Preparation and Reactions of Enantiomerically Pure α-Functionalised Grignard Reagents

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1. Experimental details

1.1 General

Water is distilled water. Brine refers to a saturated aqueous solution of NaCl. All non-aqueous reactions were carried out under oxygen-free Ar using flame-dried glassware. Alkyllithiums were titrated against *N*-benzylbenzamide before use.¹ All diamines and electrophiles were distilled over CaH₂ before use. Et₂O and THF were freshly distilled from sodium and benzophenone ketyl. Petrol refers to the fraction of petroleum ether boiling in the range 40-60 $^{\circ}$ C.

Flash column chromatography was carried out using Fluka Chemie GmbH silica (220-440 mesh). Thin layer chromatography was carried out using Merck F_{254} aluminium-backed silica plates. ¹H (400 MHz) and ¹³C (100.6 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on a Jeol ECX-400 instrument with an internal deuterium lock. Chemical shifts are quoted as parts per million and referenced to CHCl₃ (δ_{H} 7.27) and or CDCl₃ (δ_{C} 77.0, central line of triplet). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with broadband proton decoupling. ¹³C NMR spectra were assigned using DEPT experiments. Coupling constants (*J*) are quoted in Hertz. IR spectra were recorded on a ATI Matteson Genesis FT-IR spectrometer. Melting points were measured on a Gallenkamp melting point apparatus. Electrospray high and low resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker Daltronics microOTOF spectrometer. Chiral stationary phase HPLC was performed on an Agilent 1200 series instrument and a multiple wavelength, UV/Vis diode array detector; integration was normally performed at 230 nm.

The following compounds were made according to the reported procedures: *O*-alkyl carbamate **8**,² *O*-alkyl carbamate **10**,³ (+)-sparteine surrogate,⁴ diamines (*R*,*R*)-**12** and (*S*,*S*)-**12**⁵ and isobutyl boronic acid pinacol ester.⁶

1.2 Experimental Procedures and Characterisation Data

General Procedure A: *s*-BuLi/diamine-mediated lithiation-electrophilic trapping of *O*-alkyl carbamate 8 (Table 1, "Normal, A")

s-BuLi (0.92 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 1.20 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of carbamate **8** (263 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and diamine (1.20 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (6 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. Then, the electrophile (2.00 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added dropwise and the solution was allowed to warm to rt over 2 h and stirred at rt for 16 h. Saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (10 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product.

General Procedure B: *s*-BuLi/diamine-mediated lithiation-electrophilic trapping of *O*-alkyl carbamate 8 (Table 1, "Normal, B")

s-BuLi (0.92 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 1.20 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of carbamate **8** (263 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and diamine (1.20 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (6 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. Then, the electrophile (2.00 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added dropwise and the solution was stirred at -78 °C for 5 min. Then, MeOH (2 mL) was added and the resulting solution was allowed to warm to rt over 30 min. The solution was poured into 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product.

General Procedure C: *s*-BuLi/diamine-mediated lithiation-electrophilic trapping of *O*-alkyl carbamate 8 with reverse addition to Andersen's sulfinate (S_s)-3 (Table 1, "Reverse, B")

s-BuLi (0.92 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 1.20 mmol, 1.2 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of carbamate **8** (263 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and diamine (1.20 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (6 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h and then added dropwise *via* cannula transfer to a stirred solution of Andersen's sulfinate (*S*_s)-**3** (589 mg, 2.00 mmol, 2.0 eq.) in THF (4 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 5 min. Then, MeOH_(aq) (2 mL) was added and the resulting solution was allowed to warm

to rt over 30 min. The solution was poured into 1 M $HCl_{(aq)}$ (10 mL) and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product.

General Procedure D: Sulfoxide → Magnesium Exchange Reactions

i-PrMgCl (0.13-0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.26-0.50 mmol, 1.3-2.5 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of the sulfoxide (0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 1-30 min. Then, the electrophile (0.26-0.50 mmol, 1.3-2.5 eq.) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at rt for 5 min. Saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (7 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product.

General Procedure E: *s*-BuLi/diamine-mediated lithiation-electrophilic trapping of 4-chloro *N*-Boc piperidine 25 (Table 3, "Normal, A")

s-BuLi (1.69 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (219 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and diamine (2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (6 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. Then, the electrophile (2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) was added dropwise. The solution was allowed to warm to rt over 2 h and stirred at rt for 16 h. Saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (10 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product.

General Procedure F: *s*-BuLi/diamine-mediated lithiation-electrophilic trapping of 4-chloro *N*-Boc piperidine 25 (Table 3, "Normal, B")

s-BuLi (1.69 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (219 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and diamine (2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (6 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. Then, the electrophile (2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) was added dropwise and the solution was stirred at -78 °C for 5 min. Then, MeOH (2 mL) was added and the resulting solution was

allowed to warm to rt over 30 min. The solution was poured into 1 M $HCl_{(aq)}$ (10 mL) and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product.

General Procedure G: s-BuLi/diamine-mediated lithiation of 4-chloro N-Boc piperidine 25 with reverse addition to Andersen's sulfinate (S_s)- 5 (Table 3, "Reverse, B")

s-BuLi (1.69 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (219 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and diamine (2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (6 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h and then added dropwise *via* cannula transfer to a stirred solution of Andersen's sulfinate (*S*_s)-**3** (647 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in THF (5 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 5 min. Then, MeOH (2 mL) was added and the resulting solution was allowed to warm to rt over 30 min. The solution was poured into 1 M HCl_(aq) (10 mL) and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product.

General Procedure H: Sulfoxide → Magnesium Exchange Reactions with Transmetallation-Negishi Coupling

i-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of sulfoxide *syn*-(*R*,*R*,*S*_S)-7 (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 1 min. Then, ZnCl₂ (0.12 mmol of a 1.0 M solution in Et₂O, 0.6 eq.) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at rt for 30 min. Then, Pd(OAc)₂ (3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.05 eq.), *t*-Bu₃PH.BF₄ (3.5 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.06 eq.) and aryl bromide (0.24 mmol, 1.2 eq.) were added sequentially. The resulting brown solution was stirred at rt for 30 min. The solids were removed by filtration through Celite[®] and the filtrate was washed with water (5 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product.

(S)-(-)-Menthyl p-toluenesulfinate (S_S)-3



Thionyl chloride (46.0 mL, 828 mmol, 4.5 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of sodium p-toluenesulfinate (dried via azeotropic distillation from 3 x 75 mL toluene, 32.8 g, 184 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in toluene (110 mL) at 0 °C over 30 min. The resulting solution was then stirred at rt for 2 h. Then, the volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in toluene (75 mL). The volatiles were then evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude sulfinyl chloride. The crude sulfinyl chloride was dissolved in Et₂O (90 mL) and added dropwise over 30 min to a stirred solution of (-)-menthol (35.9 g, 230 mmol, 1.25 eq.) in pyridine (33 mL) and Et₂O (150 mL) at 0 °C. A white precipitate immediately formed and the resulting suspension was stirred at rt for 16 h. Then, the suspension was poured into water (150 mL) and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 50 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with 1 M HCl_(aq) (3 x 60 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting solid was recrystallised from hot acetone (20 mL). A second recrystallisation of the solid from hot acetone (20 mL) gave Andersen's sulfinate $(S_{\rm S})$ -3 as colourless needles (8.65 g, 16%). Then, 3 drops of conc. $HCl_{(aq)}$ were added to the mother liquor to effect equilibrium of the sulfinate diastereomers. This resulted in crystallisation of Andersen's sulfinate (S_S) -3. A recrystallisation of the solid from hot acetone (20 mL) gave Andersen's sulfinate (S_S)-3 as colourless needles (18.23 g, 34%). Total yield from two crops = 26.88 g (50 %) as colourless needles, mp 107-108 °C (lit.,⁷ mp 107-109 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, m-C₆H₄Me), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, o-C₆H₄Me), 4.13 (td, J =10.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H, CHOS(O)), 2.42 (s, 3H, C₆H₄Me), 2.31-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.14 (dtd, J = 14.0, 7.0,3.0 Hz, 1H, 1.72-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.36 (ddt, J = 14.0, 10.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.28-1.24(m, 1H), 1.10-0.79 (m, 2H), 0.97 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H, Me), 0.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H, Me), 0.72 (d, J= 8.0 Hz, 3H, Me); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.1 (*ipso*-Ar), 142.4 (*ipso*-Ar), 129.6 (Ar), 125.0 (Ar), 80.1 (CHO), 47.8 (CH), 42.9 (CH₂), 34.0 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH), 25.2 (CH), 23.1 (CH₂),

22.1 (CH), 21.5 (Me), 20.8 (Me), 14.4 (Me); $[\alpha]_D$ –199.3 (*c* 1.05 in acetone) (lit.,⁷ $[\alpha]_D$ –204 (*c* 2.24 in acetone)). Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.⁷

Methyl p-toluenesulfinate S1



Bromine (4.36 g, 1.40 mL, 27.6 mmol, 3.0 eq.) was added to a stirred suspension of Na₂CO₃ (4.87 g, 46.0 mmol, 5.0 eq.) and *p*-tolyl disulfide (2.27 g, 9.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in MeOH (195 mL) at rt. The resulting yellow suspension was stirred at rt for 3 h during which time the suspension became colourless. Then, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) and water (100 mL) were added to the residue and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product as a colourless oil. Purification by Kügelrohr distillation gave sulfinate **S1** (2.93 g, 93%) as a colourless oil, bp 91-94 °C/2.0 mmHg (lit.,⁸ 129-130°C/16.0 mmHg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, *m*-C₆H₄Me), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, *o*-C₆H₄Me), 3.37 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.34 (s, 3H, Me); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz,CDCl₃) δ 142.8 (*ipso*-Ar), 140.7 (*ipso*-Ar), 129.7 (Ar), 125.3 (Ar), 49.3 (OMe), 21.4 (Me). Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.⁹

(Scheme 2 and Table 1, Entry 1)



Using general procedure A, s-BuLi (0.92 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 1.20 mmol, 1.2 eq.), carbamate 8 (263 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (139 mg, 1.20 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) and a solution of Andersen's sulfinate (S_s)-3 (382 mg, 1.3 mmol, 1.3 eq.) in THF (1 mL) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 3:1 petrol-EtOAc + 1% Et₃N as eluent gave sulfoxide *anti-(S,S_s)-6* (100 mg, 25%, 83:17 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, mp 58-60 °C; R_F (3:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; IR (CHCl₃) 2971, 1697 (C=O), 1436, 1370, 1286, 1091, 1035, 910, 812, 731 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, m-C₆H₄Me), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, o-C₆H₄Me), 7.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, m-Ph), 7.16 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, p-Ph), 7.02 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, o-Ph), 5.45 (dd, J = 10.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H, OCH), 3.94 (br s, 2H, NCH), 2.74 (ddd, J = 14.0, 10.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, PhCH_AH_B), 2.56 (ddd, J = 14.0, 10.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H, PhCH_A*H*_B), 2.40 (s, 3H, Me) 2.36-2.25 (m, 1H, CH), 2.06-1.98 (m, 1H, CH), 1.26 (br s, 12H, NCHMe₂); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz,CDCl₃) δ 153.5 (C=O), 141.2 (*ipso*-Ar), 140.3 (*ipso*-Ar), 137.4 (ipso-Ar), 129.7 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 126.0 (Ar), 124.4 (Ar), 91.7 (OCH), 46.7 (br, NCH), 46.0 (br, NCH), 31.1 (CH₂), 26.0 (CH₂), 21.3 (Me), 20.2 (br, Me); MS (ESI) m/z 424 [(M $(+ Na)^{+}$, 100], 402 [(M + H)⁺, 20]; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₃₁NO₃S (M + Na)⁺ 424.1917 (+1.3) ppm error), found 424.1911; CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (97.5:2.5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) anti-(R,R_s)-6 12.8 min, anti-(S,S_s)-6 14.0 min and sulfoxide syn-(R,S_s)-6 (84 mg, 21%, 85:15 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, R_F (3:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.20; IR (film) 2971, 2968, 1707 (C=O), 1434, 1370, 1291, 1136, 1091, 1038, 809 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, m-C₆H₄Me), 7.28-7.24 (m, 4H, Ar), 7.21-7.14 (m, 3H, Ar), 5.72 (dd, J = 9.5, 4.0Hz, 1H, OCH), 3.99 (br s, 1H, NCH), 3.57 (br s, 1H, NCH), 2.79-2.75 (m, 2H, PhCH₂), 2.41-2.33 (m, 1H, CH), 2.37 (s, 3H, Me), 2.17-2.08 (m, 1H, CH), 1.21-0.99 (m, 12H, CHMe₂); ¹³C NMR

(100.6 MHz,CDCl₃) δ 152.3 (C=O), 141.5 (*ipso*-Ar), 140.3 (*ipso*-Ar), 136.0 (*ipso*-Ar), 129.5 (Ar), 128.5 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 126.3 (Ar), 125.3 (Ar), 86.8 (OCH), 46.3 (br, NCH) 45.9 (br, NCH), 31.7 (CH₂), 30.3 (CH₂), 21.3 (Me), 21.1 (Me), 20.8 (Me), 20.2 (Me), 20.1 (Me); MS (ESI) *m/z* 424 [(M + Na)⁺, 90], 402 [(M + H)⁺, 100]; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₃₁NO₃S (M + Na)⁺ 424.1917, found 424.1905 (+2.7 ppm error); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (97.5:2.5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) *syn*-(*S*,*R*_s)-6 21.3 min, *syn*-(*R*,*S*_s)-6 23.8 min.

