). General procedure with alkyne 1j and carbodiimide 2c yielded 30.6 mg of the cycloadduct (58%);  $R_f = 0.46$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -311.5$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 80:20 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 16.30 minutes,

Minor: 10.22 minutes, 210 nm detection light, ee = 98%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, 1H, J = 4.9 Hz), 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.32 (m, 1H), 3.82 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.72 – 3.64 (m, 2H), 2.89 (dd, 1H, J = 4.0, 16.2 Hz), 2.50 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.7, 10.2, 15.3 Hz), 2.27 (ddd, 1H, J = 5.8, 5.8, 11.3 Hz), 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.72 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.8, 152.4, 141.0, 139.3, 126.6, 125.4, 124.9, 122.8, 120.8, 113.8, 111.3, 56.2, 55.9, 45.7, 33.6, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2948, 1625, 1575, 1495, 1439, 1328, 1235, 1111 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 325.13691, found 325.13691.

![](_page_13_Picture_4.jpeg)

(*S*,*E*)-*N*-(7-(thiophen-3-yl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)ylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (3je). General procedure with alkyne 1j and carbodiimide 2e yielded 46.1 mg of the cycloadduct (79%);  $R_f =$ 0.46 (EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -265.9$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel AD-H column 99:1 hexane(with 0.01% diethyl amine):iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min,

Major: 6.31 minutes, Minor: 6.66 minutes, 254 nm detection light, ee = 97%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (d, 1H, J = 6.8 Hz), 7.34 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.99 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz), 6.78 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.11 (m, 1H), 3.74 – 3.64 (m, 2H), 3.57 (m, 1H), 2.88 (dm, 1H, J = 16.2 Hz), 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.71 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.6, 140.8, 132.1, 126.7, 126.4, 125.3, 124.7, 123.1, 121.3, 113.1, 56.2, 45.4, 33.8, 33.7, 23.1; IR (Thin Film) 2967, 1631, 1587, 1563, 1439, 1315, 1247, 1123, 1031 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 363.11373, found 363.11471.

![](_page_13_Picture_7.jpeg)

(*S*,*E*)-2-methoxy-*N*-(7-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8,8atetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)-ylidene)aniline (3kc). General procedure with alkyne 1k and carbodiimide 2c yielded 11.2 mg of the cycloadduct (20%);  $R_f = 0.43$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -165.2$  (c = 0.73, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 80:20 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 18.71 minutes, Minor: 12.56

minutes, 210 nm detection light, ee = 99%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.78 (m, 5H), 6.27 (m, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.75 – 3.66 (m, 2H), 2.89 (dd, 1H, J = 4.0, 16.0 Hz), 2.52 (ddd, 1H, J = 2.4, 11.6, 16.0 Hz), 2.27 (ddd, 1H, J = 6.0, 6.0, 11.2 Hz), 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 160.3, 152.9, 152.5, 140.1, 131.4, 127.3,

124.7, 122.9, 120.8, 114.1, 113.3, 111.3, 56.5, 55.9, 55.5, 45.8, 33.6, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2954, 1627, 1577, 1515, 1440, 1241, 1179, 1116 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 349.19105, found 349.18953.

![](_page_14_Picture_1.jpeg)

(*R*)-2-methoxy-*N*-(5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-7(1*H*)-ylidene)aniline (4kc). General procedure with alkyne 1k and carbodiimide 2c yielded 29.3 mg of the cycloadduct (52%) as a 2:1 mixture of the imine isomers;  $R_f = 0.17$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N); *ee* not determined; See spectra for its <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (Thin Film) 2954, 1602, 1577, 1509, 1453, 1247, 1172, 1116 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 349.19105, found 349.18960.

![](_page_14_Picture_3.jpeg)

(*S,E*)-*N*-(7-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)ylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (3ke). General procedure with alkyne 1k and carbodiimide 2e yielded 23.0 mg of the cycloadduct (37%);  $R_f = 0.79$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -236.7$  (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel AD-H column 90:10 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 4.98 minutes, Minor: 5.45 minutes,

210 nm detection light, ee = 96%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (d, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.34 (dd, 1H, J = 7.7, 7.7 Hz), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.98 (dd, 1H, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz), 6.84 – 6.78 (m, 3H), 6.60 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.75 – 3.63 (m, 2H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.87 (dd, 1H, J = 4.0, 16.2 Hz), 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.72 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.4, 151.6, 145.5, 132.1, 131.3, 127.3, 126.4, 124.8, 121.2, 114.1, 112.9, 56.4, 55.6, 45.3, 33.8, 33.7, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2945, 1631, 1557, 1510, 1439, 1247, 1179, 1124 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 387.16787, found 387.16883.

