Supporting Information:

A Bioinspired Diversification Approach Toward the Total Synthesis of Lycodine-Type Alkaloids

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1. General Information

Reactions were performed under inert nitrogen atmosphere in oven-dried glassware unless otherwise noted. Room temperature (r.t.) refers to a standard 21 °C. All reactions were stirred with Teflon*-coated magnetic stir bars and were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) performed on Macherey-Nagel TLC Silica gel 60 F254 precoated glass plates (0.25 mm thickness). Substances were visualized under UV light ($\lambda = 254$ nm) and/or staining with basic KMnO₄ or *p*-anisaldehyde solutions. Chromatographic purification was performed on silica gel (SiliCycle, 40–63 µm mesh).

All chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and were used without further purification unless otherwise stated. THF, toluene, Et₂O and Et₃N were dried by passage over a column of activated alumina (JC Meyer Phoenix SDS Solvent System). CH₂Cl₂ and diisopropylamine (DIPA) were distilled over anhydrous CaH₂. Anhydrous EtOH, CHCl₃ and pyridine were obtained in sealed bottles from commercial suppliers.

¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker spectrometers operating at 300, 400, 500, 600 MHz for ¹H and 125, 151 MHz for ¹³C experiments. Chemical shifts are reported relative to TMS as parts per million (ppm) and are referenced to the solvent signals [δ (¹H) = 7.26 ppm and δ (¹³C) = 77.16 ppm for CDCl₃; δ (¹H) = 3.31 ppm and δ (¹³C) = 49.00 ppm for methanol-d4; δ (¹H) = 7.16 ppm and δ (¹³C) = 128.06 ppm for C₆D₆]. Multiplets are reported as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), dd (doublet of doublet), dt (doublet of triplet), m (multiplet), br s (broad singlet).

Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded on a Bruker ALPHA FT-IR spectrometer as thin films and are reported in [cm⁻¹]. Specific optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter in a cuvette of 10 cm optical pathlength. Concentrations (c) are given in grams of solute per 100 ml of solution.

LC-MS measurements were performed on a Shimadzu 2020 LC-MS system equipped with a Hypersil Gold column (50 mm \times 4.6 mm, 3 µm particle size) using the following elution method: solvent A: H₂O (+ 0.1% v/v HCO₂H), B: MeCN (+ 0.1% v/v HCO₂H); 30% to 95% B in 6 min, 1 mL min⁻¹. The quadrupole MS was operated in ESI (+) mode (-3.5 kV cone voltage).

GC-MS with volatile compounds was performed on a Shimadzu QP2010 SE system equipped with a SHRXI-5MS capillary column (30 m \times 0.25 mm \times 0.25 µm film) operated in positive ESI mode (-1.5 kV cone voltage) and with He as carrier gas. The default method consisted of a linear temperature gradient (10 °C min⁻¹) between 80 and 250 °C (250 °C injector temp.)

HR-MS spectra were recorded at the QB3/Chemistry Mass Spectrometry Facility at the University of California, Berkeley, on a Finnigan/Thermo LTQ-FT instrument (ESI), and the data acquired was processed using the XcaliburTM software.

2. Preparative Procedures

2.1. Synthesis of 6-methyl-3,4-dihydropyridin-2(1H)-one (17)



The title compound was prepared according to a literature procedure in 18% overall yield (lit. 19%).¹

2.2. Synthesis of (+)-pulegone epoxide (19)



Adapted from literature.² A solution of lithium hydroxide monohydrate (1.07 g, 25.6 mmol, 0.13 equiv) in water (10 mL) was added dropwise to a mixture of (+)-pulegone (30.0 g, 197 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and hydrogen peroxide (35% aq. solution, 21.6 mL, 296 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in methanol (150 mL) at 21 °C over the course of 5 min. The mixture was stirred at 21 °C for 6 h, after which TLC (hexanes/EtOAc = 2:1) showed full conversion of the starting material. Brine (100 mL) was added, followed by extraction with EtOAc (3 × 150 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (3 × 150 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed under vacuum (40 °C) to give epoxide **19** as colorless oil, which slowly crystallizes at room temperature (30.0 g, 90%, 2:1 mixture of diastereomers).

¹**H-NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 2.60 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 0.3H, β -isomer), 2.41 (s, 2H), 2.19 (td, J = 13.1, 4.2 Hz, 0.7H, α -isomer), 2.06–1.70 (m, 4H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 2H, α -isomer), 1.20 (s, 1H, β -isomer), 1.12–0.99 (m, 3H). **LC-MS** (ESI⁺) m/z = 169 (M+H⁺), 210 (M+MeCN+H⁺).

Spectral data in agreement with literature.³

2.3. Synthesis of (5R)-5-methyl-2-(phenylthio)cyclohexan-1-one (S1)



Adapted from literature.⁴ Thiophenol (23.8 mL, 25.5 g, 232 mmol, 2.05 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (500 mL) in a 1.0 L round-bottom flask with stir bar. Pieces of flattened sodium metal (5.17 g, 226 mmol, 2.0 equiv) are added and the developing colorless suspension was stirred at room temperature overnight. Pulegone epoxide **19** (2:1 mixture of α - and β -isomers, 19.0 g, 113 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (25 mL) in a 100 mL round bottom flask and was added dropwise via cannula to the PhSNa suspension over the course of 30 min. The mixture was heated to 85 °C and kept at reflux for 7 h after which TLC (hex/EtOAc 2:1, UV/*p*-anisaldehyde, $R_{f,prod} = 0.71$, $R_{f,sm} = 0.46$; diluted sample in a few µL MeOH) confirmed full conversion of the epoxide. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and water (200 mL) was added, followed by extraction with ethyl acetate (3 × 150 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with sat. aq. K₂CO₃ (3 × 150 mL) and brine (200 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure (40 °C) to give 25.8 g of **S1** as a yellow-brownish oil, which slowly turns into to a waxy solid upon storage at 4 °C (104 % crude yield). The mixture of diastereomers was used in the next step without further purification.

¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 7.53–7.47 (m, 0.6H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.20 (m, ~3.5H, superimposed on solvent), 3.87 (ddd, *J* = 11.3, 5.8, 1.2 Hz, 0.4H), 3.73 (ddd, *J* = 4.6, 2.9, 1.5 Hz, 0.5H), 2.79 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 12.2 Hz, 0.5H), 2.68 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 3.8, 2.1 Hz, 0.6H), 2.38–1.59 (m, 8H), 1.45–1.32 (m, 1.2H), 1.24–1.13 (m, 0.8H), 1.10–0.96 (m, 3.9H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C [ppm] 132.5, 131.6, 129.2, 129.1, 127.6, 127.4, 57.5, 54.5, 49.2, 45.5, 34.8, 33.4, 33.0, 31.7, 29.4, 22.2, 21.7 (C=O signal was not observed in spectrum)

LC-MS (ESI⁺) *m*/*z* = 340 (100), 262 (66, M+ MeCN+H⁺), 381 (65), 194 (53), 142 (49), 295 (45), 358 (38), 408 (31), 278 (21), 221 (11, M+H⁺).

IR *v*[cm⁻¹] 2953, 2926, 1710 (C=O), 1438.

HR-MS (ESI⁺) calculated mass for $C_{13}H_{17}OS$ [(M+H⁺)]: m/z = 221.0995; found: 221.0998.

2.4. Synthesis of (5*R*)-5-methyl-2-(phenylsulfinyl)cyclohexan-1-one (20)

$$Me \xrightarrow{SPh} \underbrace{NaBO_3 \cdot H_2O}_{AcOH, 40 \ ^\circ C} \xrightarrow{O \ }_{Me} \xrightarrow{O \ }_{Ph}$$

Crude thioether **S1** (25.0 g) was dissolved in acetic acid (glacial, 225 mL, 9 mL/g crude) in a 500 mL round bottom flask and heated to 40 °C. Sodium perborate monohydrate (12.4 g, 125 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was ground to a fine powder with a mortar before adding it to the dissolved thioether in ca. 2 g portions over the course of 5 min. The suspension was stirred at 40 °C for 45 min, after which the mixture clarified and TLC (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1, UV/p-anisaldehyde, $R_{f,prod}$ = 0.25, brown) confirmed full conversion of the starting material. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath, and NH₄OH (14.8 M, 265 mL) was added slowly (!) over 1.5 h with a dropping funnel whilst stirring to quench the acetic acid. The resulting colorless suspension was diluted with water (100 mL) and the pH adjusted to 7–8 by dropwise addition of aqueous ammonia solution (14.8 M). The aqueous mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 150 mL), the combined organic extracts washed with brine (150 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure (20 °C) gave 26.5 g of a thick, brownish oil (99% crude over 2 steps), which was purified by column chromatography using a gradient of hexanes/EtOAc 2:1–1:1–1:2. The title compound **20** was obtained as colorless oil, which solidifies upon standing at room temperature (17.3 g, 65% over two steps, mixture of diastereomers).

¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 7.68–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.58–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.46 (m, 3H), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 5.9 Hz, 0.17H), 3.37–3.30 (m, 0.82H), 2.62–2.47 (m, 1.4 H), 2.38–2.20 (m, 0.7H), 2.15–1.90 (m, 3.5H), 1.81 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.40–1.29 (m, 0.7 H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1.2H), 1.01–0.96 (m, 1.8 H).

¹³**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] 131.7, 131.5, 131.0, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 126.0, 124.8, 124.7, 124.6, 75.3, 73.4, 73.1, 71.7, 51.4, 50.5, 50.4, 50.1, 34.1, 33.6, 33.57, 32.3, 32.2, 29.7, 29.6, 27.6, 25.1, 24.0, 22.9, 21.9, 21.8, 21.6, 21.3. **LC-MS** (ESI⁺) m/z = 278 (100, M+MeCN+H⁺), 300 (52), 495 (29), 473 (27), 237 (25, M+H⁺), 279 (23), 341 (13), 301 (12).

IR v[cm⁻¹]3058, 2953, 1710 (C=O), 1442, 1145–1022 (sulfoxide), 747, 689.

HR-MS (ESI⁺) calculated mass for $C_{13}H_{17}O_2S$ [(M+H⁺)]: m/z = 237.0944; found: 237.0950.

2.5. Synthesis of (R)-3-(4-methyl-6-oxocyclohex-1-en-1-yl)propanenitrile (21)



Sulfoxide **20** (18.4 g, 77.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in in isopropanol (430 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU, 23.2 mL, 156 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added dropwise over 10 minutes. The yellowish solution was stirred for 15 min at 0 °C before acrylonitrile (6.67 mL, 101 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was added with a syringe pump (0.25 mL min⁻¹) at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 2 h before heating to 40 °C for another 2 h, upon which TLC (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 2:1, UV/*p*-anisaldehyde, $R_{f,prod} = 0.33$, purple to green to yellow) confirmed full consumption of starting material. Volatile components were removed under vacuum (40 °C) and the black-brown oily residue was taken up in brine (200 mL). The aq. phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 200 mL) and the combined extracts were washed with 1 M aq. HCl (2 × 150 mL) and brine (150 mL). After drying over MgSO₄, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure (40 °C) and the brown-red oil was purified by silica gel chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 2:1) to afford nitrile **21** (7.68 g, 60%) as yellow oil. A yellow impurity is frequently observed to coelute with the product and can be removed by passing the oily product through a plug of neutral Al₂O₃ (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 2:1).

¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 6.90 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.62 – 2.36 (m, 6 H), 2.32 – 2.00 (m, 3 H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3 H).

¹³**C-NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C [ppm] 199.2, 148.1, 135.7, 119.4, 46.4, 34.4, 30.6, 26.5, 21.2, 17.0.

GC-MS (ESI⁺) m/z = 163 (30, M⁺), 148 (52, [M–"CH₃"]⁺), 121 (53), 53 (58), 81 (100).

Spectral data is in agreement with literature.⁵

2.6. Synthesis of (R)-3-(9-methyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]dec-6-en-6-yl)propanenitrile (S2)



Adapted from literature⁶: Only a modest conversion of 21% (GC-MS, ¹H-NMR) was observed under the described conditions and an increase of ethylene glycol equivalents at lower temperature was necessary.

