Supporting Information

Divergent Total Synthesis of (-)-Aspidospermine and (+)-Spegazzinine

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Supporting Information Scheme 1.



Supporting Information Scheme 2. 0 a) NH₃/MeOH b) TFAA/pyr. Chiral HPLC Ò Ò BnÖ BnÓ Ň́́́́́́́∎` Bn H Ň́́́́́́́́́∎́ Bn H ĊO₂Me ĊO₂Me 5 (+)-5, (-)-5 NaCNBH₃ Lawesson's rgt Õ Õ BnÓ BnÓ toluene HCI-MeOH Ń_≣` Bn H Ň́∩́≣` Bn H ĊΝ ĊΝ (+)-12, (-)-12 (+)-22, (-)-22 X-ray S NaBH₄ BnÓ BnÓ BnÓ THF Ν Bn∦ Bn H I ₿n⋕ он ŌН (+)-34, (-)-34 (+)-35, (-)-35 (+)-33, (-)-33 1. Pd/C, H₂ 2. Ac₂O, pyr.; Ra-Ni K₂CO₃, MeOH THF BnÓ НÓ Ń∩≣` Bn H N Ac H ŌН ŌН (-)-36 (+)-1, spegazzinine



A suspension of NaH (0.367 g, 9.17 mmol, 60% dispersion in mineral oil) in DMF (30 mL) was treated with 7benzyloxyindole (**29**, 1.02 g, 4.58 mmol) in small portions at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h followed by the addition of BnBr (1.64 mL, 13.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was warmed at 55 °C overnight, cooled to room temperature, and concentrated under reduced pressure to provide **30** as a brown oil that was used in the next step without further purification.



A solution of **30** (1.43 g, 4.58 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) at 0 °C was added slowly to the Vilsmeier reagent, prepared from slow addition of POCl₃ (0.47 mL, 5.04 mmol) to DMF (4.3 mL, 55.0 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to 35 °C and stirred for 95 min before it was poured into crushed ice. An aqueous NaOH solution (4.4 mL of aqueous 20% solution, 22.0 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and the solution was quickly boiled for 5 min. The reaction mixture was cooled and diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with H₂O and saturated aqueous NaCl, and dried (Na₂SO₄). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (15–20% EtOAc/hexanes) to provide **31** as a colorless crystalline solid (1.38 g, 88% over two steps): mp 133 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 10.00 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.30–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.29 (m, 3H), 7.16–7.24 (m, 3H), 6.91–6.98 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (s, 2H), 5.08 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 184.6, 146.5, 139.3, 137.5, 136.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.0, 126.5, 123.7, 118.4, 114.6, 106.2, 70.4, 53.5; IR (film) v_{max} 3105, 2798, 1649, 1533 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m*/z 342.1489 (M+H⁺, C₂₃H₂₀NO₂ requires 342.1488).



A solution of **31** (2.36 g, 6.91 mmol) in nitromethane (15 mL) was treated with ammonium acetate (586 mg, 7.60 mmol). The reaction mixture was warmed at reflux under nitrogen for 1 h and then cooled to room temperature. The solution was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with H₂O and saturated aqueous NaCl, and dried (Na₂SO₄). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was recrystallized from 30% EtOAc/hexanes to provide **32** as yellow needle-like crystals (2.36 g, 89%): mp 145–146 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.29 (m, 3H), 7.16–7.20 (m, 3H), 6.90–6.96 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 2H), 5.09 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 147.1, 137.5, 136.7, 136.0, 133.3, 132.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 126.4, 123.4, 113.2, 108.6, 106.1, 70.5, 53.4; IR (film) v_{max} 3107, 3031, 1611, 1527 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m/z* 385.1541 (M+H⁺, C₂₄H₂₁N₂O₃ requires 385.1547).



A solution of **32** (2.38 g, 6.18 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise to a suspension of LiAlH₄ (1.41 g, 37.1 mmol) in anhydrous THF (40 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed at reflux for 1.5 h and then the excess reagent was destroyed by addition of Na₂SO₄•10H₂O (19.9 g, 61.8 mmol). The resulting mixture was filtered through Celite and washed with CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was concentrated to provide crude **6** as a colorless oil that was used in the next step without purification.



A solution of crude **6** (6.18 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added to a solution of 1,1carbonyldiimidazole (CDI, 2.00 g, 12.4 mmol) in anhydrous THF (50.0 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature slowly and was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, and dried (Na₂SO₄). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (60–90% EtOAc/hexanes gradient) to provide **7** as a white colorless crystalline solid (2.14 g, 77% over two steps): mp 129 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.28–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.16–7.25 (m, 6H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.91– 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (bs, 1H, NH), 5.57 (s, 2H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 3.71 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 148.7, 146.9, 139.4, 136.6, 130.2, 130.1, 128.5, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 127.1, 126.5, 126.4, 120.1, 115.7, 111.6, 111.5, 104.2, 70.3, 52.3, 41.3, 25.0; IR (film) v_{max} 3031, 2928, 1715, 1548 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m/z* 451.2131 (M+H⁺, C₂₈H₂₇N₄O₂ requires 451.2128).



Methyl oxalyl hydrazide (8, 204 mg, 1.73 mmol) was added to a solution of 7 (648 mg, 1.44 mmol) and AcOH (91 μ L, 1.58 mmol) in THF (15 mL). The mixture was warmed to 40 °C overnight, then cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with aqueous citric acid (10%, 30 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted quickly with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated to provide **9** as a light brown powder that was used immediately in the next step without purification.