![](_page_14_Picture_6.jpeg)

(*R*)-*N*-(5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-7(1*H*)ylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (4ke). General procedure with alkyne 1k and carbodiimide 2e yielded 22.3 mg of the cycloadduct (36%) as a 3:1 mixture of the imine isomers;  $R_f = 0.56$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N); *ee* not determined; See spectra for its <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (Thin Film) 2961, 1600, 1563, 1513, 1443, 1247, 1172, 1117 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 387.16787, found

387.16797.

![](_page_14_Picture_9.jpeg)

(*S,E*)-*N*-(7-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-8a-methyl-2,3,8,8atetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)-ylidene)-2-methoxyaniline (6d). General procedure with alkyne 1d and carbodiimide 5 yielded 47.0 mg of the cycloadduct (79%);  $R_f = 0.53$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -253.6$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 80:20

hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 6.41 minutes, Minor: 7.96 minutes, 210 nm detection light, ee = 98%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.83 (m, 4H), 6.75 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.29 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.78 – 3.64 (m, 2H), 2.76 – 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.11 – 2.06 (m, 3H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.4, 162.1, 152.1, 151.0, 124.4, 122.9, 120.9, 116.3, 111.6, 109.0, 108.8, 104.2, 103.9, 103.7, 60.1, 55.9, 45.1, 40.8, 40.6, 23.2, 21.7; IR (Thin Film) 2969, 1626, 1585, 1571, 1431, 1242, 1174, 1120 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 369.17729, found 369.17689.

![](_page_15_Picture_1.jpeg)

(*S,E*)-1-(4-(5-(2-methoxyphenylimino)-8a-methyl-1,2,3,5,8,8ahexahydroindolizin-7-yl)phenyl)ethanone (6e). General procedure with alkyne 1e and carbodiimide 5 yielded 45.0 mg of the cycloadduct (74%);  $R_f = 0.43$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -245.8$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 80:20 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 13.21 minutes, Minor: 16.64

minutes, 210 nm detection light, ee = 99%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.42 (d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz), 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.38 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.79 – 3.65 (m, 2H), 2.83 – 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.14 – 2.06 (m, 3H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.6, 152.2, 151.3, 144.4, 142.1, 140.2, 136.9, 128.8, 126.1, 124.5, 122.8, 120.9, 116.5, 111.5, 60.1, 55.9, 45.1, 40.9, 40.6, 26.9, 23.2, 21.7; IR (Thin Film) 2967, 1680, 1625, 1569, 1427, 1266, 1111 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 375.20670, found 375.20550.

![](_page_15_Picture_4.jpeg)

(*S*,*E*)-2-methoxy-*N*-(7-(3-methoxyphenyl)-8a-methyl-2,3,8,8atetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)-ylidene)aniline (6h). General procedure with alkyne 1h and carbodiimide 5 yielded 38.7 mg of the cycloadduct (66%);  $R_f = 0.49$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -244.0$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 80:20 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0

ml/min, Major: 7.95 minutes, Minor: 10.68 minutes, 210 nm detection light, ee = 96%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.23 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz), 6.96 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.82 (m, 4H), 6.77 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 6.29 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.78 – 3.63 (m, 2H), 2.81 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.11 – 2.06 (m, 3H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.22 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.6, 159.8, 152.3, 151.7, 143.2, 141.4, 129.8, 124.6, 122.6, 120.8, 118.5, 115.0, 113.7, 112.1, 111.4, 60.2, 55.9, 55.5, 45.1, 40.9, 23.1, 21.7; IR (Thin Film) 2957, 1626, 1577, 1492, 1430 1242, 1162, 1108 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 363.20670, found 363.20638.

