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ABSTRACT

I. *N*-Isopropylidene-*N*'-2-Nitrobenzenesulfonyl Hydrazine. A Reagent for Reduction of Alcohols via the Corresponding Monoalkyl Diazenes

The development of a new reagent N-isopropylidene-N'-2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl hydrazine (IPNBSH) is described. IPNBSH is used in the reduction of alcohols via the loss of dinitrogen from transiently formed monoalkyl diazene intermediates that can be accessed by sequential Mitsunobu displacement, hydrolysis, and fragmentation under mild reaction conditions.

II. Stereospecific Palladium-Catalyzed Route to Monoalkyl Diazenes for Mild Allylic Reduction

The first single-step stereospecific transition metal-catalyzed conversion of allylic electrophiles into monoalkyl diazenes is described. This synthesis of allylic monoalkyl diazenes offers a new strategy for asymmetric synthesis by the reduction of optically active substrates or the use of chiral catalyst systems for the reduction of racemic and prochiral substrates. Sensitive substrates are reduced in a highly selective manner.

III. Direct Synthesis of Pyridine Derivatives

A single-step conversion of various *N*-vinyl and *N*-aryl amides to the corresponding pyridine and quinoline derivatives, respectively, is described. The process involves amide activation with trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride in the presence of 2-chloropyridine followed by π -nucleophile addition to the activated intermediate and annulation.

IV. Synthesis of Densely Substituted Pyrimidine Derivatives

The direct condensation of cyanic acid derivatives with *N*-vinyl and *N*-aryl amides to afford the corresponding C4-heteroatom substituted pyrimidines is described. The use of cyanic bromide and thiocyanatomethane in this chemistry provides versatile azaheterocycles poised for further derivatization. The synthesis of a variety of previously inaccessible C2- and C4-pyrimidine derivatives using this methodology is noteworthy.

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Abbreviations

Å	angstrom
[α]	specific rotation
Ac	acetyl
AIBN	2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile
anis	anisaldehyde
aq	aqueous
atm	atmosphere
br	broad
Bu	butyl
°C	degree Celcius
calc'd	calculated
CAM	ceric ammonium molybdate
2-Clpvr	2-chloropyridine
cm	centimeter
cm ⁻¹	wavenumber
COSY	correlation spectroscopy
d	doublet
d	deuterium
δ	parts per million
dba	dibenzylydene acetone
DEAD	diethyl azodicarboxylate
diam	diameter
DMAP	4-dimethylaminopyridine
DMF	$N_{\rm M}$ M $N_{\rm M}$
DMSO	dimethylsulfoxide
dr	diastereomeric ratio
	enantiomeric excess
FI	electron ionization
equiv	equivalent
FSI	electronspray ionization
Esi	ethyl
FT	Fourier transform
a	gram
5 0	gradient
5 GC	gas chromatography
h	hour
ht	height
hu	norght nbataahamiaal imadiation
	hateronuclear multiple hand correlation
	high performance liquid chromate creation
	high resolution mass substances
	heterorealean single
нзус	neueronuclear single quantum correlation
HZ ·	Hertz
1	180

IR	infrared
J	coupling constant
kcal	kilocalorie
KHMDS	potassium hexamethyldislylamide
L	liter
LAH	lithium aluminum hydride
LDA	lithium diisopropylamide
LHMDS	lithium hexadislylamide
lit.	literature value
m	medium
m	multiplet
М	molar
u	micro
Me	methyl
mg	milligram
MHz	megahertz
min	minute
mL	mililiter
mm	millimeter
mmol	millimole
μmol	micromole
mol	mole
MS	mass spectrometry
m/z	mass to charge ratio
n	normal
NBS	N-bromosucinnimide
NCS	N-chlorosucinnimide
nm	nanometer
NMM	<i>N</i> -methylmorpholine
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
nOe	nuclear Overhauser effect
NOESY	nuclear Overhauser effect spectroscopy
o.d.	outer diameter
р	para
Ph	phenyl
PMA	phosphomolybdic acid
PMB	para-methoxybenzyl
ppm	parts per million
Pr	propyl
Pyr	pyridine
q	quartet
R _f	retention factor
ROESY	rotating frame Overhauser effect spectroscopy
S	singlet
S	strong
str	stretch

t	triplet
TBAF	tetra- <i>n</i> -butylammonium fluoride
TBS	tert-butyldimethylsilyl
TBDPS	tert-butyldiphenylsilyl
TFA	trifluoroacetic acid
Tf ₂ O	trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride
THF	tetrahydrofuran
TLC	thin layer chromatography
TMS	trimethyl silyl
Ts	toluene sulfonyl
UV	ultraviolet
W	weak
Xphos	dicyclohexyl (2',4',6'-triisopropyl biphenyl-2-yl) phosphine

Chapter I

N-Isopropylidene-*N'*-2-Nitrobenzenesulfonyl Hydrazine: A Reagent for Reduction of Alcohols via the Corresponding Monoalkyl Diazenes

Introduction and Background

The loss of dinitrogen from monoalkyl diazene intermediates is common in a wide range of transformations in organic chemistry.¹ Some of the pioneering work in this area was done by Kosower² who demonstrated, through a series of mechanistic studies, that aryl and saturated alkyl diazenes lose dinitrogen via a bimolecular radical pathway to generate the corresponding reduction products (eq 1).

Several powerful methodologies for carbonyl reduction involve initial condensation with an arenesulfonyl hydrazide followed by reduction of the corresponding hydrazone leading to first the loss of sulfinic acid to generate the diazene intermediate, followed by loss of dinitrogen (Scheme 1) to afford the reduced product. Hutchins^{1d} and Kabalka^{1e} reported the reduction of a variety of ketones and aldehydes using monoalkyl diazene intermediates.

Hutchins:



Scheme 1. Reduction of ketones using monoalkyl diazenes.