To nitrile **21** (7.68 g, 47.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added ethylene glycol (anhydrous, 34.1 mL, 612 mmol, 13.0 equiv), triethyl orthoformate (anhydrous, 47.0 mL, 282 mmol, 6.0 equiv), and *p*-toluene sulfonic acid monohydrate (44.5 mg, 0.23 mmol, 0.5 mol%) and the reaction mixture was heated to 75 °C. After stirring for 2 hours, TLC (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 2:1, *p*-anisaldehyde) confirmed full conversion of the starting material to a product with slightly higher R_{f} which was invisible under UV-light. The reaction was cooled to approx. 40 °C and anhydrous K₂CO₃ (ca. 2 g) was added. The yellow mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure (40–45 °C) and the oily residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 2:1) to afford ketal **S2** (9.4 g, 97%) as pale-yellow oil.

¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 5.84 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.07–3.91 (m, 4H), 2.54–2.48 (m, 2H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (dt, *J* = 17.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.95–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.71–1.63 (m, 1H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H).

 $^{13}\text{C-NMR} (100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta_{\mathbb{C}} \text{ [ppm] } 134.4, 132.0, 120.1, 108.3, 65.4, 64.3, 41.8, 34.0, 27.6, 26.3, 21.5, 17.8.$

GC-MS (ESI⁺) $m/z = 207 (0.5, M^+), 165 (47, [M-CH₂CN-H]^+), 125 (100).$

HR-MS (ESI⁺) calculated mass for $C_{12}H_{18}NO_2$ [(M+H⁺)]: m/z = 208.1332; found: 208.1359.

The number of protons in literature⁶ does not match the title compound and the here acquired NMR data.

2.7. Synthesis of (R)-3-(9-methyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]dec-6-en-6-yl)propan-1-amine (22)



Adapted from literature.¹ Ketal **S2** (2.85 g, 13.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous Et_2O (57.0 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. LiAlH₄ (2.11 g, 55.6 mmol, 4.04 equiv) was added portion-wise over 12 minutes and the grey suspension was stirred for 4 h at 0 °C. Upon full consumption of starting material (TLC) the reaction was worked up according to the Fieser & Fieser protocol: The reaction mixture was diluted with Et_2O (57 mL) and water (2.15 mL) was added dropwise (violent gas evolution) at 0 °C. 15% aq. NaOH solution (2.15 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 20 minutes at 0 °C. Water (6.30 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 20 minutes at room temperature. MgSO₄ (5.7 g) was added and the mixture was stirred for another 20 minutes. The white suspension was filtered through a pad of celite and the filter was thoroughly washed with Et_2O . Concentration under reduced pressure gave a slightly yellowish oil of amino ketal **22** (2.42 g, 11.51 mmol, 84%) which was used without further purification.

¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 5.68 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.09–4.00 (m, 2 H), 4.00–3.91 (m, 2 H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.15–1.70 (m, 5 H), 1.70–1.55 (m, 5 H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 3 H).

¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C [ppm] 137.0, 127.8, 108.2, 65.3, 64.2, 42.2, 41.9, 33.8, 32.3, 27.4, 26.0, 21.4.

LC-MS (ESI⁺) *m*/*z* = 212 (100, M+H⁺), 253 (56, M+ MeCN+H⁺), 421 (52, 2M+H⁺), 628 (49), 150 (27).

Spectral data is in agreement with literature.¹

2.8. Synthesis of *N*-desmethyl-α-obscurine (5)



The crude material obtained by following a literature procedure¹ may be purified by a phase-transfer protocol if needed: The yellow residue was taken up in 1 M aq. HCl and washed with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 50 mL). After adjusting the pH to 6 with sat. aq. Na₂CO₃, another three washes with CH_2Cl_2 followed. Further basification with sat. aq. Na₂CO₃ led to formation of a white precipitate. At pH 13–14, the mixture was extracted again with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic extracts from the last step were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford *N*-desmethyl- α obscurine as yellowish/off-white solid.

¹**H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 7.45 (bs, 1H), 2.82 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.50–2.15 (m, 6H), 1.87 (bs, 1H), 1.71–1.55 (m, 5H), 1.55–1.34 (m, 5H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 0.85 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H).

LC-MS (ESI⁺) $m/z = 261.2 [(M+H)^+].$

Spectral data is in agreement with literature.¹

2.9. Synthesis of *N*-Boc-*α*-obscurine (S3)



The title compound was prepared from crude **5** according to a literature procedure in 54% yield (over two steps) (lit. 65%).¹

2.10. Synthesis of *N*-Boc-β-obscurine (23)



The title compound was prepared according to a literature procedure in 90% yield (lit. 84%).¹

2.11. Synthesis of 1-triflyl-N-Boc-lycodine (24)



The title compound was prepared according to a literature procedure in 78% yield (lit. 72%).¹

2.12. Synthesis of 9-oxo-1-triflyl-N-Boc-lycodine (25)



In a 100 mL flask RuO₂ · H₂O (2.2 mg, 16.6 µmol, 1.0 mol%) was suspended in water (23 mL) and NaIO₄ (2.41 g, 112.9 mmol, 6.8 equiv) was added to form a clear yellow solution of RuO₄. Triflate **24** (814 mg, 1.66 mmol, 1.0 equiv) dissolved in 'BuOH (3.6 mL) was added to the solution of RuO₄. The source vessel was washed with another 3.6 mL 'BuOH, which was also transferred to the reaction. During the addition, precipitation of black RuO₂ · H₂O was observed, which partially re-dissolved with stirring. The mixture was heated to 60 °C and stirred for 3 h upon which TLC (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 2:1, spot hot reaction mixture) confirmed full conversion of the starting material. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with water (50 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure and the brown residue was passed through a pad of silica (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 2:1 as solvent) to afford triflyl imide **25** (721 mg, 86%) as white solid. ¹**H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 8.67 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 19.6, 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 19.7, 1 H), 2.53 (ddd, *J* = 18.1, 9.9, 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.34 (m, 1 H), 2.24 (ddd, *J* = 17.9, 7.7, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.11 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 4.7, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.06 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.81 – 1.74 (m, 1 H), 1.56 (s, 9 H), 1.52 – 1.44 (m, 1 H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.42 – 1.36 (m, 1 H), 1.30 (m, 1 H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3 H).

¹³**C-NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} [ppm] 171.2, 156.9, 154.2, 154.1, 142.2, 136.6, 118.8 (q, *J* (C–F) = 320.4 Hz), 112.8, 84.9, 63.0, 44.8, 42.6, 41.6, 34.6, 32.6, 31.2, 27.7 (2C), 24.8, 22.5, 21.7.

LC-MS (ESI⁺) *m*/*z* = 490 (100), 546 (39), 446 (28), 491 (26), 547 (22), 505 (22, M+H⁺).

IR *v* [cm⁻¹] 2927, 1739, 1677, 1419, 1252, 1212, 1140, 955, 932, 881, 848, 600.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +101.5^{\circ} (c = 0.93, CHCl_3).$

HR-MS (ESI+) exact mass calculated for $C_{22}H_{28}N_2O_6F_3S$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 505.1615; found: 505.1620.

2.13. Synthesis of 9-oxo-*N*-Boc-β-obscurine (S4)



1 M aq. LiOH (3.14 mL, 3.14 mmol, 2.2 equiv) was added to a solution of triflyl imide **25** (720 mg, 1.43 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (7.0 mL). The reaction was heated to 30 °C and stirred for 35 min after which a second portion of 1 M aq. LiOH (2.2 equiv, 4.4 equiv total) was added to the clarified mixture. Stirring was continued for 25 min at 30 °C upon which TLC (hexanes/EtOAc 1:1) showed full conversion of **25**. Water (5 mL) was added and the pH of the aq. phase was carefully adjusted to pH 7.0 with 0.5 M aq. HCl (9.5 mL). The aq. phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 50 mL), the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure afforded crude pyridonyl imide **S4** as colorless amorphous solid (530 mg). The crude material was taken directly into the pyridone methylation.

¹**H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 13.33 (bs, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 19.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (d, *J* = 19.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54–2.45 (m, 1H), 2.30–2.22 (m, 2H), 2.07 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.05–2.00 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.48–1.39 (m, 1H), 1.37–1.29 (m, 2H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C-NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C [ppm] 171.5, 165.1, 154.1, 143.5, 142.7, 118.5, 117.8, 84.6, 61.7, 44.1, 42.2, 41.7, 32.2, 31.0, 29.4, 27.7 (3C), 24.9, 22.2, 21.6.

LC-MS (ESI⁺) m/z = 414 (100, M+MeCN+H⁺), 415 (28), 341 (20).

IR *v* [cm⁻¹] 2950, 2924, 2870, 1739, 1655, 1612, 1558, 1458, 1368, 1249, 1154, 849.

HR-MS (ESI⁺) exact mass calculated for $C_{21}H_{29}N_2O_4$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 373.2122; found 373.2125.

2.14. Synthesis of 1-methoxy-9-oxo-N-Boc-lycodine (S5)



Ag₂CO₃ (749 mg, 2.72 mmol, 1.9 equiv) was added to a solution of crude pyridonyl imide **S4** (530 mg, 1.43 mmol assumed from previous step, 1.0 equiv) in CHCl₃ (10 mL) followed by a solution of MeI (111 μ L, 1.78 mmol, 2.6 equiv) in CHCl₃ (2.0 mL). The grey suspension was heated to reflux (75 °C) in the dark (wrap with tin foil) for 13 hours, after which TLC (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 1:1) showed full conversion of the starting material. After cooling to room temperature, the yellow-brown suspension was filtered through a pad of celite and the yellow oily residue obtained after evaporation was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1) to afford the title compound **S5** as colorless foam (475 mg, 86% over two steps).

¹**H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 19.1, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, *J* = 19.1 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dt, *J* = 17.3, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30–2.27 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.13 (m, 1H), 2.08–2.01 (m, 2H), 1.83–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.54 (m, 1H) superimposed on 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.41–1.34 (m, 3H), 0.85 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C-NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C [ppm] 171.7, 162.6, 154.0 (d), 139.2, 127.9, 108.7, 84.3, 63.0, 53.5, 45.1, 42.9, 41.8, 34.9, 32.9, 31.0, 27.7 (3C), 24.9, 22.3, 21.7.

LC-MS (ESI⁺) *m*/*z* = 387 (100, M+H⁺), 428 388 (26), (11, M+MeCN+H⁺).

IR *v* [cm⁻¹] 2923, 1740, 1674, 1594, 1476, 1421, 1367, 1312, 1249, 1152, 1031, 850, 731.

HR-MS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{22}H_{31}N_2O_4$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 387.2278; found: 387.2278.

2.15. Synthesis of aminoacid 26



1 M aq. LiOH (5.90 mL, 5.90 mmol, 4.8 equiv) was added to a solution of methoxy imide **S5** (475 mg, 1.23 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (4.5 mL). The mixture was stirred at 65 °C, with an additional portion of 1 M aq. LiOH (1.6 eq, 5.4 equiv total) being added after 6 h. After 22 h, full conversion of the starting material was determined by TLC (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 1:1) and the clear mixture was cooled to room temperature, followed by addition of water (60 mL) and careful acidification with 1 M aq. HCl (ca. 15 mL) to pH 1–2. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (5 × 100 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄. Removal of solvent under reduced pressure afforded methoxy acid **26** (465 mg, 97%) as a colorless foam without further purification.

¹**H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.92 (bs, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (d, *J* = 19.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49–2.40 (m, 2H), 2.38–2.29 (m, 3H), 1.83–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.71 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.59–1.55 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.39–1.13 (m, 4H), 0.78 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C [ppm] 178.8, 162.3, 154.9 (2C), 135.4, 127.5, 108.6, 79.6, 59.0, 53.5, 47.0, 42.8, 41.1, 34.2, 32.2, 30.8, 28.5 (3C), 26.4, 23.2, 21.9.

LC-MS (ESI⁺) m/z = 405 (100, M+H⁺), 406 (29).

IR *v* [cm⁻¹] 3500–3000, 2950, 2918, 2868, 1712, 1598, 1578, 1476, 1422, 1312, 1259, 1163, 1035.

HR-MS (ESI+) exact mass calculated for $C_{22}H_{33}N_2O_5$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 405.2384; found 405.2383.