(1*S*)-(*p*-Tolylsulfinyl)-ethyl *N*,*N*-diisopropylcarbamate *anti*-(*S*,*S*_s)-11 and (1*R*)-(*p*-Tolylsulfinyl)-ethyl *N*,*N*-diisopropylcarbamate *syn*-(*R*,*S*_s)-11



Using general procedure A, s-BuLi (1.85 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 2.40 mmol, 1.2 eq.), carbamate 10 (346 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and diamine (S,S)-12 (744 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (12 mL) and a solution of Andersen's sulfinate (S_s)-3 (1.18 g, 4.0 mmol, 2.0 eq.) in THF (10 mL) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 3:1 petrol-EtOAc + 1% Et₃N as eluent gave sulfoxide *anti-(S,S_s)*-11 (24 mg, 4%, er not determined) as a colourless oil, R_F (7:3 petrol-EtOAc) 0.4; IR (film) 2971, 2959, 1694 (C=O), 1531, 1475, 1312, 1296, 1050, 910, 854, 732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, m- C_6H_4Me), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, $o-C_6H_4Me$), 5.52 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H, OCH), 4.04 (br s, 1H, NCH), 3.86 (br s, 1H, NCH), 2.40 (s, 3H, Me) 1.36 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H, Me), 1.29-1.21 (br m, 12H. NCHMe₂); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz,CDCl₃) δ 153.8 (C=O), 141.2 (*ipso*-Ar), 137.7 (*ipso*-Ar), 129.8 (Ar), 124.3 (Ar), 89.3 (OCH), 46.8 (br, NCH), 45.9 (br, NCH), 21.5 (br, Me), 21.4 (Me), 20.3 (br, Me), 9.4 (Me); MS (ESI) m/z 334 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 312 [(M + H)⁺, 80]; HRMS m/zcalcd for $C_{16}H_{25}NO_3S$ (M + Na)⁺ 334.1447 (-0.1 ppm error), found 334.1448 and sulfoxide syn- $(R,S_{\rm s})$ -11 (55 mg, 9%, er not determined) as a colourless oil, $R_{\rm F}$ (7:3 petrol-EtOAc) 0.30; IR (film) 2992, 2978, 2970, 1700 (C=O), 1530, 1472, 1450, 1390, 1291, 1122, 1078, 910, 730 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, m-C₆H₄Me), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, o- C_6H_4Me), 5.80 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H, OCH), 3.90 (br s, 1H, NCH), 3.70 (br s, 1H, NCH), 2.39 (s, 3H, Me), 1.48 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H, Me), 1.15-1.04 (m, 12H, CH*Me*₂); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz,CDCl₃) δ 152.5 (C=O), 141.7 (*ipso*-Ar), 136.0 (*ipso*-Ar), 129.4 (Ar), 125.4 (Ar), 84.0 (OCH), 47.6 (NCH) 46.1 (NCH), 21.5 (Me), 21.4 (Me), 20.8 (Me), 20.5 (Me), 20.1 (Me), 13.7 (Me); MS (ESI) *m/z* 334 [(M + Na)⁺, 70], 312 [(M + H)⁺, 100]; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₂₅NO₃S (M + Na)⁺ 334.1447, found 334.1447 (+0.1 ppm error).

1-(*p*-Tolylsulfinyl)-ethyl *N*,*N*-diisopropylcarbamate *anti-rac*-11 and 1-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-ethyl *N*,*N*-diisopropylcarbamate *syn-rac*-11



Using general procedure A, *s*-BuLi (0.92 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 1.20 mmol, 1.2 eq.), carbamate **10** (173 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (179 μ L, 1.20 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) and methyl *p*-tolyl sulfinate **S1** (255 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 3:1 petrol-EtOAc + 1% Et₃N as eluent gave sulfoxide *anti-rac*-**11** (90 mg, 29%) as a colourless oil and sulfoxide *syn-rac*-**11** (69 mg, 22%) as a colourless oil.

1-(*p*-Tolylsulfinyl)-3-phenylpropyl *N*,*N*-diisopropylcarbamate *anti-rac*-6, 1-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-3-phenylpropyl *N*,*N*-diisopropylcarbamate *syn-rac*-6, 1-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-ethyl *N*,*N*diisopropylcarbamate *anti-rac*-11 and 1-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-ethyl *N*,*N*-diisopropylcarbamate *syn-rac* 11 (Scheme 4)



s-BuLi (0.38 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of carbamate 10 (87 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (75 μ L, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.)

in Et₂O (5 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. Then, a solution of sulfoxide *anti-rac*-6 (200 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in Et₂O (2 mL) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. MeOH (1 mL) was added and the solution was warmed to rt over 30 min. The solution was poured into saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (10 mL) and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 4:1-3:1 petrol-EtOAc + 1% Et₃N as eluent gave recovered carbamate **10** (51 mg, 59%) as a colourless oil and a 70:5:13:12 mixture (by ¹H NMR spectroscopy) of sulfoxides *anti-rac*-6, *syn-rac*-6, *anti-rac*-11, *syn-rac*-11 (180 mg, 66%, 5%, 13%, 12% respectively based on sulfoxide *anti-rac*-6) as a pale yellow oil.

Part of the ¹H NMR spectrum of the 70:5:13:12 mixture of sulfoxides *anti-rac-*6, *syn-rac-*6, *anti-rac-*11, *syn-rac-*11



Optimisation of Sulfoxide \rightarrow **Mg Exchange Reaction (Table 2)**

Methyl 2-[(*N*,*N*-diisopropylcarbamoyl)oxy]-4-phenylbutanoate *rac*-13, *O*-alkyl carbamate 8, and *i*-propyl *p*-tolyl sulfoxide *rac*-14



(Table 2, Entry 1)

Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.13 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.26 mmol, 1.3 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti-rac-6* (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 5 min and methyl chloroformate (25 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.3 eq.) at rt for 5 min gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave ester *rac-46* (27 mg, 48%) as a colourless oil, *O*-alkyl carbamate **8** (9 mg, 14%) as a colourless oil, recovered sulfoxide *anti-rac-6* (8 mg, 4%) and sulfoxide *rac-14* (30 mg, 81%). Full characterisation data is presented later.

(Table 2, Entry 2)

Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.13 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.26 mmol, 1.3 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti-rac-6* (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and methyl chloroformate (25 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.3 eq.) at rt for 5 min gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave ester *rac-13* (37 mg, 65%) as a colourless oil, *O*-alkyl carbamate **8** (4 mg, 6%) as a colourless oil, recovered sulfoxide *anti-rac-6* (16 mg, 8%) and sulfoxide *rac-14* (27 mg, 73%). Full characterisation data is presented later.

(Table 2, Entry 3)

Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.15 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti-rac-6* (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 5 min and methyl

chloroformate (29 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 eq.) at rt for 5 min gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave ester *rac*-13 (24 mg, 42%) as a colourless oil, *O*-alkyl carbamate 8 (9 mg, 17%) as a colourless oil and sulfoxide *rac*-14 (30 mg, 82%). Full characterisation data is presented later.

(Table 2, Entry 4)

Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.15 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti-rac-6* (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and methyl chloroformate (29 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 eq.) at rt for 5 min gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave ester *rac-13* (38 mg, 67%) as a colourless oil, *O*-alkyl carbamate **8** (6 mg, 9%) as a colourless oil and sulfoxide *rac-14* (31 mg, 84%). Full characterisation data is presented later.

(Table 2, Entry 5)

Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti-rac-6* (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and methyl chloroformate (48 mg, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave ester *rac-13* (48 mg, 75%) as a colourless oil, *O*-alkyl carbamate **8** (2.5 mg, 5%) as a colourless oil and sulfoxide *rac-14* (31 mg, 84%). Full characterisation data is presented later.

Methyl (2R)-[N,N-(diisopropylcarbamoyl)oxy]-4-phenylbutanoate (R)-13



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti*-(S, S_s)-**6** (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) and methyl chloroformate (48 mg, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column

chromatography on silica with 9:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave ester (*R*)-**13** (46 mg, 73%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, R_F (9:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.2; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, *m*-Ph), 7.23-7.19 (m, 3H, Ph), 5.08 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H, OCH), 4.11 (br s, 1H, NCH), 3.80 (br s, 1H, NCH), 3.73 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.79-2.75 (m, 2H, PhCH₂), 2.21-2.15 (m, 2H, CH), 1.35-1.20 (br m, 12H, NCH*Me*₂); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz,CDCl₃) δ 171.6 (*C*O₂Me), 154.8 (*i*-Pr₂N*C*=O), 140.7 (*ipso*-Ph), 128.5 (Ph), 128.3 (Ph), 126.2 (Ph), 72.0 (OCH), 52.0 (OMe), 45.4 (br, NCH), 33.3 (CH₂), 31.8 (CH₂), 20.4 (br, Me); [α]_D –17.8 (*c* 0.55 in CH₂Cl₂) [lit.², [α]_D –17.3 (*c* 1.0 in CH₂Cl₂) for (*R*)-**13** of 97:3 er)]; CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 0.5 mL min⁻¹) (*S*)-**13** 10.7 min, (*R*)-**13** 11.9 min. Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.²

1-Phenylhex-5-en-(3R)-yl N,N-diisopropylcarbamate (R)-16



i-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of sulfoxide *anti*-(*S*,*S*_s)-6 (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 1 min. Then, a solution of CuBr.SMe₂ (8.2 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 eq.) in THF (1.0 mL) and allyl bromide (43 μ L, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) were added sequentially. The solution was stirred at rt for 2 h. Then, saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (10 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave carbamate (*R*)-**16** (43 mg, 70%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, *R*_F (9:1 petrol-Et₂O) 0.3; IR (film) 3047, 2901, 2874, 1654 (C=O), 1597, 1487, 1301, 1298, 1275, 1117, 1054, 893 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.19-7.15 (m, 3H, Ph), 5.85-5.76 (m, 1H, CH₂=C*H*), 5.11-5.04 (m, 2H, CH₂=CH), 5.00-4.93 (m, 1H, OCH), 4.10 (br s, 1H, NCH), 3.74 (br s, 1H, NCH), 2.74-2.60 (m, 2H, CH), 1.96-1.83 (m, 2H, CH), 1.25-1.21 (br

m, 12H, NCH*Me*₂); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.4 (C=O), 142.0 (*ipso*-Ph), 134.1 (CH₂=CH), 128.4 (Ph), 128.3 (Ph) 125.8 (Ph), 117.5 (CH₂=CH), 73.2 (OCH), 46.2 (br, NCH), 39.0 (CH₂), 35.9 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 20.8 (br, NCH*Me*₂); MS (ESI) *m/z* 326 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 304 [(M + H)⁺, 20]; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₉NO₂ (M + Na)⁺ 326.2091, found 326.2082 (+2.5 ppm error). [α]_D +3.0 (*c* 0.45 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD-H (99:1 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (*R*)-16 5.4 min, (*S*)-16 6.7 min.