A solution of **9** (1.44 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) at 0 °C was treated with Et₃N (0.50 mL, 3.60 mmol) and TsCl (302 mg, 1.58 mmol). The reaction mixture was warmed slowly to room temperature over 6 h and poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (20 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water and saturated aqueous NaCl, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (40–45% EtOAc/hexanes) to provide **10** as a white solid (489 mg, 70% over two steps): mp 132 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.27–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.16–7.24 (m, 6H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.90–6.93 (m, 2H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (s, 2H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.76 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 164.6, 155.0, 151.2, 147.0, 139.7, 36.9, 130.3, 128.69, 128.68, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.2, 126.7, 126.5, 70.5, 53.4, 52.5, 43.8, 25.4; IR (film) v_{max} 3031, 2927, 1738, 1618, 1572 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m/z* 483.2014 (M+H⁺, C₂₈H₂₇N₄O₄ requires 483.2027).



A solution of **10** (458 mg, 0.950 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was treated with DMAP (174 mg, 1.43 mmol) and EDCI (273 mg, 1.43 mmol). 4-Ethyl-4-pentenoic acid (**11**, 183 mg, 1.43 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was treated with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, diluted with EtOAc, washed with water, saturated aqueous NaCl, and dried (Na₂SO₄). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (15–20% EtOAc/hexanes) to provide **4** as a white wax-like crystalline solid (489 mg, 87%): mp 102 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.23–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.14–7.21 (m, 5H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (s, 2H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 4.18–4.24 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.07 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 172.0, 162.0, 154.1, 153.4, 149.4, 146.7, 139.5, 136.8, 130.1, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.9, 126.3, 126.2, 119.8, 111.9, 110.8, 108.3, 103.9, 70.2, 53.6, 52.2, 47.7, 34.8, 30.9, 28.9, 24.2, 12.3; IR (film) v_{max} 3030, 2962, 1746, 1702, 1559 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m*/z 593.2756 (M+H⁺, C₃₅H₃₇N₄O₅ requires 593.2758).



A solution of 4 (268 mg, 0.452 mmol) in anhydrous, degassed 1,2-dichlorobenzene (450 mL) was warmed at reflux for 13 h. The cooled reaction mixture was loaded onto a silica gel column pre-equilibrated in hexanes.

The 1,2-dichlorobenzene was first eluted with hexanes and the product was purified (50–100% EtOAc/hexanes gradient) to provide **5** as a tan oil (181 mg, 71%): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.27–7.35 (m, 6H), 7.16–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.07–7.12 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (s, 1H), 3.82–3.98 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.02–2.38 (m, 4H), 2.37 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68–1.72 (m, 1H), 0.76–0.89 (m, 2H), 0.59 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.10–0.20 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 171.1, 170.4, 145.3, 141.0, 138.6, 136.7, 131.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 127.0, 120.3, 117.1, 114.2, 106.9, 85.6, 79.9, 70.6, 65.1, 53.3, 52.5, 46.9, 43.9, 38.6, 37.2, 29.2, 27.8, 22.2, 9.8; IR (film) v_{max} 2932, 1720, 1654, 1560 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m*/*z* 565.2698 (M+H⁺, C₃₅H₃₇N₂O₅ requires 565.2697). Racemic **5** was resolved by chiral phase HPLC (α = 1.40, Chiralcel OD; 20% *i*-PrOH/hexanes; 7 mL/min). (–)-**5**: [α]²³_D – 35 (*c* 3.7, CH₂Cl₂). *ent*-(+)-**5**: [α]²³_D +36 (*c* 3.4, CH₂Cl₂).



A solution of 5 (280 mg, 0.498 mmol) in MeOH (70 mL) in a heavy-wall reaction vessel was cooled to 0 °C. Ammonia gas was bubbled through the solution for 30 min before the vessel was sealed and warmed at 70 °C for 3 h under glass-shield protection. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue containing the primary amide was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (4 mL) and pyridine (0.167 mL, 2.08 mmol) and cooled to 0 °C. Trifluoroacetic anhydride (133 µL, 1.04 mmol) was added to the mixture, and the solution was allowed to warm to room temperature. After 16 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and quenched with the addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (40-80% EtOAc/hexanes gradient) to provide 12 (224 mg, 85%) as a white solid: mp 170 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.23–7.38 (m, 8H), 7.15–7.23 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, J = 7.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, J = 11.9 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (s, 1H), 3.82–3.97 (m, 2H), 2.39 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.20–2.32 (m, 2H), 2.08–2.20 (m, 2H), 1.85 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.67–1.76 (m, 1H), 0.76–0.91 (m, 2H), 0.59 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.02-0.17 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 170.1, 145.5, 140.3, 137.7, 136.5, 130.8, 128.6, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3, 121.0, 117.9, 117.0, 114.2, 107.8, 82.2, 74.1, 70.6, 64.6, 54.5, 46.9, 43.7, 40.4, 37.1, 29.1, 27.8, 22.1, 9.8; IR (film) v_{max} 2931, 1665, 1587 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS m/z532.2612 (M+H⁺, C₃₄H₃₄N₃O₃ requires 532.2595).

(-)-12: $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ -58 (c 3.1, CH₂Cl₂).

ent-(+)-12: $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ +60 (*c* 2.4, CH₂Cl₂).



A solution of **12** (115 mg, 0.216 mmol) in MeOH (9 mL) was treated with acetyl chloride (9 drops) at 23 °C under argon. After 30 min of stirring (liberation of HCl), NaCNBH₃ (128 mg, 1.298 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was quenched with the addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and the organic layer was extracted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to provide **13** as a white solid (104 mg, 90%): ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400 MHz) δ 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.61 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.42–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H), 3.60–3.63 (m, 1H), 3.42 (s, 1H), 3.28–3.35 (m, 1H), 1.77–1.81 (m, 1H), 1.63–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.36–1.40 (m, 1H), 1.09–1.13 (m, 2H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD, 100 MHz) δ 170.9, 146.2, 138.7, 138.6, 137.2, 133.9, 129.2, 128.73, 128.71, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 122.0, 121.3, 115.6, 115.1, 77.4, 72.9, 71.5, 70.3, 64.7, 55.4, 53.9, 49.1, 42.8, 38.7, 35.2, 35.0, 31.4, 30.7, 28.3, 7.5; IR (film) v_{max} 2932, 1680, 1629 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m*/z 534.2750 (M+H⁺, C₃₄H₃₆N₃O₃ requires 534.2751).