2.16. Synthesis of 1'-methyl-N-Boc-casuarinine H (27)



An oven-dried, tall tube with stir-bar and septum cap was loaded with methoxy acid **27** (100 mg, 247 µmol, 1.0 equiv), PdBr₂ (2.0 mg, 7.4 µmol, 3 mol%) and DPE-Phos (12.0 mg, 22.3 µmol, 9 mol%) and subjected to three cycles of evacuation and backfilling with nitrogen. Anhydrous DMPU (1.2 mL) was added, followed by pivalic anhydride (105 μ L, 519 µmol, 2.1 equiv) and anhydrous triethylamine (4.0 μ L, 29.7 µmol, 12 mol%). The clear yellow solution was stirred at 130 °C for 4 h upon which the color changes to orange/red and then dark purple and TLC (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 2:1, *p*-anisaldehyde) confirmed full conversion of the starting material. The solution was cooled to room temperature, then cooled further to 0 °C, and 1 mL saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ was added. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 20 minutes. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL) and washed with sat. aq. NH₄Cl (30 mL), water (2 × 30 mL) and brine (30 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a purple oil, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 9:1) to afford olefin **27** as a colorless oil (57.6 mg, 65%).

¹**H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.64 (dt, *J* = 16.9, 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.24 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.07 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.83 (s, 1 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 18.9, 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.58 (d, *J* = 18.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.30 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.16 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.89 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.71 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.44 (s, 9 H), 1.28 (m, 1 H), 1.38 (td, *J* = 13.0, 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 0.82 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3 H).

¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C [ppm] 162.4, 155.4, 154.8, 138.2, 136.2, 128.2, 118.3, 108.6, 79.2, 57.9, 53.5, 49.2, 46.3, 42.7, 35.1, 34.7, 28.6 (3C), 26.4, 22.0.

LC-MS (ESI⁺) *m*/*z* = 359 (100, M+H⁺), 360 (29), 400 (15, M+MeCN+H⁺).

IR v [cm⁻¹] 3500 – 3300, 3071, 2922, 2854, 1724, 1597, 1577, 1476, 1421, 1365, 1314, 1264, 1164, 1034.

HR-MS (ESI⁺) exact mass calculated for $C_{21}H_{31}N_2O_3$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 359.2329; found: 359.2329.

2.17. Synthesis of (-)-casuarinine H (2)



Methoxy olefin **27** (10 mg, 0.028 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was concentrated in a 1 dram vial and introduced to a glovebox. In the glovebox, **27** was dissolved in anhydrous CHCl₃ (0.5 mL) and trimethylsilyl iodide (TMSI) (40 μ L, 0.28 mmol, 10 equiv) was then added dropwise. The vial was sealed, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 65 °C for 5 hours, resulting in a dark yellow solution. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was transferred to a 2 dram vial with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 1.0 mL). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and H₂O, sat. aq. K₂CO₃, and sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₃ (0.5 mL of each) were added while stirring. The pH of the resulting solution was confirmed to be >10 and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 1 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. Concentration under reduced pressure afforded (-)-casuarinine H (**2**) as an off-white solid/foam (6.1 mg, 89%).

¹**H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 13.25 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.76 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (ddd, *J* = 16.9, 9.8, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 18.9, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.15 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.78-1.60 (br s, 2H, NH₂), 1.74 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.29 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 12.8, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 12.1 Hz, 1H), 0.85 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C-NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C [ppm] 165.0, 143.9, 140.4, 137.4, 120.5, 119.2, 117.3, 54.8, 52.4, 50.0, 42.6, 34.3, 30.0, 26.5, 21.9.

LC-MS (ESI⁺) $m/z = 286 (100, M+MeCN+H^+), 228 (73, [M-NH_2]^+), 287 (23), 245 (22, M+H^+), 269 (18), 229 (13).$

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -7.1^{\circ} (c = 0.22, CHCl_3).$

IR *v* [cm⁻¹] 3600–3200, 2924, 2853, 1654, 1609, 1559, 1457, 1178, 1128, 666.

HR-MS (ESI+) exact mass calculated for $C_{15}H_{21}N_2O[(M+H)^+]$: m/z = 245.1648; found: 245.1648.

Characterization data in agreement with material isolated from natural sources.⁷

2.18. Synthesis of (+)-lycoplatyrine B (4)



Casuarinine H (**2**, 5.2 mg, 21.3 µmol, 1.0 equiv) was concentrated in a 1 dram vial, cooled to 0 °C, and subsequently dissolved in aq. HCl (3 M, 285 µL). To the clear solution stirring at 0 °C was piecewise added grains of samarium metal (26 mg, 170.3 µmol, 8.0 equiv, 6–7 grains). Complete dissolution of each grain of Sm was observed before the addition of the next grain. The addition of larger grains and/or several of the last grains resulted in a deep purple solution. In these instances, the solution was stirred until the purple color disappeared to yield a clear or very light yellow solution before the addition of the next grain of Sm. *Note: Slow addition of the Sm metal in this manner is critical to avoid an exotherm and to obtain clean product.* Upon complete addition of the Sm metal, full dissolution of the last grain, and decolorization, the solution was stirred for 2 minutes at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed and the solution was stirred for 10 minutes at 21 °C. To the solution was added H₂O (750 µL) and the aqueous layer was washed with MTBE (3 × 1 mL). This solution was cooled to 0 °C and basified via the slow dropwise addition of sat. aq. K₂CO₃ (1.6 mL) with stirring (the solution bubbles vigorously!). The pH was confirmed to be >10. The resulting solution was extracted with MTBE (3 × 1 mL), the extracts dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to yield the title compound lycoplatyrine B (**4**) as a white solid (4.4 mg, 84% yield). CDCl₃ was deacidified by passing through a plug of basic alumina (Brockmann I) before dissolving the product for NMR analysis.

¹**H-NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 7.17 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.81 (dt, *J* = 17.1, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48–2.40 (m, 4H), 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.04 (dd, 9.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 1.68–1.64 (m, 3H), 1.36–1.19 (br s, 2H, NH₂), 1.25–1.20 (m, 1H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (m, 1H).

¹³**C-NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C [ppm] 171.2, 138.4, 129.6, 118.3, 114.2, 55.0, 53.0, 47.1, 43.0, 34.6, 31.2, 30.2, 27.0, 22.0, 19.9.

LC-MS (ESI⁺) *m*/*z* = 288 (43, M+MeCN+H⁺), 247 (8, M+H⁺).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +79.2^{\circ} (c = 0.22, CH_2Cl_2).$

IR *v* [cm⁻¹] 3217-3073, 2948, 2908, 2840, 1666, 1381, 1212, 915, 828.

HR-MS (ESI+) exact mass calculated for $C_{15}H_{23} N_2 O$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 247.1805; found: 247.1805. Characterization data in agreement with material isolated from natural sources.⁸

2.19. Synthesis of 1'-methyl-N-Boc-8,15-dihydrohuperzine A (S6)



Methoxy terminal olefin **27** (20.5 mg, 57.2 µmol, 1.0 equiv) was concentrated in a 1 dram vial and taken into a glovebox. To the vial was added Pd(dba)₂ (6.6 mg, 11.4 µmol, 0.2 equiv) and P(ⁱBu)₃ (2.3 mg, 11.4 µmol, 0.2 equiv), followed by anhydrous toluene (250 µL). In the glovebox in a separate vial, a stock solution of ⁱPrCOCl (12 µL) in anhydrous toluene (500 µL) was prepared. A 50 µL aliquot of the ⁱPrCOCl stock solution (containing 1.2 µL, 11.4 µmol, 0.2 equiv ⁱPrCOCl) was added to the other reagents. The vial was capped with a solid cap, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 90 °C for 21 hours, yielding an orange solution. After cooling to 21 °C, the solution was filtered through a plug of Celite with CH₂Cl₂ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude oil was purified via silica gel chromatography (9:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc) to yield methoxy internal olefin **S6** (TLC: $R_f = 0.39$ in 4:1 hexanes/EtOAc, visualized by UV/*p*-anisaldehyde) as a pale-yellow foam (16.5 mg, 81% yield). The product was isolated as an approximate 7:3 mixture of rotamers.

¹**H-NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 7.51 (d, *J* =8.8 Hz, 0.3H, minor rotamer), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 0.7H, major rotamer), 6.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (m, 1H), 4.74 (s, 0.7H major rotamer), 4.58 (s, 0.3H, minor rotamer), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.34 (br s, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 7.0 Hz, 0.7H, major rotamer), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 6.3 Hz, 0.3H, minor rotamer), 2.78 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.70 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.56 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 6H, major rotamer), 1.25 (m, 1H), 1.05 (s, 3H, minor rotamer), 0.78 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃, peaks for major rotamer tabulated) $\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] 162.2, 154.5, 153.7, 138.8, 135.2, 129.0, 112.3, 108.2, 79.3, 59.8, 53.5, 52.1, 43.5, 39.4, 31.6, 28.5, 26.1, 21.5, 12.6.

LC-MS (ESI⁺) m/z = 359 (100, M+H⁺), 400 (6, M+MeCN+H⁺).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +15.2^{\circ} (c = 0.21, CH_2Cl_2).$

IR *v* [cm⁻¹] 3350-3270, 2921, 2951, 1694, 1598, 1475, 1365, 1311, 1265, 1250, 1168, 1039, 1027, 825.

HR-MS (ESI+) exact mass calculated for $C_{21}H_{31}N_2O_3$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 359.2329; found: 359.2336.

2.20. Synthesis of (-)-8,15-dihydrohuperzine A (3)



Methoxy internal olefin **S6** (10.4 mg, 0.029 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was concentrated in a 1 dram vial and introduced to a glovebox. In the glovebox, **S6** was dissolved in anhydrous CHCl₃ (0.5 mL) and TMSI (42 µL, 0.29 mmol, 10.0 equiv) was then added dropwise. The vial was sealed, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 65 °C for 5 hours, resulting in a dark red/brown solution. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was transferred to a 2 dram vial with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 1.0 mL). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and H₂O (1 mL) was added dropwise while stirring. The aqueous phase was washed with MTBE (3 × 2 mL) and the organic washes were discarded. The aqueous layer was cooled to 0 °C and basified via the dropwise addition of sat. aq. K₂CO₃ (800 µL) with stirring. The pH was confirmed to be >10. The resulting solution was extracted with MTBE (3 × 1 mL), the extracts dried over MgSO₄, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to yield the crude product as a colorless oil. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 10:1) to afford 8,15-dihydrohuperzine A (**3**) (TLC: R_f = 0.43 in 9:1 CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, visualized by UV/KMnO₄) as a colorless oil (2.9 mg, 41% yield). CDCl₃ was deacidified by passing through a plug of basic alumina (Brockmann I) before dissolving the product for NMR analysis.

¹**H-NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 12.83 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.82 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (m, 1H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 7.3, Hz, 1H), 2.69 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (br d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.64-1.53 (br s, 2H, NH₂), 1.63–1.56 (m, 1H), 1.19 (dt, *J* = 12.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 0.82 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C-NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C [ppm] 164.9, 144.6, 144.4, 139.6, 122.3, 117.1, 111.4, 55.1, 51.3, 42.8, 34.6, 30.7, 26.6, 21.5, 12.4.

LC-MS (ESI⁺) m/z = 286 (100, M+MeCN+H⁺), 245 (5, M+H⁺).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -56.6^{\circ} (c = 0.15, CH_2Cl_2).$

IR *v* [cm⁻¹] 3400-3250, 2913, 1654, 1615, 1458, 833, 660.

HR-MS (ESI+) exact mass calculated for $C_{15}H_{21}N_2O[(M+H)^+]$: m/z = 245.1648; found: 245.1647. Characterization data in agreement with material isolated from natural sources.^{9, 10}

2.21. Synthesis of N-Boc-lycodine (30)



The title compound was prepared from 24 according to a literature procedure in 99% yield (lit. 90%).¹

2.22. Synthesis of N-Boc lycodine boronic ester (S7)



The title compound was prepared from **30** according to a literature procedure¹ and was used without purification in the next step.

2.23. Synthesis of N-Boc-2-bromolycodine (31)



Adapted from a literature procedure.¹¹ To a solution of crude boronic ester **S7** (0.512 mmol assumed from previous step, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (25 mL), a solution of copper(II)bromide (241 mg, 1.79 mmol, 3.5 equiv) in H₂O (25 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux (80 °C) for 3 h. Then, the mixture was allowed to cool to r.t. and was quenched with 10% NH₄OH solution (150 mL), followed by extraction with Et₂O (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H₂O and brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The resulting black oil was purified by flash column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 9:1–4:1–2:1) to afford the title compound **31** as slightly yellow foam (159 mg, 377 µmol, 74% over two steps).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 8.44 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dq, *J* = 13.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 19.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 3.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (d, *J* = 19.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43–2.36 (m, 1H), 2.15–2.11 (m, 1H), 1.89–1.81 (m, 2H), 1.75–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.63–1.55 (m, 2H), 1.55–1.48 (m, 1H) superimposed on 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.42–1.20 (m, 2H), 1.21–1.11 (m, 1H), 0.84 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H [ppm] 156.7, 156.2, 148.6, 137.8, 136.4, 118.5, 80.2, 64.0, 48.4, 44.4, 43.5, 43.0, 34.8, 34.3, 28.7 (3C), 27.8, 26.7, 25.7, 22.5.