1-Phenylhex-5-en-3-yl N,N-diisopropylcarbamate rac-16



i-PrMgCl (0.15 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of sulfoxide *anti-rac*-**6** (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 1 min. Then, a solution of CuBr.SMe₂ (8.2 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 eq.) in THF (1.0 mL) and allyl bromide (26 μ L, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 eq.) were added sequentially. The solution was stirred at rt for 2 h. Then, saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (10 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave carbamate *rac*-**16** (31 mg, 51%) as a colourless oil.

(1R)-(1-Hydroxycyclohexyl)-3-phenylpropyl N,N-diisopropylcarbamate (R)-17



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti-(S,S_s)*-6 (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and cyclohexanone (52 μ L, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5 CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O as eluent gave alcohol (*R*)-17 (52 mg, 71%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, *R*_F (95:5 CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O) 0.2; IR (film) 3392 (OH), 2920, 2889, 1647 (C=O), 1417, 1347, 1278, 1138, 1117, 1034, 894 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.27 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.20-7.17 (m, 3H, Ph), 4.88-4.81 (m, 1H, OCH), 4.09 (br s, 1H, NCH), 3.87 (br s, 1H, NCH), 2.75-2.58 (m, 2H, CH), 1.98-1.94 (m, 2H, CH), 1.84 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.63-1.25 (br m, 22H, CH + NCH*Me*₂); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.9 (C=O), 142.1 (*ipso*-Ph), 128.4 (Ph), 128.3 (Ph) 125.8 (Ph), 80.1 (OCH), 73.2 (COH), 46.5 (br, NCH), 45.4 (br, NCH), 34.3 (CH₂), 33.2 (CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂), 31.2 (CH₂), 25.8 (CH₂), 21.8 (br, NCH*Me*₂); (a)_D +29.1 (*c* 0.6 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 0.5 mLmin⁻¹) (*R*)-17 14.5 min, (*S*)-17 21.2 min.

(Scheme 8) Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.13 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti-(S,S_s)*-6 (40 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (4 mL) at rt for 15 min and cyclohexanone (26 μ L, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5 CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O as eluent gave alcohol (*R*)-17 (12 mg, 34%, 98:2 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil,

(Scheme 8) Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.13 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti-(S,S_s)-6* (40 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (4 mL) at rt for 30 min and cyclohexanone (26 μ L, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash

column chromatography on silica with 95:5 CH_2Cl_2 -Et₂O as eluent gave alcohol (*R*)-17 (8.5 mg, 24%, 98:2 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil.

(1*S*)-(1-Hydroxycyclohexyl)-3-phenylpropyl *N*,*N*-diisopropylcarbamate (*S*)-17 and (*S*)isopropyl *p*-tolyl sulfoxide (*S*)-14



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.43 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.60 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *syn-(R,S_s)*-**6** (96 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (9 mL) at rt for 1 min and cyclohexanone (62 μ L, 0.60 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5 CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O as eluent gave alcohol (*S*)-**17** (65 mg, 74%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, [α]_D –28.6 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 0.5 mLmin⁻¹) (*R*)-**17** 13.4 min, (*S*)-**17** 21.4 min and sulfoxide (*S*)-**14** (31 mg, 78%) as a colourless oil, R_F (95:5 CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O) 0.05; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, *m*-C₆H₄Me), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, *o*-C₆H₄Me), 2.82 (sept, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H, S(O)CH), 2.82 (s, 3H, Me), 1.19 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH*Me*), 1.15 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH*Me*); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.5 (*ipso*-Ar), 138.5 (*ipso*-Ar), 129.6 (Ar), 125.1 (Ar), 54.6 (*CH*Me₂), 21.5 (Me), 15.8 (Me), 14.2 (Me); [α]_D –194.2 (*c* 1.0 in EtOH) [lit.¹⁰, [α]_D –187 (*c* 2.4 in EtOH)]. Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.¹¹

The isolation of sulfoxide (*S*)-14 allows assignment of the configuration in sulfoxides *anti-(S,S_s)*-6 and *syn-(R,S_s)*-6. Sulfoxide (*S*)-14 is the expected product of double inversion from Andersen's sulfinate (S_s)-3.

1-(1-Hydroxycyclohexyl)-3-phenylpropyl N,N-diisopropylcarbamate rac-17



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti-rac-6* (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and cyclohexanone (52 μ L, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5 CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O as eluent gave alcohol *rac-*17 (45 mg, 62%) as a colourless oil.

1-Hydroxy-1,4-diphenylbutan-2-yl N,N-diisopropylcarbamate (R,S)-18 and (R,R)-18



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti*-(*S*,*S*_s)-6 (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and benzaldehye (51 μ L, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product which contained a 90:10 mixture of (*R*,*S*)-18 and (*R*,*R*)-18 by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5-9:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave a 96:4 mixture (by ¹H NMR spectroscopy) of alcohols (*R*,*S*)-18 and (*R*,*R*)-18 (42 mg, 58%, each diastereoisomer 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, *R*_F (9:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.2; IR (film) 3378 (OH), 2923, 2881, 1653 (C=O), 1572, 1451, 1358, 1139, 1118, 943 cm⁻¹ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34-7.32 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.28-7.26 (m, 3H, Ph), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H, Ph), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2H, Ph), 5.12-5.08 (m,

0.96H, OCH), 5.06-5.01 (m, 0.04H, OCH), 4.89 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H, CHOH), 3.98-3.81 (m, 2H, NCH), 2.77-2.70 (m, 1H, PhCH_AH_B), 2.64-2.57 (m, 1H, PhCH_AH_B), 1.94-1.88 (m, 2H, CH), 1.27-1.08 (m, 12H, NCH*M*e₂), OH not resolved; ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) for (*R*,*S*)-18 δ 156.1 (C=O), 141.4 (*ipso*-Ph), 140.1 (*ipso*-Ph), 128.4 (Ph), 128.3 (Ph) 128.0 (Ph), 127.5 (Ph), 127.0 (Ph), 126.8 (Ph), 78.6 (OCH), 76.3 (OCH), 46.3 (br, NCH), 32.4 (CH₂), 32.0 (CH₂), 20.4 (br, NCH*M*e₂); MS (ESI) *m*/*z* 392 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 370 [(M + H)⁺, 35]; HRMS *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₉NO₂ (M + Na)⁺ 392.2202, found 392.2202 (+0.3 ppm error), CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (*S*,*S*)-18 14.5 min, (*R*,*S*)-18 16.7 min, (*R*,*R*)-18 18.6 min, (*S*,*R*)-18 26.5 min.

1-Hydroxy-1,4-diphenylbutan-2-yl N,N-diisopropylcarbamate anti-rac-18 and syn-rac-18



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti*-(S, S_s)-6 (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and benzaldehye (51 µL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product which contained a 90:10 mixture of (R,S)-18 and (R,R)-18 by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5-9:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave a 92:8 mixture (by ¹H NMR spectroscopy) of alcohols (R,S)-18 and (R,R)-18 (36 mg, 49%) as a colourless oil.

4-Hydroxy-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenylhexan-3-yl N,N-bis(propan-2-yl)carbamate (R,S)-19 and (R,R)-19



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide anti-(S,S_s)-6 (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and pivaldehyde (54 µL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product which contained a 60:40 mixture of (R,S)-19 and (R,R)-19 by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave a 70:30 mixture (by ¹H NMR spectroscopy) of alcohols (R,S)-19 and (R,R)-19 (54 mg, 78%, minor diastereoisomer 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC of the diol, major diastereoisomer er not determined) as a colourless oil, $R_{\rm F}$ (8:2) petrol-Et₂O) 0.2; IR (film) 3383 (OH), 2914, 2889, 1648 (C=O), 1429, 1300, 1271, 1045 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.22-7.17 (m, 3H, Ph), 5.19 (br t, J = 8.0 Hz. 0.3H, OCH), 4.98 (dt, J = 10.0, 2.5 Hz, 0.7H, OCH), 4.04-3.90 (br m, 2H, NCH), 3.48 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 0.7H, CHOH), 3.24 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 0.3H, CHOH), 2.78 (ddd, J = 14.0, 10.5, 5.0 Hz, 0.7H, CH), 2.68-2.60 (m, 1.3H, CH), 2.32 (br s, 1H, OH), 2.20-2.10 (m, 1H, CH), 2.00-1.91 (m, 1H, CH), 1.28-1.26 (m, 12H, NCHMe₂), 0.96 (s, 6.3H, CMe₃), 0.95 (s, 2.7H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) for (*R*,*S*)-19 and (*R*,*R*)-19 δ 155.3 (C=O), 154.3 (C=O), 142.0 (*ipso*-Ph), 141.7 (ipso-Ph), 128.4 (Ph), 128.3 (Ph) 128.3 (Ph), 128.3 (Ph), 125.8 (Ph) 125.8 (Ph), 80.9 (OCH), 79.8 (OCH), 76.2 (OCH), 72.8 (OCH), 46.0 (br, NCH), 45.5 (br, NCH), 35.1 (CMe₃), 34.6 (CMe₃), 32.41 (CH₂), 32.40 (CH₂), 32.1 (CH₂), 26.6 (CMe₃), 26.4 (CMe₃) 21.6 (br, NCHMe₂), 20.5 (br, NCHMe₂); MS (ESI) m/z 372 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 350 [(M + H)⁺, 50]; HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{34}NO_3 (M + Na)^+$ 372.2509, found 372.2496 (+3.4 ppm error).

4-Hydroxy-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenylhexan-3-yl N,N-bis(propan-2-yl)carbamate anti-rac-19 and syn-rac-19



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti-rac-6* (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and pivaldehyde (54 μ L, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product which contained a 60:40 mixture of *anti-rac-19* and *syn-rac-19* by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave a 70:30 mixture (by ¹H NMR spectroscopy) of alcohols *anti-rac-19* and *syn-rac-19* (48 mg, 69%) as a colourless oil.

(3*R*,4*R*)-5,5-Dimethyl-1-phenylhexane-3,4-diol *syn-*(*R*,*R*)-S2 and (3*R*,4S)-5,5-dimethyl-1-phenylhexane-3,4-diol *anti-*(*R*,*S*)-S2



A 70:30 mixture of alcohols *anti-(R,S)-19* and *syn-(R,R)-19* (13 mg, 0.037 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of LiAlH₄ (9 mg, 0.22 mmol, 6.0 eq.) in THF (2 mL) at 0 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred and heated at 70 °C for 1 h. Then, the solution was cooled to 0 °C and water (1 mL), 2 M NaOH_(aq) (2 mL) and MgSO₄ were added sequentially. The solids were removed by filtration. The filtrate was washed with water (5 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained a 70:30 mixture of *anti-(R,S)-S2* and *syn-(R,R)-S2* by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 4:1-3:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave diol *syn-(R,R)-*

S2 (1.5 mg, 18%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, $R_{\rm F}$ (3:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.23-7.18 (m, 3H, Ph), 3.82 (ddd, J = 8.0, 5.0, 1.0Hz 1H, CHOH), 3.10 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H, CHOH), 2.80 (ddd, J = 14.0 10.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H, PhCH_AH_B), 2.70 (ddd, J = 14.0, 9.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.98 (br s, 2H, OH), 1.93 (dddd, J = 14.0, 5.09.5, 8.0, 6.0 Hz 1H, CH), 1.80 (dddd, J = 14.0, 10.0, 6.5, 5.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 0.94 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.8 (*ipso-Ph*), 128.41 (Ph), 128.37 (Ph) 125.9 (Ph), 79.9 (CHOH), 68.9 (CHOH), 38.5 (CH₂), 35.0 (CMe₃) 32.1 (CH₂), 26.2 (CMe₃); MS (ESI) m/z 245 $[(M + Na)^{+}, 100];$ HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₂₂O₂ (M + Na)^{+} 245.1512, found 245.1505 (+2.8) ppm error); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (*R*,*R*)-S2 20.5 min, (S,S)-S2 22.2 min and diol *anti*-(R,S)-S2 (4.5 mg, 55%, er not determined) as a colourless oil, $R_{\rm F}$ (3:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.2; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.24-7.17 (m, 3H, Ph), 3.73 (ddd, J = 10.0, 4.0, 3.0 Hz 1H, CHOH), 3.39 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, CHOH), 2.92 (ddd, J =14.0 10.0 (9.5), 5.0 Hz, 1H, PhC H_AH_B), 2.69 (ddd, J = 14.0, 9.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.96 (dddd, J = 14.0, 9.5, 7.0, 3.0 Hz 1H, CH), 1.89-1.79 (m, 3H, CH + OH), 0.95 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) & 142.1 (ipso-Ph), 128.5 (Ph), 128.4 (Ph) 125.8 (Ph), 82.8 (CHOH), 72.0 (CHOH), 34.3 (CMe₃), 33.9 (CH₂), 32.2 (CH₂), 26.7 (CMe₃); MS (ESI) m/z 245 [(M + Na)⁺, 100]; HRMS m/z calcd for C₁₄H₂₂O₂ (M + Na)⁺ 245.1512, found 245.1514 (-0.6 ppm error).