A solution of **13** (31.9 mg, 0.060 mmol) in anhydrous THF (6 mL) was treated with NaBH₄ (6.8 mg, 0.18 mmol) at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, after which it was quenched by the addition of aqueous 1 M HCl, diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by PTLC (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to provide **15** (15.4 mg, 51%), **14** (4.4 mg, 15%), and recovered ketone (7.6 mg, 25%) as white solids.

A solution of **13** (4.9 mg, 0.0092 mmol) in anhydrous THF (1.0 mL) was treated with N-selectride (1 M in THF, 28 μ L, 0.028 mmol) at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, after which it was quenched by the addition of aqueous 1 M HCl, diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by PTLC (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to provide **15** (4.2 mg, 90%) as a white solid.

For 15: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.10–7.15 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.17–5.22 (m, 2H), 4.97 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (br s, 1H), 3.47–3.52 (m, 2H), 3.30 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.20–3.25 (m, 1H), 2.72 (br s, 1H), 2.27 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.56–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.25–1.35 (m, 3H), 1.16–1.22 (m, 1H), 0.99–1.05 (m, 2H), 0.70 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 170.8, 146.6, 139.8, 138.1, 136.7, 136.2, 132.0, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 122.0, 115.4, 112.8, 70.7, 67.0, 66.9, 65.6, 56.1, 55.1, 42.4, 39.8, 35.0, 33.0, 32.7, 30.6, 29.2, 7.7; IR (film) v_{max} 3382, 2931, 2870, 1619 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m*/*z* 509.2804 (M+H⁺, C₃₃H₃₇N₂O₃ requires 509.2799).

The structure and relative stereochemistry of 15 were established with a single X-ray structure determination (CCDC850758) conducted on white needles grown from 1:1 hexanes: CH_2Cl_2 .

For **14**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.30 (m, 6H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 14 Hz, 1H),

4.39 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 1H), 3.37–3.47 (m, 3H), 2.72 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.34–2.38 (m, 1H), 2.22–2.28 (m, 1H), 1.71–1.75 (m, 1H), 1.48–1.59 (m, 5H), 1.38–1.42 (m, 1H), 1.21–1.33 (m, 1H), 0.68 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 169.2, 147.5, 140.1, 138.4, 136.9, 136.7, 128.94, 128.92, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 121.9, 114.8, 112.5, 71.2, 70.6, 69.8, 65.0, 57.0, 56.5, 42.8, 39.2, 36.1, 30.6, 29.2, 29.0, 27.8, 7.2; IR (film) v_{max} 3326, 2927, 2870, 1612 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m*/*z* 509.2799 (M+H⁺, C₃₃H₃₇N₂O₃ requires 509.2799).



A solution of **15** (12.1 mg, 0.0238 mmol), 2-chloroacetic acid (6.8 mg, 0.0715 mmol), and Ph₃P (25.0 mg, 0.0953 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (1.0 mL) at 23 °C was treated dropwise with diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (DIAD, 18.8 μ L, 0.0953 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h, after which the solvent was removed under a stream of N₂. The residue was taken up in aqueous MeOH (2 mL) and K₂CO₃ (33 mg, 0.238 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, after which it was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by PTLC (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to provide **14** (6.8 mg, 56%) as a white solid.



A solution of **14** (7.7 mg, 0.015 mmol) in anhydrous THF (1.5 mL) at 23 °C was treated with LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 75.3 μ L, 0.0753 mmol). The reaction mixture was warmed at 70 °C and stirred for 3 h, after which the reaction was quenched with the addition of H₂O. The resulting mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by PTLC (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford **36** (4.9 mg, 63%) in addition to a singly debenzylated product (1.4 mg, (22%), which could be carried forward together to the next reaction. For **36**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.18–7.30 (m, 5H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70–6.72 (m, 2H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.47 (s, 1H), 3.11 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (q, *J* = 12.6, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.13–1.18 (m, 1H), 1.06–1.11 (m, 1H), 0.85–0.89 (q, *J* = 13.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.55 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) 145.3, 140.2, 137.0, 131.8, 130.5, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 127.3, 126.8, 119.7, 116.3, 112.9, 73.8, 70.6, 68.1, 54.3, 53.0, 52.7, 52.5, 43.4, 35.4, 34.9, 33.7, 29.7, 21.4, 7.3; IR (film) v_{max} 3370, 2912, 1640, 1598 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m*/z 495.3012 (M+H⁺, C₃₃H₃₈N₂O₂ requires 495.3017).

(-)-**36**: $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ –18 (*c* 0.38, CH₂Cl₂).