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(*S*,*E*)-*N*-(7-hexyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)-ylidene)-2methoxyaniline (3lc). General procedure with alkyne 1l and carbodiimide 2c in the presence of 5 mol% [Rh(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub> and 10 mol% L4 yielded 38.8 mg of the cycloadduct (74%);  $R_f = 0.41$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -211.9$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis –

Chiracel OD-H column 85:15 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 8.59 minutes, Minor: 7.05 minutes, 230 nm detection light, ee = 91%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.96 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.74 (d, 1H, J = 7.0 Hz), 5.72 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.62 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 2.29 (dd, 1H, J = 4.5, 16.2 Hz), 2.18 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.10 – 2.05 (m, 3H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.37 – 1.21 (m, 8H), 0.86 (t, 3H, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.8, 152.4, 149.3, 124.5, 122.5, 120.6, 114.5, 111.2, 56.5, 55.8, 45.5, 37.2, 34.7, 33.6, 31.8, 29.0, 27.2, 23.2, 22.8, 14.3; IR (Thin Film) 2928,

1651, 1583, 1490, 1440, 1322, 1247, 1116 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 327.24309, found 327.24281.

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(*S*,*E*)-methyl 5-(5-(2-methoxyphenylimino)-1,2,3,5,8,8ahexahydroindolizin-7-yl)pentanoate (3mc). General procedure with alkyne 1m and carbodiimide 2c in the presence of 5 mol% [Rh(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub> and 10 mol% L4 yielded 39.0 mg of the cycloadduct (68%);  $R_f = 0.42$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -212.4$ 

(c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 85:15 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 19.00 minutes, Minor: 13.29 minutes, 230 nm detection light, ee = 92%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.93 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.70 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 5.73 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.61 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 2.30 – 2.25 (m, 3H), 2.19 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.10 – 2.03 (m, 3H), 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.54 (m, 3H), 1.44 – 1.38 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.1, 152.6, 152.3, 148.1, 140.3, 124.4, 122.4, 120.6, 115.0, 111.2, 56.4, 55.8, 51.7, 45.4, 36.8, 34.6, 33.9, 33.6, 26.7, 24.5, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2942, 1736, 1649, 1575, 1489, 1439, 1328, 1235, 1173 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 357.21726, found 357.21669.

![](_page_16_Picture_4.jpeg)

(*S,E*)-*N*-(7-(2-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)ethyl)-2,3,8,8atetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)-ylidene)-2-methoxyaniline (3nc). General procedure with alkyne 1n and carbodiimide 2c in the presence of 5 mol% [Rh(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub> and 10 mol% L4 yielded 49.3 mg of the cycloadduct (76%); R<sub>f</sub> = 0.48 (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -169.9$  (c =

1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 85:15 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 8.24 minutes, Minor: 5.98 minutes, 230 nm detection light, ee = 96%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.93 (m, 1H), 6.84 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.70 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 5.78 (d, 1H, J = 1.7 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.65 (m, 2H), 3.62 – 3.52 (m, 2H), 2.38 (dd, 1H, J = 4.3, 16.4 Hz), 2.28 (t, 2H, J = 6.4 Hz), 2.21 – 2.13 (m, 2H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.60 (m, 1H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.003 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.6, 152.4, 146.4, 140.3, 124.4, 122.4, 120.7, 116.0, 111.2, 61.8, 56.3, 55.8, 45.4, 40.4, 35.3, 33.6, 26.1, 23.1, 18.4, -5.22; IR (Thin Film) 2947, 1652, 1577, 1490, 1465, 1434, 1328, 1253, 1097 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 401.26188, found 401.26217.

![](_page_16_Picture_7.jpeg)

(*S,E*)-*N*-(7-(3-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)propyl)-2,3,8,8atetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)-ylidene)-2-methoxyaniline (3oc). General procedure with alkyne 1o and carbodiimide 2c in the presence of 5 mol% [Rh(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub> and 10 mol% L4 yielded 48.5 mg of the cycloadduct (73%);  $R_f = 0.49$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -$ 

181.1 (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis – Chiracel OD-H column 85:15 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 7.21 minutes, Minor: 5.69 minutes, 230 nm detection light, ee = 94%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.93 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 5.75 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.62 – 3.51 (m, 4H), 2.30 (dd, 1H, J = 4.4, 16.4 Hz), 2.20 – 2.10 (m, 5H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.56 (m, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.006 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.6, 152.4, 148.6, 140.4, 124.4, 122.4, 120.7, 114.6, 111.2, 62.6, 56.4, 55.8, 45.4, 34.9, 33.6, 30.5, 26.1, 23.2, 18.5, -5.13; IR

(Thin Film) 2940, 1654, 1579, 1441, 1322, 1252, 1102 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd  $(M+H^+)$  415.27753, found 415.27832.