5,5-Dimethyl-1-phenylhexane-3,4-diol syn-rac-S2 and anti-rac-S2



An 80:20 mixture of alcohols *anti-rac*-15 and *syn-rac*-15 (90 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (4 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of LiAlH₄ (60 mg, 1.56 mmol, 6.0 eq.) in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred and heated at 70 °C for 1 h. Then, the solution was cooled to 0 °C and water (2 mL), 2 M NaOH_(aq) (4 mL) and MgSO₄ were added sequentially. The solids were removed by filtration. The filtrate was washed with water (5 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained

an 80:20 mixture of *anti-rac*-**S2** and *syn-rac*-**S2** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 4:1-3:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave diol *syn-rac*-**S2** (9 mg, 16%) as a colourless oil and diol *anti-rac*-**S2** (28 mg, 49%) as a colourless oil

(3R,4S) 4-Hydroxy-5-methyl-1-phenylhexan-3-yl N,N-diisopropylcarbamate (R,S)-20



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide anti-(S,Ss)-6 (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and isobutyraldehyde (46 µL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave alcohol (R,S)-20 (46 mg, 70%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, $R_{\rm F}$ (8:2 petrol-Et₂O) 0.3; IR (film) 3389 (OH), 2923, 2889, 1648 (C=O), 1418, 1348, 1280, 1139, 1118, 1045 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.20-7.18 (m, 3H, Ph), 4.98 (dt, J = 10.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H, OCH), 4.10-3.89 (br m, 2H, NCH), 3.48 (dd, J = 7.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H, CHOH), 2.78 (ddd, J = 14.0, 10.5, 5.0 Hz, 1H, PhCH_AH_B), 2.64 (ddd, J = 14.0, 10.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H, PhCH_AH_B), 2.17 (br s, 1H, OH), 2.06 (dtd, J = 14.5, 10.5, 5.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.91 (dddd, J = 14.5, 10.5, 6.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.70 (oct, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, CHMe₂), 1.26 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 12H, NCHMe₂), 0.99 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CHMe₂), 0.91 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CHMe₂); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.3 (C=O), 141.9 (*ipso-*Ph), 128.4 (Ph), 128.3 (Ph) 125.9 (Ph), 78.3 (OCH), 76.1 (CHOH), 46.0 (br, NCH), 32.3 (CH₂), 31.0 (CH₂), 30.2 (CHMe₂), 21.5 (br, NCHMe₂), 20.5 (br, NCHMe₂), 19.3 (Me), 18.4 (Me); MS (ESI) m/z 358 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 336 [(M + H)⁺, 80]; HRMS m/z calcd for C₂₀H₃₄NO₃ (M + Na)⁺ 358.2353, found 358.2347 (+1.5 ppm error); $[\alpha]_D$ +21.22 (c 0.40 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (95:5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (*R*,*S*)-20 5.8 min, (*S*,*R*)-20 7.8 min.

4-Hydroxy-5-methyl-1-phenylhexan-3-yl *N*,*N*-diisopropylcarbamate *anti-rac-20* and *syn-rac-20*



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti-rac-6* (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and isobutyraldehyde (46 μ L, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave alcohol *anti-rac-20* (49 mg, 75%) a colourless oil.

4-Hydroxy-1-phenyloctan-3-yl N,N-diisopropylcarbamate (R,S)-21 and (R,R)-21



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti-(S,S*₈)-6 (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and valeraldehyde (53 μ L, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product which contained a 90:10 mixture of (*R,S*)-21 and (*R,R*)-21 by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave a 90:10 mixture (by ¹H NMR spectroscopy) of alcohols (*R,S*)-21 and (*R,R*)-21 (45 mg, 65%, each diastereoisomer 99:1 er by CSP:HPLC) as a colourless oil, *R*_F (8:2 petrol-Et₂O) 0.3; IR (film) 3399 (OH), 2923, 2878, 1647 (C=O), 1428, 1291, 1239, 1117, 1035 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.20-7.16 (m, 3H, Ph), 4.87 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 3.5 Hz, 0.9H, OCH), 4.85-4.80 (m, 0.1H, OCH), 4.06 (br s, 1H, NCH), 3.84 (br s, 1H, NCH), 3.69 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 0.9H, *CH*OH), 3.65-3.61 (m, 0.1H,

CHOH), 2.79-2.59 (m, 2H, CH), 2.04-1.94 (m, 1H, CH), 1.90-1.81 (m, 1H, CH), 1.55-1.24 (m, 18H), 0.88 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H, Me); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) for (*R*,*S*)-21 δ 156.2 (C=O), 141.6 (*ipso*-Ph), 128.4 (Ph), 128.3 (Ph) 126.0 (Ph), 78.6 (OCH), 73.9 (CHOH), 45.6 (br, NCH), 32.5 (CH₂), 32.2 (CH₂), 32.0 (CH₂), 30.2 (CHMe₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 20.4 (br, NCH*Me*₂), 14.0 (Me); MS (ESI) *m*/*z* 372 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 350 [(M + H)⁺, 30]; HRMS *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₁H₃₅NO₃ (M + Na)⁺ 372.2509, found 372.2493 (+4.3 ppm error); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (99:1 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (*R*,*R*)-21 16.8 min, (*R*,*S*)-21 19.3 min, (*S*,*S*)-21 19.3 min, (*S*,*R*)-21 28.3 min.

4-Hydroxy-1-phenyloctan-3-yl N,N-diisopropylcarbamate anti-rac-21 and syn-rac-21



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *anti-rac-6* (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and valeraldehyde (53 μ L, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product which contained a 90:10 mixture of (*R*,*S*)-**21** and (*R*,*R*)-**21** by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave a 90:10 mixture (by ¹H NMR spectroscopy) of alcohols *anti-rac-***21** and *syn-rac-***21** (37 mg, 53%) as a colourless oil.

1-Phenyloctane-3,4-diol anti-rac-S3 and syn-rac-S3



A 90:10 mixture of alcohols anti-rac-21 and syn-rac-21 (30 mg, 0.086 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of LiAlH₄ (20 mg, 0.52 mmol, 6.0 eg.) in THF (2 mL) at 0 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred and heated at 70 °C for 1 h. Then, the solution was cooled to 0 °C and water (1 mL), 2 M NaOH_(aq) (2 mL) and MgSO₄ were added sequentially. The solids were removed by filtration. The filtrate was washed with water (5 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained a 90:10 mixture of *anti-rac*-S3 and *svn-rac*-S3 by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 3:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave a 90:10 mixture (by ¹H NMR spectroscopy) of diols anti-rac-S3 and syn-rac-S3 (17 mg, 89%) as a colourless oil, R_F (3:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.2; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.24-7.18 (m, 3H, Ph), 3.65-3.60 (m, 1.8H, CHOH), 3.46-3.44 (m, 0.2H, CHOH), 2.93-2.83 (m, 1H, CH), 2.76-2.64 (m, 1H, CH), 2.04-1.94 (m, 1H, CH), 1.81-1.77 (m, 5H, CH + OH), 1.50-1.25 (m, 6H, CH), 0.91 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H, Me); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) for *anti-rac*-**S3** δ 142.0 (*ipso*-Ph), 128.6 (Ph), 128.5 (Ph) 126.2 (Ph), 74.5 (CHOH), 74.0 (CHOH), 32.9 (CH₂), 32.4 (CH₂), 31.1 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₂), 22.8 (CH₂), 14.1 (Me). Spectroscopic data for syn-rac-S3 consistent with those reported in the literature.¹²

This experiment enabled the relative stereochemistry of *anti-rac-21* to be unequivocably established.

(3R)-5-Methyl-1-phenylhexan-3-ol (R)-22



i-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of sulfoxide anti-(S,S_s)-6 (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 1 min. Then, a solution of isobutylboronic acid pinacol ester (107 µL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at rt for 30 min and then stirred and heated at 67 °C for 16 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and 3 M NaOH_(aq) (0.5 mL) and 30 % H₂O_{2(aq)} (0.25 mL) were added sequentially. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 2 h and then 2 M NaOH_(aq) (7 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5-9:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (R)-22 (26 mg, 68%, 94:6 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, mp 44-45 °C (lit., ⁶ 45-47 °C); $R_{\rm F}$ (8:2 petrol-Et₂O) 0.3; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.23-7.18 (m, 3H, Ph), 3.76-3.70 (m, 1H, CHOH), 2.81 (ddd, J = 13.5, 10.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H, PhCH_AH_B), 2.69 (ddd, J = 13.5, 10.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H, PhCH_AH_B), 1.82-1.68 (m, 3H, PhCH₂CH₂ + CH), 1.48-1.40 (m, 2H, CH + OH), 1.30-1.28 (m, 1H, CH), 0.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H, CHMe₂), 0.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H, CHMe₂); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.2 (*ipso-Ph*), 128.4 (4, Ph), 125.8 (Ph) 69.5 (CHOH), 46.8 (CH₂), 39.8 (CH₂), 32.2 (CH₂), 24.8 (CH or Me), 23.6 (CH or Me), 22.2 (CH or Me); $[\alpha]_D$ +16.0 (*c* 0.55 in CHCl₃) [lit.⁶, $[\alpha]_D$ +16.00 (*c* 0.70 in CHCl₃) for (*R*)-22 of 97:3 er)]; CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (S)-22 13.4 min, (*R*)-22 22.2 min. Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.⁶

n-BuLi (0.23 mL of a 2.2 M solution in hexanes, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of sulfoxide *anti*-(*S*,*S*_s)-6 (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 min. Then, a solution of isobutylboronic pinacol ester (107 µL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 16 h. The reaction mixture

was cooled to 0 °C and 3 M NaOH_(aq) (0.5 mL) and 30 % H₂O_{2(aq)} (0.25 mL) were added sequentially. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 2 h and then 2 M NaOH_(aq) (7 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol (*R*)-**22** (28 mg, 72%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, mp 47-48 °C (lit.,⁶ 45-47 °C); $[\alpha]_D$ +15.6 (*c* 0.65 in CHCl₃) [lit.,⁶ $[\alpha]_D$ +16.00 (*c* 0.70 in CHCl₃) for (*R*)-**22** of 97:3 er)]; CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD-H (98:2 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (*S*)-**22** 12.9 min, (*R*)-**22** 21.4 min. Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.⁶

5-Methyl-1-phenylhexan-3-ol rac-22



i-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of sulfoxide *anti-rac-6* (80 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 1 min. Then, a solution of isobutylboronic acid pinacol ester (107 μ L, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at rt for 30 min and then stirred and heated at 67 °C for 16 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and 3 M NaOH_(aq) (0.5 mL) and 30 % H₂O_{2(aq)} (0.25 mL) were added sequentially. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 2 h and then 2 M NaOH_(aq) (7 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5-90:10 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol *rac-22* (25 mg, 65%) as a white solid.

