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**General experimental details.** All chemicals were used as purchased from commercial suppliers. Methylene chloride and THF were dried by being passed through two packed columns of neutral alumina using a commercial solvent purification system prior to use.

Unless otherwise noted, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM 400 spectrometer (operating at 400 and 101 MHz respectively) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with 0.03% TMS as an internal standard. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield from TMS. <sup>13</sup>C multiplicities were determined with the aid of an APT pulse sequence, differentiating the signals for methyl and methane carbons as "d" from methylene and quarternary carbons as "u". The infrared (IR) spectra were acquired as thin films on a PerkinElmer Spectrum One FT-IR spectrometer equipped with an universal ATR sampling accessory and the absorbtion frequencies are reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Melting points were determined on an Electrothermal Mel-Temp model number 101D apparatus and are uncorrected.

HPLC analysis was carried out using a Xterra MS C-18 column (5  $\mu$ M, 4.6 × 150 mm) with gradient elution (10% CH<sub>3</sub>CN to 100% CH<sub>3</sub>CN) on a Waters mass-directed fractionation instrument using a Waters 2767 sample manager, a Waters 2525 HPLC pump, a 2487 dual  $\lambda$  absorbance detector and a Waters/MicroMass ZQ (quadrupole) MS connected to a PC with a MassLynx workstation. Purification was carried out using an Xterra MS C-18 column (5  $\mu$ M, 19× 150 mm) with narrow gradient elution (acetonitrile and water) with a UV fraction trigger. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) [ESI+] were obtained using a Waters/MicroMass LCT Premier (TOF instrument).

# A. Substrate syntheses: experimental details

Electrochemical oxidation substrates ethyl 5-oxooctahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-9acarboxylate 5a,<sup>1</sup> 9a-methylhexahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepin-5(6H)-one 7a,<sup>1</sup> octahydrobenzo[b]pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-5,10(1H,6H)-dione  $1a^2$  and 8ethyloctahydroazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-4,9(3H,5H)-dione  $12a^3$  were prepared as previously reported.

Ethyl 1-(3-azidopropyl)-2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate. A mixture of the known chloride<sup>4</sup> (1.48 g, 6.36 mmol) and sodium azide (1.65 g, 25.44 mmol) in DMSO (10 mL) were stirred at 55 °C for 15 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and partitioned between water (100 mL) and ethyl ether (3 × 40 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated to a light brown oil and chromatographed to yield the azide product (1.50 g, 6.27 mmol, 99% yield) as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.42$  (25% EtOAC/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.50–1.72 (complex, 3 H), 1.85–2.07 (complex, 4 H), 2.28 (m, 1 H), 2.44 (m, 1 H), 2.53 (m, 1 H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 14.1; u 19.6, 24.4, 30.9, 33.2, 37.8, 51.5, 59.9, 61.5, 170.9, 214.5; IR 2968, 2093, 1749, 1719 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+ H - N<sub>2</sub>): 212.1281, found 212.1280.

**Ethyl 5-oxooctahydroindolizine-8a-carboxylate 6a**. The above azide (1.50 g, 6.27 mmol) was dissolved in trifluroacetic acid (30 mL) and strirred at rt for 14 h, then concentrated to a dark brown oil. The oil was partitioned between saturated aqueous

NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (100 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated and chromatographed to afford the lactam ester **7a** as a colorless oil (900 mg, 4.26 mmol, 68% yield).  $R_f = 0.49$  (1:2 acetone: CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.51–1.95 (complex, 6 H), 2.31 (m, 1 H), 2.51 (m, 3 H), 3.55 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.71 (m, 1 H), 4.21 (dq, J = 2.8, 7.2 Hz, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 14.1; u 18.7, 20.4, 30.2, 32.0, 38.1, 44.9, 61.6, 69.5, 168.9, 173.4; IR 2955, 2888, 1729, 1637 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+ Na): 234.1101, found 234.1101.

**2-(4-Chlorobutyl)-2-methylcyclohexanone**. The procedure for the one-pot 1,4 reduction/alkylation of unsaturated carbonyl compounds developed by Ganem and Fortunato<sup>5</sup> was utilized with slight modification. Thus, to a solution of 2-methyl cyclohexenone<sup>6</sup> (1.51 g, 13.7 mmol) in THF (48 mL) at -78 °C was added a solution of L-Selectride (13.7 mL, 1 M, 13.7 mmol) in THF. The temperature was maintained for 75 minutes, followed by the addition of a solution of 1-chloro-4-iodobutane (6.0 g, 27.4 mmol) and HMPA (7.4 g, 41.1 mmol) in THF (5 mL). The reaction was stirred for 16 h, slowly warming to rt. The reaction was partitioned between saturated, aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 75 mL). The combined organics were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated and chromatographed to afford the chloroketone (1.12 g, 5.5 mmol, 40% yield) as a colorless oil. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.35 (8% EtOAc in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.07 (s, 3 H), 1.22 (m, 1 H), 1.43 (m, 2 H), 1.56–1.80 (complex, 8 H), 1.88 (m, 1 H), 2.37 (m, 2 H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C

NMR  $\delta$  d 22.5; u 20.9, 21.1, 27.3, 33.0, 36.7, 38.7, 39.0, 44.6, 48.3, 215.6; IR 2936, 2866, 1701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClO (M<sup>+</sup>+ H): 203.1197, found 203.1202.

**2-(4-Azidobutyl)-2-methylcyclohexanone**. The above chloroketone (870 mg, 4.3 mmol) and sodium azide (1,116 mg, 17.2 mmol) in DMF (4 mL) were stirred at 40 °C for 16 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and partitioned between water (40 mL) and ether (3 × 25 mL). The combined organics were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated and chromatographed to afford the azidoketone (754 mg, 3.6 mmol, 84% yield) as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.35$  (8% EtOAc in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.07 (s, 3 H), 1.17 (m, 1 H), 1.33 (m, 2 H), 1.55–1.66 (complex, 4 H), 1.68-1.81 (complex, 4 H), 1.88 (m, 1 H), 2.37 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.27 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 22.6; u 21.0 (× 2), 27.4, 29.5, 37.1, 38.8, 39.1, 48.5, 51.2, 215.8; IR 2936, 2866, 2092, 1703 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup> + H - N<sub>2</sub>): 182.1539, found 182.1543.