![](_page_17_Picture_1.jpeg)

(*S*,*E*)-*N*-(7-(4-chlorobutyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)ylidene)-2-methoxyaniline (3pc). General procedure with alkyne 1p and carbodiimide 2c in the presence of 5 mol% [Rh(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub> and 10 mol% L4 yielded 32.1 mg of the cycloadduct (60%); R<sub>f</sub> = 0.46 (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -179.6$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis -

Chiracel OD-H column 85:15 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 13.88 minutes, Minor: 11.04 minutes, 230 nm detection light, ee = 88%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.95 (m, 1H), 6.86 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 5.74 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.62 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.49 (t, 2H, J = 6.4 Hz), 2.30 (dd, 1H, J = 4.5, 16.4 Hz), 2.20 – 2.05 (m, 5H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.52 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.5, 152.4, 140.0, 124.4, 122.6, 120.7, 115.1, 111.2, 56.4, 55.8, 45.5, 44.8, 36.3, 34.6, 33.6, 32.0, 24.4, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2942, 1649, 1581, 1489, 1439, 1328, 1241, 1173, 1118 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 333.17281, found 333.17217.

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(*S*,*E*)-2-methoxy-*N*-(7-phenethyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)-ylidene)aniline (3qc). General procedure with alkyne 1q and carbodiimide 2c in the presence of 5 mol% [Rh(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub> and 10 mol% L4 yielded 39.3 mg of the cycloadduct (70%);  $R_f = 0.47$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -219.8$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); HPLC analysis -

Chiracel OD-H column 85:15 hexane:iPrOH, 1.0 ml/min, Major: 17.02 minutes, Minor: 12.63 minutes, 230 nm detection light, ee = 92%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, 2H, J = 7.9 Hz), 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.84 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 6.58 (d, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 5.75 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.61 – 3.52 (m, 2H), 2.72 – 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.38 (m, 2H), 2.31 (dd, 1H, J = 4.5, 16.4 Hz), 2.22 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.60 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.5, 152.4, 147.7, 141.2, 140.2, 128.6, 128.5, 126.3, 124.4, 122.4, 120.6, 115.2, 111.2, 56.3, 55.8, 45.4, 39.0, 35.0, 33.8, 33.6, 23.2; IR (Thin Film) 2930, 1649, 1581, 1489, 1439, 1328, 1247, 1118 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 342.21179, found 342.21059.

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(*E*)-2-methoxy-*N*-((7*R*,8*aS*)-7-phenylhexahydroindolizin-5(1*H*)ylidene)aniline (11). A mixture of 3ac (29.1 mg, 0.0914 mmol) and 34 mg of 10% Pd/C in 3 ml of MeOH was stirred at ambient temperature under hydrogen atmosphere (1 atm) for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite and concentrated *in vacuo*. Upon purification by

<sup>nOe: 2.8%</sup> column chromatography 27.0 mg (92%) of the desired product was isolated;  $R_f = 0.44$  (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -155.0$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 6.87 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.7, 7.7, 7.7 Hz), 6.82 – 6.74 (m, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.74 – 3.66 (m, 2H), 3.54 (dddd, 1H, *J* = 4.1, 4.1, 10.9, 10.9 Hz), 2.94 (dddd, 1H, *J* = 3.3, 5.3, 12.2, 17.7 Hz), 2.55 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.3, 16.8 Hz), 2.27 – 2.20 (m, 2H), 2.12 (m, 1H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.55 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.9, 151.6, 145.0, 140.5, 128.8, 126.9, 126.8, 124.1, 122.4, 121.1, 111.5, 59.3, 55.8, 46.4, 39.9, 36.8, 34.3, 33.7, 22.8; IR (Thin Film) 2932,

1602, 1584, 1462, 1443, 1320, 1242, 1110 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 321.19614, found 321.19721.