tert-Butyl 4-hydroxypiperidine-1-carboxylate S4



NaBH₄ (200 mg, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of *N*-Boc piperidin-4-one (1.00 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in EtOH (5 mL) at 0 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was allowed to warm to rt and stirred at rt for 4 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (20 mL) was added dropwise. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and EtOAc (15 mL) was added. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1 CH₂Cl₂-acetone as eluent gave 4-hydoxy *N*-Boc piperidine **S4** (984 mg, 98%) as a white solid, mp 66-68 °C (lit.,¹³ 64.6-66.5 °C); *R*_F (9:1 CH₂Cl₂-Acetone) 0.2; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.82-3.72 (m, 3H, NCH_AH_B + CHOH), 2.97 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 10.0, 3.0 Hz, 2H, NCH_AH_B), 2.67 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.83-1.78 (m, 2H, NCH₂CH_AH_B), 1.46-1.37 (m, 2H, NCH₂CH_AH_B), 1.41 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.7 (C=O), 79.5 (*C*Me₃), 67.4 (CHOH), 41.3 (br, NCH₂), 34.0 (NCH₂*C*H₂), 28.3 (*CMe₃*). Spectroscopic data consistent with those reported in the literature.¹³

tert-Butyl 4-chloropiperidine-1-carboxylate 25



A solution of hexachloroethane (7.05 g, 29.8 mmol, 2.0 eq.) in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) was added to a stirred solution of 4-hydroxy *N*-Boc piperidine **S4** (3.00 g, 14.9 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and PPh₃ (7.82 g, 29.8 mmol, 2.0 eq.) in CH₂Cl₂ (75 mL) at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 16 h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 4:1 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (2.13 g, 67%) as a colourless oil, R_F (4:1 petrol-Et₂O) 0.3; IR (film) 2974, 2932, 1696 (C=O), 1477, 1420, 1365, 1277, 1169, 1112, 1002 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.20 (tt, *J* = 7.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H, CHCl), 3.69 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 7.0, 3.5 Hz, 2H, NCH₄AH_B), 3.29 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 7.5 Hz, 2H, NCH₄AH_B), 2.01 (ddt, *J* = 13.5, 7.0, 3.5 Hz, 2H, NCH₂CH_AH_B), 1.78 (dtd, *J* = 13.5, 7.5, 3.5 Hz, 2H, NCH₂CH_AH_B), 1.45 (s, 9H, CMe₃); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.6 (C=O), 79.7 (CMe₃), 56.9 (CHCl), 41.2 (br, NCH₂), 34.8 (NCH₂CH₂), 28.3 (CMe₃); MS (ESI) *m/z* 244 [(³⁷M + Na)⁺, 10], 242 [(³⁵M + Na)⁺, 30], 166 (30), 164 (100); HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₈³⁵CINO₂ (M + Na)⁺ 242.0918, found 242.0911 (+3.1 ppm error).

tert-Butyl (1*R*,5*R*)-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate syn-(R,R, S_s)-7 and *tert*-Butyl (1*S*,5*S*)-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate anti-(S,S, S_s)-7 7

(Scheme 9 and Table 3, Entry 1)



Using general procedure E, s-BuLi (1.70 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.), N-Boc 4-chloro piperidine 25 (219 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (256 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (6 mL) at -78 °C for 1 h and a solution of Andersen's sulfinate (S_s)-3 (647 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in THF (2 mL) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 3:2 petrol-EtOAc + 1% Et₃N as eluent gave sulfoxide syn- $(R,R,S_{\rm S})$ -7 (129 mg, 38%, 58:42 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, mp 163-166 °C; $R_{\rm F}$ (3:2 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; IR (CHCl₃) 2975, 2931, 1703 (C=O), 1492, 1454, 1393, 1368, 1257, 1168, 1083. 810 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50-7.48 (m, 2H, *m*-C₆H₄Me), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, o-C₆H₄Me), 3.47 (br s, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 2.84 (br s, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 2.41 (s, 3H, Me), 2.28 (br s, 1H, CH), 1.93-1.90 (m, 1H, CH), 1.77-1.74 (m, 2H, CH), 1.52 (br s, 9H, CMe₃), 1.16-1.13 (m, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) (rotamers) δ 155.0 (br, C=O), 141.9 (*ipso*-Ar), 141.6 (ipso-Ar), 141.1 (ipso-Ar), 139.5 (ipso-Ar), 129.7 (br, Ar), 125.5 (Ar), 124.8 (Ar), 81.2 (br, CMe₃), 61.2 (NCS(O)Ar), 61.1 (NCS(O)Ar), 52.3 (br, NCH₂), 28.5 (CMe₃), 26.1 (br, CH₂), 23.7 (CH₂), 22.3 (CH₂), 21.6 (Me), 11.9 (CH), 11.7 (CH); MS (ESI) m/z 344 [(M + Na)⁺, 30], 322 [(M $(+ H)^{+}$, 100]; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NO₃S (M + Na)^{+} 344.1291, found 344.1286 (+1.5 ppm) error); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) syn-(S,S,R_S)-7 10.1 min, syn-(R,R,S_S)-7 11.5 min and sulfoxide anti-(S,S,S_S)-7 (152 mg, 45%, 70:30 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, R_F (3:2 petrol-EtOAc) 0.2; IR (film) 2977, 2932, 1696 (C=O), 1477, 1384, 1335, 1257, 1168, 1083, 1048, 810 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, m- $C_{6}H_{4}Me$), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, $o-C_{6}H_{4}Me$), 3.79-3.72 (m, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.61 (br s, 1H, NCH_AH_B , 2.37 (s, 3H, Me), 2.27-2.18 (m, 1H, CH), 2.05 (dtd, J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H, NCCH), 1.83-1.75 (m, 1H, CH), 1.49 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 1.09 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, H), 1.05-1.01 (br m, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.5 (C=O), 141.4 (*ipso*-Ar), 138.0 (*ipso*-Ar), 129.5 (Ar), 124.8 (Ar), 80.9 (CMe₃), 69.9 (br, NCS(O)Ar), 52.5 (br, NCH₂), 29.9 (br, CH₂), 28.4 (CMe₃), 26.8 (CH₂), 24.3 (br, CH), 21.3 (Me); MS (ESI) *m/z* 344 [(M + Na)⁺, 40], 322 [(M + H)⁺, 100]; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NO₃S (M + Na)⁺ 344.1291, found 344.1286 (+1.3 ppm error); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) *anti*-(*S*,*S*,*S*₈)-7 9.0 min, *anti*-(*R*,*R*,*R*₈)-7 12.3 min.

tert-Butyl (1*R*,5*R*)-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate syn-(R,R, S_s)-7 and *tert*-Butyl (1*S*,5*S*)-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate anti-(S,S, S_s)-7 7



(Table 3, Entry 2)

Using general procedure F, *s*-BuLi (1.70 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.), *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (219 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (256 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (6 mL) at -78 °C for 1 h and a solution of Andersen's sulfinate (*S*_s)-**3** (647 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in THF (2 mL) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 3:2 petrol-EtOAc + 1% Et₃N as eluent gave sulfoxide *syn*-(*R*,*R*,*S*_s)-**7** (122 mg, 36%, 80:20 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) *syn*-(*S*,*S*,*R*_s)-**7** 10.7 min, *syn*-(*R*,*R*,*S*_s)-**7** 12.3 min and sulfoxide *anti*-(*S*,*S*,*S*_s)-**7** (157 mg, 47%, 78:22 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) *anti*-(*S*,*S*,*S*_s)-**7** 9.4 min, *syn*-(*R*,*R*,*R*_s)-**7** 13.1 min.

(Table 3, Entry 3)

Using general procedure G, *s*-BuLi (1.70 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.), *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (219 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (256 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (6 mL) and a solution of Andersen's sulfinate (S_s)-**3** (647 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2

eq.) in THF (5 mL) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 3:2 petrol-EtOAc + 1% Et₃N as eluent gave sulfoxide *syn-(R,R,S*_S)-7 (132 mg, 39%, 89:11 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) *syn-(S,S,R*_S)-7 13.2 min, *syn-(R,R,S*_S)-7 15.2 min and sulfoxide *anti-(S,S,S*_S)-7 (146 mg, 44%, 88:12 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) *anti-(S,S,S*_S)-7 11.8 min, *syn-(R,R,R*_S)-7 16.1 min.

(Table 3, Entry 4)

Using general procedure G, *s*-BuLi (1.70 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.), *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (219 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (–)-sparteine (504 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (6 mL) and a solution of Andersen's sulfinate (S_s)-**3** (647 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in THF (5 mL) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 3:2 petrol-EtOAc + 1% Et₃N as eluent gave sulfoxide *syn-(R,R,S_s)*-**7** (88 mg, 27%, 96:4 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) *syn-(S,S,R_s)*-**7** 10.2 min, *syn-(R,R,S_s)*-**7** 11.6 min and sulfoxide *anti-(S,S,S_s)*-**7** (78 mg, 24%, 89:11 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) *anti-(S,S,S_s)*-**7** 8.7 min, *syn-(R,R,R_s)*-**7** 11.9 min.

(Table 3, Entry 5)

Using general procedure G, *s*-BuLi (0.85 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 1.10 mmol, 2.2 eq.), *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (110 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (+)-sparteine surrogate (213 mg, 1.10 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (4 mL) and a solution of Andersen's sulfinate (S_s)-**3** (324 mg, 1.10 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in THF (3 mL) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 3:2 petrol-EtOAc + 1% Et₃N as eluent gave sulfoxide *syn*-(*R*,*R*,*S*_S)-**7** (42 mg, 26%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) *syn*-(*S*,*S*,*R*_S)-**7** 9.6 min, *syn*-(*R*,*R*,*S*_S)-**7** 10.9 min and sulfoxide *anti*-(*S*,*S*,*S*_S)-**7** (43 mg, 27%, 93:7 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) *anti*-(*S*,*S*,*S*_S)-**7** 8.6 min, *syn*-(*R*,*R*,*R*_S)-**7** 11.6 min.

(Table 3, Entry 6)

Using general procedure G, *s*-BuLi (1.70 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.), *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (219 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and diamine (*R*,*R*)-**12** (683 mg, 2.20

mmol, 2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (6 mL) and a solution of Andersen's sulfinate (S_s)-3 (647 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in THF (5 mL) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 3:2 petrol-EtOAc + 1% Et₃N as eluent gave sulfoxide *syn-(R,R,S_s)*-7 (163 mg, 51%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, [α]_D -43.7 (*c* 0.65 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) *syn-(S,S,R_s)*-7 9.9 min, *syn-(R,R,S_s)*-7 11.5 min and sulfoxide *anti-(S,S,S_s)*-7 (80 mg, 25%, 87:13 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, [α]_D +64.6 (*c* 0.9 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) *anti-(S,S,S_s)*-7 8.7 min, *syn-(R,R,R_s)*-7 12.4 min.

(Table 3, Entry 7)

Using general procedure G, *s*-BuLi (1.70 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.), *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (219 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and diamine (*S*,*S*)-**12** (683 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (6 mL) and a solution of Andersen's sulfinate (*S*_s)-**3** (647 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in THF (5 mL) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 3:2 petrol-EtOAc + 1% Et₃N as eluent gave sulfoxide *syn*-(*R*,*R*,*S*_S)-**7** (38 mg, 12%, 89:11 er by CSP-HPLC) as a white solid, $[\alpha]_D$ –43.2 (*c* 0.7 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) *syn*-(*S*,*S*,*R*_S)-**7** 12.2 min, *syn*-(*R*,*R*,*S*_S)-**7** 14.2 min and sulfoxide *anti*-(*S*,*S*,*S*_S)-**7** (174 mg, 54%, 87:13 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, $[\alpha]_D$ +86.1 (*c* 0.7 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiralcel AD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL min⁻¹) *anti*-(*S*,*S*,*S*_S)-**7** 8.1 min, *syn*-(*R*,*R*,*s*₃)-**7** 11.4 min.

tert-Butyl 1-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate *syn-rac*-7 and *anti-rac*-7



Using General procedure E, *s*-BuLi (2.11 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 2.75 mmol, 2.2 eq.), *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (275 mg, 1.25 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (319 mg, 2.75 mmol,

2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (8 mL) and methyl *p*-toluenesulfinate **S1** (468 mg, 2.75 mmol, 2.2 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 3:2 petrol-EtOAc + 1% Et₃N as eluent gave sulfoxide *syn-rac-***7** (142 mg, 35%) as a white solid, mp 161-163 °C and sulfoxide *anti-rac-***7** (144 mg, 36%) as a colourless oil.