**10a-Methyloctahydropyrido**[**1,2-a**]**azepin-6(7H)-one 7a**. To a solution of the above azidoketone (654 mg, 3.1 mmol) in DCE (6 mL) was added a solution of TiCl<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.7 mL, 1 M, 4.7 mmol). The reaction was heated at 60 °C for 13 h then partitioned between saturated, aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 50 mL). The combined organics were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated and chromatographed to afford the bicyclic amide **7a** (274 mg, 1.5 mmol, 48% yield) as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.26$  (50% EtOAc in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.34 (s, 3 H), 1.42 (m, 2 H), 1.55-1.83 (complex, 9 H), 1.90 (m, 1 H), 2.61 (m, 2 H), 2.80 (dt, *J* = 2.8, 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.47 (td, *J* = 3.6, 13.6 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 22.1; u 20.4, 20.7, 21.5, 24.7, 35.7, 39.4, 39.6, 40.3, 57.6, 174.2; IR 2932, 2866, 1617 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup> + H): 182.1539, found 182.1555. **7a-Hydroxy-4a-methylhexahydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-5(6H)-one**. A modification of the procedure of Zhang and coworkers<sup>7</sup> was employed. Thus, to 2-methyl-1,3-cyclopentanedione (5.0 g, 44.6 mmol) in water (200 mL) was added neat acrolein (10 mL, 149.7 mmol). After stirring for 15 h at rt, the reaction was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 75 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated to afford the known aldehyde<sup>8</sup> as a light yellow oil (3.2 g), which was used without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.14 (s, 3 H), 1.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.49 (dt, *J* = 0.8, 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.81 (s, 4 H), 9.68 (s, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 19.3, 200.8; u 26.0, 34.8, 38.3, 215.6.

To the crude aldehyde (3.2 g) in *t*-butanol (90 mL) and benzene (3 mL) was added formic acid (4.2 mL) and NaCNBH<sub>3</sub> (1.19 g, 19.0 mmol). After 1.5 h at rt the reaction was partitioned between saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and ethyl ether (3 × 50 mL). The organics were combined, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated and chromatographed to give the hemiketal as a white solid (1.5 g, 8.8 mmol, 20% yield for two steps).  $R_f = 0.48$  (50% EtOAc in hexanes); mp = 63–65 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.00 (s, 3 H), 1.41 (m, 2 H), 1.51 (m, 1 H), 2.09 (m, 3 H), 2.46 (m, 2 H), 3.36 (s, 1 H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.84 (m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 20.8; u 22.8, 26.5, 32.8, 35.3, 51.1, 60.6, 102.9, 218.3; IR 3391, 2936, 2878, 1728 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+ H): 171.1016, found 171.1012.

# **3-(1-Methyl-2,5-dioxocyclopentyl)propyl methanesulfonate**. To a solution of the hemiketal (125 mg, 0.74 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8 mL) was added methanesulfonyl chloride (0.14 mL, 1.84 mmol) and pyridine (0.36 mL, 4.44 mmol). After 13 h at rt, the reaction

was diluted with water and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 25 mL). The combined organics were washed with 10% aqueous  $CuSO_4$  then water, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated and chromatographed to give the mesylate as a colorless oil (122 mg, 0.49 mmol, 66% yield).  $R_f = 0.20$  (33% EtOAc in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.15 (s, 3 H), 1.66 (m, 2 H), 1.76 (dt, J =3.2, 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.81 (m, 4 H), 3.01 (s, 3 H), 4.14 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 19.5, 37.1; u 24.0, 30.1, 34.8, 55.7, 69.4, 215.7; IR 2938, 1763, 1717 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>+ NH<sub>4</sub>): 266.1057, found 266.1085.

**2-(3-Azidopropyl)-2-methylcyclopentane-1,3-dione**. The above mesylate (587 mg, 2.36 mmol) and sodium azide (922 mg, 14.18 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) were stirred at rt for 16 h. The reaction was partitioned between water (75 mL) and ethyl ether ( $3 \times 30$  mL). The combined organics were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated and chromatographed to give the azide as a colorless oil (423 mg, 2.17 mmol, 92% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.12 (s, 3 H), 1.45 (m, 2 H), 1.68 (m, 2 H), 2.77 (m, 4 H), 3.22 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 19.7; u 24.1, 31.8, 35.1, 51.3, 56.2, 215.9. These data are congruent with those previously reported.<sup>9</sup>

**8a-methylhexahydroindolizine-5,8-dione 9a**. To a solution of the above azide (72 mg, 0.37 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) was added a solution of TiCl<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.74 mL, 1.0 M, 0.74 mmol). After 10 h, the reaction was partitioned between saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 10 mL). The combined organics were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated and chromatographed to give the ketoamide **9a** as a colorless oil (44 mg, 0.26 mmol, 71% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.34 (s, 3 H), 1.95 (m, 4 H), 2.61 (m, 3 H), 2.77 (m, 1 H), 3.52 (m, 1 H), 3.64 (m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 23.6; u 20.8, 30.0, 34.3, 35.7, 45.0, 69.1, 168.2, 209.5. These data are congruent with those previously reported.<sup>9</sup>

### Methyl 1-(3-chloropropyl)-2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-1-carboxylate.

Methyl 2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-1-carboxylate (280 mg, 1.37 mmol), potassium carbonate (947 mg, 6.86 mmol), and 1-chloro-3-iodopropane (420 mg, 2.06 mmol) were dissolved in acetone (75 mL) and heated at reflux for 2.5 h. The reaction was cooled to rt, filtered and adsorbed on celite. Chromatography afforded the alkylated product (257 mg, 0.92 mmol, 67% yield) as a faintly yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.54$  (25% EtOAc in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.45 (m, 2 H), 2.32 (m, 1 H), 2.52 (m, 1 H), 2.64 (m, 1 H), 2.95 (m, 1 H), 3.05 (m, 1 H), 3.17 (m, 1 H), 3.42 (m, 2 H), 3.63 (s, 3 H), 7.22-7.29 (complex, 4 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 53.0, 127.1, 127.6, 127.9, 128.7; u 27.7, 28.1, 33.9, 39.2, 44.8, 62.5, 135.7, 136.4, 171.4, 208.2; IR 2954, 1742, 1714 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>-Cl): 245.1172, found 245.1159.

# Methyl 1-(3-azidopropyl)-2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-1-carboxylate.

Methyl 1-(3-chloropropyl)-2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-1-carboxylate (256 mg, 0.91 mmol) and sodium azide (474 mg, 7.29 mmol) were dissolved in DMSO (20 ml) and heated at 55° C for 17 h. The reaction was cooled to rt and partitioned between water and ethyl ether (3 × 30 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and adsorbed on celite. Chromatography afforded the azide product (167 mg, 0.58 mmol, 64 % yield) as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.45$  (25% EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.24 (m, 1 H), 2.22 (m, 1 H), 2.47 (m, 1 H), 2.65 (m, 1 H), 2.91–3.26 (complex, 5 H), 3.63 (s, 3 H), 7.22-7.29 (complex, 4 S-8

H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ d 53.0, 127.0, 127.7, 127.9, 128.8; u 24.0, 28.1, 33.6, 39.2, 62.5, 135.7, 136.4, 171.4, 208.3; IR 2952, 2094, 1741, 17147 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+ H - N<sub>2</sub>): 260.1281, found 260.1277.