A solution of 36 (4.9 mg, 0.0099 mmol) in 2:1 anhydrous MeOH:CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) at 23 °C was treated with 10% Pd/C (20 mg). H₂ gas was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 10 min and then stirred for 45 min, after which the solution was filtered through a pad of Celite. The catalyst was washed $(4 \times 5 \text{ mL})$ with 1:1 MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, and then the catalyst was re-suspended in 1:1 MeOH:CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). The solution was sonicated for 5 min and then was filtered through a pad of Celite. The resulting filtrates were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude product 16. Crude 16 was dissolved in pyridine (1.5 mL) and treated with Ac₂O (15 drops) at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h, after which the solvent was removed under a stream of N₂. The resulting residue was dissolved in aqueous MeOH and K₂CO₃ (20 mg, 0.144 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, after which it was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by PTLC (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to provide 1 (2.0 mg, 57% over 2 steps) as a white solid, which matched a natural sample of spegazzinine in all respects: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 10.72 (s, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.67–3.73 (m, 1H), 3.16–3.20 (m, 1H), 3.07–3.09 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.29–2.32 (m, 2H), 2.07–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.02 (t, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 1.84-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.68 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 1.56-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.41 (dd, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 1.56-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.41 (dd, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 1.56-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.41 (dd, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 1.56-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.41 (dd, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 1.56-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.41 (dd, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 1.56-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.41 (dd, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 1.56-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.41 (dd, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 1.56-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.41 (dd, J = 14 Hz, 14 Hz 13, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.21–1.26 (m, 1H), 1.13 (dt, J = 13, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 0.88–0.92 (m, 2H), 0.68 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 172.4, 147.3, 140.8, 127.9, 127.8, 117.9, 113.2, 75.7, 70.3, 69.4, 54.3, 53.3, 52.1, 38.1, 37.2, 33.9, 32.9, 31.1, 23.7, 21.2, 6.9; IR (film) ν_{max} 3390, 2932, 2787, 1625, 1600, 1572 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS m/z 357.2179 (M+H⁺, C₂₁H₂₉N₂O₃ requires 357.2173).

Racemic 1 was resolved by chiral phase HPLC ($\alpha = 1.28$, Chiralcel OD; 50% *i*-PrOH/hexanes; 7 mL/min; 10.4 min unnatural; 13.3 min natural).

Synthetic sample: (+)-1: $[\alpha]_{D}^{23}$ +125 (*c* 0.11, CHCl₃). Authentic sample: (+)-1: $[\alpha]_{D}^{23}$ +131 (*c* 0.18, CHCl₃). Lit: $[\alpha]_{D}^{23}$ +176 (*c* 0.65, CHCl₃), Reference 1 (*J. Org. Chem.* **1956**, *21*, 979).



A solution of **15** (1.8 mg, 0.00354 mmol) in anhydrous THF (0.3 mL) at 23 °C was treated with LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 18.0 μ L, 0.0177 mmol). The reaction mixture was warmed at 70 °C and stirred for 3 h, after which the reaction was quenched with the addition of H₂O. The resulting mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by PTLC (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford **37** (1.2 mg, 69%) in addition to a singly debenzylated product (0.2 mg, (14%), which could be carried forward together to the next reaction. For **37**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.18–7.30 (m, 8H), 6.79–6.82 (m, 2H), 6.70–6.72 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 2.8 Hz,

1H), 5.10 (dd, J = 14, 13 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (q, J = 9.6, 4.8 Hz 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.98–3.02 (m, 2H), 2.15 (q, J = 18, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 1H), 1.90 (t, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (dd, J = 14, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.67–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.63 (m, 2H), 1.45–1.54 (m, 3H), 0.97 (m, 1H), 0.79 (m, 1H), 0.67 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) 146.3, 141.0, 139.5, 139.0, 137.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 121.5, 115.4, 111.6, 72.8, 72.3, 70.3, 67.5, 56.2, 53.6, 53.5, 52.9, 44.6, 35.2, 34.8, 33.2, 29.5, 21.7, 7.4; IR (film) v_{max} 3382, 2922, 1641, 1592 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m*/z 459.3017 (M+H⁺, C₃₃H₃₈N₂O₂ requires 459.3006).



A solution of 37 (9.3 mg, 0.0188 mmol) in 2:1 anhydrous MeOH:CH₂Cl₂ (5.0 mL) at 23 °C was treated with 10% Pd/C (40 mg). H₂ gas was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 10 min and then stirred for 45 min, after which the solution was filtered through a pad of Celite. The catalyst was washed $(4 \times 5 \text{ mL})$ with 1:1 MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, and then the catalyst was re-suspended in 1:1 MeOH:CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). The solution was sonicated for 5 min and then was filtered through a pad of Celite. The resulting filtrates were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude product 17. Crude 17 was dissolved in pyridine (2.5 mL) and treated with Ac₂O (25 drops) at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h, after which the solvent was removed under a stream of N_2 . The resulting residue was dissolved in aqueous MeOH and K_2CO_3 (30 mg, 0.216 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, after which it was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by PTLC (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to provide **18** (4.2 mg, 63% over 2 steps) as a white solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 10.55 (s, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (s, 1H), 4.12 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.09–3.13 (m, 1H), 3.04 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.25–2.32 (m, 1H), 1.99–2.09 (m, 3H), 1.56–1.71 (m, 7H), 1.01–1.05 (m, 1H), 0.91–0.95 (m, 1H), 0.73 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); IR (film) v_{max} 3350, 2931, 2787, 1629, 1600, 1574 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS m/z 357.2177 $(M+H^+, C_{21}H_{29}N_2O_3 \text{ requires } 357.2173).$



A solution of **15** (22.0 mg, 0.0433 mmol), 4-nitrobenzoic acid (21.7 mg, 0.130 mmol), and Ph₃P (45.4 mg, 0.173) in anhydrous toluene (1.0 mL) at 23 °C was treated dropwise with diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (DIAD, 34.1 μ L, 0.173 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h before it was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The product **19** (>95% conversion by LCMS) was usually taken on crude to the next reaction due to its coelution with triphenylphosphine oxide. However, a small sample of **19** was purified by PTLC (1:1 EtOAc:hexanes × 2) for characterization purposes: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.34 (m, 7H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (dd, *J* = 10, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.95 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d,

J = 15 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 1H), 3.50 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35–3.43 (m, 2H), 2.34 (dd, J = 18, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.09–2.16 (m, 1H), 1.65–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.25–1.35 (m, 3H), 1.37–1.41 (m, 1H), 1.05–1.11 (m, 1H), 0.86–0.90 (m, 2H), 0.73 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 169.2, 145.7, 139.0, 138.6, 136.9, 134.0, 129.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 119.9, 115.7, 112.9, 70.5, 64.6, 62.9, 53.8, 52.8, 42.6, 39.7, 36.9, 33.6, 29.6, 28.6, 7.8; IR (film) v_{max} 3233, 2977, 2787, 2361, 1716, 1618, cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m*/*z* 491.2685 (M+H⁺, C₃₃H₃₄N₂O₂ requires 491.2693).