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tert-Butyl (1S,5R)-(phenylcarbamoyl)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate (S,R)-35



Using general procedure E, *s*-BuLi (1.69 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.), *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (219 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (–)-sparteine (516 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (8 mL) and phenylisocyanate (262 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 98:2 CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O as eluent gave amide (*S*,*R*)-**35** (283 mg, 94%, 56:44 er by CSP-HPLC) as a pale yellow solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (*R*,*S*)-**35** 7.2 min, (*S*,*R*)-**35** 13.6 min. Full characterisation data is presented later.

tert-Butyl (1R,5S)-(phenylcarbamoyl)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate (R,S)-35



Using general procedure E, *s*-BuLi (1.51 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 1.96 mmol, 2.2 eq.), *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (194 mg, 0.89 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (+)-sparteine surrogate (381 mg, 1.96 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (5.5 mL) and phenylisocyanate (233 mg, 1.96 mmol, 2.2 eq.) gave

the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 98:2 CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O as eluent gave amide (R,S)-**35** (212 mg, 79%, 54:46 er by CSP-HPLC) as a pale yellow solid, CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (R,S)-**35** 7.4 min, (S,R)-**35** 14.8 min. Full characterisation data is presented later.

Using general procedure E, *s*-BuLi (1.35 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 1.76 mmol, 2.2 eq.), *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (175 mg, 0.80 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and diamine (*S*,*S*)-**12** (547 mg, 1.76 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (5.0 mL) and phenylisocyanate (124 mg, 1.04 mmol, 1.3 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 98:2 CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O as eluent gave amide (*R*,*S*)-**35** (178 mg, 74%, 67:33 er by CSP-HPLC) as a pale yellow solid,); $[\alpha]_D$ +45.5 (*c* 1.1 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (*R*,*S*)-**35** 7.3 min, (*S*,*R*)-**35** 14.3 min . Full characterisation data is presented later.

tert-Butyl 3-(hydroxymethyl)-1-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfanyl]-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2carboxylate (1*R*,5*R*)-28



Trifluoroacetic anhydride (318 µL, 2.25 mmol, 3.0 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of sulfoxide *syn*-(*R*,*R*,*S*_S)-7 (240 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and NaI (225 mg, 1.50 mmol, 2.0 eq.) in acetone (9 mL) at -40 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -40 °C for 10 min. Then, saturated Na₂SO_{3(aq)} (5 mL) and saturated NaHCO_{3(aq)} (5 mL) were added sequentially and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL) The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave sulfide **28** (228 mg, 99%) as a pale yellow oil, *R*_F (8:2 petrol-EtOAc) 0.4; IR (film) 2948, 2912, 2877, 1656 (C=O), 1557, 1552, 1348, 1278, 912, 732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, *o*-C₆H₄Me), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, *m*-C₆H₄Me), 3.52-3.48 (m, 2H, NCH₂), 2.34 (s, 3H, Me), 2.11-2.00 (m, 1H, CH), 1.82-1.72 (m,
2H, CH), 1.63 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.52 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 1.13 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_B); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.5 (C=O), 137.3 (*ipso*-C₆H₄S), 132.1 (*ipso*-C₆H₄Me), 132.0 (Ar), 129.5 (Ar), 80.0 (CMe₃), 53.7 (NC), 51.2 (NCH₂), 29.1 (CH₂), 28.6 (CMe₃), 28.4 (CH), 26.8 (CH₂), 21.2 (Me); MS (ESI) *m/z* 328 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 306 [(M + H)⁺, 25]; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NO₂S (M + Na)⁺ 328.1347, found 328.1347 (0.0 ppm error); [α]_D -45.8 (*c* 0.6 in CHCl₃).

tert-Butyl 3-(hydroxymethyl)-1-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfanyl]-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2carboxylate *cis*-(1*R*,3*S*,5*R*)-29



s-BuLi (0.75 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 0.98 mmol, 1.3 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of sulfide 28 (228 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and (+)-sparteine surrogate (191 mg, 0.98 mmol, 1.3 eq.) in Et₂O (5 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 5 min. Then, CO₂ was bubbled through the solution for 10 min and the resulting solution allowed to warm to rt. Water (5 mL) and 1 M NaOH_(aq) (10 mL) were added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was acidified (pH 1) with 2 M HCl_(aq) and extracted with Et₂O (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained a 92:8 mixture (by ¹H NMR spectroscopy) of diastereoisomeric acids **S5** which required no further purification: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (br s, 1H, OH), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, o-C₆H₄Me), 7.12 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, $m-C_6H_4Me$), 4.55 (br s, 0.92H, NCH), 4.21 (dd, J = 10.0, 5.0 Hz, 0.08H, NCH), 2.68 (br s, 0.08H, 1H, CH), 2.54-2.50 (br m, 0.92H, 1H, CH), 2.34 (s, 2.76H, Me), 2.33 (s, 0.24, Me), 2.07 $(dd, J = 13.0, 4.5 Hz, 0.08H, CH_AH_B)$, 1.99 $(dd, J = 13.0, 7.0 Hz, 0.92H, CH_AH_B)$, 1.78-1.76 (m, 1H, CH), 1.70-1.65 (m, 1H, CH), 1.52-1.43 (m, 1H, CH), 1.47 (br s, 9H, CMe₃). Borane dimethyl sulfide complex (77 µL, 0.82 mmol, 1.3 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of the crude acids S5 (218 mg, 0.63 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C under Ar. After gas evolution ceased, the resulting solution was stirred and heated at 66 °C for 1 h. Then, the solution was cooled to rt and MeOH (5 mL) was added dropwise. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol *cis*-(1*R*,3*S*,5*R*)-**29** (211 mg, 84% over two steps) as a colourless oil, R_F (8:2 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; IR (film) 3315 (OH), 2892, 2877, 1688 (C=O), 1565, 1488, 1258, 912, 732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, *o*-C₆H₄Me), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, *m*-C₆H₄Me), 5.32 (br s, 1H, OH), 4.03-3.97 (m, 1H, NCH), 3.52-3.42 (m, 2H, CH₂OH), 2.35 (s, 3H, Me), 2.18-2.11 (m, 1H, CH), 1.64-1.60 (m, 2H, CH), 1.57 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 1.33-1.25 (m, 1H, CH), 1.16-1.14 (m, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6 (C=O), 138.1 (*ipso*-C₆H₄S), 133.1 (Ar), 131.2 (*ipso*-C₆H₄Me), 129.8 (Ar), 81.1 (CMe₃), 70.4 (NCH), 65.0 (CH₂OH), 57.0 (NC), 34.2 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 28.4 (CMe₃), 25.7 (CH), 21.1 (Me); MS (ESI) *m*/z 358 [(M + Na)⁺, 90], 336 [(M + H)⁺, 40], 280 (100); HRMS *m*/z calcd for C₁₈H₂₅NO₃S (M + Na)⁺ 358.1447, found 358.1443 (+1.1 ppm error); [α]_D –139.8 (*c* 0.7 in CHCl₃).

tert-Butyl 3-(hydroxymethyl)-1-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfanyl]-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2carboxylate *cis-rac-29* and *tert*-Butyl 3-(hydroxymethyl)-1-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfanyl]-2azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate *trans-rac-29*



s-BuLi (3.61 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 4.69 mmol, 1.3 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of sulfide *rac*-**28** (1.10 g, 3.61 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (701 μ L, 4.69 mmol, 1.3 eq.) in Et₂O (15 mL) at -78 °C under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 5 min. Then, CO₂ was bubbled through the solution for 10 min and the resulting solution allowed to warm to rt. Water (5 mL) and 1 M NaOH_(aq) (10 mL) were added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was acidified (pH 1) with 2 M HCl_(aq) and extracted with Et₂O (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which contained a 68:32 mixture (by ¹H NMR spectroscopy)

of diastereoisomeric acids S5 which required no further purification. Borane dimethyl sulfide complex (0.36 mL, 3.72 mmol, 1.3 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of the crude acids S5 (1.00 g, 2.86 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (20 mL) at 0 °C under Ar. After gas evolution ceased, the resulting solution was stirred and heated at 66 °C for 1 h. Then, the solution was cooled to rt and MeOH (5 mL) was added dropwise. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave alcohol cis-rac-29 (615 mg, 51% over two steps) as a colourless oil and trans-rac-29 (258 mg, 21% over two steps) as a colourless oil, R_F (8:2 petrol-EtOAc) 0.2; IR (film) 3312 (OH), 2901, 2896, 2867, 1698 (C=O), 1495, 1487, 1305, 1132, 915, 730 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, o-C₆H₄Me), 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, m-C₆H₄Me), 3.88-3.82 (m, 1H, NCH), 3.30 (br s, 1H, OH), 3.25-3.23 (m, 1H, CH_AH_BOH), 2.97 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, CH_AH_BOH) 2.36 (s, 3H, Me), 2.03-1.98 (m, 1H, CH), 1.76-1.64 (m, 3H, CH), 1.57 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 1.04 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.0 (C=O), 138.8 (*ipso*-C₆H₄S), 134.5 (Ar), 130.5 (*ipso*-C₆H₄Me), 129.8 (Ar), 81.3 (CMe₃), 66.5 (CH₂OH), 64.7 (NCH), 55.5 (NC), 29.8 (CH₂), 29.7 (CH₂), 28.4 (CMe₃), 27.4 (CH), 21.2 (Me); MS (ESI) m/z 358 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 336 [(M + H)⁺, 30], 280 (100); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{18}H_{25}NO_3S (M + Na)^+$ 358.1447, found 358.1449 (-0.5 ppm error).

tert-Butyl 3-(hydroxymethyl)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate cis-(1S,3S,5R)-30



Raney[®]-Nickel 2400 (1.5 mL of a 50% suspension in water) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of alcohol (1*R*,3*S*,5*R*)-**29** (211 mg, 0.63 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in 1:2 THF-EtOH (6 mL) at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 5 h. Then, CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and MgSO₄ were added and the solids were removed by filtration through Celite[®]. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1-8:2 petrol-acetone as eluent gave alcohol *cis*-(1*S*,3*S*,5*R*)-**30** (98 mg, 73%) as a colourless oil, $R_{\rm F}$ (8:2 petrol-acetone) 0.3; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.32-

4.28 (br m, 1H, CH), 3.51-3.43 (m, 4H, CH + OH), 2.46 (dddd, J = 13.5, 11.0, 6.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.58-1.52 (m, 1H, CH), 1.50 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 1.50-1.47 (m, 1H, CH_AH_B), 0.80 (dtd, J = 9.0, 6.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 0.43-0.40 (br m, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) (rotamers) δ 156.6 (br, C=O), 80.6 (CMe₃), 80.3 (CMe₃), 67.6 (br, NCHCH₂OH), 54.5 (CH₂OH), 38.8 (NCH), 37.4 (CH₂), 32.0 (CH), 30.6 (CH₂), 28.4 (CMe₃), 28.4 (CMe₃), 16.9 (CH₂), 14.7 (CH₂); MS (ESI) m/z 236 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 213 [(M + H)⁺, 40]; HRMS m/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₉NO₃ (M + Na)⁺ 236.1263, found 236.1263 (0.0 ppm error); [α]_D +6.6 (c 0.5 in CHCl₃). This compound has been reported in the literature^{14a} but characterisation data were not disclosed. Through a personal communication with Professor Hannessian,^{14b} the following optical rotation data was provided: [α]_D +12.0 (c 0.75 in CHCl₃). Our spectroscopic data were also consistent with those provided by Professor Hannessian.^{14b}

2-tert-Butyl (1S,5R)-1-methyl-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-1,2-dicarboxylate (1S,5R)-32



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *syn*-(*R*,*R*,*S*_S)-7 (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq., 99:1 er) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and methyl chloroformate (39 μ L, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave ester (*S*,*R*)-**32** (43 mg, 89%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, *R*_F (9:1 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; IR (CDCl₃) 2979, 1732 (C=O, CO₂Me), 1682 (C=O, Boc), 1529, 1444, 1368, 1164, 908, 881, 732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.79 (ddd, *J* = 11.0, 9.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.73 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.50 (br s, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 2.25 (ddt, *J* = 13.0, 9.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.08-2.02 (m, 1H, CH), 1.96 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 5.5, Hz, 1H, CH), 1.98-1.87 (m, 1H, CH), 1.43 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 1.02 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5 (CO₂Me) 155.5 (NCO₂CMe₃), 80.0 (CMe₃), 52.1 (OMe), 50.2 (NCH₂), 47.5 (NC), 31.0 (br, CH₂), 28.4 (CH), 28.3 (CMe₃), 26.4 (br, CH₂); MS (ESI) *m/z* 264 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 186 (20), 142 (30); HRMS *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₉NO₄ (M + Na)⁺ 264.1203, found 264.1206 (+1.3 ppm error); [α]_D -121.05 (*c* 0.20 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (99:1 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (*S*,*R*)-**32** 13.0 min, (*R*,S)-**32** 15.4 min.