(*S*)-7-phenyl-1,2,3,5,8,8a-hexahydroindolizine (12). To a solution of **3ac** (33.0 mg, 0.104 mmol) in 2 ml of anhydrous THF was added 0.5 ml of 1M DIBAL solution (in hexane) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature until the disappearance of starting material. The reaction was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O and then 2N NaOH, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Upon purification by column chromatography 15.0 mg (72%) of the desired product was isolated; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.36 (96:4 EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = + 85.3$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.32 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.23 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.08 (m, 1H), 3.69 (dm, 1H, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 3.25 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 8.8, 8.8 Hz), 2.93 (dm, 1H, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.56 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.6, 135.9, 128.5, 127.1, 125.4, 122.6, 60.4, 54.5, 53.1, 35.0, 31.1, 21.7; IR (Thin Film) 2960, 2910, 2779, 1496, 1446, 1384, 1328, 1147 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 200.14337, found 200.14313.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of new compounds are attached:

X-ray data of **3bc** is attached following the spectra

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Identification code	rovis29_0m		
Empirical formula	C21 H21 Br N2 O		
Formula weight	397.31		
Temperature	100(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Orthorhombic		
Space group	P2(1)2(1)2(1)		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 6.4508(13)  Å	α= 90°.	
	b = 14.332(3) Å	β= 90°.	
	c = 38.051(8)  Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}.$	
Volume	3518.0(13) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	8		
Density (calculated)	1.500 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	2.348 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
F(000)	1632		
Crystal size	0.27 x 0.26 x 0.04 mm <sup>3</sup>		
Theta range for data collection	3.50 to 30.03°.		
Index ranges	-3<=h<=9, -20<=k<=19	, -47<=l<=53	
Reflections collected	22084		
Independent reflections	10257 [R(int) = 0.1359]		
Completeness to theta = $30.03^{\circ}$	99.7 %		
Absorption correction	multi-scan		
Max. and min. transmission	0.9161 and 0.5729		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares	on $F^2$	
Data / restraints / parameters	10257 / 0 / 452		
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.923		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0705, wR2 = 0.	1039	
R indices (all data)	R1 = NaN, wR2 = 0.1405		
Absolute structure parameter	-0.016(19)		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.580 and -0.573 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>		

Table 7. Crystal data and structure refinement for  $rovis29_0m$  (3bc).

	X	у	Z	U(eq)
Br(1)	6942(1)	1906(1)	9840(1)	34(1)
N(1)	-4066(10)	-430(4)	8700(2)	22(2)
N(2)	-4005(10)	789(5)	8314(2)	21(2)
O(1)	-264(8)	525(4)	7987(1)	21(1)
C(1)	-3191(12)	376(5)	8581(2)	16(2)
C(2)	-1368(12)	688(5)	8784(2)	17(2)
C(3)	-476(13)	201(6)	9034(2)	21(2)
C(4)	-1302(12)	-773(5)	9122(2)	29(2)
C(5)	-3555(13)	-848(5)	9045(2)	27(2)
C(6)	-4437(14)	-1821(6)	9009(2)	45(2)
C(7)	-6198(14)	-1747(6)	8747(2)	45(3)
C(8)	-5943(13)	-846(5)	8548(2)	21(2)
C(9)	1370(13)	559(5)	9229(2)	19(2)
C(10)	2785(13)	1157(5)	9058(2)	22(2)
C(11)	4423(12)	1554(6)	9238(2)	22(2)
C(12)	4651(12)	1359(6)	9590(2)	25(2)
C(13)	3366(12)	748(6)	9764(2)	25(2)
C(14)	1711(13)	372(6)	9583(2)	25(2)
C(15)	-2933(12)	1559(5)	8165(2)	19(2)
C(16)	-3856(13)	2434(6)	8161(2)	23(2)
C(17)	-2835(12)	3187(6)	7993(2)	24(2)
C(18)	-1019(13)	3045(6)	7815(2)	25(2)
C(19)	-70(12)	2168(5)	7810(2)	19(2)
C(20)	-1002(12)	1434(5)	7986(2)	18(2)
C(21)	1536(13)	343(6)	7776(2)	24(2)
Br(1A)	8267(1)	6859(1)	9885(1)	33(1)
N(1A)	19162(9)	4583(5)	8687(2)	17(2)
N(2A)	18968(10)	5791(5)	8303(2)	19(2)
O(1A)	15297(8)	5531(4)	7948(1)	21(1)
C(1A)	18143(12)	5312(5)	8553(2)	18(2)
C(2A)	16175(11)	5592(5)	8735(2)	18(2)

Table 8. Atomic coordinates (  $x \ 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x 10<sup>3</sup>) for rovis29\_0m. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U<sup>ij</sup> tensor.