In 1996, Myers reported a highly efficient, mild, and stereospecific conversion of a variety of propargylic alcohols to the corresponding allenes^{3a} via a Mitsunobu⁴ reaction using the reagent 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl hydrazine⁵ (NBSH). It is noteworthy that this report was the first example of direct the use of alcohols to generate monoalkyl diazenes. Subsequent reports discussed the use of NBSH in the reduction of allylic, benzylic, and saturated alcohols (Scheme 2).^{3b-c} This direct reduction of alcohols via the corresponding

monoalkyl diazene intermediates under mild reaction conditions presents a highly versatile methodology for organic synthesis.⁶

Myers:



Scheme 2. Reduction of alcohols using NBSH.

The stereospecific displacement of an alcohol by the reagent NBSH under the Mitsunobu reaction conditions affords the corresponding 1,1-disubstituted sulfonyl hydrazide.³ Warming of the reaction mixture to ambient temperature provides the corresponding monoalkyl diazene by elimination of 2-nitrobenzenesulfinic acid. Sigmatropic^{3a-b} loss of dinitrogen from the unsaturated monoalkyl diazene, or expulsion of dinitrogen via a free-radical^{3c} pathway from the saturated monoalkyl diazene, affords the corresponding reduction product. The thermal sensitivity of NBSH in solution and the corresponding Mitsunobu adduct necessitate the execution of the initial step in these transformations at sub-ambient temperatures (-30 to -15 °C). At lower temperatures a competitive and undesired Mitsunobu reaction of the alcohol substrate with 2-

nitrobenzenesulfinic acid, the thermal decomposition⁷ product of NBSH is obviated.³ For less reactive alcohols, the use of higher substrate concentrations and excess reagents in N-methyl morpholine has been described.^{3b-c}

Results and Discussion

In the context of the total synthesis of (-)-irofulven, previous work⁸ in our laboratory showed the use of the reagent *N*-isopropylidene-*N*⁻²-nitrobenzenesulfonyl hydrazine (IPNBSH) to be advantageous over NBSH in a surprisingly difficult⁹ reductive allylic transposition reaction (Scheme 3).



Scheme 3. Reductive transposition reaction for the total synthesis of (-)-irofulvene.

As shown in Scheme 4, the Mitsunobu displacement of an alcohol with IPNBSH results in the stable and isolable arenesulfonyl hydrazone 4. We developed mild reaction conditions for in situ hydrolysis of hydrazone 4 to the same hydrazide 2 accessed using NBSH.



Scheme 4. Monoalkyl diazene synthesis using IPNBSH.

IPNBSH can be prepared by dissolution of the readily available NBSH⁵ in acetone (eq 2). For optimal results, a solution of IPNBSH in acetone is triturated from hexanes to give the desired reagent as a white solid. Comparison of the X-ray structure of IPNBSH (crystallized from ethyl acetate) with that of the closely related acetone *p*-toluenesulfonyl hydrazone¹⁰ reveals slightly longer C–S (1.774 vs. 1.753 Å) and shorter N(2)–S (1.636 vs. 1.637 Å) bonds consistent with greater interaction between the nitrogen(2) and sulfur in IPNBSH (Figure 1). The smaller N–N–S bond angle found in IPNBSH (112.4° vs. 114.1°) was expected to reduce the steric interaction of the *syn*-coplanar N–H and C-Me groups.



Figure 1. Crystal structure of IPNBSH

Significantly, the greater thermal stability of IPNBSH compared to NBSH was expected to provide flexibility for the Mitsunobu reaction while offering equally rapid thermal fragmentation after hydrolysis of the adduct 4 (Scheme 4). The hydrazone moiety in IPBNSH prevents elimination of sulfinic acid and makes the reagent more thermally stable. For comparison, heating a solution of IPNBSH in DMSO- d_6 [0.02M] at 50 °C for 30 minutes did not result in decomposition while a significant quantity of NBSH (~60%) was found to fragment under the same conditions. Solutions of IPNBSH as described above did not decompose at 75 or 100 °C after 30 min whereas considerable decomposition was observed at 150 °C within minutes. The greater thermal stability of IPNBSH allows it to be stored at room temperature for several months.

The utility of IPNBSH in the challenging reductive allylic transposition mentioned above prompted our evaluation of this reagent's broader utility for organic synthesis. Addition of diethylazadicarboxylate (DEAD, 1.2 equiv) to a solution of *trans,trans*farnesol (**1a**, 1 equiv, Scheme 5), IPNBSH (1.2 equiv), and triphenylphosphine (Ph₃P, 1.2 equiv) in THF (9.0 mL) rapidly (15 min) provided the desired Mitsunobu adduct **4a** in 86% isolated yield. The isolation of **4a** is not necessary and its direct hydrolysis under optimal conditions was achieved by introduction of trifluoroethanol–water (TFE–H₂O, 1:1) upon completion of the Mitsunobu reaction. These conditions for the hydrolysis step were found to be superior to others explored including the use of substoichiometric quantities of acetic acid, Sc(OTf)₃, or use of other co-solvents (MeOH and EtOH). The hydrolysis step results in elimination of 2-nitrobenzenesulfinic acid followed by sigmatropic loss of dinitrogen to give the triene **5a** in 87% isolated yield. The ease of hydrolysis of these hydrazones under mild conditions is likely due to the rapid fragmentation of the corresponding sulfonyl hydrazide derivatives at room temperature.¹¹



A uniform set of reaction conditions proved effective for a single-step reduction of a range of alcohols (Table 1). Allylic alcohols (Table 1, entries 1-4) and propargylic alcohols (Table 1, entries 5-6) provided the desired reduction products via the expected sigmatropic loss of dinitrogen from the intermediate monoalkyl diazenes generated by in situ hydrolysis. For unhindered primary alcohols the reaction could be conducted at even lower concentration (0.05M) and sub-ambient temperatures with equal efficiency. The use of IPNBSH allowed the use of other solvents (e.g., toluene, fluorobenzene, and chlorobenzene) in place of THF with similar results.