2-tert-Butyl 1-methyl-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-1,2-dicarboxylate rac-32



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.15 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *syn-rac*-7 (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.,) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and methyl chloroformate (23 μ L, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 9:1 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave ester *rac*-32 (24 mg, 50%) as a colourless oil.

tert-Butyl (1S,5R)-1-(prop-2-en-1-yl)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate (S,R)-33



i-PrMgCl (0.25 mL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of sulfoxide *syn-(R,R,S*_S)-7 (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 1 min. Then, a solution of CuBr.SMe₂ (8 mg, 20 mol%, 0.2 eq.) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at rt for 10 min. Then, allyl bromide (63 mg, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at rt for 2 h. Saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (7 mL) was added and the two were layers separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave allylated pyrrolidine (*S,R)*-**33** (31 mg, 69%) as a colourless oil, *R*_F (95:5 petrol-EtOAc) 0.3; IR (CDCl₃) 2941, 1685 (C=O), 1519, 1434, 1378, 1164, 1062, 910, 732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.78 (dtd, *J* = 14.0, 7.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H, CH=CH₂), 5.10-5.01 (m, 2H, =CH₂), 3.62 (ddd, *J* = 11.0, 9.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.38 (br s, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.21 (br s, 1H, CH), 2.13-2.00 (m, 2H, CH), 1.82-1.75 (m, 1H, CH), 1.47 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 1.40-1.34 (m, 1H, CH), 0.91 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 0.67 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0 (C=O), 135.2 (CH=CH₂),

116.7 (CH=CH₂), 79.3 (br, *C*Me₃), 50.0 (br, NCH₂), 46.7 (NC), 37.5 (br, *C*H₂CH=), 28.5 (*CMe*₃), 25.9 (CH₂), 23.3 (CH), 21.8 (CH₂); MS (ESI) m/z 246 [(M + Na)⁺, 70], 168 (100); HRMS m/z calcd for C₁₃H₂₁NO₂ (M + Na)⁺ 246.1466, found 246.1465 (-0.5 ppm error); [α]_D +2.4 (*c* 0.45 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (99.5:0.5 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 0.3 mLmin⁻¹) (*R*,*S*)-**33** 11.0 min, (*S*,*R*)-**33** 11.8 min.

tert-Butyl 1-(prop-2-en-1-yl)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate rac-33



i-PrMgCl (0.15 mL, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of sulfoxide *syn-rac*-**7** (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 1 min. Then, a solution of CuBr.SMe₂ (8 mg, 20 mol%, 0.2 eq.) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at rt for 10 min. Then, allyl bromide (38 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at rt for 2 h. Saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (7 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 95:5 petrol-EtOAc as eluent gave allylated pyrrolidine *rac*-**33** (26 mg, 58%) as a colourless oil.

tert-Butyl (1R,5R)-1-benzyl-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate (R,R)-34



i-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of sulfoxide *syn*-(R,R, S_s)-7 (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq., 99:1 er) in THF (8 mL) at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 1 min. Then, a solution of CuBr.SMe₂ (8 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 eq.) in THF (0.5 mL) and benzyl bromide (89 mg, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was

added sequentially and the solution was stirred at rt for 2 h. Saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (7 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 4:1 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave benzylated pyrrolidine (*R*,*R*)-**34** (35 mg, 64%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, *R*_F (4:1 petrol-Et₂O) 0.2; IR (CDCl₃) 2985, 2810, 1679 (C=O), 1559, 1487, 1378, 1201, 1164, 908, 732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.22-7.19 (m, 3H, Ph), 3.76 (br s, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.42-3.16 (br m, 2H,CH), 2.57 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.99 (tdd, *J* = 14.0, 7.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.77-1.70 (m, 1H, CH), 1.50-1.44 (m, 1H, CH), 1.50 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 0.98 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, CH) 0.73 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.9 (C=O), 139.4 (*ipso*-Ph), 129.4 (Ph), 128.2 (Ph), 126.2 (Ph), 79.4 (CMe₃), 48.4 (br, NCH₂), 43.5 (br, NC), 41.0 (br PhCH₂), 32.6 (br, CH), 28.6 (CMe₃), 26.1 (CH₂), 23.7 (CH₂); MS (ESI) *m*/*z* 296 [(M + Na)⁺, 70], 218 (100); HRMS *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₄NO₂ (M + Na)⁺ 296.1621, found 296.1611 (+3.2 ppm error); [*α*]_D -13.6 (*c* 0.2 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (99:1 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (*R*,*R*)-**34** 5.6 min, (*S*,*S*)-**34** 6.6 min.

tert-Butyl 1-benzyl-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate rac-34



i-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added to a stirred solution of sulfoxide *syn-rac*-7 (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq., 99:1 er) in THF (8 mL) at rt under Ar. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 1 min. Then, a solution of CuBr.SMe₂ (8 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.2 eq.) in THF (0.5 mL) and benzyl bromide (89 mg, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) was added sequentially and the solution was stirred at rt for 2 h. Saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (7 mL) was added and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 4:1 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave benzylated pyrrolidine *rac*-**34** (32 mg, 59%) as a colourless oil.

tert-Butyl (1S,5R)-(phenylcarbamoyl)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate (S,R)-35



Using general procedure D, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide syn- (R,R,S_s) -7 (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq., 99:1 er) in THF (8 mL) at rt for 1 min and phenylisocyanate (60 mg, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 98:2 CH_2Cl_2 -Et₂O as eluent gave amide (S,R)-35 (31 mg, 67%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a pale yellow solid, mp 102-103 °C; $R_{\rm F}$ (98:2 CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O) 0.2; IR (CDCl₃) 3408 (NH), 2979, 1689 (C=O), 1682 (C=O), 1529, 1444, 1368, 1164, 908, 732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, o-Ph), 7.30 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, m-Ph), 7.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, p-Ph), 3.75 (ddd, J = 11.5, 9.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B , 3.66 (ddd, J = 11.5, 8.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 2.24 (ddt, J = 13.0, 9.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.17-2.12 (m, 1H,CH), 2.07 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.94 (dddd, J = 13.0, 8.5, 6.5, 1.5) Hz, 1H, CH), 1.42 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 1.02 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6 (PhNCO) 156.9 (NCO₂CMe₃), 137.8 (ipso-Ph), 128.9 (Ph), 123.9 (Ph), 119.3 (Ph), 81.2 (CMe₃), 51.3 (NCH₂), 50.6 (NC), 31.1 (CH), 28.1 (CMe₃), 26.4 (CH₂), 24.8 (CH₂); MS (ESI) m/z 325 [(M + Na)⁺, 30], 303 [(M + H)⁺, 100]; HRMS m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₂N₂O₃ (M + Na)⁺ 325.1523, found 325.1523 (-0.2 ppm error);); [α]_D -58.6 (*c* 0.7 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD (90:10 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (*R*,*S*)-**35** 7.4 min, (*S*,*R*)-**35** 14.5 min.

tert-Butyl 1-(phenylcarbamoyl)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate rac-35



Using general procedure D, *s*-BuLi (1.69 mL of a 1.3 M solution in hexanes, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.), *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine **25** (219 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TMEDA (255 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) in Et₂O (8 mL) and phenylisocyanate (262 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.2 eq.) gave the crude

product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with $98:2 \text{ CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{-Et}_2\text{O}$ as eluent gave amide *rac*-**35** (290 mg, 96%) as a pale yellow solid.

2-tert-Butyl (1S,5R)-1-phenyl-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate (1S,5R)-36



Using general procedure H, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide syn-(R,R,S_S)-7 (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) and ZnCl₂ (0.12 mL of a 1.0 M solution in Et₂O, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.05 eq.), t- $Bu_3PH.BF_4$ (3.5 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.06 eq.) and bromobenzene (39 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 98:2 CH₂Cl₂petrol as eluent gave arylated pyrrolidine (15,5R)-36 (35 mg, 68%, 99:1 er by CSP-HPLC) as a colourless oil, R_F (98:2 CH₂Cl₂-petrol) 0.3; IR (CDCl₃) 2874, 2791, 1681 (C=O) 1540, 1521, 1444, 1368, 908, 732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31-7.24 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.21-7.16 (m, 1H, Ph), 3.90 (ddd, J = 11.5, 9.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.61 (ddd, J = 11.5, 9.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B , 2.32 (ddt, J = 12.5, 9.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.97 (dddd, J = 12.5, 9.0, 6.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.81 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.62-1.56 (m, 1H, CH), 1.22 (br s, 9H, CMe₃), 1.02 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.7 (C=O), 133.6 (*ipso*-Ph), 132.7 (Ph), 127.9 (Ph), 125.9 (Ph), 79.4 (CMe₃), 50.1 (NCH₂), 49.7 (NC), 30.3 (NCCH), 28.2 (CMe₃), 26.7 (CH₂), 22.3 (CH₂); MS (ESI) m/z 282 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 204 (30); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{21}NO_2 (M + Na)^+$ 282.1465, found 282.1470 (-2.1 ppm error); $[\alpha]_D$ +8.2 (c 0.65 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (99:1 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 0.5 mLmin⁻¹) (15,5R)-36 8.5 min, (15,5R)-36 10.0 min.

tert-Butyl 1-phenyl-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate rac-36



Using general procedure H, *i*-PrMgCl (0.15 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *syn-rac-***7** (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) and ZnCl₂ (0.12 mL of a 1.0 M solution in Et₂O, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 eq.), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.05 eq.), *t*-Bu₃PH.BF₄ (3.5 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.06 eq.) and bromobenzene (22 mg, 0.14 mmol, 0.7 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 98:2 CH₂Cl₂-petrol as eluent gave arylated pyrrolidine *rac-***36** (20 mg, 55%) as a colourless oil.

tert-Butyl 1-[2-methoxyphenyl]-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate (1S,5R)-37



Using general procedure H, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *syn*-(*R*,*R*,*S*_S)-7 (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) and ZnCl₂ (0.12 mL of a 1.0 M solution in Et₂O, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.05 eq.), *t*-Bu₃PH.BF₄ (3.5 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.06 eq.) and methyl 2-bromoanisole (45 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.20 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 7:3 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave arylated pyrrolidine (1*S*,*SR*)-**37** (39 mg, 68%) as a colourless oil, *R*_F (7:3 petrol-Et₂O) 0.2; IR (CDCl₃) 2875, 2782, 1685 (C=O), 1421, 1444, 1368, 913, 742 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (br d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.22 (td, *J* = 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar), 6.88 (br t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 6.83 (br d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 3.97 (td, *J* = 12.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.84 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.60-3.53 (br m, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 2.37 (dddd, *J* = 12.5, 7.5, 4.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.97-1.90 (m, 1H, CH), 1.60-1.53 (m, 2H, CH), 1.22 (br s, 9H, CMe₃), 0.90 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8 (C=O), 155.5 (*ipso*-C₆H₄OMe), 131.6 (Ar), 128.7 (Ar), 128.2 (*ipso*-Ar), 119.6 (Ar), 110.1 (Ar), 79.0 (CMe₃), 55.5 (OMe), 50.5