C(3A)	15619(12)	5207(5)	9047(2)	15(2)
C(4A)	16957(11)	4457(5)	9207(2)	23(2)
C(5A)	18192(13)	3926(5)	8935(2)	23(2)
C(6A)	20053(11)	3372(5)	9062(2)	20(2)
C(7A)	21352(13)	3295(6)	8733(2)	26(2)
C(8A)	21086(12)	4224(5)	8543(2)	20(2)
C(9A)	13775(13)	5564(5)	9240(2)	19(2)
C(10A)	12229(12)	6090(5)	9080(2)	18(2)
C(11A)	10607(12)	6470(5)	9267(2)	22(2)
C(12A)	10464(13)	6315(6)	9628(2)	24(2)
C(13A)	11941(12)	5774(6)	9797(2)	28(2)
C(14A)	13570(13)	5395(5)	9601(2)	23(2)
C(15A)	17886(12)	6553(5)	8145(2)	17(2)
C(16A)	18764(13)	7448(6)	8154(2)	21(2)
C(17A)	17804(13)	8187(7)	7987(2)	29(2)
C(18A)	15990(13)	8051(7)	7797(2)	25(2)
C(19A)	15122(12)	7167(6)	7781(2)	21(2)
C(20A)	16082(13)	6406(5)	7954(2)	19(2)
C(21A)	13456(12)	5348(6)	7748(2)	28(2)

Br(1)-C(12)	1.924(9)
N(1)-C(1)	1.365(9)
N(1)-C(8)	1.468(10)
N(1)-C(5)	1.478(9)
N(2)-C(1)	1.288(9)
N(2)-C(15)	1.421(9)
O(1)-C(20)	1.387(9)
O(1)-C(21)	1.435(9)
C(1)-C(2)	1.476(10)
C(2)-C(3)	1.312(10)
C(3)-C(9)	1.494(12)
C(3)-C(4)	1.531(11)
C(4)-C(5)	1.486(11)
C(5)-C(6)	1.512(11)
C(6)-C(7)	1.516(11)
C(7)-C(8)	1.505(11)
C(9)-C(14)	1.390(10)
C(9)-C(10)	1.411(11)
C(10)-C(11)	1.380(11)
C(11)-C(12)	1.378(10)
C(12)-C(13)	1.376(11)
C(13)-C(14)	1.381(11)
C(15)-C(16)	1.388(10)
C(15)-C(20)	1.431(11)
C(16)-C(17)	1.418(10)
C(17)-C(18)	1.367(11)
C(18)-C(19)	1.399(11)
C(19)-C(20)	1.385(10)
Br(1A)-C(12A)	1.891(8)
N(1A)-C(1A)	1.335(9)
N(1A)-C(8A)	1.451(9)
N(1A)-C(5A)	1.472(9)
N(2A)-C(1A)	1.289(9)
N(2A)-C(15A)	1.430(9)

Table 9. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for rovis29\_0m.

O(1A)-C(20A)	1.353(9)
O(1A)-C(21A)	1.435(9)
C(1A)-C(2A)	1.500(10)
C(2A)-C(3A)	1.360(10)
C(3A)-C(9A)	1.488(11)
C(3A)-C(4A)	1.507(10)
C(4A)-C(5A)	1.513(10)
C(5A)-C(6A)	1.518(10)
C(6A)-C(7A)	1.510(10)
C(7A)-C(8A)	1.526(10)
C(9A)-C(10A)	1.391(10)
C(9A)-C(14A)	1.403(10)
C(10A)-C(11A)	1.377(10)
C(11A)-C(12A)	1.394(11)
C(12A)-C(13A)	1.387(11)
C(13A)-C(14A)	1.398(11)
C(15A)-C(20A)	1.388(11)
C(15A)-C(16A)	1.402(10)
C(16A)-C(17A)	1.381(11)
C(17A)-C(18A)	1.389(11)
C(18A)-C(19A)	1.387(11)
C(19A)-C(20A)	1.415(10)
C(1)-N(1)-C(8)	123.6(7)
C(1)-N(1)-C(5)	123.1(6)
C(8)-N(1)-C(5)	111.7(6)
C(1)-N(2)-C(15)	118.2(7)
C(20)-O(1)-C(21)	116.6(6)
N(2)-C(1)-N(1)	118.9(7)
N(2)-C(1)-C(2)	126.8(7)
N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	114.3(7)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	124.6(8)
C(2)-C(3)-C(9)	121.8(8)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	119.3(8)
C(9)-C(3)-C(4)	118.8(7)
C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	111.3(6)

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102.1(6)
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114.6(7)
123.6(6)
122.4(6)
112.3(6)
121.2(7)
119.1(6)
119.7(7)
123.1(7)
116.8(7)
121.2(7)
120.2(7)