Interestingly, while the Mitsunobu reaction with the primary alcohol in entry 7 of Table 1 proceeded smoothly under standard conditions (adduct isolated in 93% yield), the

hydrolysis of the corresponding hydrazone adduct **4** under the conditions used for propargylic and allylic substrates proved ineffective, affording less than 20% yield of the

Entry	Substrate	Product	Yield(%) ^b
1	Ph ^O O ^O OH Me	Ph ^o o	84 ^c
2	OH Me Me	Me Me	82 ^{c,d}
3	OH Ph	Ph	69 ^e
4	Me Me Me HO OH	Me Me 5 H H H	Ле 60 ^f
5	Ph	Ph	70
6	Ph OH OH SiMe ₃	Ph SiMe ₃	87
7			87 ⁹
8	Ph	Ph Me	35 ⁹

Table 1. Reduction of Alcohols using IPNBSH^a

^a Conditions: Ph₃P (1.2 equiv), DEAD (1.2 equiv), IPNBSH (1.2 equiv), THF [0.1M], $0 \rightarrow 23^{\circ}$ C, 2h; TFE-H₂O (1:1), 2h. ^b Average of two experiments. ^c Hydrolysis step required 3 h. ^d The Mitsunobu reaction was complete in 15 min. ^cE:Z = 93:7. ^f 2.0 equiv of reagents was used; contains <8% of C5-diastereomer. ^g 1.6 equiv of reagents was used; PhNHNH₂ (5.0 equiv) was used in place of TFE-H₂O.

desired reduction product.¹² We reasoned that while slow hydrolysis and generation of unsaturated (propargylic and allylic) monoalkyl diazenes led to an efficient sigmatropic loss of dinitrogen, the loss of dinitrogen from saturated monoalkyl diazenes would be optimal at higher concentrations of the diazene intermediate.^{2,13} The replacement of the hydrolysis step with a hydrazone exchange reaction (phenylhydrazine), reduced the time

for the complete consumption of the Mitsunobu adduct from 4h to 30 min (TLC analysis).¹⁴ The limitation of IPNBSH is its greater sensitivity toward sterically hindered substrates as compared to NBSH. For example, the Mitsunobu reaction with the saturated secondary alcohol in entry 8 of Table 1 proved difficult as compared to the reaction of unsaturated secondary alcohols (Table 1, entries 3-6). More forcing reaction conditions did not increase the isolated yield of the desired product and returned the starting alcohol.¹⁵

The thermal stability of IPNBSH allows for unique transformations such as the one shown in equation 3. *N*-Alkylation of the corresponding sodium sulfonamide of IPNBSH with allylic bromide **6** followed by in situ hydrolysis afforded the desired terminal alkene **5a** via sigmatropic loss of dinitrogen. This single-step *N*-alkylation-reduction strategy offers a valuable alternative to the Mitsunobu reaction.



In addition to IPNBSH, we examined a series of other hydrazone derivatives as potential reagents for the conversion of alcohols to the corresponding monoalkyl diazenes. These included the 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl hydrazones of trifluoroacetone, dichloroacetone, cyclobutanone, benzaldehyde, acetaldehyde, and trimethylacetaldehyde, in addition to methanesulfonyl hydrazones of acetone and benzaldehyde. IPNBSH was identified as the best reagent based on optimal reactivity in the Mitsunobu reaction and ease of hydrolysis of the corresponding adduct. Interestingly, while the Mitsunobu reaction of the aldehyde hydrazone derivatives proceeded with equal efficiency as IPNBSH their hydrolysis gave the corresponding carbonyl hydrazide and not the expected monoalkyl diazene derivative or the reduction product (Scheme 6). This is likely due to isomerization¹⁶ of transient α -hydroxyalkyldiazene intermediates **10a-b**.



Scheme 6. Isomerization of α -hydroxyalkyldiazenes

Conclusion

The reagent IPNBSH serves as a complementary reagent to NBSH for conversion of alcohols to the corresponding reduction products via monoalkyl diazene intermediates. Attractive features of this reagent include ease of preparation, storage, and use due to excellent thermal stability. IPNBSH offers flexibility with respect to solvent choice, reaction temperature, order of addition, and concentration of substrate and reagents in the Mitsunobu reaction.

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Experimental Section

General Procedures. All reactions were performed in oven-dried or flame-dried round bottomed flasks or modified Schlenk (Kjeldahl shape) flasks. The flasks were fitted with rubber septa and reactions were conducted under a positive pressure of argon. Stainless steel syringes or cannulae were used to transfer air- and moisture-sensitive liquids. Flash column chromatography was performed as described by Still et al. using silica gel (60-Å pore size, $32-63 \mu m$, standard grade, Sorbent Technologies) or non-activated alumina gel (80–325 mesh, chromatographic grade, EM Science).¹ Analytical thin–layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel or neutral alumina gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light and/or by exposure to an ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid (PMA), an acidic solution of *p*-anisaldehyde (anis), an aqueous solution of ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM), an aqueous solution of potassium permanganate (KMnO4) or an ethanolic solution of ninhydrin followed by heating (<1 min) on a hot plate (~250 °C). Organic solutions were concentrated on Büchi R-200 rotary evaporators at ~20 Torr (house vacuum) at 25–35 °C, then at ~1 Torr (vacuum pump) unless otherwise indicated.

Materials. Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received with the following exceptions: Dichloromethane, diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, acetonitrile, toluene, and triethylamine were purchased from J.T. Baker (CycletainerTM) and were purified by the method of Grubbs et al. under positive argon pressure.² The molarity of *n*-butyllithium solutions was determined by titration using diphenylacetic acid as an indicator (average of three determinations).³ Chlorobenzene was distilled over CaCl₂ under an argon atmosphere, 2,6-lutidene over CaH₂ under an argon atmosphere, and 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol over calcium sulfate and sodium bicarbonate under an argon atmosphere. Neopentyl alcohol was purified by sublimation in vacuo.