Methyl 5-oxo-2,3,5,6,7,11b-hexahydro-1H-benzo[c]pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-11bcarboxylate 10a. To a solution of methyl 1-(3-chloropropyl)-2-oxo-1,2,3,4tetrahydronaphthalene-1-carboxylate (90 mg, 0.32 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 ml) was added a solution of TiCl<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.64 ml, 1.0 M, 0.64 mmol) and the reaction stirred for 16 h at rt. The reaction was partitioned between saturarte, aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 30mL). The combined organics were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), adsorbed onto celite and chromatographed to afford the lactam **10a** (62 mg, 0.24 mmol, 75 % yield) as a colorless oil.  $R_f$  = 0.15 (50% EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 1.91 (m, 2 H), 2.59 (m, 1 H), 2.75–2.98 (complex, 5 H), 3.62 (m, 1 H), 3.70 (s, 3 H), 4.04 (m, 1 H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 5.2 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ d 53.4, 126.7, 127.8, 128.6, 129.8; u 20.5, 29.4, 35.9, 40.4, 49.4, 71.1, 137.4, 139.7, 172.3, 174.1; IR 2953, 2885, 1731 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+ H): 260.1281, found 260.1279.

#### rel-(8aS,10R,12aR)-10-hydroxydecahydrobenzo[b]pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepin-5(1H)-one

**11a**. A solution of *rel*-(8aS,12aR)-octahydrobenzo[b]pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-5,10(1H,6H)dione **1a** (173 mg, 0.78 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 ml) was cooled in an acetone/dry ice bath and a solution of L-Selectride (0.94 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.94 mmol) in small portions over 15 min. After complete L-Sectride addition, the reaction was stirred for 17h, slowly warming to rt. The reaction was partitioned between saturated, aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 30 ml). The combined organics were were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), adsorbed onto celite and chromatographed to afford the alcohol **11a** (90 mg, 0.40 mmol, 52 % yield) as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.16$  (100% EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 1.34-1.47 (m, 2 H), 1.68–1.98 (complex, 10 H), 2.18–2.39 (m, 3 H2.48 (t, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.56–2.66 (m, 2 H), 3.49 (m, 1 H), 3.76 (m, 1 H), 4.06 (br s, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ d 43.8, 64.8; u 20.2, 23.6, 24.3, 31.3, 34.5, 38.2, 38.4, 38.9, 48.9, 66.5, 174.5; IR 3374, 2930, 2870, 1591 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+ H): 224.1645, found 224.1647.

## **B.** Electrochemical oxidation of amides: device details and safety precautions:

CAUTION: All electrochemical experiments, using any power supply, should be carried out to avoid electric shock and fire/explosion. It is strongly recommended that the following best practices be followed:

- Do not touch electrodes or any exposed metal attached to the power source wires
- Ensure that hands and working area are dry
- Do not submerge any portion of the power source or wires in water
- Do not modify internal components of the power source
- Unplug power source prior to cleaning or modifying the power source 'alligator clips' or wires
- Do not connect the positive and negative wires or short circuit the power source
- Do not connect the power source to the reaction in the presence of open flammable solvents
- Disconnect the power source outside of the reaction hood prior to opening up the hood and working up the reaction

**General notes:** The power supply devices used in this work were repurposed from either a portable CD player power source (6 V device) or a cellular phone charger (5.2 V device), however any Direct Current (D.C.) power supply or transformer having an appropriate voltage and current output can be utilized. The output plug was removed and the positive and negative output wires determined using a multimeter. These wires were connected directly to the reaction anode and cathode or alligator clips soldered onto the ends of the wires to facilitate connection to the reaction electrodes. Note that the positive terminal of the power supply is connected to the reaction anode and the negative terminal of the power supply is connected to the reaction cathode.

**6V, 30 mA device:** A 6 V, 300 mA D.C. power supply was wired as shown below. Between the negative terminal wire and the reaction cathode was wired a 10 Ohm resistor to reduce the current supplied to the reaction to approximately 30 mA (neglecting any resistance contributions of the reaction solvent).



**5.2 V, 800 mA DC power supply:** The 5.2 V, 800 mA DC power supply was used without added resistors and wired as shown below. Note only the positive and negative lead wires were used, the ground and neutral wires were left unused.



Microscale apparatus using #7 automatic pencil refills for electrodes:

#### C. Electrochemical oxidation of amides: experimental details

**General Procedure A (Et<sub>4</sub>NOTs electrolyte):** An undivided electrochemical cell was assembled from a two-neck flask and two carbon electrodes (GR-12 graphite rods, purchased from Electrolytica) inserted through rubber septa and sharpened at the ends submerged in the reaction solution. Current was passed through a solution of the amide substrate (0.17–0.78 mmol) and tetraethylammonium toslylate (0.1 M in reaction solvent) in MeOH (7–10 mL) until starting material was consumed. The reaction was concentrated and chromatographed on silica gel to afford the methoxy amide products. **General Procedure B (LiClO<sub>4</sub> electrolyte):** An undivided electrochemical cell was assembled from a two-neck flask and two carbon electrodes (GR-12 graphite rods, purchased from Electrolytica) inserted through rubber septa and sharpened at the ends in the reaction solution. Current was passed through a solution of amide substrate (0.64–2.0 mmol) and lithium perchlorate (0.1 M in reaction solvent) in MeOH (7–10 mL) until starting material was consumed. The reaction of amide substrate (0.64–2.0 mmol) and lithium perchlorate (0.1 M in reaction solvent) in MeOH (7–10 mL) until starting material was consumed. The reaction of amide substrate (0.64–2.0 mmol) and lithium perchlorate (0.1 M in reaction solvent) in MeOH (7–10 mL) until starting material was consumed. The reaction solvent) in MeOH (7–10 mL) until starting material was consumed.

and water (5 drops) and reduced in volume to remove the methanol. The residue was partitioned between water (15 mL) and  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>), concentrated and chromatographed on silica gel to afford the methoxy amide products.

**General Procedure C** (**microscale apparatus**): An undivided electrochemical cell was assembled from a 1 dram vial and two carbon electrodes (#7 automatic pencil refills) inserted through septum cap solution. Current was passed through a solution of amide substrate (0.39–0.44 mmol) and tetraethylammonium toslylate (0.1 M in reaction solvent)

in MeOH (2 mL) until starting material was consumed. The reaction was concentrated and chromatographed on silica gel to afford the methoxy amide products.

*N*-Ethyl-N-(1-methoxyethyl)propanamide (4b). *N*,*N*-Diethylpropanamide 4a (100 mg, 0.78 mmoles) was reacted according to general electrochemical oxidation procedure A to afford the rotomeric mixture of methoxy amides 4b as a colorless oil (70 mg, 0.44 mmol, 57% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.15–1.24 (complex, 6 H), 2.30–2.48 (m, 2 H), 1.29 and 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3 H total), 3.20 and 3.22 (s, 3 H total), 3.24–3.42 (m, 2 H), 5.01 and 5.88 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1 H total); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CPD pulse sequence)  $\delta$  9.5, 9.6, 14.4, 16.4, 19.8, 20.6, 26.7, 27.1, 34.7, 35.2, 54.8, 55.4, 80.8, 84.7, 173.1, 175.0; IR 2983, 2939, 1644 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+ Na<sup>+</sup>): 182.1151, found 182.1140.