A solution of **19** (0.0755 mmol) in anhydrous THF (5.0 mL) at 23 °C was treated with LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 0.604 mL, 0.604 mmol). The reaction mixture was warmed at 70 °C and stirred for 5 h, after which the reaction was quenched with the addition of H₂O. The resulting mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by PTLC (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to provide **38** (25.0 mg, 70%) as a white solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.29 (m, 4H), 6.66–6.75 (m, 3H), 5.68–5.71 (m, 1H), 5.60 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (q, *J* = 11 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (d, *J* = 14 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 14 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 1H), 3.00–3.05 (m, 2H), 2.18–2.24 (m, 2H), 1.93–1.97 (m, 1H), 1.53–1.82 (m, 3H), 1.28–1.35 (m, 1H), 1.09–1.13 (m, 2H), 0.92–0.96 (m, 1H), 0.82–0.87 (m, 1H), 0.64 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 144.9, 138.9, 135.5, 134.3, 133.6, 131.7, 131.0, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 126.8, 126.1, 119.1, 116.6, 112.4, 73.6, 70.5, 69.0, 53.8, 52.9, 52.6, 44.7, 38.5, 35.3, 34.1, 29.7, 23.0, 7.6; IR (film) v_{max} 2927, 2854, 1670 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m*/z 477.2895 (M+H⁺, C₃₃H₃₇N₂O requires 477.2906).



A solution of **38** (9.7 mg, 0.02035 mmol) in 2:1 anhydrous MeOH:CH₂Cl₂ (5.0 mL) at 23 °C was treated with 10% Pd/C (40 mg). H₂ gas was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 10 min and then stirred for 3 h, after which the solution was filtered through a pad of Celite. The catalyst was washed (4 × 5 mL) with 1:1 MeOH:CH₂Cl₂, and then the catalyst was re-suspended in 1:1 MeOH:CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). The solution was sonicated for 5 min and then was filtered through a pad of Celite. The resulting filtrates were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude product **20**. Crude **20** was dissolved in pyridine (2.5 mL) and treated with Ac₂O (25 drops) at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h, after which the solvent was removed under a stream of N₂. The resulting residue was dissolved in aqueous MeOH and K₂CO₃ (30 mg, 0.216 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, after which it was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by PTLC (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to provide **21** (3.9 mg, 57% over 2 steps) as a white solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 10.88 (s, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06–4.09 (m, 1H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.26–2.30 (m, 2H), 2.05–2.07 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.84–1.87 (m, 1H), 1.51–1.71 (m, 4H), 1.33–1.37 (m, 1H), 1.08–1.17 (m, 2H), 0.82–0.89 (m, 2H), 0.63 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 169.2, 147.2, 141.2, 127.8,

126.9, 117.5, 113.5, 70.9, 69.7, 53.7, 52.8, 52.5, 39.1, 35.5, 34.0, 30.1, 29.7, 25.0, 22.7, 21.5, 6.8; IR (film) v_{max} 2928, 1630, 1598 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m/z* 341.2215 (M+H⁺, C₂₁H₂₉N₂O₂ requires 341.2223).



A solution of **21** (2.0 mg, 0.00587 mmol) in 9:1 toluene:MeOH (0.6 mL) at 23 °C was treated with TMSCH₂N₂ (14.8 μ L, 0.0294 mmol, 2.0 M in Et₂O). The reaction was stirred for 16 h, followed by the addition of 59 μ L of 2.0 M TMSCH₂N₂. The reaction was stirred for 24 h, and 150 μ L of 2.0 M TMSCH₂N₂ was added. After 24 h of stirring, the reaction was complete. The solvent was removed under a stream of N₂, and the resulting residue was purified by PTLC (5% MeOH/ CH₂Cl₂) to provide **2** (1.4 mg, 67%) as a clear oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77–6.84 (m, 2H), 4.65 (br s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.10–3.14 (m, 1H), 3.01–3.05 (m, 1H), 2.16–2.24 (m, 5H), 1.95–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.96 (m, 2H), 1.71–1.75 (m, 1H), 1.52–1.62 (m, 3H), 1.14–1.28 (m, 2H), 1.02–1.10 (m, 2H), 0.74–0.81 (m, 1H), 0.61 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 171.5, 149.2, 143.9, 129.3, 126.0, 115.5, 110.9, 71.2, 69.5, 55.3, 53.6, 52.5, 38.0, 35.5, 34.2, 30.1, 29.7, 24.7, 23.1, 23.0, 21.6, 6.8; IR (film) v_{max} 2924, 2854, 1652 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m/z* 355.2388 (M+H⁺, C₂₂H₃₀N₂O₂ requires 355.2380); data consistent with literature (*Spectroscopy Letters* **1993**, *26*, 707; *Org. Lett.* **2003**, *5*, 749; *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2007**, *46*, 6159).