Instrumentation. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra were recorded with Bruker 400 AVANCE, Bruker inverse probe 600 AVANCE and Varian inverse probe 500 INOVA spectrometers. Chemical shifts are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale and are referenced from the residual protium in the NMR solvent (CHCl₃: δ 7.27, CD₃CN: 1.96). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant(s) in Hertz, integration, assignment]. Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (13C NMR) spectra were recorded with Bruker 400 AVANCE, Bruker inverse probe 600 AVANCE and Varian 500 INOVA spectrometers and are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale and are referenced from the carbon resonances of the solvent (CDCl₃: δ 77.2). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant(s) in Hertz, assignment]. Infrared data were obtained with a Perkin-Elmer 2000 FTIR and are reported as follows: [frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹), intensity of absorption (s = strong, m = medium, w = weak, br = broad), assignment]. Gas chromatography was performed on an Agilent Technologies 6890N Network GC System with a HP-5 5% Phenyl Methyl Siloxane column. We are grateful for the assistance of Dr. Peter Mueller (X-ray Crystallographic Laboratory, Department of Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and Mr. Michael A. Schmidt with the X-ray crystal structure of IPNBSH. We are grateful to Dr. Li Li for

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N-Isopropylidene-N'-2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl hydrazine (IPNBSH, eq 2):⁴

A sample of NBSH⁵ (1.14 g, 5.24 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in acetone (8.0 mL) at 0 °C. After 30 min, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in acetone (4 mL). Slow addition of the acetone solution to a volume of hexanes (150 mL), collection of the fine powder by filtration, followed by sequential hexanes rinses (2 × 5 mL), and removal of volatiles by high vacuum provided triturated IPNBSH⁴ as a white solid (1.20 g, 89%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.30–8.28 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.87–7.85 (m, 2H, SO ₂ NH, ArH), 7.79–7.77 (m, 2H, ArH), 1.96 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.92 (s, 3H, CH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	159.0, 148.4, 134.3, 133.4, 132.9, 131.9, 125.4, 25.5, 17.1.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	3264 (m), 1551 (s), 1375 (s), 1347 (m), 1177 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₉ H ₁₂ N ₃ O ₄ S [M+H] ⁺ : 258.0543, found: 258.0548.
Melting Point:	139–140 °C (dec.).

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^{5. (}a) Dann, A. T.; Davies, W. J. Chem. Soc. **1929**, 1050 (b) Myers, A. G.; Zheng, B.; Movassaghi, M. J. Org. Chem. **1997**, 62, 7507. (c) Myers, A. G.; Movassaghi M. e-Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis **2003**.



<u>N-Isopropylidene-N'-((2E,6E)-3,7,11-trimethyl-dodeca-2,6,10-trienyl)-N'-2-nitrobenzene-</u> sulfonyl hydrazide (4a, Scheme 5):

DEAD (0.30 mL, 1.9 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added drop-wise to a solution of IPNBSH (487 mg, 1.89 mmol, 1.20 equiv), *trans,trans*-farnesol (**1a**, 400 μ L, 1.57 mmol, 1 equiv), and triphenylphosphine (496 mg, 1.89 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in anhydrous THF (30 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. After 20 min, the volatiles were removed and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to afford the sulfonyl hydrazide **4a** (624 mg, 86%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.98–7.96 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.73–7.68 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.55– 7.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.08–5.04 (m, 3H, C=CH), 3.84 (d, 2H, $J = 7.0$, NCH ₂), 2.12 (s, 3H, ((N=C)CH ₃), 2.11 (s, 3H, ((N=C)CH ₃), 2.07–2.01 (m, 4H, (CH ₂) ₂), 1.98–1.94 (m, 4H, (CH ₂) ₂), 1.68 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.62 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.60 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.58 (s, 3H, CH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	182.8, 149.7, 142.5, 135.6, 134.1, 131.9, 131.5, 130.9, 128.3, 124.3, 123.7, 123.6, 117.0, 49.5, 39.9, 39.7, 26.6, 26.5, 25.9, 25.2, 21.2, 17.8, 16.5, 16.1.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	2918 (br s), 1644 (m), 1589 (m), 1547 (s), 1439 (s), 1372 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₂₄ H ₃₆ N ₃ O ₄ S [M+H] ⁺ : 462.2421, found: 462.2412.

TLC (40% EtOAc in hexanes), R_f: 0.40 (UV, KMnO₄).



(E)-3,7,11-Trimethyldodeca-1,6,10-triene (5a, eq 3):⁶

A solution of IPNBSH (96 mg, 0.37 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in anhydrous DMF (1.5 mL) was added slowly to a suspension of sodium hydride (8.6 mg, 0.36 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in anhydrous DMF (1.5 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere to give an orange solution. After 1.5 h, *trans,trans*-farnesyl bromide (6, 81 μ L, 0.30 mmol, 1 equiv) was added to the sodium amide solution and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C. After 3 h, excess base was quenched with glacial acetic acid (86 μ L, 1.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv), and the reaction mixture was diluted by the addition of a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 1.5 mL). After 11 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (25 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, were filtered, and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (100% "pentane) to afford the triene **5a** (54 mg, 88%). All spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature.⁶

¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	5.75–5.68 (m, 1H, C=CH), 5.13–5.10 (m, 2H, C=CH), 4.98–4.91 (m, 2H, C=CH), 2.14–1.98 (m, 7H, CH ₂ , CH), 1.69 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.61 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.60 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.36–1.33 (m, 2H, CH ₂), 0.99 (d, 3H, $J = 8$ Hz, (CH)CH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	145.0, 135.1, 131.5, 124.7, 124.6, 112.7, 39.9, 37.5, 36.9, 26.9, 25.9, 25.8, 20.4, 17.9, 16.2.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	3077 (m), 2966 (s), 2915 (s), 2856 (s), 1640 (m), 1453 (s), 1376 (s).
MS (<i>m</i> / <i>z</i>):	calc'd for C15H26 [M] ⁺ : 206, found: 206.
TLC (40% EtOAc in hexanes), Rf:	0.80 (CAM, KMnO ₄).