(±)-Ethyl 3-methoxy-5-oxooctahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-9a-carboxylate 5b. Lactam ester 5a (450 mg, 2.00 mmol) was reacted according to general electrochemical oxidation procedure B to give an inseparable diastereomeric mixture (approximate ratio = 1:4) of methoxy amides 5b as a colorless oil (469 mg, 1.84 mmol, 91% yield).  $R_f = 0.55$  (EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (major isomer)  $\delta$  1.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.56 (m, 3 H), 1.73-1.90 (complex, 4 H), 2.24 (m, 2 H), 2.33 (dd, J = 6.8, 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.59 (m, 2 H), 3.40 (s, 3 H), 4.24 (m, 2 H), 5.58 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (major isomer)  $\delta$  d 14.1, 56.1, 89.5; u 22.8, 26.7, 28.5, 38.3, 38.4, 39.6, 61.5, 69.1, 173.1, 175.7; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (minor isomer, diagnostic peaks only)  $\delta$  1.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 3.41 (s, 3 H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (minor isomer)  $\delta$  d 14.1, 56.1, 88.9; u 22.8, 26.8, 29.4, 38.3 (× 2), 39.8, 61.4, 68.5, 173.4, 175.7; IR 2937, 2865, 2833, 1733, 1658 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>- OMe<sup>-</sup>): 224.1284, found 224.1278.

(±)-Ethyl 3-methoxy-5-oxooctahydroindolizine-8a-carboxylate 6b. Lactam ester 6a (98 mg, 0.46 mmol) was reacted according to the general electrochemical oxidation procedure A to give a single diastereomeric methoxy lactam 6b as a colorless oil (70 mg, 0.29 mmol, 63% yield).  $R_f = 0.70$  (17% acetone in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.60 (dt, J = 5.3, 12.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.75–2.00 (complex, 5 H), 2.33 (m, 2 H), 2.52 (dd, J = 4.8, 18.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.52 (qd, J = 3.6, 18.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.69 (m, 1 H), 3.40 (s, 3 H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.65 (dd, J = 1.0, 5.0 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 14.0, 56.0, 87.6; u 17.7, 29.4, 29.9, 33.0, 35.2, 61.5, 67.5, 170.4, 173.8; IR 3474, 2955, 2836, 1739, 1657 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+ H): 242.1387, found 242.1371.

(±)-3-Methoxy-9a-methylhexahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepin-5(6H)-one 7b. Lactam 7a (74 mg, 0.44 mmol) was reacted according to the general electrochemical procedure C to give a separable mixture of diastereomeric methoxy lactams 7b as a colorless oil (49 mg, 0.25 mmol, 56% combined yield, isolated ratio minor:major = 1:1.7). Minor diastereomer:  $R_f = 0.27$  (50% EtOAc in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 1.52 (s, 3 H), 1.65-1.88 (complex, 9 H), 2.28 (m, 1 H), 2.55 (dd, J = 6.8, 14.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.65 (dt, J = 2.4, 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.36 (s, 3 H), 5.58 (m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ d 26.1, 56.0, 89.9; u 23.9, 25.0, 28.6, 37.8, 40.4, 42.2, 62.0, 175.1; IR 3567, 2976, 2935, 1641 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>- OMe<sup>-</sup>): 166.1226, found 166.1230. Major diastereomer:  $R_f = 0.22$  (50% EtOAc in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 1.32 (s, 3 H), 1.56–2.03 (complex, 9 H), 2.16 (q, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.63 (dd, J = 4.4, 10.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.38 (s, 3 H), 5.43 (m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ d 23.4, 56.2, 89.5; u 24.1, 24.8, 27.9, 38.4, 41.3, 41.8, 62.0, 175.2; IR 3555, 2968, 2933, 1634 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>- OMe<sup>-</sup>): 166.1226, found 166.1220.

(±)-4-Methoxy-10a-methyloctahydropyrido[1,2-a]azepin-6(2H)-one 8b. Lactam 8a (71 mg, 0.39 mmol) was reacted according to the general electrochemical procedure C (KSC-5-51, 78, 180-51) to give an inseparable mixture of diastereomeric methoxy lactams 8b as a colorless oil (55 mg, 0.26 mmol, 67% combined yield, ratio (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) major:minor = 3:2).  $R_f = 0.45$  (50% EtOAc in hexanes); major diastereomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ 1.47 (s, 3 H), 1.52–1.98 (complex, 12 H), 2.61 (dd, J = 2.8, 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.70–2.81 (complex, 1 H), 3.24 (s, 3 H), 6.02 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 25.7, 55.35, 81.4; u 15.2, 22.4, 24.64, 29.1, 36.9, 40.8, 44.3, 57.4, 176.5; minor diastereomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.40 (s, 3 H), 1.52–1.98 (complex, 12 H), 2.39 (m, 1 H), 2.70–2.81 (complex, 1 H), 3.32 (s, 3 H), 5.90 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 22.5, 55.26, 81.1; u 13.4, 21.7, 24.55, 25.1, 36.5, 40.7, 39.4, 56.2, 177.1; IR 2935, 1629 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>- OMe<sup>-</sup>): 180.1383, found 180.1381.

(±)-3-Methoxy-8a-methylhexahydroindolizine-5,8-dione 9b. Ketolactam 9a (107 mg, 0.64 mmol) was reacted according to the general electrochemical oxidation procedure B to give the methoxy amide 9b as a colorless oil (58 mg, 0.30 mmol, 47% yield), isolated as a single disastereomer.  $R_f = 0.40$  (EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.52 (s, 3 H), 1.67 (m, 1 H), 1.91 (m, 1 H), 2.10 (m, 1 H), 2.50 (m, 2 H), 2.71 (m, 2 H), 2.90 (m, 1 H), 3.43 (s, 3 H), 5.57 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 26.4, 56.1, 88.5; u 30.0, 30.1, 33.5, 34.6, 69.3, 169.2, 208.5; IR 2939, 2248, 1726, 1662 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+ H): 198.1125, found 198.1130.

Methyl 3-methoxy-5-oxo-2,3,5,6,7,11b-hexahydro-1H-benzo[c]pyrrolo[1,2a]azepine-11b-carboxylate 10b. Lactam 10a (107 mg, 0.64 mmol) was reacted according to the general electrochemical oxidation procedure B to give the methoxy amide 10b as a colorless oil (58 mg, 0.30 mmol, 40% yield), isolated as a single disastereomer.  $R_f = 0.64$  (3:1, EtOAc:hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 1.90–1.96 (m, 2 H), 2.67– 2.70 (m, 2 H), 2.78–2.83 (m, 1 H), 2.91–3.01 (m, 2 H), 3.11–3.19 (m, 1 H), 3.31 (s, 3 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H), 5.80–5.82 (m, 1 H), 7.12–7.15 (m, 1 H), 7.22–7.27 (m, 2 H), 7.45–7.48 (m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 53.7, 56.2, 89.0, 126.5, 128.0, 129.7, 130.4; u 28.5, 30.3, 35.6, 39.5, 72.3, 137.7, 138.0, 174.2, 175.9; IR 2950, 1730, 1673, 1644, 1441cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO4<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+ H): 290.1387, found 290.1340.