LC-MS (ESI⁺) *m*/*z* = 464 (100, M+MeCN+H⁺), 462 (93), 423 (86, M+H⁺), 421 (76, M+H⁺), 465 (23), 424 (19).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +126.7^{\circ} (c = 0.255, CH_2Cl_2).$

IR *v* [cm⁻¹] 2925, 2869, 1700, 1456, 1365, 1268, 1156, 965.

HR-MS (ESI+) exact mass calculated for $C_{21}H_{30}$ BrN₂O₂ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 421.1485; found: 421.1493.

Spectral data in agreement with those reported for a N-Cbz-protected derivative.¹¹

2.24. Synthesis of protected piperidine adduct 33



Lactam 32 was prepared according to literature procedures.¹²

In a Schlenk-flask equipped with septum and stir bar, *N*-Boc-2-bromolycodine **31** (19.8 mg, 47 µmol, 1.0 equiv) and enantiomerically pure *trans-* α -hydroxy- β -lactam (2'*R*)-**32** (9.7 mg, 44.6 µmol, 0.95 equiv) were subjected to three cycles of evacuation and backfilling with N₂ before introducing the evacuated vessel to a glove box. Cs₂CO₃ (30.6 mg, 94 µmol, 2.0 equiv), RuPhos Pd G4 (4.0 mg, 4.7 µmol, 10 mol%) and toluene (degassed by three cycles of freeze-pump-thaw, 306 µL, 0.2 M) were added to the flask inside the box. The flask with the light brown suspension was sealed and placed in a preheated oil bath at 70 °C. After 2.5 h, LC-MS and TLC (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 1:1, UV/KMnO₄ stain) confirmed full consumption of the bromide and the formation of the desired coupled product. The crude reaction mixture was directly applied to preparative TLC for purification (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 1:2, product *R*_{*f*,product} = 0.5, 3 × 1.0 mL of CHCl₃/MeOH 20:1 for elution of material from SiO₂) to yield 17.0 mg (65%) of (2'*R*)-**33** as a colorless foam.

Notes: The β -lactam coupling partner is set as limiting component since unreacted material co-elutes with the coupling product. When racemic trans- α -hydroxy- β -lactam is used, no separation of product epimers on TLC was observed.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 8.41 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 0.35H, major rotamer), 8.40 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 0.1H, minor rotamer 1), 8.32 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 0.25H, minor rotamer 2), 8.03–7.92 (m, 1.6H), 7.68–759 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.44 (m, 2.7H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 0.1H minor rotamer 1), 6.04 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 0.4H, major rotamer), 4.88 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 0.3H, minor rotamer 2), 4.63 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 0.3H), 4.21–4.05 (m, 1H), 3.63–3.57 (m, 0.3H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 0.6H), 3.27–3.11 (m, 1H), 3.06 (ddd, *J* = 14.2, 113, 4.0 Hz, 0.5H), 2.90–2.74 (m, 1.3H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 18.7 Hz, 1H), 2.49–2.24 (m, 2H), 2.17–2.09 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.10 (m, 1H), 2.10–1.99 (m, 1H), 1.99–1.67 (m, 6H), 1.67–1.51 (m, 5H), 1.49–1.48 (2 × s, 9H), 1.40–1.11 (m, 4H), 0.88–0.78 (2 × d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) δ_C [ppm] 191.50, 191.40, 166.75, 166.50, 157.13, 156.87, 156.47, 156.41, 146.83, 135.52, 135.36, 134.92, 134.89, 133.29, 133.25, 132.64, 132.56, 132.09, 131.15, 129.77, 129.32, 129.23, 79.99, 79.87, 64.07, 63.87, 54.75, 48.96, 48.33, 48.15, 44.34, 44.32, 43.91, 43.81, 43.17, 43.13, 37.82, 37.81, 34.85, 34.81, 34.44, 34.42, 31.06, 28.67 (3C, minor rotamer 2), 28.64 (3C, major rotamer), 27.76, 27.74, 26.69, 26.56, 25.99, 25.60, 25.80, 22.52, 19.78, 19.62.

LC-MS see 2'S epimer.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +115^{\circ} (c = 1.13, CHCl_3).$

IR see 2'S epimer.

HR-MS (ESI+) exact mass calculated for $C_{34}H_{44}N_3O_4$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 558.3326; found: 558.3379.

(2'S)-33 (13.3 mg, 65% yield) was obtained from a coupling of (2'S)-32 and 31 (15.5 mg, 37 μ mol) with adjusted reagent/catalyst amounts.

¹**H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 8.42 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 0.4H, major rotamer), 8.40 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 0.1H, minor rotamer 1), 8.32 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 0.25H, minor rotamer 2), 7.98 (d, ³*J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.4H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 0.25H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 0.5H), 7.62–7.44 (m, 3H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 0.1H minor rotamer 1), 6.04 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 0.4H, major rotamer), 4.90 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 0.25H, minor rotamer 2), 4.63 (d, ³*J* = 13.4 Hz, 0.4H), 4.17–4.06 (m, 1H), 3.69–3.55 (m, 0.4H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 0.6H), 3.26–3.10 (m, 1H), 3.08–3.00 (m, 0.5H), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 2.8 Hz, 0.7H), 2.79–2.59 (m, 1.4H), 2.46–2.24 (m, 2H), 2.17–2.09 (m, 1H), 2.09–1.93 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.66 (m, 5H), 1.65–1.50 (m, 5H), 1.52–1.46 (2 × s, 9H), 1.41–1.07 (m, 5H), 0.88–0.78 (2 × d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C-NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C [ppm] 191.58, 191.48, 166.78, 166.70, 157.14, 156.94, 156.45, 156.27, 146.59, 146.21, 135.65, 135.58, 134.92, 134.86, 133.28, 133.13, 132.74, 132.48, 132.17, 131.38, 129.92, 129.75, 129.34, 129.25, 79.97, 79.95, 64.03, 63.91, 54.75, 48.97, 48.49, 48.20, 44.32, 44.30, 43.87, 43.71, 43.17, 43.12, 43.07, 37.79, 34.89, 34.77, 34.43, 34.36, 31.06, 28.70 (3C, minor rotamer 2), 28.64 (3C, major rotamer), 27.79, 27.72, 27.17, 26.67, 26.61, 25.99, 25.78, 25.55, 22.52, 19.81, 19.67.

LC-MS (ESI⁺) $m/z = 558.4 [100, (M+H)^+], 599.3 [60, (M+MeCN+H)^+].$

 $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +16^\circ (c = 1.33, CHCl_3).$

IR ν [cm⁻¹] 2924, 1676, 1643, 1444, 1364, 1270, 1222, 1154, 969, 724 (sample consisted of a 1:1 mixture of epimers). HR-MS (ESI+) exact mass calculated for C₃₄H₄₄N₃O₄ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 558.3326; found: 558.3368.

Coupling of **31** (68.3 mg, 162 μ mol) and *rac*-**32** with adjusted reagent/catalyst amounts yielded **33** as a mixture of epimers at C2' (64.7 mg, 72% yield).

2.25. Synthesis of lycoplatyrine A (8)



Coupling product **33** (1.0 equiv., 9–13 µmol) and powdered anhydrous NaOH (5.0 equiv) were provided in a 4 mL threaded glass vial equipped with a stir bar. MeOH (600 µL) and 1,4-dioxane (2.4 mL) were added in this order before the vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and placed in a preheated aluminum heat block at 70 °C. After 18 h, another portion of NaOH was added to the now grey suspension (1 equiv) and stirring at 70 °C was continued for 2 h upon which TLC (Et₂O/MeOH 9:1, UV/KMnO₄) and LC-MS confirmed virtually full conversion of the starting material. The reaction mixture was cooled to 21 °C and transferred dropwise to a separation funnel with aq. HCl (0.2 M, 5 mL). The acidic colorless, clear solution was washed with Et_2O (2 × 5 mL) before it was basified to a pH > 10 with aq NaOH (15%). The emulsion was extracted with Et_2O (3 × 5 mL), the combined extracts dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to give the free piperidine **S9** along with a minor amount of the piperidine-*N*-formamide **S8** as a colorless foam.

Characterization for C2' epimeric mixture:

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] (peaks that could be unambiguously assigned to one of the compounds through comparison with a spectrum of a purified sample of **S8** are indicated) 8.38 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 2.0 Hz, 0.6H, **S9**), 8.29 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 2.0 Hz, 0.2H, **S8**), 8.26 (bs, 0.2H, **S8**), 8.21 (s, 0.1H, 8.20, 0.10H, **S8**), 8.15 (s, 0.1H, **S8**), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 21.7, 2.0 Hz, 0.5H, **S9**), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 19.8, 2.0 Hz, 0.2H, **S8**), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 1.6 Hz, 0.3H, **S8**), 5.77–5.72 (m, 0.3H, **S8**), 4.78–4.74 (m, 0.2H, **S8**), 4.15–4.07 (m, **S8**) superimposed on 4.07 (d, *J* = 13 Hz, **S9**, 1.2H total), 3.58–3.53 (m, 0.6H, **S9**), 3.50–3.44 (m, 0.3H, **S8**), 3.21–3.12 (m, 1.6H), 3.11–3.02 (m, 0.3H, **S8**), 2.96–2.81 (m, 0.4H, **S8**), 2.81–2.61 (m, 2.4H), 2.41–2.26 (m, 1.4H), 2.15–2.07 (m, 1.1H), 1.95–1.78 (m, 3.4H), 1.78–1.66 (m, 2.8H), 1.66–1.43 (m) superimposed on 1.51 (s, **S9**) and 1.48 (s, **S8**, 15.3H total), 1.36–1.21 (m, 2.2H), 1.21–1.11 (m, 1.0H), 0.84 (dt, *J* = 6.3, 1.8 Hz, **S8**) superimposed on 0.80 (dd, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2.7 Hz, **S9**, 3.0H total).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) δ_C [ppm] (multiplicity of signals within 0.1 ppm are given in parentheses) 161.9, 161.7 (2), 157.5 (2), 156.6 (5), 156.5 (2), 156.4, 146.6 (2), 146.4 (2), 146.3, 139.1 (2), 135.7, 135.5, 135.3 (2), 135.1 (2), 132.7, 132.5, 132.3 (2), 132.2 (4), 132.0, 131.8, 80.0 (3), 79.8 (2), 79.7 (2), 64.3 (2), 64.0, 63.9 (3), 60.0, 59.8, 55.5 (2), 48.5 (3), 48.3, 48.1 (3), 47.8 (2), 44.3 (5), 44.1, 43.8 (3), 43.2 (3), 37.9 (2), 34.9 (5), 34.5 (5), 29.8, 29.6, 28.7 (3), 27.7 (3), 27.4 (2), 26.7 (3), 26.5 (3), 26.0 (2), 25.8 (4), 25.4 (2), 25.1 (2), 22.5 (2), 20.8 (2), 20.1 (2).

The mixture of starting materials (**S8**, **S9**) from the previous step was taken up in aq. HCl (6 M, 300 μ L) and stirred for 2 h at 70 °C in a preheated oil-bath upon which LC-MS confirmed full conversion to the starting materials. The reaction was cooled to 21 °C and washed with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 500 μ L). The vial with the aqueous phase was then placed in a water bath and NH₄OH (35%, 1.0 mL) was added dropwise whilst stirring until the pH was >10. The basified aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 500 μ L), the organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to give lycoplatyrine A (**8**) as colorless oil.