^{6.} For prior syntheses of **5a**, see Saplay, K. M.; Sahni, R.; Damodaran, N. P.; Dev, S. *Tetrahedron* **1980**, *36*, 1455 and Myers, A. G.; Zheng, B. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1996**, *37*, 4841.



(E)-N'-(2,2-dimethyl-propylidene)-2-nitrobenzenesulfono-hydrazide (Scheme 6):

NBSH (1.00 g, 4.62 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in a solution of excess 2,2-dimethylpropionaldehyde in 'butanol (80% v/v, 8.0 mL) at 0 °C. After 30 min, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (2 mL). Slow addition of this solution to a volume of hexanes (125 mL), collection of the resulting fine brown powder by filtration, followed by successive hexane rinses (2 × 5 mL) provided the hydrazone **7b** as a brown solid (1.16g, 92%).

¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.24–8.21 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.91 (s, 1H, NH), 7.86–7.76 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.26 (s, 1H, N=CH), 0.99 (s, 9H, (CH ₃) ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	163.1, 134.4, 133.3, 132.6, 131.6, 125.1, 35.4, 27.2.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	3238 (s), 1548 (s), 1366 (s), 1321 (m), 1173 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C11H15N3O4S [M+H] ⁺ : 286.0856, found: 286.0848.
TLC (50% EtOAc in hexanes), R/:	0.8 (UV, CAM).



2,2-Dimethyl-propionic acid N'-{2-[1-(4-chloro-benzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl]ethyl} hydrazide (11b, Scheme 6):

DEAD (78 μ L, 0.50 mmol, 1.6 equiv) was added drop-wise to a solution of (*E*)-*N*-(2,2dimethyl-propylidene)-2-nitrobenzenesulfono-hydrazide (7b, 137 mg, 0.502 mmol, 1.63 equiv), *N*-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-5-methoxy-2-methylindole (1b, 106 mg, 0.308 mmol, 1 equiv), and triphenylphosphine (133 mg, 0.505 mmol, 1.64 equiv) in anhydrous THF (3 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C. After 30 min, a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 1.5 mL) was added to the reaction. After 11 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between diethyl ether (25 mL) and water (10 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (3 × 10 mL), was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (75% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the hydrazide **11b** (107 mg, 79%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.67–7.63 (m, 2H, Ar H), 7.48–7.46 (m, 2H, Ar H), 7.11 (s, 1H, (CO)N H), 6.96–6.95 (d, 1H, $J = 4.0$ Hz, Ar H), 6.91–6.89 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, Ar H), 6.68–6.66 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.0$, 4.0 Hz, Ar H), 4.77 (br s, 1H, N H), 3.85 (s, 3H, OC H ₃), 3.10–3.06 (t, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, C H ₂), 2.87–2.83 (t, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, C H ₂), 2.35 (s, 3H, C H ₃), 1.15 (s, 9H, (C H ₃) ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	177.9, 168.4, 156.1, 139.2, 134.7, 134.2, 131.3, 130.7, 129.2, 117.3, 115.2, 111.4, 101.3, 99.9, 55.9, 51.7, 38.0, 27.3, 23.4, 13.5.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	3305 (br m), 2960 (m), 1679 (s), 1478 (s), 1365 (s), 1325 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₂₄ H ₂₉ ClN ₃ O ₃ [M+H] ⁺ : 442.1897, found: 442.1900.
TLC (75% EtOAc in hexanes), R/:	0.3 (UV, CAM, anis.



But-3-envloxymethyl-benzene (5c, Table 1, Entry 1):⁷

DEAD (66 \Box L, 0.42 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of IPNBSH (107 mg, 0.416 mmol, 1.20 equiv), (Z)-4-(benzyloxy)but-2-en-1-ol (1c, 62 mg, 0.347 mmol, 1 equiv), and triphenylphosphine (109 mg, 0.417 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in anhydrous THF (3.5 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C. After 2 h, a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 1.8 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. After 3 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (30 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, were filtered, and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (4% diethyl ether in "pentane) to give 5c (50 mg, 89%). TLC (4% diethyl ether in pentane), *Rf*: 0.3 (anis). All spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature.⁷

^{7.} For a prior synthesis of S5c, see Cleary, P. A.; Woerpel, K. A, Org. Lett., 2005, 7, 5531.



(E)-3,7,11-Trimethyldodeca-1,6,10-triene (5a, Table 1, entry 2):

DEAD (74 μ L, 0.47 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added drop-wise to a solution of IPNBSH (122 mg, 0.474 mmol, 1.21 equiv), *trans,trans*-farnesol (**1a**, 0.100 mL, 0.393 mmol, 1 equiv), and triphenylphosphine (124 mg, 0.473 mmol, 1.21 equiv) in anhydrous THF (9.0 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C. After 20 min, a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 4.5 mL) was added to the reaction mixture to enable formation of the allylic diazene intermediate. After 3 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between diethyl ether (25 mL) and water (25 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (2 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, were filtered, and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (100% "pentane) to give triene **5a** (71 mg, 87%).



(E)-5-Phenylpent-2-ene (5d, Table 1, Entry 3):⁸

DEAD (55 μ L, 0.35 mmol, 1.1 equiv)_was added drop-wise to a solution of IPNBSH (89 mg, 0.35 mmol, 1.1 equiv), 5-phenylpent-1-en-3-ol (1d, 50 mg, 0.31 mmol, 1 equiv), and triphenylphosphine (91 mg, 0.35 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (2.9 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C. After 2 h, a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 2.9 mL) was added to the reaction mixture to enable the formation of the intermediate allyl diazene. After 2 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between diethyl ether (25 mL) and water (25 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (2 × 25mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, were filtered, and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (100% ⁿpentane) to give the alkene 5d (34 mg, 74%). TLC (pentane), *Rf*: 0.5 (KMnO4). ¹H NMR (400 MHz) analysis revealed an *E:Z* ratio of 93:7. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature.⁸

^{8.} For a prior synthesis of **S5d**, see Buss, A. D.; Warren, S. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans I, **1985**, 2307 and Myers, A. G.; Zheng, B. Tetrahedron Lett. **1996**, 37, 4841.