(±)- (8aS,12aR)-3-Methoxyoctahydrobenzo[b]pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-5,10(1H,6H)dione 1b. Ketolactam 1a (95 mg, 0.43 mmol) was reacted according to the general electrochemical oxidation procedure A to give the methoxy amide 1b as a colorless oil (84 mg, 0.33 mmol, 78% yield).  $R_f = 0.41$  (EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.53–1.96 (complex, 8 H), 2.09–2.34 (complex, 3 H), 2.43–2.80 (complex, 4 H), 3.15–3.17 (m, 2 H), 3.39 (s, 3 H), 5.64 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 46.1, 56.5, 89.2; u 23.2, 27.6, 27.8, 33.8, 36.7, 38.6, 38.7, 47.4, 65.2, 175.5, 208.7; IR 2938, 1710, 1633, 1395 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup> - OMe): 220.1332, found 220.1283.

(±)-(8aS,10R,12aS)-10-Hydroxy-3-methoxydecahydrobenzo[b]pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepin-5(1H)-one 11b. Hydroxylactam 11a (38 mg, 0.17 mmol) was reacted according to the general electrochemical oxidation procedure A to give the diastereomeric mixture of methoxy amides 11b as a colorless oil (28 mg, 0.11 mmol, 65% yield).  $R_f = 0.12$ (EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (major isomer)  $\delta$  1.30 (m, 1 H), 1.43 (m, 1 H), 1.64–1.97 (complex, 12 H), 2.28 (m, 1 H), 2.56–2.72 (m, 3 H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 4.06 (br s, 1 H), 5.58 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (minor isomer, diagnostic peaks only)  $\delta$  3.39 (s, 3H), 5.53 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (major isomer)  $\delta$  d 44.8, 56.1, 64.9, 88.9; u 23.6, 27.1, 29.0, 32.0, 34.5, 35.4, 37.7, 38.9, 67.2, 176.7; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (minor isomer)  $\delta$  d 40.3, 56.3, 65.1, 90.1; u 23.8, 27.1, 28.1, 31.4, 34.9, 36.5, 38.4, 39.1, 67.0, 176.2; IR 3391, 2929, 2868, 1712, 1610 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup> - <sup>-</sup>OMe): 222.1489, found 222.1477.

(±)-(2R,31S,7aR,8R,10aS)-8-Ethyl-2-methoxyoctahydroazepino[3,2,1-hi]indole-4,9(31H,5H)-dione 12b. Ketolactam 12a (108 mg, 0.46 mmol) was reacted according to the general electrochemical oxidation procedure A to give a single diastereomeric methoxy amide product 12b as a colorless oil (23 mg, 0.09 mmol, 19% yield).  $R_f = 0.45$ (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  0.79 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.46–1.79 (complex, 5 H), 1.94–2.01 (m, 1 H), 2.05–2.14 (m, 2 H), 2.33–2.36 (m, 2 H), 2.41–2.48 (m, 3 H), 2.61– 2.66 (m, 1 H), 3.00 (dq, *J* = 3.6, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.49 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 9.3, 34.7, 36.2, 44.4, 55.6, 61.5, 87.4; u 18.2, 20.2, 30.9, 38.3, 38.6, 45.5, 175.7, 212.1; IR 2934, 1707, 1644, 1394 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup> + H): 266.1751, found 266.1752.

#### D. Diversification reactions of the representative methoxy amides 6b, 8b or 1b

(±)-Dimethyl 2-(9a-(ethoxycarbonyl)-5-oxooctahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepin-3vl)malonate 13. To a mixture of methoxy amide 5b (79 mg, 0.31 mmol) and dimethyl malonate (69 mg, 0.53 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) at 0 °C was added DIEA (0.1 mL, 0.70 mmol) followed by a solution of TiCl<sub>4</sub> (0.7 mL, 1.0 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0.70 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The reaction was stirred overnight, warming to rt. The reaction was partitioned between saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organics were dried  $(Na_2SO_4)$ , concentrated and chromatographed to yield the malonate derivative 13 as a separable mixture of isomers (isomer A: 46 mg, 0.13 mmol, 42% yield; isomer B: 59 mg, 0.17 mmol, 55% yield) For isomer A:  $R_f = 0.79$  (17% acetone in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ 1.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.73 (m, 3 H), 2.00 (m, 2 H), 2.18 (m, 1 H), 2.36-2.53 (complex, 4 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 3.73 (s, 3 H), 4.25 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 4.35 (d, J =6.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.81 (m, 1 H);<sup>13</sup>C NMR δ d 14.2, 52.3, 52.4, 52.7, 60.1; u 22.7, 25.2, 26.1, 27.9, 38.4, 40.0, 61.6, 69.8, 168.5, 168.7, 172.8, 175.1; IR 3462, 2952, 1735, 1643 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for  $C_{17}H_{26}NO_7$  (M<sup>+</sup>+H): 356.1704, found 356.1714. For isomer B:  $R_f = 0.55$ (EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.29 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 1.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (m, 1 H), 1.80 (m, 1 H), 2.00-2.25 (complex, 5 H), 2.52 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.60 (dd, J =16.0, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 3.75 (s, 3 H), 4.23 (m, 3 H), 4.87 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ d 14.2, 52.3, 52.4, 52.8, 60.0; u 22.5, 24.8, 26.7, 37.8, 38.6, 40.5, 61.7, 70.0, 168.2, 169.0, 173.2, 175.5; IR 3458, 2952, 1730, 1647 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+H): 356.1704, found 356.1712.



(±)-Ethyl 5-oxo-3-((R)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)octahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2alazepine-9a-carboxylate 14. To a mixture of methoxy amide 5b (81 mg, 0.32 mmol) and 2-(trimethylsiloxy)furan (169 mg, 1.08 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) at -78 °C was added trimethylsilyl triflate (0.1 mL, 0.54 mmol). The reaction was stirred overnight, warming to rt, then partitioned between saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic layers were dried ( $Na_2SO_4$ ), concentrated and chromatographed to yield the butenolide derivative **14** as a single diastereomer (69 mg, 0.23 mmol, 72%) yield). Recrystallization from EtOAc/hexanes afforded crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography.  $R_f = 0.14$  (50% EtOAc in Hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.24 (m, 1 H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.49 (q, J = 11.2 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (m, 1 H), 1.81 (m, 1 H), 1.93 (dd, J = 7.2, 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.11 (m, 2 H), 2.21 (m, 1 H), 2.48-2.56 (m, 3 H), 4.23 (m, 2 H), 4.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.16 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.98 (dd, J = 2.0, 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.65 (dd, J = 2.0 1.2, 5.6 Hz, 1 H);<sup>13</sup>C NMR δ d 14.2, 59.9, 86.6, 119.0, 155.9; u 22.5, 25.5, 26.6, 36.7, 38.5, 40.7, 61.8, 70.4, 173.3, 176.3; IR 2927, 2861, 1758, 1731, 1640 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+H): 308.1492, found 308.1498.