Racemic **2** was resolved by chiral phase HPLC ($\alpha = 1.17$, Chiralcel AD; 10% *i*-PrOH/hexanes; 7 mL/min). **2**: $[\alpha]_{\frac{D_2}{23}}^{23} - 85$ (*c* 0.071, CHCl₃).

Lit: $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ –90.5 (*c* 0.48, CHCl₃), Reference 10m.



Lawesson's reagent (17.0 mg, 0.0421 mmol) was added to a solution of **12** (37.3 mg, 0.0702 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (treated with freshly activated 4 Å MS, 4 mL) at 23 °C under Ar. The reaction mixture was warmed to 80 °C for 1 h under microwave irradiation. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash chromatography (10–20% EtOAc/hexanes) to provide **22** (33.8 mg, 88%) as a white solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.27–7.36 (m, 8H), 7.17–7.23 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 1H), 4.13–4.30 (m, 2H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 19.8 Hz, 1H), 2.67–2.80 (m, 1H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.18–2.29 (m, 1H), 2.22 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.03–2.14 (m, 1H), 1.87 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (m, 1H), 0.76–0.91 (m, 2H), 0.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.05–0.17 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 202.4, 145.6, 140.4, 137.6, 136.4, 130.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 121.2, 117.5, 117.0, 114.3, 105.2, 82.6, 74.8, 70.7, 65.3, 54.5, 44.2, 40.5, 39.0, 36.6, 29.7, 28.0, (-)-**22**: [α]²³_D –124 (c 1.00, CH₂Cl₂). *ent*-(+)-**22**: [α]²³_D –124 (c 2.27, CH₂Cl₂).



Trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate (71.8 mg, 0.485 mmol) was added to a solution of **22** (133.0 mg, 0.243 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at 0 °C, and the reaction mixture was warmed to 23 °C and stirred for 1.5 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in *i*-PrOH (5 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. The reaction mixture was treated with NaBH₄ (55.1 mg, 1.46 mmol) in small portions, followed by stirring at 23 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was treated with 10% aqueous HCl, stirred for 5 min, and basified with the addition of 10% aqueous NaOH to pH~10. The reaction mixture was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by PTLC (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to provide compounds **23** (119 mg, 65%), **39** (9 mg, 5%), and **24** (26 mg, 15%) as colorless oils.

For **23**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.17–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.07–7.13 (m, 2H), 6.92–6.96 (m, 1H), 6.77–6.83 (m, 2H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 3.96–4.03 (m, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.18–3.32 (m, 2H), 2.06–2.14 (m, 1H), 2.08 (s, 1H), 1.85–1.93 (m, 1H), 1.56–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.35–1.55 (m, 4H), 1.31 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.17–1.26 (m, 1H), 0.84 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 0.46–0.56 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 146.5, 141.5, 139.1, 138.3, 137.1, 129.1, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 127.2, 122.0, 119.6, 111.9, 74.8, 71.7, 70.5, 67.5, 57.3, 56.7, 53.5, 52.9, 41.0, 39.6, 35.3, 34.2, 24.3, 22.3, 7.7; ESI-TOF HRMS *m/z* 495.3017 (M+H⁺, C₃₃H₃₉N₂O₂ requires 495.3006).

For **39**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.48 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32–7.39 (m, 5H), 7.22–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.79–6.86 (m, 2H), 5.13 (dd, J = 15.1, 11.6 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36–3.47 (m, 1H), 3.30 (dd, J = 9.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.20–3.25 (m, 1H), 2.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dd, J = 10.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 1H), 1.91–1.99 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.89 (m, 2H), 1.73–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.72 (m, 1H), 1.41–1.46 (m, 1H), 1.33–1.40 (m, 1H), 0.97–1.07 (m, 1H), 0.81 (t, J = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 0.67 (dd, J = 13.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 0.61 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 148.5, 142.1, 140.5, 138.9, 137.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 122.4, 119.4, 111.4, 76.1, 75.9, 71.8, 70.4, 56.8, 56.3, 54.4, 52.1, 41.2, 39.3, 36.3, 34.2, 21.9, 20.0, 7.8.

For 24: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.36–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.36 (m, 8H), 6.77–6.84 (m, 2H), 6.71 (dd, J = 5.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dd, J = 13.7, 11.8 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.96–3.05 (m, 2H), 2.15 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 1H), 1.85–1.94 (m, 1H), 1.78 (dd, J = 14.3, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 1.65–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.57–1.65 (m, 1H), 0.96 (dd, J = 13.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 0.73–0.84 (m, 1H), 0.67 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 146.3, 141.0, 139.5, 139.0, 137.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 121.5, 115.4, 111.6, 72.8, 72.3, 70.3, 67.5, 56.2, 53.6, 53.5, 52.9, 44.6, 35.2, 34.8, 33.2, 29.5, 21.7, 7.4.



NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 35.0 mg, 1.45 mmol) was added to 2 mL of distilled anhydrous THF and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. The THF was decanted and 2 mL of distilled anhydrous THF was added to the flask at 0 °C followed by addition of imidazole (2.0 mg, 0.0291 mmol) and 24 (72.0 mg, 0.146 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL, rinsed with THF 0.5 mL \times 2). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h before CS₂ (70 μ L, 1.16 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h followed by the addition of MeI (73 μ L, 1.16 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h before being quenched by adding saturated aqueous NH₄Cl. The solution was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, and dried (Na₂SO₄). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (25-80% EtOAc/hexane gradient) to provide 40 (70 mg, 83%) as a colorless oil and recovered starting material 24 (10 mg, 14%): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.39 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, J = 7.9, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.16-6.22(m, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd, J = 9.8, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, J = 9.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.18-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 1H), 2.04–2.15 (m, 1H), 1.93–2.04 (m, 1H), 1.75–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.55–1.74 (m, 3H), 1.40– 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.24-1.32 (m, 2H), 0.96-1.08 (m, 1H), 0.80 (dd, J = 13.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 0.56 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H);¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 214.8, 144.6, 139.5, 138.1, 137.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 126.8, 119.7, 119.0, 113.1, 80.8, 74.4, 71.0, 68.1, 57.0, 52.7, 52.6, 52.2, 41.2, 35.9, 34.2, 22.3, 22.1, 17.8, 7.6; ESI-TOF HRMS m/z 585.2601 (M+H⁺, C₃₅H₄₁N₂O₂S₂ requires 585.2604).