Deprotection of (2'S)-**33** (12.7 μ mol) yielded (2'S)-**8** (3.7 mg, 11.4 μ mol, 90% yield over two steps) in >95:5 *d.r.* (¹H-NMR).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 8.32 (d, ⁴*J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, ⁴*J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, ³*J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H); 3.20 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, ²*J* = 18.6, ³*J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.69 (d, ²*J* = 18.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.64 (m, 6H), 1.60 (dt, *J* = 12.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.56–1.47 (m, 6H), 1.44 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (td, *J* = 12.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.27–1.12 (m, 3H), 0.76 (d, ³*J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) & [ppm] 157.7, 145.9, 138.8, 135.9, 131.1, 60.0, 56.4, 51.5, 47.9, 44.7, 44.0, 41.5, 35.3, 35.1, 33.9, 27.9, 26.3, 25.9 (2C), 25.5, 22.2.

LC-MS (ESI+): $m/z = 326 [(M+H)^+]$, 367 [(M+MeCN+H)⁺], 225, 246.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -52.4^{\circ} (CHCl_{3}, c = 0.37).$

IR *v* [cm⁻¹] 2924, 1692, 1643, 1444, 1364, 1270, 1222, 1154, 969, 724.

HR-MS (ESI⁺) exact mass calculated for $C_{21}H_{32}N_3$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 326.2591; found: 326.2588.

Deprotection of $(2^{2}R)$ -**33** (14.3 µmol) yielded $(2^{2}R)$ -**8** (3.2 mg, 9.8 µmol, 68% yield over two steps) in >95:5 *d.r.* (¹H-NMR).

¹**H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 8.37 (d, ⁴*J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, ⁴*J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, ³*J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H); 3.20 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, ²*J* = 18.1, ³*J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.83-2.74 (m, 2H), 2.69 (d, ²*J* = 18.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.64 (m, 6H), 1.61-1.47 (m, 7H), 1.44 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (td, *J* = 12.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.28-1.12 (m, 3H), 0.77 (d, ³*J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H); 1,4-dioxane (3.70, s) as solvent impurity.

¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) δ_C [ppm] 157.6, 145.7, 138.8, 135.8, 131.4, 60.1, 56.3, 51.6, 47.9, 44.8, 44.0, 41.6, 35.3, 35.2, 33.9, 28.0, 26.3, 26.0 (2C), 25.5, 22.2.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = +17.4^{\circ} (CHCl_{3}, c = 0.32).$

IR ν [cm⁻¹] see 2'S epimer.

LC-MS (ESI+): m/z = see 2'S epimer.

HR-MS (ESI⁺) exact mass calculated for $C_{21}H_{32}N_3$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 326.2591; found: 326.2576.

Spectral data of both isomers is in agreement with literature.8

The natural product derived from deprotection of the coupling product with racemic **32** was obtained as a 1.5:1 mixture of (2'S) and (2'R) epimers, respectively.

2.26. Synthesis of N-Boc pyrrolidine adduct 36



N-Boc-pyrrolidine (34, 12.5 µL, 71.2 µmol, 1.2 equiv.) and (-)-sparteine (16.4 µL, 71.2 µmol, 1.2 equiv.) were provided in a threaded tall test tube (l = 15 cm, V = 10 mL) equipped with a stir bar and septum screw cap. Anhydrous MTBE (200 μ L) was added and the colorless to slightly yellow solution was cooled to -78 °C (acetone/dry ice bath). BuLi (51 μ L of a 1.4 M solution in hexanes, 71.2 μ mol, 1.2 equiv.) was added dropwise directly (!) into the rapidly stirred solution (the 'BuLi solution will solidify on the cooled tube wall and upon removal of the ice bath rapid thawing will lead to uncontrolled addition of the reagent). The first slightly turbid mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 3 h, after which a solution of ZnCl₂ (85.4 µL of a 0.5 M solution in THF, 42.7 µmol, 0.72 equiv.) was added dropwise to the now clear, rapidly (!) stirred solution (>1000 rpm). Upon complete addition the mixture was rapidly stirred at -78°C for 30 min, then the ice bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature in ambient air before it was placed in a water bath at 21 °C and rapid stirring was continued for another 30 min. 31 (23.8 mg, 56.5 µmol, 0.95 equiv.) was provided in an oven-dried glass vial and dissolved in anhydrous MTBE (100 µL). The solution was transferred dropwise to the reaction using a cannula and the source vial is washed with another 100 μ L MTBE. Then Pd(OAc)₂ (0.7 mg, 3.0 µmol, 5 mol%) and 'Bu₃PHBF₄ (1.1 mg, 3.6 µmol, 6 mol%) were added together as solids in a N₂-stream. The resulting yellow, clear solution was placed in a preheated oil bath at 60 °C and the precipitation of Zn-salts was observed within the first 30 to 60 min. After 18 h, TLC (n-hexane/EtOAc 1:1, UV/KMnO₄) and LC-MS confirmed full consumption of 31 and the beige suspension was cooled to room temperature. NH₄OH (35%, 11.5 μ L) was added and the beige suspension was stirred for 30 min at 21 °C before filtering through a short pad of celite. The reaction vial and plug were washed with MTBE (3×1.0 mL) and the filtrate was evaporated in vacuo to give a yellow oil, which was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 3:1) or preparative TLC (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:1) to afford the coupling product (2'*R*)-36 as colorless foam (25.4 mg, 88%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.35–7.26 (m, 1H), 4.92 (bs, minor rotamer, 0.4H), 4.70 (bs, major rotamer, 0.5H); 4.16–3.98 (m, 1H), 3.66–3.45 (m, 2H), 3.26–3.09 (m, 1H), 2.78 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz, 1H), 2.39–2.23 (m, 1H), 2.35 (t, *J* = 12.92, 1H), 2.11 (bs, 1H), 1.97–1.67 (m, 6H), 1.62–1.40 (m, 16H), 1.36–1.13 (m, 8H), 0.82 (d, ³*J* = 5.7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) δ_C [ppm] (multiplicity of signals within 0.1 ppm are given in parentheses) 156.3
(3), 154.4, 145.6, 138.9, 135.0 (2), 131.2, 130.2, 79.8, 79.6, 64.1, 59.4, 58.7, 48.4, 47.4, 47.2, 44.4, 44.0 (3), 43.2, 36.1, 35.1, 34.9, 34.5, 28.7, 28.6, 28.4, 27.7 (2), 26.7 (2), 25.8, 23.5 (2), 22.5 (2).

LC-MS (ESI⁺): see 2'S epimer. **IR** ν [cm⁻¹] see 2'S epimer.

 $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +82.2^\circ (c = 0.65, CHCl_3).$

HR-MS (ESI⁺) exact mass calculated for $C_{30}H_{46}N_3O_4$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 512.3483; found: 512.3516.

(2'S)-**36** (16.7 mg, 55% yield) was obtained from *ortho*-lithiation of **34** in the presence of (+)-sparteine and coupling with **31** (24.0 mg, 57 μ mol) using adjusted reagent/catalyst amounts.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 8.22 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (bs, minor rotamer, 0.3 H), 4.71 (bs, major rotamer, 0.6H), 4.15–4.03 (m, 1.3H), 3.67–3.41 (m, 2H), 3.23–3.08 (m, 1H), 2.75–2.59 (m, 2H), 2.41–2.20 (m, 2H), 2.11 (bs, 1H), 1.95–1.65 (m, 6H), 1.62–1.36 (m, 16H), 1.50 (s superimposed on m, N⁵-Boc), 1.43 (s superimposed on m, N'-Boc minor rotamer), 1.36–1.08 (m, 10H), 1.17 (s superimposed on m, N'-Boc major rotamer), 0.80 (d, ³*J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) δ_C [ppm] 156.4 (2), 154.2, 145.9, 139.0, 135.6, 130.3, 80.2, 79.4, 64.2, 60.5, 59.1, 48.7, 47.2, 44.0, 43.7, 43.1, 36.3, 34.9, 34.4, 28.7, 28.6, 28.4, 27.8, 26.8, 25.8, 23.4, 22.4, 21.2.

LC-MS (ESI⁺): $m/z = 512 [(M+H)^+], 553 [(M+MeCN+H)^+].$

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +18.3^{\circ} (c = 0.64, CHCl_3).$

IR *v* [cm⁻¹] 3000–2900, 1697, 1390, 1365, 1157.

HR-MS (ESI⁺) exact mass calculated for $C_{30}H_{46}N_3O_4$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 512.3483; found: 512.3454

2.27. Synthesis of deprotected pyrrolidine adduct 14



Coupling product (2'S)-**36** (16.7 mg, 32.6 µmol, 1.0 equiv) was taken up in aq. HCl (6 M, 500 µL) and stirred for 4.25 h at 21 °C upon which LC-MS confirmed full consumption of the starting material. The aqueous reaction mix was washed with MTBE (2 × 1 mL) followed by careful adjustment of the pH with NH₄OH (35%) to \geq 9. The basic aqueous phase was again extracted with MTBE (2 × 1 mL), the extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure (40 °C) to yield the free amine (2'S)-**14** as colorless oil (10.2 mg, quantitative) in >95:5 *d.r.* (¹H-NMR).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) δ_{H} [ppm] 8.34 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.24–3.16 (m, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 18.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (ddd, J = 10.2, 8.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.78–2.73 (m, 1H), 2.69 (d, J = 18.6 Hz, 1H), 2.46–2.37 (m, 1H), 2.23–2.15 (m, 1H), 2.07 (dq, J = 6.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.98–1.80 (m, 3H), 1.77 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 2H), 1.71–1.61 (m, 1H), 1.61–1.41 (m, 5H), 1.33 (td, J = 12.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.28–1.10 (m, 4H), 0.76 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) δ_C [ppm] 157.4, 145.9, 137.9, 135.8, 131.2, 60.5, 56.3, 51.5, 47.1, 44.8, 44.0, 41.5, 35.2, 34.6, 33.9, 28.0, 26.3, 25.9, 25.6, 22.2.

LC-MS (ESI⁺): *m*/*z* = 218 (100), 312 (87, M+H⁺), 353 (91, M+MeCN+H⁺), 239 (86).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -34.08 \pm 0.17^{\circ} (c = 3.3, CHCl_3).$

IR *v* [cm⁻¹] 3278, 2914, 1454, 750.

HR-MS (ESI⁺) exact mass calculated for $C_{20}H_{30}N_3$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 312.2434; found: 312.2480

Deprotection of (2'R)-**36** (15.0 mg, 29.3 µmol) under identical conditions yielded (2'R)-**14** (6.4 mg, 70%) in >95:5 *d.r.* (¹H-NMR).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 8.36 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (t, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.24–3.17 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 18.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.05–2.97 (m, 1H), 2.77 (bd, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (td, *J* = 13.3, 12.7, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.26–2.16 (m, 1H), 2.11–2.05 (m, 1H), 1.98–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.77 (bd, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 3H), 1.71–1.62 (m, 1H), 1.61–1.48 (m, 4H), 1.45 (bd, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (td, *J* = 12.4, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.29–1.12 (m, 5H), 0.77 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) δ_C [ppm] 157.3, 145.8, 137.9, 135.7, 131.3, 60.6, 56.3, 51.6, 47.1, 44.9, 44.0, 41.6, 35.2, 34.3, 33.9, 28.1, 26.3, 26.0, 25.6, 22.2.

LC-MS (ESI⁺): see 2'S epimer.

 $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +14.25^\circ (c = 3.2, CHCl_3).$

IR ν [cm⁻¹] see 2'S epimer.

HR-MS (ESI⁺) exact mass calculated for $C_{20}H_{30}N_3$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 312.2434; found: 312.2483.