(NCH₂), 46.8 (NC), 28.3 (*CMe*₃), 27.3 (br, CH), 26.9 (CH₂), 22.8 (CH₂); MS (ESI) m/z 312 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 234 (70), 190 (30); HRMS m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NO₃ (M + Na)⁺ 321.1572, found 312.1570 (-0.5 ppm error); [α]_D -6.9 (*c* 0.65 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (99:1 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 0.5 mLmin⁻¹) (1*S*,5*R*)-**37** 7.5 min, (1*R*,5*S*)-**37** 8.3 min.

tert-Butyl 1-[2-methoxyphenyl]-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate rac-37



Using general procedure H, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *syn-rac-***7** (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) and ZnCl₂ (0.12 mL of a 1.0 M solution in Et₂O, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 eq.), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.05 eq.), *t*-Bu₃PH.BF₄ (3.5 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.06 eq.) and methyl 2-bromoanisole (26 mg, 0.14 mmol, 0.7 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 7:3 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave arylated pyrrolidine *rac-***37** (19 mg, 48%) as a colourless oil.

tert-Butyl 1-[2-(methoxycabronyl)phenyl]-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate (1*S*,5*R*)-38



Using general procedure H, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.), sulfoxide *syn*-(R,R, S_S)-7 (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL), ZnCl₂ (0.12 mL of a 1.0 M solution in Et₂O, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.05 eq.), *t*-Bu₃PH.BF₄ (3.5 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.06 eq.) and methyl 2-bromobenzoate (51 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 7:3 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave arylated pyrrolidine (1*S*,5*R*)-**38** (47 mg, 74%) as a colourless oil, R_F (7:3 petrol-Et₂O)

0.1; IR (CDCl₃) 2874, 1726 (C=O, CO₂Me), 1679 (C=O, Boc), 1532, 1454, 1268, 908, 732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H, *o*-C₆H₄CO₂Me), 7.38 (br t, J = 8.0 Hz 1H, *p*-C₆H₄CO₂Me), 7.32-7.25 (m, 2H, Ar), 3.87 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.76 (dt, J = 11.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 3.37-3.30 (br m, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 2.58-2.49 (m, 1H, CH), 2.00 (dtd, J = 12.0, 9.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.79-1.74 (m, 1H, CH), 1.81 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.07 (br s, 9H, CMe₃), 0.90 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3 (CO₂Me), 155.9 (NCO₂CMe₃), 134.4 (*ipso*-Ar), 132.1 (Ar), 130.5 (br, Ar), 128.9 (Ar), 128.8 (Ar), 126.5 (Ar), 79.4 (CMe₃), 52.0 (OMe), 48.7 (NC), 48.6 (NCH₂), 30.0 (CH), 27.9 (CMe₃), 25.6 (CH₂), 18.5 (CH₂); MS (ESI) *m*/*z* 340 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 318[(M + H)⁺, 40], 262 (40), 218 (40); HRMS *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₈H₂₃NO₄ (M + Na)⁺ 340.1518, found 340.1519 (+0.4 ppm error); [α]_D -46.4 (*c* 1.00 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel AD-H (99:1 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (1*S*,5*R*)-**38** 9.7 min, (1*R*,5*S*)-**38** 15.8 min.

tert-Butyl 1-[2-(methoxycabronyl)phenyl]-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate rac-38



Using general procedure H, *i*-PrMgCl (0.15 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *syn-rac-***7** (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) and ZnCl₂ (0.12 mL of a 1.0 M solution in Et₂O, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 eq.), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.05 eq.), *t*-Bu₃PH.BF₄ (3.5 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.06 eq.) and methyl 2-bromobenzoate (30 mg, 0.14 mmol, 0.7 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 7:3 petrol-Et₂O as eluent gave arylated pyrrolidine *rac-***38** (32 mg, 72%) as a colourless oil.

2-tert-Butyl (1S,5R)-1-(thiophen-3-yl)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate (1S,5R)-39



Using general procedure H, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide syn-(R,R,S_s)-7 (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) and ZnCl₂ (0.12 mL of a 1.0 M solution in Et₂O, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.05 eq.), t-Bu₃PH.BF₄ (3.5 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.06 eq.) and 3-bromothiophene (23 µL, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 eq.) gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica with 99:1-98:2 CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O as eluent gave arylated pyrrolidine (15.5R)-**39** (38 mg, 72%) as a colourless oil, $R_{\rm F}$ (98:2 CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O) 0.5; IR (CDCl₃) 2910, 2874, 1675 (C=O), 1555, 1532, 1268, 908, 732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H, H⁵), 6.98 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.5 Hz 1H, H^4), 6.94 (dd, $J = 3.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H, H^2$), 3.86 (ddd, $J = 11.5, 9.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B$), 3.55 (ddd, J = 11.5, 9.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H, NCH_AH_B), 2.34-2.25 (m, 1H, CH), 1.93 (dddd, J = 13.0, 9.0, 6.0, 1.5Hz, 1H, CH), 1.68-1.60 (m, 2H, CH), 1.28 (br s, 9H, CMe₃), 1.04 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H, NCCH_AH_B); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2 (C=O), 132.6 (*ipso*-Ar), 126.4 (Ar), 125.0 (br, Ar), 118.7 (Ar), 79.4 (CMe₃), 49.9 (NC), 46.6 (NCH₂), 30.8 (br, CH), 28.2 (CMe₃), 26.5 (CH₂), 23.5 (CH₂); MS (ESI) m/z 288 [(M + Na)⁺, 100], 210 (40); HRMS m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NO₂S (M + Na)⁺ 288.1029, found 288.1027 (+0.6 ppm error); [α]_D -42.0 (*c* 0.5 in CHCl₃); CSP-HPLC: Chiracel OD-H (99:1 Hexane-*i*PrOH, 1.0 mLmin⁻¹) (*S*,*R*)-**39** 7.7 min, (*R*,S)-**39** 8.6 min.

2-tert-Butyl 1-(thiophen-3-yl)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxylate rac-39



Using general procedure H, *i*-PrMgCl (0.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 eq.) and sulfoxide *syn-rac-***7** (65 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (8 mL) and ZnCl₂ (0.12 mL of a 1.0 M solution in Et₂O, 0.12 mmol, 0.6 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.05 eq.), *t*-Bu₃PH.BF₄

2 Additional Information

2.1 Proof of Configuration of Sulfoxides anti-(S,S_s)-6 and syn-(R,S_s)-6

- 1. For the lithiation-trapping of *O*-alkyl carbamate **8**, the sense of induction using *s*-BuLi and (–)-sparteine,^{4,15,16} (+)-sparteine surrogate⁴ and diamines (*R*,*R*)-**12** and (*S*,*S*)-**12**⁵ is wellprecedented.
- 2. Inversion of configuration at sulfur when trapping with Andersen's sulfinate is well documented.^{7,17,18}
- 3. (S)-Isopropyl *p*-tolyl sulfoxide (S)-14 was isolated as the expected product of a sulfoxide → magnesium exchange reaction. This indicates a double inversion from Andersen's Sulfinate (S_s)-3 thus confirming the configuration at sulfur in *anti*-(S,S_s)-6 and *syn*-(R,S_s)-6. The optical rotation for (S)-14 ([α]_D -194.2 (c 1.0 in EtOH) (lit.,¹⁰ [α]_D -187 (c 2.4 in EtOH)) is in accordance with that reported in the literature.¹⁰



4. Two known products have been synthesized from *anti-(S,S_s)-6*. Optical rotations for (*R*)-13 ([α]_D -17.8 (*c* 0.55 in CH₂Cl₂) (lit.,² [α]_D -17.3 (*c* 1.0 in CH₂Cl₂) for (*R*)-13 of 97:3 er)) and (*R*)-22 ([α]_D +15.59 (*c* 0.65 in CHCl₃) (lit.,⁶ [α]_D +16.00 (*c* 0.70 in CHCl₃) for (*R*)-22 of 97:3 er)) are in accordance with those reported in the literature.



2.2 Proof of configuration of Sulfoxides syn-(R,R,S_s)-7 and anti-(S,S,S_s)-7

- For the lithiation-trapping of *N*-Boc 4-chloro piperidine 25 the sense of induction using *s*-BuLi and (–)-sparteine has been established.^{19,20} In addition, the sense of induction in the lithiation-trapping of *N*-Boc piperidine is also known.^{4,5,20,21}
- 2. Inversion of configuration at sulfur when trapping with Andersen's sulfinate (S_s)-**3** is well precedented.^{7,17,18}
- 3. Known alcohol *cis*-**30** has been synthesised from *anti*-(*S*,*S*_s)-**6**. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra for alcohol *cis*-**30** match with those provided by Professor Hannessian and are different to those of alcohol *trans*-**30**.^{14b} The optical rotation for *cis*-**30** ($[\alpha]_D$ +6.64 (*c* 0.50 in CHCl₃) is in accordance with that provided by Professor Hannessian: $[\alpha]_D$ +12.00 (*c* 0.75 in CHCl₃).^{14b}



3 ¹H/¹³C NMR Spectra and CSP-HPLC Data





400 MHz ¹H NMR spectrum; 100.6 MHz ¹³C NMR spectrum; CDCl₃



400 MHz ¹H NMR spectrum; 100.6 MHz ¹³C NMR spectrum; CDCl₃



400 MHz ¹H NMR spectrum; 100.6 MHz ¹³C NMR spectrum; CDCl₃











400 MHz ¹H NMR spectrum; 100.6 MHz ¹³C NMR spectrum; CDCl₃



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400 MHz ¹H NMR spectrum; 100.6 MHz ¹³C NMR spectrum; CDCl₃











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400 MHz ¹H NMR spectrum; 100.6 MHz ¹³C NMR spectrum; CDCl₃



400 MHz ¹H NMR spectrum; 100.6 MHz ¹³C NMR spectrum; CDCl₃



400 MHz ¹H NMR spectrum; 100.6 MHz ¹³C NMR spectrum; CDCl₃



400 MHz ¹H NMR spectrum; 100.6 MHz ¹³C NMR spectrum; CDCl₃



cis**-29**



400 MHz ¹H NMR spectrum; 100.6 MHz ¹³C NMR spectrum; CDCl₃



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CSP-HPLC for anti-rac-6















ⁱPr₂N

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.H

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(R)-**13**

OMe

CSP-HPLC for rac-16







rac-16

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CSP-HPLC for (*S*)-**17** (99:1 er)





CSP-HPLC for (*R*,*S*)-**18** (99:1 er) and (*R*,*R*)-**18** (99:1 er) (96:4 dr by ¹H NMR spectroscopy)



CSP-HPLC for syn-rac-S2





CSP-HPLC for *syn*-(*R*,*R*)-**S2** (99:1 er)











ⁱPr₂N

ОН (*R,S*)-**20**

Ph



CSP-HPLC for *rac*-**21** (90:10 dr by ¹H NMR spectroscopy)

CSP-HPLC for (R,S)-21 (99:1 er) and (R,S)-21 (99:1 er) (90:10 dr by ¹H NMR spectroscopy)













S99



CSP-HPLC for rac-33







(S,R)-**33**





CSP-HPLC for rac-35



CSP-HPLC for (1*S*,5*R*)-**35** (99:1 er)







N Ph Boc rac-**36**

CSP-HPLC for (1*S*,5*R*)-**36** (99:1 er)







√ CO₂Me



Boc

CSP-HPLC for *rac-***38**

mAU

DAD1 A, Sig=254,4 Ref=360,100 (PETER\PJR_5-320B.D)

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CSP-HPLC for (1*S*,5*R*)-**38** (99:1 er)





(1S,5R)-38



CSP-HPLC for (1*S*,5*R*)-**39** (99:1 er)





Boc

rac-**39**

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