A solution of **40** (54.1 mg, 0.0925 mmol), AIBN (3.0 mg, 0.0185 mmol), and Bu₃SnH (298 μ L, 1.11 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (5 mL) was degassed with argon for 30 min. The reaction mixture was warmed at 110 °C for 4 h, cooled to room temperature, and the product purified by flash chromatography (20–40% EtOAc/hexane gradient) to afford **25** (35 mg, 80%) as a clear oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.20–7.38 (m, 10H), 7.17 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.22–3.30 (m, 2H), 3.08 (dd, J = 10.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.14–2.22 (m, 1H), 1.98 (s, 1H), 1.88–1.98 (m, 1H), 1.66–1.80 (m, 4H), 1.56–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.32–1.46 (m, 2H), 1.18–1.27 (m, 1H), 0.84–0.94 (m, 1H), 0.63–0.73 (m, 1H), 0.60 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 146.2, 140.6, 139.6, 138.2, 137.4, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 126.6, 120.5, 119.1, 112.5, 75.6, 70.9, 68.1, 56.9, 52.6, 51.8, 51.7, 36.7, 34.3, 32.5, 27.8, 25.7, 22.3, 19.1, 7.8; ESI-TOF HRMS *m/z* 479.3046 (M+H⁺, C₃₃H₃₉N₂O requires 479.3057).



In a vial, NH₃ was condensed at -78 °C to a volume of ~1 mL. Na (19 mg, 0.84 mmol), freshly cut and washed with hexanes, was added to the vial and a dark blue color appeared immediately. After 3 to 5 min of stirring, a solution of *t*-BuOH in distilled anhydrous THF (0.041 mL *t*-BuOH in 0.25 mL THF) was added to the blue mixture followed by the addition of a solution of **25** (10 mg, 0.021 mmol) in distilled anhydrous THF (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred until the dark blue color turned white. Ammonium chloride (0.14 g) was added to quench the reaction and the reaction mixture was uncapped and warmed to room temperature. After evaporation of the NH₃, the reaction product was purified by PTLC (10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ × 2) to afford **26** (3.7 mg, 60%): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.10 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (br s, 1H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 3.38–3.48 (m, 1H), 3.26–3.38 (m, 2H), 2.33 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, 1H), 2.01–2.10 (m, 1H), 1.86–1.96 (m, 1H), 1.72–1.86 (m, 2H), 1.54–1.70 (m, 4H), 1.45–1.53 (m, 1H), 1.30–1.44 (m, 1H), 1.10–1.21 (m, 1H), 0.84 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 0.61–0.71 (m, 1H), 0.58 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 143.2, 137.7, 136.2, 120.8, 119.4, 114.6, 75.4, 65.4, 56.9, 53.2, 51.9, 39.5, 36.8, 34.2, 32.5, 28.8, 22.1, 18.9, 7.7; ESI-TOF HRMS *m/z* 299.2111 (M+H⁺, C₁₉H₂₇N₂O requires 299.2118).



A solution of **26** (5.9 mg, 0.020 mmol) in pyridine (1 mL) at 23 °C was treated with Ac₂O (18.7 μ L, 0.198 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h, after which the solvent was removed under a stream of N₂. The resulting residue was dissolved in wet methanol and K₂CO₃ (28 mg, 0.198 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, after which it was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by PTLC (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to provide **27** (5.4 mg, 80%) as a white solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 10.83 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.90–3.94 (m, 1H), 3.20–3.40 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.08–2.12 (m, 2H), 2.00–2.04 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.92 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.48–1.55 (m, 2H), 0.99–1.02 (m, 1H), 0.86–0.91 (m, 2H), 0.62–0.67 (m, 1H), 0.59 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 168.2, 147.0, 140.5, 127.3, 126.3, 117.9, 117.2, 75.4, 69.0, 56.7, 51.4, 51.3, 39.6, 36.6, 34.1, 32.4, 26.4, 22.8, 22.0, 19.3, 7.7; ESI-TOF HRMS *m/z* 341.2235 (M+H⁺, C₂₁H₂₉N₂O₂ requires 341.2223).



A solution of **27** (2.6 mg, 0.0077 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (10.8 mg, 0.077 mmol) in acetone (1 mL) was treated with Me₂SO₄ (7.3 µL, 0.077 mmol) and the reaction mixture was warmed at reflux for 18 h. The solution was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by PTLC (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to provide **28** (1.4 mg, 52%) as a white solid: ¹H NMR

 $(CDCl_3, 600 \text{ MHz}) \delta 7.29 \text{ (s, 1H)}, 7.02 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 6.80 \text{ (d, } J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 4.60 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 3.86 \text{ (s, 3H)}, 3.24-3.33 \text{ (s, 2H)}, 3$ (m, 2H), 2.31 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.78–1.95 (m, 4H), 1.46–1.71 (m, 5H), 1.25–1.31 (m, 1H), 0.86-0.89 (m, 2H), 0.75-0.82 (m, 1H), 0.61-0.68 (m, 1H), 0.57 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150) MHz) δ 171.3, 149.4, 142.9, 128.8, 125.4, 119.7, 110.7, 75.8, 68.2, 56.7, 55.3, 51.4, 38.6, 36.6, 34.1, 32.4, 29.7, 25.9, 23.1, 22.1, 19.3, 7.8; ESI-TOF HRMS m/z 355.2393 (M+H⁺, C₂₂H₃₁N₂O₂ requires 355.2380).