#### (±)-Ethyl 3-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-5-oxooctahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-9a-

carboxylate 15. To a mixture of methoxy amide 5b (64 mg, 0.25 mmol) and N-

methylindole (112 mg, 0.85 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) at -40 °C was added a solution of TiCl<sub>4</sub> (0.57 mL, 1.0 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0.57 mmol). The reaction was stirred overnight, warming to rt. The reaction was partitioned between saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 10 mL). The combined organics were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated and chromatographed to yield the idole derivative **15** as a mixture of isomers (70 mg, 0.20 mmol, 80% yield) Preparative TLC afforded single isomeric compounds for characterization. For isomer A:  $R_f = 0.34$  (50% EtOAc in hexanes); mp = 117–119 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.49–1.65 (m, 2 H), 1.77–1.97 (complex, 3 H), 2.03– 2.11 (m, 2 H), 2.28–2.43 (complex, 3 H), 2.57–2.61 (m, 2 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H), 4.25–4.38 (m, 2 H), 5.78 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.05–7.09 (m, 1 H), 7.16–7.20 (m, 1 H), 7.23 (td, J =0.8, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (td, J = 0.8, 8.0 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 14.4, 32.8, 58.0, 109.2, 118.6, 118.9, 121.2, 127.5; u 23.1, 27.0, 29.4, 38.1 (2 CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.0, 61.6, 69.4, 114.8, 126.0, 137.5, 173.9, 173.9, 174.6; IR 2933, 1731, 1640 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for  $C_{21}H_{27}N_2O_3$  (M<sup>+</sup>+H): 355.2016, found 355.2017. For isomer B:  $R_f = 0.29$  (50%) EtOAc in hexanes); mp = 166–169 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.58–1.68 (m, 2 H), 1.75(dt, J = 3.2, 14.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.85-2.02 (complex, 3 H), 2.17-2.38 (m, 4 H), 2.66–2.72 (m, 2 H), 3.73 (s, 3 H), 4.27–4.32 (m, 2 H), 5.81 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.75 (d,

 $J = 0.8 \text{ Hz}, 1 \text{ H}), 7.07-7.11 \text{ (m, 1 H)}, 7.18-7.22 \text{ (m, 1 H)}, 7.24-7.26 \text{ (m, 1 H)}, 7.58 \text{ (td, } J = 0.8, 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 1 \text{ H}); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR } \delta \text{ d} 14.4, 32.8, 57.7, 109.3, 118.8, 119.3, 121.6, 125.5; u = 23.3, 26.9, 28.5, 38.4, 38.7, 40.5, 61.7, 69.8, 116.5, 125.8, 137.7, 173.4, 174.7, 174.6; IR = 2934, 1730, 1640 \text{ cm}^{-1}; \text{HRMS calcd for } C_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3 \text{ (M}^+\text{+H)}: 355.2016, \text{found} = 355.1984.$ 

(±)-Ethyl 5-oxo-3-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)octahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-9acarboxylate 16. To a mixture of methoxy amide 5b (61 mg, 0.24 mmol) and 1,3,5trimethoxybenzene (136 mg, 0.81 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) at -40 °C was added a solution of SnCl<sub>4</sub> (0.35 mL, 1.0 M, 0.35 mmol).The reaction was stirred overnight, warming to rt. The reaction was partitioned between saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 10 mL). The combined organics were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated and chromatographed to yield a single isomer of the trimethoxyphenyl derivative 16 as white solid (67 mg, 0.17 mmol, 72% yield). Recrystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/heptane gave crystals suitable for X-ray analysis.  $R_f$  = 0.27 (50% EtOAc in hexanes); mp = 145–147 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.70 (m, 1 H), 1.78 (m, 1 H), 1.88 (m, 1 H), 1.99 (dt, *J* = 3.6, 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.10–2.27 (complex, 3 H), 2.41–2.54 (complex, 3 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 3.81 (s, 6 H), 4.26 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.69 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.12 (s, 2 H);<sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 14.2, 55.1, 55.5, 56.4, 91.0 (×2); u 22.8, 26.8, 28.9, 35.9, 39.0, 41.7, 61.3, 70.6, 112.2, 158.2 (×2), 159.4, 174.0, 174.2; IR 2935, 2839, 1729, 1632, 1606 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+H): 392.2068, found 392.2064

(±)-Ethyl 5-oxo-5,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-9a-carboxylate 17. To methoxy amide **5b** (50 mg, 0.20 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL) at -78 °C was added a solution of TiCl<sub>4</sub> (0.27 mL, 1.0 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0.27 mmol). After 30 minutes at -78 °C, a solution of Et<sub>3</sub>N (67 mg, 0.66 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred for 5 h, warming to rt. The reaction was partitioned between saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated and chromatographed to yield the enamide derivative **17** as a colorless oil (19 mg, 0.09 mmol, 45% yield).  $R_f = 0.49$  (30% acetone in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.93 (complex, 3 H), 2.35 (dt, *J* = 2.0, 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.60 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 15.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.85 (td, *J* = 2.4, 17.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.11 (td, *J* = 2.0, 17.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.02 (m, 1 H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 14.2, 105.5, 130.7; u 23.8, 26.9, 37.9, 38.9, 47.5, 61.8, 69.1, 171.7, 172.7; IR 3422, 2978, 2937, 2864, 1734, 1652 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+H): 224.1281, found 224.1286.

Ethyl 5-oxo-3-(thiophen-2-yl)octahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-9a-carboxylate **18**. To a mixture of methoxy amide **5b** (93 mg, 0.36 mmol) and thiopheneboronic acid (158 mg, 1.24 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) at 0 °C was added boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (0.21 mL, 1.65 mmol). The reaction was slowly warmed to rt and stirred for 15 h, then partitioned between aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (8 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated and chromatographed to yield the thiophene derivatives **18** as a colorless oil (29 mg for both isomers, 0.09 mmol, 26% yield). Preparative TLC afforded samples of the individual diastereomers in approximately equal quantity. Isomer A:  $R_f = 0.60$  (50% EtOAc in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ 1.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.55 (m, 2 H), 1.77 (m, 2 H), 1.91 (dd, J = 4.8, 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.22 (m, 2 H), 2.35 (m, 2 H), 2.64 (m, 2 H), 4.27 (m, 2 H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.93 (m, 2 H), 7.12 (dd, J = 1.2, 4.4 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  d 14.3, 59.5, 123.2, 123.4, 126.8; u 22.7, 26.9, 30.4, 38.0, 38.5, 40.5, 61.8, 69.9, 147.7, 173.2, 174.6; IR 2980, 2934, 2864, 1731, 1651 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for  $C_{16}H_{22}NO_3S$  (M<sup>+</sup>+H): 308.1320, found 308.1344. Isomer B:  $R_f = 0.42$  (50% ethyl acetate in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.54 (m, 2 H), 1.77 (dt, J = 2.8, 14.0 Hz, 2 H), 1.89 (m, 1 H), 2.04 (m, 1 H), 2.32 (m, 1 H), 2.42 (m, 1 H), 2.53 (m, 3 H), 4.25 (m, 2 H), 5.63 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.89 (dd, J = 3.6, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.09 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (dd, J = 1.0, 4.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ d 14.2, 59.9, 123.7, 124.8, 126.2; u 22.9, 26.9, 31.2, 38.0, 38.3, 40.4, 61.6, 69.5, 145.5, 173.1, 174.4; IR 2976, 2932, 2864, 1731, 1643 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>+H): 308.1315, found 308.1339.