2.28. Synthesis of protected amino ester adduct 38



To a 1 dram vial was added *N*-Boc-2-bromolycodine (**31**, 15.0 mg, 35.6 μ mol, 1.0 equiv), *N*-Boc-O-Bn-glutamic acid (**37**, 18.0 mg, 53.4 μ mol, 1.5 equiv), Ir[dF(CF₃)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ (0.4 mg, 0.4 μ mol, 1 mol%) and Cs₂CO₃ (17.4 mg, 53.4 μ mol, 1.5 equiv). The vial was evacuated and back-filled with N₂, and anhydrous DMF (1 mL) was added. A stock solution NiCl₂ glyme (1 mg, 3.7 μ mol) and dtbbpy (2 mg, 7.1 μ mol) in anhydrous DMF (950 μ L) was prepared. The light blue cloudy solution was sonicated until it became completely clear. An aliquot of the Ni/dtbbpy stock solution (95 μ L) was then added to the vial containing the other reactants (delivering 1 mol% NiCl₂ glyme and 2 mol% dtbbpy to the reaction). The resulting mixture was sparged with N₂ for 20 min, the septa cap was taped, and the vial was placed in a Merck photoreactor equipped with a 450 nm module (100% intensity, 1000 rpm stir rate, 21 °C set temperature) for 19.5 hours. The resulting brown suspension was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL) and water (15 mL), phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a yellow oil. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (0.7 × 10 cm SiO₂, eluted with 40 mL 4:1 hexanes/EtOAc, followed by 50 mL 1:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to yield the product **38** as a yellow oil (15.3 mg, 84% yield). The product is a mixture of epimers as determined by NMR spectroscopy. The epimers can be separated via SiO₂ column if desired.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 8.34 (br s, 1H), 7.53–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 5H), 5.12–5.11 (m, 2H), 5.03 (br s, 0.5H), 4.97 (br s, 0.5H), 4.71 (br s, 1H, NH), 4.09–4.05 (m, 1H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 18.9, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.75–2.71 (m, 2H), 2.48–2.40 (m, 2H), 2.36–2.28 (m, 1H), 2.14–2.12 (m, 1H), 2.09–2.04 (m, 2H), 1.88–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.73–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.59–1.56 (m, 1H), 1.52–1.51 (m, 9H), 1.48–1.44 (m, 1H), 1.40 (br s, 9H), 1.35–1.30 (m, 2H), 1.26–1.13 (m, 2H), 0.83 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1.5H), 0.82 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1.5H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C, for peaks where epimers resolve, the chemical shift for the second carbon peak is indicated in parentheses) $\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] 172.89 (172.84), 156.60, 156.38 (156.34), 155.18, 144.90, 136.75, 136.37, 135.85 (135.83), 132.50, 128.73 (2C), 128.47 (128.46), 128.44 (128.41, 2C), 80.00, 79.97, 66.73 (66.69), 64.06 (64.02), 52.26 (52.24), 48.34, 44.39 (44.30), 43.67, 43.03 (43.01), 34.30, 31.59, 31.41, 31.22 (31.19), 28.71 (28.70, 3C), 28.45 (3C), 27.69 (27.66), 26.68, 25.71, 22.47.

LC-MS (ESI⁺): m/z = 634 (100, M+H⁺).

 $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +63.8^{\circ} (c = 0.63, CH_2Cl_2).$

IR v [cm⁻¹] 3400, 2974, 2926, 2868, 1701, 1515, 1455, 1389, 1365, 1271, 1251, 1157, 980, 741, 699.

HR-MS (ESI⁺) exact mass calculated for $C_{37}H_{52}N_3O_6$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z =634.3851; found: 634.3853.

2.29. Synthesis of lycopladine F (9)



Coupling product **38** (mixture of epimers, 15.3 mg, 24 µmol, 1.0 equiv) was concentrated in a 1 dram vial. Stock solutions of phenol (4 M, 455 µL, 1.8 mmol) and Me₃SiCl (4 M, 153 µL, 0.61 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ were added in this order and the sealed vial was stirred at 21 °C for 20 min. The solution was cooled to 0 °C, aq. HCl (0.5 M, 750 µL) was added and the mixture was washed with MTBE (6×1 mL). The pH of the aqueous phase was adjusted to >10 with sat. aq. K₂CO₃ and extracted with MTBE (3×1 mL). The organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to afford the crude product **S10** as a clear oil, which was analyzed by NMR spectroscopy and telescoped to the debenzylation without further purification.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 8.32 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.5H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 0.5H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 0.5H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 0.5H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 0.5H), 7.37–7.26 (m, 5H), 5.11–5.10 (m, 2H), 3.96–3.92 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 18.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.78–2.74 (m, 1H), 2.70 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41–2.35 (m, 3H), 2.10–2.07 (m, 1H), 2.05–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.75 (m, 1H), 1.59–1.49 (m, 7H), 1.46–1.43 (m, 1H), 1.36–1.31 (m, 1H), 1.21–1.13 (m, 3H), 0.78 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1.5H), 0.77 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1.5H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃, 21 °C, for peaks where epimers resolve, the chemical shift for the second carbon peak is indicated in parentheses) δ_C [ppm] 173.27, 157.97 (157.91), 145.70 (145.47), 138.88 (138.81), 136.20, 136.07, 131.37, 130.95, 128.73 (2C), 128.39 (2C), 66.46, 56.29 (56.25), 53.54 (53.35), 51.65 (51.61), 44.90, 43.99, 41.57 (41.54), 35.21, 34.54, 33.94, 31.44 (31.38), 28.13, 26.35, 26.00, 22.22.

In a 1 dram vial, crude benzyl ester **\$10** (assuming 24 µmol) and palladium on activated charcoal (0.5 mg, 5% w/w) were taken up in anhydrous MeOH (500 µL), and trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) (2 µL, 24.4 µmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to the suspension. The vial, capped with a septa lid through which a large needle was inserted, was placed in a hydrogenation bomb at 500 psi hydrogen pressure. The suspension was stirred at 21 °C (900 rpm) for 3 h before the pressure was released and the reaction was filtered through a plug of Celite (moistened with MeOH). The plug was washed with 3×1.0 mL MeOH and the collected filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to yield a 1:1 epimeric mixture at C2' of lycopladine F (**9**) as a white solid (7.8 mg, 71% yield over two steps, calculated as the mono TFA salt) (1:1 mixture of 2'S and 2'R epimers). CDCl₃ was deacidified by passing through a plug of basic alumina (Brockmann I) before dissolving the product for NMR analysis. *Note: Omitting TFA from the debenzylation procedure yielded a product for which the NMR spectra did not match the spectra detailed in the isolation report.*¹³

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CD₃OD, 21 °C) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 8.61 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 0.5H), 8.58 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 0.5H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 0.5H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 0.5H), 4.50 (m, 1H), 3.29–3.19 (m, 2H), 2.99–2.90 (m, 1H), 2.84 (d, *J* = 19.3 Hz, 0.5H), 2.83 (d, *J* = 19.4 Hz, 0.5H), 2.43–2.29 (m, 5H), 2.09 (br d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.94–1.84 (m, 4H), 1.74 (br d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 12.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.38–1.22 (m, 2H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1.5H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1.5H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CD₃OD, 21 °C, for peaks where epimers resolve, the chemical shift for the second carbon peak is indicated in parentheses) $\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] 175.24 (175.19), 160.81 (160.76), 149.38 (149.08), 134.19 (133.82), 132.30, 130.99 (130.90), 62.65 (62.64), 53.81 (53.78), 48.18 (48.15), 43.39 (43.35), 42.45, 41.93 (41.89), 35.13 (35.11), 33.87, 30.83 (30.78), 29.81 (29.79), 26.98 (26.93), 25.00, 23.84 (23.82), 21.71 (21.69).

¹⁹**F NMR** (565 MHz, CD₃OD, 21 °C) *δ*_F [ppm] –77.02.

LC-MS (ESI⁺): *m*/*z* = 344 (70, M+H⁺), 385 (9, M+MeCN+H⁺).

 $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +9.7^{\circ} (c = 0.39, \text{MeOH}).$

IR ν [cm⁻¹] 3400-3300, 2950-2650, 1671, 1429, 1201, 1135, 838, 800, 722.

HR-MS (ESI+) exact mass calculated for $C_{20}H_{30}N_3O_2$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 344.2333; found: 344.2331.

Characterization data in agreement with material isolated from natural sources.¹³

3. Supplementary Results

3.1. Photocatalytic dehydrogenation of *N*-Boc-*a*-obscurine (S3)

Table S1. Screening of conditions for the photocatalytic dehydrogenation of S3.^a

	Me	H O photocatalytic dehydrogenation	Me H N N O		
	N-Boc S3	•	N-Boc 23		
Entry	Redox mediator	Oxidant (eq)	Solvent	Conv. (%)	NMR-yield XX (%)
1	Cu(MeCN) ₄ BF ₄ ^{b,c}	Na ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (5.5)	H ₂ O/acetone 1:1 ^d	43 ^e	<1
2	Ag(NO)₃ ^{b,c}	Na ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (5.5)	$H_2O/acetone 1:1^d$	>99 ^e	<1
3	Riboflavin tetraacetate	(NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (4.0)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:1	>99 ^e	11
4	Riboflavin tetraacetate	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (4.0)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:1	>99	24
5	Ir[dF(CF₃)ppy]₂(dtbpy)PF ₆	(NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (4.0)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:1	>99 ^e	51
6	$lr[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbpy)PF_6$	(NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (1.4)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:1	>99 ^e	35
7	$lr[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbpy)PF_6$	(NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (2.7)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:1	>99 ^e	40
8	$lr[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbpy)PF_6$	(NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (5.5)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:1	>99 ^e	38
9	lr[dF(CF ₃)ppy] ₂ (dtbpy)PF ₆	(NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (4.0)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:1	>99	41
9	lr[dF(CF ₃)ppy] ₂ (dtbpy)PF ₆	(NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (4.0)	H ₂ O/MeCN 2:1	76	27
10	lr[dF(CF ₃)ppy] ₂ (dtbpy)PF ₆	(NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (4.0)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:2	>99	23
11	$lr[dF(CF_3)ppy]_2(dtbpy)PF_6$	$Na_2S_2O_8$ (4.0)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:1	>99	51
12	lr[dF(CF ₃)ppy] ₂ (dtbpy)PF ₆	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (4.0)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:1	>99	57
13	<pre>Ir[dF(CF3)ppy]2(dtbpy)PF6 (3.5 mol%)</pre>	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (4.0)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:1	>99	14
14	<pre>Ir[dF(CF3)ppy]2(dtbpy)PF6 (14 mol%)</pre>	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (4.0)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:1	>99	45
15	none	(NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (4.0)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:1	<1	<1
16	lr[dF(CF ₃)ppy] ₂ (dtbpy)PF ₆ ^f	(NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (4.0)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:1	6	<1
17	Ir[dF(CF ₃)ppy] ₂ (dtbpy)PF ₆	Air (open vessel)	H ₂ O/MeCN 1:1	>99 ^g	<1

^{*a*}General conditions: *N*-Boc- α -obscurine **S3** (10 mg, 27 µmol, 1.0 eq), oxidant (given eq), redox mediator (7 mol%) in the respective solvent (1.0 mL). Sparge with N₂ for 15 min. After irradiation with blue light (450 nm, 800 rpm, Merck photoreactor) at 21 °C for 20 min, the reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 500 µL, phase separation through centrifugation), the extracts dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. Yields and conversion were measured by ¹H-NMR in CDCl₃ using ethylene carbonate (s, 4.52 ppm) as external standard. ^{*b*}40 °C for 1 h 45 min without light irradiation. ^c2.7 eq. of redox mediator. ^{*d*}500 µL solvent. ^{*e*}45 min reaction time. ^fIn the dark. ^{*g*}Only decomposition of starting material was detected.

3.2. Biocatalytic oxidation methods

Table S2. Screening of biocatalytic conditions towards a chemoselective piperidine C–N bond oxidation of *N*-desmethyl- α -obscurine (**5**) and Boc-protected derivative (**S3**). Enzymes were selected based on their ability to oxidize C–heteroatom bonds in their substrate portfolio (references given).



Entry	Substrate	Biocatalyst	Conditions ^a	Ref.	Result
1	5	Monoamine oxidase from <i>A. niger</i> (MAO-N); variants D5, D9 and D11	A	14	
2		Pyranose oxidase (PyrOx); 2 homologues	А	15	
3		Long-chain fatty alcohol oxidase (LCFAO)	A	15	
4		Hexose oxidase (HexOx)	A	15	
5		Galactose oxidase (GOx); variants M1, M3 and M3-5	A	16-18	
6		Gulose Oxidase (GulOx); 2 homologues	A	15	no reaction, recovery of starting
7		Hydroxymethylfuran oxidase (HMFO)	A	19	material
8		Berberine bridge enzyme from <i>E. californica</i> (<i>Ec</i> BBE)	В	20	
9		PQQ-dependent dehydrogenase from D. mutans	D	21	
10		Laccase / TEMPO	С	22	
11	<i>N</i> -Boc- 5 (S3)	Laccase / TEMPO	С	22	
12		Horseradish peroxidase (HRP)	E	23	

^aConditions: **A** Substrate (10 mM), KP₁-buffer (100 mM, pH 7.5, 0.5 mL) saturated with O₂, DMSO (10% v/v), lyophilized *E. coli* whole cells containing the het. expressed oxidase (20 mg/mL), catalase from bovine liver (1 mg/mL), 30 °C, 250 rpm (horizontal), 24 h; **B** Substrate (10 mM), Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 9.0, 1.0 mL), MgCl₂ (10 mM), DMSO (10 %v/v), lyophilized purified BBE_*Ec* (3 mg/mL), catalase (1 mg/mL), 37 °C, 250 rpm (horizontal), 21 h; **C** Substrate (10 mM), citrate buffer (100 mM, pH 5.5, 1.0 mL), DMSO (10% v/v), TEMPO (2.5 mM), laccase *T. versicolor* (10 mg/mL), 37 °C, 250 rpm, 22 h; **D** Substrate (5 mM), Tris-HCl buffer (100 mM, pH 7.5, 1.0 mL) saturated with O₂, PQQ (0.1 mM), K₃Fe(CN)₆ (20 mM), DMSO (10 % v/v), lyophilized *E. coli* whole cells containing the het. expressed dehydrogenase from *D. mutans* (20 mg/mL), 30 °C, 250 rpm (horizontal), 24 h; **E** Substrate (10 mM), citrate buffer (100 mM, pH 5.5, 1.0 mL), glucose (50 mM), DMSO (10% v/v), HRP (30 U), glucose oxidase (30 U), 30–37 °C, 250 rpm, 25 h.