C(2A)-C(3A)-C(4A)	119.4(7)
C(9A)-C(3A)-C(4A)	120.3(7)
C(3A)-C(4A)-C(5A)	112.6(6)
N(1A)-C(5A)-C(4A)	110.0(6)
N(1A)-C(5A)-C(6A)	101.7(6)
C(4A)-C(5A)-C(6A)	117.4(6)
C(7A)-C(6A)-C(5A)	102.3(6)
C(6A)-C(7A)-C(8A)	105.5(6)
N(1A)-C(8A)-C(7A)	103.0(6)
C(10A)-C(9A)-C(14A)	117.1(8)
C(10A)-C(9A)-C(3A)	123.0(7)
C(14A)-C(9A)-C(3A)	119.9(8)
C(11A)-C(10A)-C(9A)	122.2(7)
C(10A)-C(11A)-C(12A)	119.8(8)
C(13A)-C(12A)-C(11A)	120.1(8)
C(13A)-C(12A)-Br(1A)	120.3(6)
C(11A)-C(12A)-Br(1A)	119.6(7)
C(12A)-C(13A)-C(14A)	119.0(8)
C(13A)-C(14A)-C(9A)	121.8(8)
C(20A)-C(15A)-C(16A)	119.4(7)
C(20A)-C(15A)-N(2A)	120.9(7)
C(16A)-C(15A)-N(2A)	119.4(7)
C(17A)-C(16A)-C(15A)	120.5(8)
C(16A)-C(17A)-C(18A)	120.7(9)
C(19A)-C(18A)-C(17A)	119.3(9)
C(18A)-C(19A)-C(20A)	120.5(8)
O(1A)-C(20A)-C(15A)	117.6(7)
O(1A)-C(20A)-C(19A)	122.9(7)
C(15A)-C(20A)-C(19A)	119.5(7)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

	U <sup>11</sup>	U <sup>22</sup>	U <sup>33</sup>	U <sup>23</sup>	U <sup>13</sup>	U <sup>12</sup>
Br(1)	31(1)	42(1)	31(1)	-2(1)	-6(1)	-3(1)
N(1)	20(3)	6(4)	38(4)	0(3)	2(3)	-6(3)
N(2)	21(4)	20(4)	20(4)	3(3)	3(3)	5(3)
O(1)	20(3)	23(3)	18(3)	1(2)	3(2)	4(3)
C(1)	19(4)	7(4)	23(4)	1(3)	11(4)	0(3)
C(2)	16(4)	19(4)	16(4)	2(3)	6(3)	2(3)
C(3)	24(4)	26(5)	14(4)	4(4)	13(4)	4(4)
C(4)	33(5)	26(4)	26(4)	6(4)	-4(4)	8(4)
C(5)	33(5)	23(4)	24(4)	6(3)	-2(4)	-12(4)
C(6)	56(6)	30(5)	48(5)	6(5)	-12(5)	-19(5)
C(7)	39(5)	26(5)	69(6)	20(5)	-15(5)	-9(5)
C(8)	22(4)	13(4)	29(5)	-2(4)	10(4)	3(4)
C(9)	25(4)	19(5)	14(4)	3(3)	4(4)	6(4)
C(10)	29(4)	14(4)	24(4)	4(3)	-6(4)	11(4)
C(11)	22(4)	20(5)	24(4)	-2(3)	7(4)	11(4)
C(12)	20(4)	29(5)	28(5)	1(4)	-3(4)	11(4)
C(13)	21(4)	36(5)	16(4)	11(4)	2(4)	3(4)
C(14)	20(4)	35(5)	21(4)	9(4)	7(4)	0(4)
C(15)	18(4)	23(5)	15(4)	1(3)	-5(4)	-7(4)
C(16)	28(5)	19(5)	21(4)	-1(4)	-5(4)	0(4)
C(17)	30(4)	14(4)	29(4)	1(4)	-12(4)	-1(5)
C(18)	36(5)	14(5)	26(4)	-2(4)	1(4)	-13(4)
C(19)	23(4)	20(5)	15(4)	-5(3)	2(3)	5(4)
C(20)	16(4)	16(4)	21(4)	-2(3)	1(3)	2(3)
C(21)	20(4)	23(5)	29(4)	6(4)	-1(4)	3(4)
Br(1A)	26(1)	35(1)	38(1)	-6(1)	10(1)	3(1)
N(1A)	16(3)	25(4)	12(3)	8(3)	2(3)	3(3)
N(2A)	17(4)	19(4)	21(4)	2(3)	-2(3)	6(3)
O(1A)	17(3)	16(3)	29(3)	8(2)	-5(2)	-2(2)
C(1A)	16(4)	21(4)	16(4)	-7(3)	1(4)	-5(3)
C(2A)	14(4)	20(4)	19(4)	3(3)	1(3)	2(3)