Ethyl 3-allyl-5-oxooctahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-9a-carboxylate 19. To a solution of methoxy amide **5b** (71 mg, 0.29 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) at -78 °C was added a solution of TiCl<sub>4</sub> (0.35 mL, 1.0 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0.35 mmol). After maintaining the reaction for 10 mins at -78 °C, a solution of allyltrimetylsilane (66 mg, 0.58 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) was added. The reaction was slowly warmed to rt and stirred for 4 h, then partitioned between aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (15 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), adsorbed onto celite and chromatographed to yield the allyl derivative **19** as a mixture of diastereomers as a colorless oil (52 mg for both isomers, 1:1.6 ratio by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, 0.21 mmol, 70% yield).  $R_f = 0.38$  (2% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H, major isomer), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H, minor isomer), 1.45–2.41 (complex, 6 H), 2.48–2.59 (m, 2 H), 2.75–2.80 (m, 1 H), 3.24– 3.52 (m, 3 H), 3.66–3.83 (m, 2 H), 4.17–4.39 (m, 3 H), 5.00–5.07 (m, 2 H), 5.72–5.82 (m, 1 H); ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (major isomer) δ d 14.4, 60.6, 135.7; u 23.0, 25.9, 26.6, 36.7, 38.2, 38.7, 40.4, 61.7, 69.4, 117.0, 173.4, 173.8; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (minor isomer) δ d 14.4, 60.2, 135.5; u 23.0, 25.2, 26.9, 37.9, 38.3, 38.6, 40.7, 61.8, 70.0, 117.3, 173.4, 174.4; IR 2942, 1734, 1637 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for  $C_{15}H_{24}NO_3$  (M<sup>+</sup>+H): 266.1751, found 266.1721.

9a-Methyl-3-(phenylethynyl)hexahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepin-5(6H)-one 20. To a solution of methoxy amide 7b (36 mg, 0.18 mmol) in THF (3 mL) at -78 °C was added a solution of TiCl<sub>4</sub> (0.36 mL, 1.0 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0.36 mmol) and the reaction maintained at -78 °C for 10 mins. To the reaction was added a premixed, -40 °C solution of copper(I) bromide dimethylsulfide complex (182 mg, 0.89 mmol) and phenylethynyl magnesium bromide (0.9 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.9 mmol) in THF (2 mL). The reaction was slowly warmed to rt and stirred for 4 h, then partitioned between aqueous  $NaHCO_3$  (15 mL) and  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), adsorbed onto celite and chromatographed to yield the phenylethynyl derivative as a colorless oil (24 mg for both isomers (80:20 ratio by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), 0.09 mmol, 50% yield).  $R_f = 0.28$  (50% EtOAc in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 1.35 (s, 3 H), 1.68–2.02 (complex, 8 H), 2.08–2.18 (m, 1 H), 2.37 (dt, J = 6.4, 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.59–2.63 (m, 2 H), 5.06 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, major isomer), 5.13 (dd, J = 2.4, 7.2 Hz, 1 H, minor isomer), 7.25–7.28 (complex, 3 H), 7.39– 7.41 (m, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (major isomer) δ d 24.0, 51.27, 128.0, 128.2, 131.9; u 24.1, 24.8, 29.0, 37.9, 42.3, 43.2, 62.2, 81.3, 90.0, 123.5, 173.2; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (minor isomer) δ d 25.8, 51.34, 128.0, 128.2, 131.9; u 24.1, 24.9, 29.6, 37.7, 40.5, 43.5, 62.4, 81.3, 90.0, 123.5, 173.2; IR 2934, 1707, 1624, 1586 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>+H): 268.1696, found 268.1696.

(±)-(8aS,12aR)-3-Allyloctahydrobenzo[b]pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-5,10(1H,6H)-dione 21. A solution of methoxyamide 1b (59 mg, 0.24 mmol) and allyltrimethylsilane (80 mg, 0.70 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was cooled to -40 °C and a solution of titanium tetrachloride in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.35 mL, 1 M, 0.35 mmol) was added portionwise via syringe over a span of 3 min. The reaction was warmed to rt over 2 h and partitioned between aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic layers were dried ( $Na_2SO_4$ ), adsorbed onto celite and chromatographed to afford a diastereometric mixture of allyl products 21 as a colorless oil (10 mg, 0.04 mmol, 17% yield).  $R_f = 0.27$ (2% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 1.53–1.60 (m, 2 H), 1.76–1.95 (complex, 6 H), 1.98– 2.04 (m, 1 H), 2.07–2.16 (m, 2 H), 2.23 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 15.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.36–2.47 (m, 3 H), 2.50–2.57 (m, 2 H), 2.66–2.72 (m, 1 H), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 15.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.45 (dt, *J* = 3.6, 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.05 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.07–5.10 (m, 1 H), 5.75–5.86 (m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CPD pulse sequence) δ 23.2, 24.2, 28.0, 33.9, 37.5, 38.1, 38.4, 38.5, 46.3, 47.7, 59.5, 65.7, 117.4, 135.5, 174.2, 208.7; IR 2927, 1709, 1612, 1407 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+H): 262.1802, found 262.1784.

## E. Synthesis and diversification of tricyclic lactam 27

**2-(4-Chlorobutyl)hept-6-enoic acid 25**.<sup>10</sup> Following the reported procedure, <sup>11</sup> *n*-BuLi (2.43M in hexane, 8.23 mL, 20.0 mmol) was slowly added to a solution of diisopropylamine (2.02 g, 20.0 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at 0 °C under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After 1 h at 0 °C, a precooled solution (0 °C) of hept-6-enoic acid (1.02 g, 8.00 mmol) and 1,3-dimethyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1*H*)-pyrimidinone (DMPU) (2.0 g, 16 mmol) in

THF (10 mL) was slowly added. After 1.5 h at room temperature, 1-bromo-4chlorobutane (1.65 g, 9.60 mmol) was slowly added. After stirring overnight, the resulting mixture was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride. The aqueous layer was washed with ethyl ether three times. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed (5-50% EtOAc/hexanes) to yield the acid **25** (1.20 g, 5.49 mmol, 69%) as a colorless oil.  $R_f$  = 0.35 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.42– 1.55 (m, 6 H), 1.63–1.73 (m, 2 H), 1.76–1.83 (m, 2 H), 2.08 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.35– 2.42 (m, 1 H), 3.54 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.96-5.01 (dm, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.03 (dq, *J* = 17.1, 1.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.80 (ddt, *J* = 16.9, 10.2, 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 11.07 (br, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  24.7 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 26.5 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 31.3 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 31.5 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 32.4 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 33.5 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 44.7 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 45.2 (*C*H), 114.8 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 138.3 (*C*H), 182.8 (*C*); IR 3071, 2942, 1702, 1286 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>37</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (2M<sup>+</sup>+H) 435.2069, found 435.2035.