50-Cholest-3-ene (5e, Table 1, Entry 4):9

DEAD (45 μ L, 0.28 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added drop-wise to a solution of IPNBSH (72 mg, 0.28 mmol, 2.0 equiv), cholest-4-en-3-ol (**1e**, 54 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1 equiv), and triphenylphosphine (74 mg, 0.28 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (1.4 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C. After 2 h, a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 0.7 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. After 2 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (25 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 25mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, were filtered, and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (100% hexanes) to give the alkene **5e** (31 mg, 60%). TLC (Pentane), *Rf*: 0.8 (CAM). ¹H NMR (500 MHz) analysis revealed the presence of <8% of the C₅-diastereomers. All spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature.⁹

^{9.} For prior syntheses of S5e, see patent-JP,05-051329,A and Myers, A. G.; Zheng, B. Tetrahedron Lett. 1996, 37, 4841.



5-Phenylpenta-1,2-diene (5f, Table 1, Entry 5):¹⁰

DEAD (67.5 μ L, 0.429 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was added drop-wise to a solution of IPNBSH (110 mg, 0.429 mmol, 1.20 equiv), 5-phenylpent-1-yn-3-ol (**1f**, 57 mg, 0.36 mmol, 1 equiv), and triphenylphosphine (112 mg, 0.428 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in anhydrous THF (3.5 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C. After 2 h, a mixture of trifluroethanol and water (1:1, 1.7 mL) was added to the reaction mixture to enable the formation of the propargylic diazene intermediate. After 2 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between "pentane (25 mL) and water (25 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (2 × 25mL), was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, was filtered, and was concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (100% "pentane) to give the allene **5f** (36 mg, 70%). TLC (100% "pentane), *Rf*: 0.6 (anis). All spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature.¹⁰

^{10.} For a prior synthesis of S5f, see Ohno, H.; Miyamura, K.; Tanaka, T. J. Org. Chem. 2002, 67, 1359.



Trimethyl-(5-phenylpenta-1,2-dienyl)-silane (5g, Table 1, Entry 6):¹¹

DEAD (43 μ L, 0.27 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added drop-wise to a solution of IPNBSH (69 mg, 0.27 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 5-phenyl-1-(trimethylsilyl)pent-1-yn-3-ol (**1g**, 52 mg, 0.22, 1 equiv), and triphenylphosphine (71 mg, 0.27, 1.2 equiv) in anhydrous THF (2.2 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C. After 2 h, a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 1.1 mL) was added to the reaction mixture to enable the formation of the propargylic diazene intermediate. After 2.5 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (25 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 25mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, were filtered, and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (100% "pentane) to afford the allene **5g** (41 mg, 86%). TLC ("pentane), Rf: 0.4 (UV, anis). All spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature.¹¹

^{11.} For a prior synthesis of S5g, see Danheiser, R. L.; Carini, D. J., Fink, D. M., Basak, A. Tetrahedron, 1983, 39, 935.



1-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-3-ethyl-5-methoxy-2-methyl-indole (5b, Table 1, Entry 7):¹²

DEAD (44 μ L, 0.28 mmol, 1.6 equiv) was added drop-wise to a solution of IPNBSH (71 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1.6 equiv), *N*-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-5-methoxy-2-methylindole (**1b**, 59 mg, 0. 17 mmol, 1 equiv), and triphenylphosphine (73 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1.6 equiv) in anhydrous THF (1.7 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C. After 30 min, phenylhydrazine (85 μ L, 0.86 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added via syringe and the mixture was kept at ambient temperature. After 4 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether (25 mL) and washed with water (25 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (2 × 25 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, were filtered, and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to afford **5b** (50 mg, 89%). TLC (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes), *Rf*: 0.3 (UV, CAM anis). All spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature.¹²

^{12.} For prior syntheses of S5b and S5h, see Myers, A. G.; Movassaghi, M.; Zheng, B. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1997, 119, 8572.



<u>1-Phenylheptane (5h, Table 1, Entry 8):</u>¹²

DEAD (290 μ L, 1.84 mmol, 2.50 equiv) was added drop-wise to a solution of IPNBSH (474 mg, 1.84 mmol, 2.50 equiv), 1-phenylheptan-3-ol (**1h**, 142 mg, 0.737 mmol, 1 equiv), and triphenylphosphine (485 mg, 1.85 mmol, 2.51 equiv) in anhydrous THF (5.2 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C. After 20 h, phenyl hydrazine (360 μ L, 3.67 mmol, 4.98 equiv) was added via syringe and the resulting mixture was kept at ambient temperature. After 13 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between "pentane (25 mL) and water (25 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (4 × 25 mL), was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, was filtered, and was concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (100% "pentane) to afford 1-heptylbenzene (**5h**, 46 mg, 35%). TLC (30% EtOAc in hexanes), *Rf*: 0.9 (CAM). All spectroscopic data were in agreement with the literature.¹²

Crystal Structure of IPNBSH.



Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for IPNBSH.

Identification code Empirical formula Formula weight Temperature Wavelength Crystal system Space group Unit cell dimensions

Volume Ζ Density (calculated) Absorption coefficient F(000) Crystal size Theta range for data collection Index ranges Reflections collected Independent reflections Completeness to theta = 29.57° Absorption correction Max. and min. transmission Refinement method Data / restraints / parameters Goodness-of-fit on F² Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R indices (all data) Largest diff. peak and hole

06182 C9 H11 N3 O4 S 257.27 100(2) K 0.71073 Å Monoclinic P2(1)/na = 8.1746(3) Å b = 15.1930(5) Å c = 9.8516(3) Å1167.11(7) Å³ 4 1.464 Mg/m³ 0.285 mm⁻¹ 536 0.50 x 0.50 x 0.40 mm³ 2.55 to 29.57°. -10<=h<=11, -21<=k<=21, -13<=l<=13 22799 3274 [R(int) = 0.0201]100.0 % Semi-empirical from equivalents 0.8946 and 0.8707 Full-matrix least-squares on F² 3274/1/159 1.060 R1 = 0.0299, wR2 = 0.0848R1 = 0.0310, wR2 = 0.08580.485 and -0.387 e.Å-3