3.3. Synthesis of trans-8-oxo-7-phenyl-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]octan-7-yl acetate (S13)



Racemic *trans*- α -hydroxy- β -lactam **32** (333 mg, 1.53 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL) followed by addition of pyridine (612 µL, 7.65 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and *N*,*N*-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, 9.34 mg, 0.076 mmol, 0.05 equiv). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and acetic anhydride (722 µL, 7.65 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added dropwise over the course of 5 min. The reaction mix was allowed to warm to r.t. and was stirred over night, after which TLC (hexanes/EtOAc 1:2, $R_{f,prod} = 0.4$, UV, KMnO₄) confirmed full consumption of **32**. Sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (5 mL) was added carefully, and the reaction was stirred at r.t. for another 30–60 min until gas evolution ceased. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 5 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with 1 M aq. HCl, sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and brine (5 mL each). The organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, and the oily residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 1:1) to afford racemic ester **\$13** as colorless oil (362 mg, 91% yield).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 7.59–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.31 (m, 3H), 3.93 (ddd, J = 16.7, 12.4, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (td, J = 12.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.84–1.69 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.56 (m, 1H), 1.51–1.11 (m, 2H), 0.91–0.73 (m, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$ [ppm] 169.6, 162.9, 133.5, 129.0, 128.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 92.7, 60.5, 39.0, 27.1, 24.2,

22.0, 21.5.

HR-MS (ESI⁺) exact mass calculated for $C_{15}H_{18}NO_3$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 260.1281; found: 260.1274.

3.4. Synthesis of trans-8-oxo-7-phenyl-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]octan-7-yl butyrate (S14)



Racemic *trans*- α -hydroxy- β -lactam **32** (25.0 mg, 115 µmol, 1.0 equiv), DMAP (0.7 mg, 5.7 µmol, 5.0 mol%) and pyridine (30.0 µL, 575 µmol, 5.0 equiv) were dissolved in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (120 µL) and cooled to 0 °C. Butyrylchloride (60.0 µL, 575 µmol, 5.0 equiv) was added dropwise over the course of 5 min and the reaction mix was allowed to warm to r.t. After stirring overnight, TLC (hexanes/EtOAc 1:2, $R_{f,prod} = 0.4$, UV, KMnO₄) confirmed full consumption of **32**. Sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (500 µL) was added carefully, and the reaction was stirred at r.t. for another 15 min until gas evolution ceases. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 750 µL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with 1 M aq. HCl, sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and brine (750 µL each) (phases separated by centrifugation). The organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, and the yellow oily residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 1:1) to afford racemic ester **S14** as colorless oil (30.1 mg, 91% yield).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm H}$ [ppm] 7.60–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.31 (m, 3H), 3.93 (td, *J* = 14.5, 13.0, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (td, *J* = 12.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.84–1.68 (m, 2H), 1.63 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.49 – 1.16 (m, 2H), 0.99–0.79 (m) superimposed on 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 5H total).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C [ppm] 172.4, 163.0, 133.7, 129.0, 128.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 92.6, 60.6, 39.0, 36.4, 27.1, 24.2, 22.0, 18.3, 13.7.

HR-MS (ESI⁺) exact mass calculated for $C_{17}H_{22}NO_3$ [(M+H)⁺]: m/z = 288.1594; found: 288.1588.

3.5. Enzymatic kinetic resolution of the β -lactam coupling partner

All lipase- and esterase preparations used in kinetic resolution experiments were obtained from Sigma Aldrich and used as received:

- Esterase from porcine liver (PLE, 20 U/mg and 69.3 U/mg, respectively)
- Lipase A from *Candida antarctica* immobilized on immobead 150 (CalA, 1.59 U/mg, recombinant from *A*. *oryzae*)
- Lipase acrylic resin from *Candida antarctica* (CalB, \geq 5 U/mg, recombinant from *A. niger*)
- Amano lipase PS-IM immobilized on diatomaceous earth (no activity given)
- Lipase from Candida rugosa (CRL Type VII, 1.117 U/mg)
- Pankreatin from porcine pancreas (4 x USP specifications, no activity given).

	$H = 0$ $Ph''' = N$ $H = N$ $Tric$ $rac \cdot S13: R = Me$ $rac \cdot S14: R = ^{m}Pr$	esterase/ lipase s-HCl pH 9.5 37 °C, 18 h	Ph H (S,S)-S13 (S,S)-S14	HO Ph H (<i>R</i> , <i>R</i>)-32		
Entry	Enzyme	R	e.e. of \$13/\$14 (%)	e.e. of 32 (%)	Conv. (%)	Selectivity E ²⁴
1	Lipase A from Candida antarctica (CalA)	Me	1 (<i>S</i> , <i>S</i>)	3 (<i>R</i> , <i>R</i>)	22	1
2	Lipase A from Candida antarctica (CalA)	<i>n</i> -Pr	2 (<i>S,S</i>)	2 (<i>R</i> , <i>R</i>)	9	1
3	Esterase form porcine liver (PLE)	Me	94 (<i>S,S</i>)	8 (<i>R</i> , <i>R</i>)	90	3
4	Esterase form porcine liver (PLE)	<i>n</i> -Pr	1	1	93	1
5	Amano-Lipase PS	Me	<1	2	13	n.c.
6	Amano-Lipase PS	<i>n</i> -Pr	1	1	17	1
7	Lipase from Candida rugosa (CRL)	Me	<1	<1	13	n.c.
8	Pancreatin from hog pancreas	Me	<1	1	14	n.c.

Table S3. Screening of hydrolases for the hydrolytic kinetic resolution of esters S13–S14.^a

^aConditions: Enzyme preparation (3.0 mg/mL) Tris-HCl buffer (100 mM, pH 9.5), substrate (50 mM), 37 °C, 24 h.


Figure S1. pH-Dependence of the PLE-catalyzed hydrolytic kinetic resolution of racemic acetate **S13**. Conditions: PLE (100 U), substrate **S13** (50 mM) in the respective buffer system with 10% v/v 'BuOH. PLE was omitted in enzyme blanks. Pronounced background hydrolysis (grey points) leading to erosion of selectivity was observed with increasing pH. Highest selectivities were observed in a KP_r-buffer system at pH 7.3 (E = 7, conv. = 60%).



Figure S2. Effect of organic co-solvent on the PLE-catalyzed hydrolytic kinetic resolution of acetate **S13**. (\bullet): Selectivity; (\blacksquare): Conversion. Conditions: PLE (100 U), substrate **S13** (50 mM) in KP_P-buffer (50 mM, pH 7.3) with 10% v/v of the respective co-solvent (unless otherwise noted). Highest selectivities were observed with 15% v/v 'BuOH (E = 7, conv. = 11%).

Table S4. Screening of hydrolases for the acylative kinetic resolution of racemic *trans*- α -hydroxy- β -lactam **32**.^{*a*}



^{*a*}Conditions: α -Hydroxy- β -lactam **32** (5.0 mg, 23 µmol), enzyme preparation (2.0 mg/mL) and isopropenyl acetate (12.5 µL, 115 µmol, 5.0 eq) in anhydrous solvent (1.0 mL); incubation for 24 h (250 rpm, 37 °C). Extraction with EtOAc (2 × 1 mL), dry over MgSO₄, evaporate solvent under red. pressure, re-dissolve in *n*-hexane/^{*i*}PrOH 9:1 for HPLC analytics. ^{*b*}n.c. = not calculated.



Figure S3. HPLC-analytics for ester **S13** and alcohol **32**. Separation of all product- and substrate isomers was performed on a Shimadzu VP series HPLC system equipped with a DAD using a Daicel Chiralcel IB column with an isocratic mixture of hexanes/ⁱPrOH (9:1) as eluent. (*S*,*S*)-alcohol **32**: 7.9 min, (*R*,*R*)-alcohol **32**: 8.5 min, (*S*,*S*)-ester **S13**: 11.0 min, (*R*,*R*)-ester **S13**: 12.0 min.

4. Comparison of NMR spectroscopic data for synthetic and isolated alkaloids

Table S5. Comparison of ¹H- and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data for casuarinine H (2)^a



		$\delta_{\rm C}$ (ppm)		_	
Position	Lit. ^b	Found ^c	Lit. ^b	Found	_
1	-	-	164.9	165.0	
2	6.44, d (9.2)	6.43, d (9.3)	118.9	119.2	
3	7.76, d (9.2)	7.76, d (9.4)	140.3	140.4	
4	-	-	120.5	120.5	
5	-	-	143.7	143.9	
6	3.06, dd (18.8, 7.1)	3.06, dd (18.9, 7.1)	29.9	30.0	
	2.51, br d (18.8)	2.51, d (18.8)			
7	2.30, m	2.29, m	34.2	34.3	
8	1.75, br d (12.8)	1.74, d (13.3)	42.5	42.6	
	1.29, ddd (12.8, 12.7, 3.7)	1.29, ddd (12.8, 12.8, 4.1)			
10	5.23, dd (16.8, 1.8)	5.23, dd (17.0, 2.1)	117.2	117.3	
	5.14, dd (10.4, 2.0)	5.13, dd (10.2, 2.1)			
11	5.62, ddd (16.8, 10.4, 9.6)	5.62, ddd (16.9, 9.8, 9.8)	137.3	137.4	
12	2.14, dd (9.6, 2.9)	2.15, dd (9.0, 2.5)	49.9	50.0	
13	-	-	54.8	54.8	
14	1.64, dd (12.0, 3.9)	1.65, dd (11.7, 3.6)	52.2	52.4	
	1.09, dd (12.0, 12.0)	1.10, dd (12.1, 12.1)			
15	1.40, m	1.41, m	26.3	26.5	
16	0.85, d (6.4)	0.85, d (6.4)	21.7	21.9	
N–H	13.32, br s	13.25, br s	_	_	

^{*a*}Coupling constants in parentheses (*J*) are given in Hz. ^{*b*}Isolated natural product measured in CDCI₃ at 400 MHz (¹H) and 100 MHz (¹³C).⁷ ^{*c*}Synthetic sample measured in CDCI₃ at 500 MHz (¹H) and 151 MHz (¹³C).