Table 10. Anisotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x 10<sup>3</sup>)for rovis29\_0m. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2$ [  $h^2a^{*2}U^{11} + ... + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12}$ ]

C(3A)	17(4)	7(4)	22(4)	-6(3)	1(3)	-2(3)
C(4A)	24(4)	14(4)	29(4)	6(3)	1(4)	-4(3)
C(5A)	30(4)	19(4)	21(4)	2(3)	1(4)	8(4)
C(6A)	20(4)	20(4)	21(4)	4(3)	0(3)	8(3)
C(7A)	27(4)	22(5)	30(4)	6(4)	-5(4)	4(4)
C(8A)	19(4)	15(4)	25(4)	-1(4)	-3(3)	5(3)
C(9A)	24(4)	13(4)	19(4)	-1(3)	-3(4)	-6(4)
C(10A)	23(4)	14(4)	18(4)	6(3)	0(3)	0(3)
C(11A)	19(4)	16(4)	31(5)	1(4)	-3(4)	1(3)
C(12A)	29(4)	13(4)	30(5)	-6(4)	13(4)	1(4)
C(13A)	27(4)	35(5)	21(4)	-3(4)	0(4)	-8(4)
C(14A)	22(4)	24(5)	22(4)	-2(4)	5(4)	1(4)
C(15A)	20(4)	15(5)	15(4)	0(3)	-1(3)	-5(3)
C(16A)	21(4)	26(5)	16(4)	-5(4)	0(4)	5(4)
C(17A)	37(5)	31(5)	18(4)	-3(4)	11(4)	-3(5)
C(18A)	34(5)	24(5)	18(4)	6(4)	9(3)	7(5)
C(19A)	22(4)	27(5)	15(4)	-1(4)	9(3)	7(4)
C(20A)	27(4)	10(4)	20(4)	1(3)	4(3)	1(3)
C(21A)	15(4)	35(5)	33(5)	0(4)	-11(4)	0(4)

	х	у	Z	U(eq)
H(2B)	-800	1282	8730	21
H(4A)	-539	-1244	8982	34
H(4B)	-1059	-906	9374	34
H(5A)	-4342	-509	9232	32
H(6A)	-4955	-2048	9238	54
H(6B)	-3363	-2258	8923	54
H(7A)	-6159	-2282	8582	53
H(7B)	-7547	-1754	8871	53
H(8A)	-5763	-963	8293	26
H(8B)	-7158	-434	8583	26
H(10A)	2607	1290	8816	27
H(11A)	5374	1953	9120	26
H(13A)	3610	588	10003	29
H(14A)	775	-27	9703	30
H(16A)	-5162	2528	8271	27
H(17A)	-3418	3795	8003	29
H(18A)	-391	3551	7694	30
H(19A)	1195	2076	7686	23
H(21A)	1917	-317	7797	36
H(21B)	2689	732	7857	36
H(21C)	1232	489	7530	36
H(2AB)	15302	6047	8629	21
H(4AA)	16065	4014	9337	27
H(4AB)	17924	4745	9377	27
H(5AA)	17241	3502	8802	28
H(6AA)	20804	3709	9250	24
H(6AB)	19635	2750	9149	24
H(7AA)	20863	2773	8584	31
H(7AB)	22826	3188	8793	31
H(8AA)	22257	4650	8593	24

Table 11. Hydrogen coordinates (  $x \ 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x  $10^3$ ) for rovis29\_0m.

H(8AB)	20977	4132	8285	24
H(10B)	12293	6191	8833	22
H(11B)	9591	6837	9151	26
H(13B)	11847	5663	10043	34
H(14B)	14564	5012	9716	27
H(16B)	20030	7547	8276	25
H(17B)	18389	8793	8002	35
H(18B)	15351	8559	7678	30
H(19B)	13872	7071	7654	25
H(21D)	13094	4686	7768	42
H(21E)	13703	5505	7501	42
H(21F)	12314	5729	7839	42