 $\alpha = 90^{\circ}.$ $\beta = 107.4690(10)^{\circ}.$ $\gamma = 90^{\circ}.$
	X	у	Z	U(eq)
<u>O(4)</u>	14328(1)	638(1)	10896(1)	19(1)
O (1)	10353(1)	1177(1)	10334(1)	16(1)
O(2)	8502(1)	2204(1)	8564(1)	19(1)
S(1)	9667(1)	1478(1)	8889(1)	13(1)
N(2)	8713(1)	623(1)	7983(1)	14(1)
N(1)	8126(1)	787(1)	6509(1)	20(1)
C(2)	7743(2)	110(1)	5704(1)	21(1)
$\mathbf{C}(1)$	7901(2)	-824(1)	6199(1)	37(1)
C(3)	7091(2)	277(1)	4136(1)	42(1)
O(3)	12382(1)	-78(1)	9276(1)	17(1)
N(3)	13246(1)	580(1)	9726(1)	13(1)
C(4)	11421(1)	1759(1)	8265(1)	13(1)
C(5)	13012(1)	1342(1)	8763(1)	13(1)
C(6)	14415(1)	1592(1)	8345(1)	16(1)
C(8)	12641(1)	2704(1)	6852(1)	19(1)
C(9)	11247(1)	2452(1)	7304(1)	16(1)
C(7)	14214(1)	2279(1)	7368(1)	18(1)

Table S2. Atomic coordinates ($x \ 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10³) for IPNBSH. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

Table S3.	Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for
IPNBSH.	

$\overline{O(4)}$ -N(3)	1.2281(11)	O(1)-S(1)-C(4)	107.68(4)
O(1)-S(1)	1.4388(7)	N(2)-S(1)-C(4)	107.74(4)
O(2)-S(1)	1.4292(7)	N(1)-N(2)-S(1)	112.40(7)
S(1)-N(2)	1.6356(9)	C(2)-N(1)-N(2)	116.15(9)
S(1)-C(4)	1.7735(10)	N(1)-C(2)-C(1)	125.50(10)
N(2)-N(1)	1.4077(11)	N(1)-C(2)-C(3)	116.64(10)
N(1)-C(2)	1.2791(14)	C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	117.86(10)
C(2)-C(1)	1.4929(16)	O(3)-N(3)-O(4)	124.90(8)
C(2)-C(3)	1.4971(15)	O(3)-N(3)-C(5)	117.30(8)
O(3)-N(3)	1.2277(11)	O(4)-N(3)-C(5)	117.75(8)
N(3)-C(5)	1.4725(12)	C(9)-C(4)-C(5)	118.36(9)
C(4)-C(9)	1.3937(13)	C(9)-C(4)-S(1)	119.30(7)
C(4)-C(5)	1.3972(13)	C(5)-C(4)-S(1)	122.25(7)
C(5)-C(6)	1.3836(13)	C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	122.59(9)
C(6)-C(7)	1.3954(14)	C(6)-C(5)-N(3)	116.71(8)
C(8)-C(7)	1.3916(15)	C(4)-C(5)-N(3)	120.65(8)
C(8)-C(9)	1.3958(14)	C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	118.33(9)
		C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	120.64(9)
O(2)-S(1)-O(1)	120.16(5)	C(4)-C(9)-C(8)	119.85(9)
O(2)-S(1)-N(2)	108.32(5)	C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	120.21(9)
O(1)-S(1)-N(2)	105.58(4)		
O(2)-S(1)-C(4)	106.84(5)	Symmetry transformation	ons used to generate equivalent
S(2) S(1) S(1)		atoms:	

	U ¹¹	U ²²	U ³³	U ²³	U ¹³	U ¹²
O(4)	17(1)	23(1)	14(1)	2(1)	1(1)	2(1)
O(1)	17(1)	19(1)	12(1)	-1(1)	6(1)	-1(1)
O(2)	16(1)	17(1)	24(1)	-1(1)	7(1)	5(1)
S(1)	12(1)	13(1)	13(1)	-1(1)	5(1)	0(1)
N(2)	15(1)	14(1)	12(1)	1(1)	2(1)	-2(1)
N(1)	26(1)	19(1)	13(1)	2(1)	1(1)	-3(1)
C(2)	27(1)	19(1)	15(1)	1(1)	3(1)	-3(1)
C(1)	67(1)	18(1)	20(1)	-1(1)	3(1)	-3(1)
C(3)	72(1)	29(1)	14(1)	2(1)	-2(1)	-10(1)
O(3)	16(1)	14(1)	22(1)	1(1)	7(1)	-2(1)
N(3)	12(1)	15(1)	14(1)	2(1)	5(1)	2(1)
C(4)	13(1)	13(1)	13(1)	-1(1)	5(1)	-1(1)
C(5)	14(1)	12(1)	12(1)	1(1)	4(1)	-1(1)
C(6)	13(1)	17(1)	17(1)	0(1)	5(1)	-2(1)
C(8)	23(1)	16(1)	18(1)	3(1)	7(1)	-2(1)
C(9)	17(1)	14(1)	16(1)	2(1)	4(1)	1(1)
C(7)	18(1)	19(1)	18(1)	1(1)	7(1)	-5(1)

Table S4. Anisotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10³) for IPNBSH. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2 [h^2a^{*2}U^{11} + ... + 2h k a^* b^* U^{12}]$

Table S5. Hydrogen coordinates (x 10^4) and isotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10^3) for IPNBSH.