(±)-(1*R*,5*S*)-5-(4-Chlorobutyl)bicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-6-one 26.<sup>10</sup> To a solution of acid 25 (1.20 g, 5.50 mmol) and two drops of DMF in benzene (15 mL) at 0 °C under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere was dropwise added oxalyl chloride (2.40 mL, 27.5 mmol). After 0.5 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 1.5 h, and then cooled to rt. The solvent and excess oxalyl chloride was removed under reduced pressure. Toluene (10 mL) was added to the above residue and removed again, and this procedure was repeated twice. To a refluxing solution of triethylamine (4.63 mL, 33 mmol) in toluene (50 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere was added dropwise a solution of the above residue in S-31

toluene (15 mL) using a syringe pump over 3 h. After the addition, the reaction mixture was continued to reflux for another 24 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to rt, water was added. After separation, diethyl ether was used to extract the product. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, died over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated. The concentrated residue was purified by chromatography (0.5-5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford fused cyclobutanone **26** (850 mg, 4.24 mmol, 83%) as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.30$  (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.32–1.41 (m, 2 H), 1.54-1.66 (m, 4 H), 1.73–1.83 (m, 6 H), 1.97 (dd, J = 6.4 Hz, 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.41 (dd, J = 4.4 Hz, 18.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.53–2.57 (m, 1 H), 3.09 (dd, J = 9.6 Hz, 18.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.49 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  23.0 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 24.9 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 32.3 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 32.6 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 32.92 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 34.0 (*C*H), 35.3 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 44.7 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 49.2 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 75.6 (*C*), 217.7 (*C*); IR 2945, 1771, 1449 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClO (M<sup>+</sup>+H) 201.1046, found 201.1029.

(±)-(1*R*,5*S*)-5-(4-Azidobutyl)bicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-6-one. A suspension of ketone 26 (243 mg, 1.20 mmol) and sodium azide (390 mg, 6.00 mmol) in DMF (3 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere was heated to 80 °C for 4 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diethyl ether and water were added. After the separation, the aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether three times. The combined layers were washed with water, brine, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The concentrated residue was directly used in the next step without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.29–1.46 (m, 3 H), 1.50–1.70 (m, 5 H), 1.75–1.89 (m, 3 H), 2.03 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 6.2 Hz, 1 S-32

H), 2.46 (dd, J = 18.5, 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.54–2.61 (m, 1 H), 3.13 (dd, J = 18.4, 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.29 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, CPD pulse sequence)  $\delta$  22.9, 25.0, 29.3, 32.68, 32.70, 34.0, 35.3, 49.3, 51.2, 75.6, 217.8.

(±)-(7a*R*,10a*S*)-Octahydrocyclopenta[*i*]indolizin-6(7*H*)-one 27. To a solution of the above azide residue in dichloromethane (10 mL) at 0 °C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere was added slowly titanium tetrachloride (1 M in DCM, 3.6 mL, 3.6 mmol). After the reaction mixture was stirred overnight, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate was used to quench the reaction. After the separation, the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM three times. The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The concentrated residue was purified by chromatography (50-200% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford lactam **27** (200 mg, 1.12 mmol, 93%) as a colorless oil. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.35 (100% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.20–1.60 (m, 9 H), 1.64–1.68 (m, 1 H), 1.72-1.84 (m, 2 H), 1.94-2.00 (m, 1 H), 2.11–2.18 (m, 1 H), 2.52–2.60 (m, 2 H), 3.97 (dd, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 13.2 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.7 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 24.5 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 25.0 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 33.9 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 34.9 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 37.5 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 37.8 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 37.8 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 41.8 (*C*H), 71.3 (*C*), 172.3 (*C*); IR 2936, 1682, 1417 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>+H) 180.1388, found 180.1391.

(±)-(4R,7aR,10aS)-4-Methoxyoctahydrocyclopenta[i]indolizin-6(7H)-one 28. To a three-necked round-bottom flask equipped with graphite anode, graphite cathode, and stirring bar, was added under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere a solution of lactam **27** (19 mg, 0.11 mmol) and tetraethylammonium tosylate (603 mg, 2.00 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (20 mL). Our home-made apparatus was used to supply direct current (5.2 V, 800 mA as labelled on the power source). Current was passed through the reaction mixture while stirred for 48 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Diethyl ether was added to the residue and some white solid formed. After the filtration, the filtrate was concentrated to afford lactam 28, which was used in the next step without further purification. Pure sample as a colorless oil was obtained for characterization after column chromatography (50-200% EtOAc/hexanes).  $R_f = 0.55 \text{ (EtOAc)}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.42–1.75 (m, 8 H), 1.81–1.93 (m, 3 H), 2.11–2.26 (m, 3 H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.26 (s, 3 H), 5.25 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 42.4 (CH), 55.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 70.8 (C), 79.7 (CH), 175.2 (C); IR 2939, 1689, 1398 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calculated for  $C_{12}H_{19}NO_2Na$  (M<sup>+</sup>+Na) 232.1313, found 232.1290.

(±)-(4*S*\*,7a*R*\*,10a*S*\*)-4-Allyloctahydrocyclopenta[*i*]indolizin-6(7*H*)-one 29. To a solution of the above residue and allyl trimethylsilane (103 mg, 0.90 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (10 mL) at 0 °C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere was added dropwise titanium tetrachloride (1 M in DCM, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was

stirred overnight at room temperature. Saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate was used to quench the reaction. After separation, the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM three times. The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The concentrated residue was purified by chromatography (20-200% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford lactam **29** (13 mg, 0.06 mmol, 56%) as a colorless oil.  $R_f$  = 0.35 (100% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.32–1.42 (m, 2 H), 1.44–1.69 (m, 3 H), 1.69–1.85 (m, 6 H), 1.92–2.02 (m, 1 H), 2.11–2.18 (m, 1 H), 2.18–2.25 (m, 1 H), 2.28–2.47 (m, 2 H), 2.61–2.70 (m, 1 H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.04–5.06 (m, 1 H), 5.06–5.12 (m, 1 H), 5.80 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.3, 6.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.5 (CH), 47.9 (CH), 70.6 (C), 117.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 135.9 (CH), 173.5 (C); IR 2936, 1678, 1404 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>+H) 220.1701, found 220.1694.

# F. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for new compounds



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