The structure and relative stereochemistry of 28 were established with a single crystal X-ray structure determination (CCDC850757) conducted on white needles grown from 1:1 hexanes:CH₂Cl₂.



A solution of (-)-22 (60 mg, 0.110 mmol) in MeOH (3 mL) was treated with acetyl chloride (5 drops) at 23 °C under argon. After 30 min of stirring (liberation of HCl), NaCNBH₃ (65.1 mg, 0.658 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was guenched with the addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and the organic layer was extracted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to provide (-)-33 as a white solid (58.0 mg, 96%): ¹H NMR (THF-d₈, 600 MHz) δ 7.49 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 $(t, J = 7.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 6.71 (t, J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.97 (br s, 1\text{H}), 5.54 (d, J = 15 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.25 (d, J = 12 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.97 (br s, 100 \text{ Hz}), 5.54 (d, J = 10 \text{ Hz}, 100 \text{ Hz}), 5.25 (d, J = 10 \text{ H$ 5.21 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 15 Hz, 1H), 3.84–3.87 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 1H), 3.30 (s, 1H), 3.23–3.28 (m, 1H), 3.23(m, 1H) 1H), 2.74–2.78 (m, 1H), 2.51–2.57 (m, 2H), 1.77–1.81 (m, 1H), 1.67–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.57–1.63 (m, 2H), 1.17– 1.22 (m, 2H), 0.78–0.81 (m, 1H), 0.75 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (THF-d₈, 150 MHz) δ 197.4, 147.1, 140.0, 139.4, 138.6, 135.5, 130.3, 129.4, 129.3, 128.74, 128.72, 128.5, 123.0, 122.0, 116.9, 115.8, 73.2, 72.1, 71.6, 68.1, 56.1, 54.5, 50.5, 40.4, 39.9, 38.2, 36.5, 33.8, 32.0, 7.9; IR (film) v_{max} 3174, 2939, 1592 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS m/z 550.2529 (M+H⁺, C₃₄H₃₅N₃O₂S requires 550.2523).

(-)-**33**: $[\alpha]^{23}{}_{D}$ -14 (*c* 1.4, CH₂Cl₂). *ent*-(+)-**33**: $[\alpha]^{23}{}_{D}$ +14 (*c* 0.9, CH₂Cl₂).

The structure and absolute configuration of (-)-33 were established with a single crystal X-ray structure determination (CCDC868362) conducted on white needles grown from 1:1 benzene:CH₂Cl₂.



A solution of (+)-33 (8.0 mg, 0.015 mmol) in anhydrous THF (1.0 mL) was treated with NaBH₄ (2.8 mg, 0.073 mmol) at 23 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h, after which it was directly purified by PTLC (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to provide (+)-**34** (5.4 mg, 71%) and (+)-**35** (1.8 mg, 24%) as white solids:

For **34**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.20–7.24 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 15 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 14, 9 Hz, 1H), 3.54–3.58 (m, 1H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 14, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (s, 1H), 3.39 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dt, *J* = 18, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.60–2.65 (m, 1H), 1.61–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.44–1.50 (m, 1H), 1.26–1.28 (m, 1H), 1.15 (sept, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.08 (sept, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (dd, *J* = 13, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 0.70 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 198.9, 146.7, 140.0, 137.7, 136.6, 135.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 122.1, 115.4, 113.1, 70.8, 68.3, 66.9, 66.7, 56.1, 55.8, 50.1, 39.3, 38.8, 36.1, 34.9, 33.0, 30.0, 7.5; IR (film) v_{max} 3364, 2931, 2360, 1739, 1592 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS *m*/*z* 525.2576 (M+H⁺, C₃₃H₃₇N₂O₂S requires 525.2570).

(-)-**34**: $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ -8.5 (*c* 0.90, CH₂Cl₂). *ent*-(+)-**34**: $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ +7.4 (*c* 0.92, CH₂Cl₂).

For **35**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.46 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.38 (m, 8H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 4.74 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, J = 14, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.72–3.75 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 1H), 3.50–3.52 (m, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J = 18, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.85–2.92 (m, 1H), 2.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.55–1.67 (m, 4H), 1.42 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, J = 13 Hz, 1H), 1.03 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz 1H), 0.73 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 197.0, 147.4, 139.9, 138.1, 136.6, 136.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 121.9, 114.6, 112.7, 71.3, 70.7, 69.9, 67.7, 57.1, 56.3, 50.6, 38.5, 37.6, 36.5, 30.8, 30.1, 29.3, 6.9; IR (film) v_{max} 3265, 2361, 1636 cm⁻¹; ESI-TOF HRMS m/z 525.2576 (M+H⁺, C₃₃H₃₇N₂O₂S requires 525.2572).

(-)-**35**: $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ –12 (*c* 0.11, CH₂Cl₂).

ent-(+)-**35**: $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ +11 (*c* 0.92, CH₂Cl₂).



A solution of Raney nickel in H₂O was washed with H₂O (1 mL × 2), MeOH (1 mL × 2), and THF (1 mL × 2) and finally diluted with THF (1 mL). A solution of (–)-**35** (4.2 mg, 0.0080 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) was treated with the Ra-Ni solution (2 drops) at 23 °C. The mixture was stirred rapidly for 4 h before being filtered through Celite. The Celite was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure to provide (–)-**36** (3.8 mg, 97%).



















































































