Table S6. Comparison of ¹H- and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data for 8,15-dihydrohuperzine A (3)^a



	δ⊢ (ppm)			δ_{c} (ppm)		
Position	Lit. ^b	Lit. ^c	Found ^d	Lit. ^b	Lit. ^c	Found ^d
1	-	-	_	165.0	164.2	164.9
2	6.40, d (9.4)	6.41, d (9.5)	6.41, d (9.4)	116.8	117.2	117.1
3	7.82, d (9.4)	7.82, d (9.5)	7.82, d (9.4)	139.5	139.4	139.6
4	-	-	-	122.2	122.1	122.3
5	-	-	-	144.5	143.6	144.4
6	2.71, d (18.3)	2.62, d (17.8)	2.69, d (18.1)	34.4	34.5	34.6
	3.02, dd (18.3, 7.1)	3.00, dd (17.8, 7.7)	3.01, dd (18.2, 7.3)			
7	3.32, br s	3.33, m	3.33, m	30.6	30.7	30.7
8	1.27–1.13, m	1.20, dt (12.6, 4.0)	1.19, dt (12.8, 4.4)	42.7	42.7	42.8
10	1.66, d (6.7)	1.67, d (6.7)	1.67, d (6.7)	12.3	12.2	12.4
11	Not reported	5.51, q (6.7)	5.50, q (6.7)	111.3	111.2	111.4
12	-	-	-	144.5	144.5	144.6
13	-	-	-	55.1	54.8	55.1
14	Not reported	1.05, t (12.0)	1.05, t (11.9)	51.2	51.2	51.3
	1.80–1.57, m	1.78, br t (10.2)	1.72, br d, (12.2)			
15	1.80–1.57, m	1.60, m	1.60 (m)	26.5	26.5	26.6
16	0.81, d (6.3)	0.83, d (6.5)	0.82, d (6.5)	21.4	21.3	21.5
13' (NH ₂)	Not reported	Not reported	1.64-1.53, br s	-	_	-
1' (NH)	11.4–10.9, br s	Not reported	12.83, br s	_	_	_

^{*a*}Coupling constants in parentheses (*J*) are given in Hz. ^{*b*}Synthetic sample measured in CDCl₃ at 300 MHz.²⁵ ^cIsolated natural product measured in CDCl₃ at 600 MHz (¹H) and 150 MHz (¹³C).¹⁰ ^{*d*}Synthetic sample measured in CDCl₃ at 600 MHz (¹H) and 151 MHz (¹³C).

Table S7. Comparison of ¹H- and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data for lycoplatyrine B (4)^a



	δ _H (ppm)		<u>δ</u> ς (ppm)	
Position	Lit. ^b	Found ^c	Lit. ^b	Found ^c
1	-	-	171.5	171.2
2	2.43, m	2.48–2.40, m	31.1	31.2
3	2.26, m	2.27, m	19.8	19.9
	2.42, m	2.48–2.40, m		
4	-	-	113.9	114.2
5	-	-	129.8	129.6
6	1.72, d (18.0)	1.71, d (18.1)	30.1	30.2
	2.43, m	2.48–2.40, m		
7	2.11, m	2.13, m	34.4	34.6
8	1.21, br t (14.0 ^{<i>d</i>}) [ax]	1.25–1.20, m	42.8	43.0
	1.68, m [eq]	1.68–1.64, m		
10	5.11, dd (10.0, 2.0)	5.13, dd (10.2, 2.2)	118.3	118.3
	5.19, dd (17.0, 2.0)	5.21, dd (17.1, 2.1)		
11	5.79, dt (17.0, 10.0)	5.81, dt (17.1, 9.8)	138.3	138.4
12	2.03, dd (10.0, 2.8)	2.04, dd (9.4, 3.0)	54.8	55.0
13	-	-	53.1	53.0
14	0.89, m [ax]	0.89, m	46.9	47.1
	1.68, m [eq]	1.68–1.64, m		
15	1.66, m	1.68–1.64, m	26.9	27.0
16	0.87, d (6.0)	0.89, d (6.1)	21.9	22.0
N–H	7.66, br s	7.17, br s	-	-

^{*a*}Coupling constants in parentheses (*J*) are given in Hz. ^{*b*}Isolated natural product measured in CDCI₃ at 400 MHz (¹H) and 100 MHz (¹³C).^{*8*} ^{*c*}Synthetic sample measured in CDCI₃ at 600 MHz (¹H) and 151 MHz (¹³C). ^{*d*}Coupling constant determined from homonuclear decoupling experiments. Table S8. Comparison of ¹H NMR spectroscopic data for lycoplatyrine A (8).^a



Position	Lit. (major isomer) ^b	Found (2'S epimer) ^c	Lit. (minor isomer) ^b	Found (2' <i>R</i> epimer) ^c
1	8.33, d (2.0)	8.32, d (2.1)	8.36, d (2.0)	8.37, d (2.0)
3	7.77, d (2.0)	7.74, d (2.0)	7.76, d (2.0)	7.72, d (2.0)
6	2.70, d (18.6)	2.69, d (18.6)	2.70, d (18.6)	2.69, d (18.6)
	3.14, dd (18.6, 7.2)	3.13, dd (18.6, 7.1)	3.14, dd (18.6, 7.2)	3.13, dd (18.1, 7.1)
7	2.09, m	2.08, m	2.09, m	2.08, m
8	1.34, td (12.4, 3.8) [ax]	1.33, td (12.3, 3.8)	1.34, td (12.4, 3.8) [ax]	1.33, td (12.4, 3.8)
	1.77, m [eq]	1.82–1.64, m	1.77, m [eq]	1.84–1.64, m
9	2.43, m [ax]	2.42, m	2.43, m [ax]	2.41, m
	2.79, m [eq]	2.79, m	2.79, m [eq]	2.83–2.74, m
10	1.56, m	1.56–1.47, m	1.56, m	1.61–1.47, m
	1.56, m	1.56–1.47, m	1.56, m	1.61–1.47, m
11	1.19, m [ax]	1.27–1.12, m	1.19, m [ax]	1.28–1.12, m
	1.53, m [eq]	1.56–1.47, m	1.53, m [eq]	1.61–1.47, m
12	1.61, m	1.60, dt (12.4, 2.9)	1.61, m	1.61–1.47, m
14	1.19, m [ax]	1.27–1.12, m	1.19, m [ax]	1.28–1.12, m
	1.46, d (10.2) [eq]	1.44, d (10.3)	1.46, d (10.2) [eq]	1.44, d (10.4)
15	1.22, m	1.27–1.12, m	1.22, m	1.28–1.12, m
16	0.77, d (5.9)	0.76, d (6.0)	0.78, d (5.9)	0.77, d (6.1)
2'	3.63, d (9.2)	3.61, d (10.5)	3.63, d (9.2)	3.62, d (10.0)
3'	1.53, m	1.56–1.47, m	1.53, m	1.61–1.47, m
	1.81, m	1.82–1.64, m	1.81, m	1.84–1.64, m
4'	1.53, m	1.56–1.47, m	1.53, m	1.61–1.47, m
	1.91, m	1.90, m	1.91, m	1.90, m
5'	1.55, m	1.56–1.47, m	1.55, m	1.61–1.47, m
	1.67, m	1.82–1.64, m	1.67, m	1.84–1.64, m
6'	2.80, m	2.79, m	2.80, m	2.83–2.74, m
	3.21, dd (11.6, 1.6)	3.20, d (11.6)	3.21, dd (11.6, 1.6)	3.20, d (11.5)

^{*a*}Chemical shifts (δ_{H}) are given in ppm, coupling constants in parentheses (*J*) are given in Hz. ^{*b*}1.3:1 Mixture of epimers isolated from natural sources measured in CDCl₃ at 600 MHz.^{*b*} Cynthetic samples of individual epimers (>95:5 *d.r.*) measured in CDCl₃ at 500 MHz.

Table S9. Comparison of ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data for lycoplatyrine A (8).^a



Position	Lit. (major isomer) ^b	Found (2'S epimer) ^c	Lit. (minor isomer) ^b	Found (2' <i>R</i> epimer) ^c
1	145.54 ^{<i>d</i>}	145.89	145.72 ^d	145.67
2	138.54 ^{<i>d</i>}	138.76	138.59 ^{<i>d</i>}	138.83
3	131.10 ^{<i>d</i>}	131.15	131.33 ^{<i>d</i>}	131.38
4	135.68 ^{<i>d</i>}	135.93	135.56 ^{<i>d</i>}	135.81
5	157.40 ^{<i>d</i>}	157.73	157.55 ^{<i>d</i>}	157.55
6	35.01 ^{<i>d</i>}	35.15	35.05 ^{<i>d</i>}	35.28
7	33.71 ^{<i>d</i>}	33.88	33.74 ^{<i>d</i>}	33.92
8	43.80 ^{<i>d</i>}	44.00	43.81 ^{<i>d</i>}	43.99
9	41.34 ^{<i>d</i>}	41.50	41.44 ^{<i>d</i>}	41.61
10	27.72 ^{<i>d</i>}	27.92	27.67 ^{<i>d</i>}	27.99
11	26.25	26.34	26.15	26.35
12	44.49 ^{<i>d</i>}	44.69	44.55 ^{<i>d</i>}	44.78
13	56.29 ^{<i>d</i>}	56.36	56.33 ^d	56.30
14	51.25 ^{<i>d</i>}	51.50	51.37 ^{<i>d</i>}	51.64
15	25.80 ^{<i>d</i>}	25.93	25.81 ^{<i>d</i>}	25.96
16	22.05 ^{<i>d</i>}	22.22	22.07 ^{<i>d</i>}	22.24
2'	59.82 ^{<i>d</i>}	60.01	59.94 ^{<i>d</i>}	60.14
3'	34.92	35.27	34.92	35.22
4'	25.27 ^{<i>d</i>}	25.46	25.29 ^{<i>d</i>}	25.49
5'	25.71 ^{<i>d</i>}	25.93	25.74 ^{<i>d</i>}	25.96
6'	47.73	47.92	47.73	47.92

^{*a*}Chemical shifts (&) are given in ppm. ^{*b*}1.3:1 Mixture of epimers isolated from natural sources measured in CDCl₃ at 150 MHz.⁸ ^cSynthetic sample of individual epimers (>95:5 *d.r.*) measured in CDCl₃ at 125 MHz. ^{*d*}Signals annotated as interchangeable among epimers.



Figure S4. Overlay of ¹³C-NMR spectra (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of pure C2' epimers (>95:5 *d.r.*) and an epimeric mixture of **8** obtained from coupling *N*-Boc-2-bromolycodine (**31**) with racemic lactam **32**.

Table S10. Comparison of ¹H- and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data for lycopladine F (epimeric mixture at C2') (9)^a



	δ_{H} (ppm)		$\delta_{\rm C}$ (ppm)	
Position	Lit. ^b	Found ^c	Lit. ^b	Found ^c
1	8.59, s; 8.61, s	8.61, d (2.0); 8.58, d (2.0)	149.4	175.24; 175.19
2	-	-	132.3	132.30
3	8.24, s; 8.16, s	8.25, d (2.1); 8.17, d (2.1)	133.8	133.82; 134.19
4	-	_	131.0	130.99; 130.90
5	-	_	160.8	160.81; 160.76
6	3.28, m	3.29–3.19, m	35.2	35.13; 35.11
	2.82, d (19.2); 2.83, d (19.2)	2.83, d (19.4); 2.84, d (19.3)		
7	2.35, m	2.43–2.29, m	33.9	33.87
8	1.87, m	1.94–1.84, m	43.4	43.39; 43.35
	1.47, ddd (13.2, 12.6, 3.6)	1.47, ddd (13.0, 12.9, 3.4)		
9	3.28, m	3.29–3.19, m	41.9	41.93; 41.89
	2.94, ddd (13.2, 12.6, 3.6)	2.99–2.90, m		
10	1.88, m	1.94–1.84, m	23.8	23.84; 23.82
11	1.73, br d (13.2)	1.74, br d (13.5)	25.0	25.00
	1.34, m	1.38–1.22, m		
12	2.09, br d (12.6)	2.09, br d (12.4)	42.4	42.45
13	-	_	62.7	62.65; 62.64
14	1.89, m	1.94–1.84, m	48.2	48.18; 48.15
	1.63, dd (12.0, 12.0)	1.62, dd (12.0, 12.0)		
15	1.23, m	1.38–1.22, m	27.0	26.98; 26.93
16	0.87, d (6.6); 0.88, d (6.6)	0.88, d (6.6); 0.89, d (6.6)	21.7	21.71 (21.69)
2'	4.50, m; 4.51, m	4.50, m	53.8	53.81; 53.78
3'	2.38, m	2.43–2.29, m	30.4	30.83; 30.78
4'	2.42, m	2.43–2.29, m	29.8	29.81; 29.79
	2.36, m	2.43–2.29, m		
5'	-	-	175.8	175.24; 175.19

^{*a*}Coupling constants in parentheses (*J*) are given in Hz. ^{*b*}1:3.5 mixture of 2'*R* and 2'*S* epimers isolated from natural sources measured in CD₃OD at 600 MHz. In cases where the diastereomers resolve, the signal for the minor diastereomer is listed second.^{26 c}Synthetic sample of epimeric mixture (1:1 *d.r.*) measured in CD₃OD at 600 MHz (¹H) and 151 MHz (¹³C). In cases where the diastereomers resolve, the signal for the second diastereomer is also given.

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6. NMR Spectra


























































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