	х	У	Z	U(eq)
H(2)	9188(18)	134(8)	8292(15)	17
H(1A)	9116	-978	6588	56
H(1B)	7356	-1211	5395	56
H(1C)	7333	-895	6938	56
H(3A)	7065	913	3958	63
H(3B)	5930	36	3757	63
H(3C)	7850	-8	3665	63
H(6)	15489	1304	8713	19
H(8)	12514	3171	6186	22
H(9)	10183	2751	6958	19
H(7)	15154	2457	7053	22

Table S6. Hydrogen bonds for IPNBSH [Å and °].

D-HA	d(D-H)	d(HA)	d(DA)	<(DHA)
N(2)-H(2)O(3)	0.851(12)	2.518(13)	3.0751(11)	123.9(12)
N(2)-H(2)O(1)#1	0.851(12)	2.374(13)	3.1702(11)	156.0(13)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x+2,-y,-z+2

Chapter II

Stereospecific Palladium-Catalyzed Route to Monoalkyl Diazenes for Mild Allylic Reduction

Introduction and Background

Transition metal-catalyzed allylic alkylation reactions have been utilized extensively in synthetic organic chemistry.^{1,2} These reactions include many powerful transformations that focus on carbon–heteroatom bond formation including reports concerning the use of nitrogen nucleophiles. Significantly, Trost's first reported asymmetric transition metal–catalyzed allylic alkylation reaction with a nitrogen nucleophile in the synthesis of oxazolidinones³ (eq 1) has been followed by a series of exciting disclosures regarding the use of other nitrogen nucleophiles.⁴

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Trost described the catalytic asymmetric synthesis of oxazolidinones starting with racemic epoxides⁵ and the Dynamic Kinetic Asymmetric Transformation (DYKAT) of vinyl epoxides using imides as nucleophiles.^{6,7} Hayashi reported the allylic alkylation of primary amine and carbamate nucleophiles with good regioselectivity using a palladium catalyst and ferrocene ligands.⁸ It has also been demonstrated that sodium salts of sulfonamides, carbonyl hydrazides, and carbamates, as well as primary amines can act as nucleophiles.⁹ Hartwig and Takeuchi reported the use of iridium-catalysts for such allylic alkylation reactions.^{10,11} Carreira described the use of sulfamic acid as an ammonia equivalent for a direct iridium-catalyzed allylic alkylations of allylic alcohols.¹² Enders has reported that iron-catalyzed allylic alkylations of primary and secondary amines proceed in good regioselectivity.¹³ Furthermore, phosphoramide,¹⁴ hydrazine and hydroxylamine derivatives,¹⁵ azide,¹⁶ and heterocyclic nucleophiles¹⁷ have been utilized in transition metal-catalyzed allylic alkylation reactions (Table 1).

Nucleophile	Reference	Nucleophile	Reference
RNH ₂	4,8	RR'NNH ₂	15
RR'NH	10,13	RONH ₂	15
RSO ₂ NHR'	3,8	RCONHNH ₂	8
Phthalimide	5,6	H ₂ NSO ₃ H	12
(Boc) ₂ NH	4,8	Purine	17
(EtO) ₂ PONHBoc	14	TMSN ₃	16

Table 1. Nitrogen nucleophiles for transition metal-catalyzed allylic alkylation.

As discussed in chapter I, we reported the use of *N*-isopropylidene-*N'*-2nitrobenzenesulfonyl hydrazide (IPNBSH, **1a**) for the conversion of alcohols to the corresponding monoalkyl diazenes via the Mitsunobu reaction.^{18,19} Our observations on the chemistry of **1a** prompted our investigation of its use as a diimide surrogate in a transition metal-catalyzed synthesis of monoalkyl diazenes (Scheme 1). Diimide itself is not suitable as a nucleophiles because of its thermal instability and propensity to disproportionate to generate hydrazine and dinitrogen.²⁰ We envisioned the interception of the π -allyl complex **3** with sulfonyl hydrazone **1a** to give hydrazone **4**. In situ hydrolysis and fragmentation of **4**^{18,21} would unravel the allylic diazene **6**, and upon sigmatropic loss of dinitrogen afford the desired product **7**. Consequently, the use of IPNBSH in place of diimide would enable the conversion of **3** to diazene **6** without isolation of intermediates.



Scheme 1. Metal-catalyzed Synthesis of Allylic Diazenes.

Although nitrogen nucleophiles had been used extensively for transition metalcatalyzed allylic alkylation reactions, only one example of *N*-sulfonyl hydrazones as nucleophiles, using iridium as a catalyst, had been reported (eq 2).²² One of the initial goals of this study was to investigate the viability of sulfonyl hydrazones as nucleophiles in the presence of different catalyst systems particularly those with potential for asymmetric synthesis.



We were interested in exploring the possibility of extension of this chemistry to asymmetric reduction using IPNBSH. Although there were several reports of the formation of enantioenriched monoalkyl diazenes (Schreiber's report of the studies toward the synthesis of Dynemicin A²³ and Myers' example of the use of cholestenol as a substrate for NBSH chemistry²⁴ (Scheme 2) are noteworthy), there were no examples of an asymmetric synthesis of diazene intermediates . We envisioned the use of chiral catalyst systems in transition metal catalysis for the synthesis of monoalkyl diazenes would, for the first time, provide access to enantioenriched diazenes using racemic or prochiral substrates as starting materials.

Schreiber:



Scheme 2. Enantioenriched monoalkyl diazenes.

Results and Discussion

We initially focused on the development of efficient conditions for the Pd-catalyzed allylation of sulfonyl hydrazones (Table 2). Allylic carbonates were found to be superior substrates as compared to allylic bromide or allylic acetate substrates. The use of sulfonamide salts enhanced the rate of the desired Pd-catalyzed allylic alkylation. Under optimal conditions, we found treatment of carbonate **2a** with $[\eta^3$ -allylPdCl]₂ (2.5 mol%), triphenylphosphine (10 mol%), and potassium sulfonylhydrazide **1b** (1.0 equiv)²⁵ at 23 °C for 24 h afforded the desired adduct **4c** in 88% yield.

Table 2. Initial screen.

N	Me X Ne 2	Me 23 °C, 24 h	Me Me	
Entry	/ X	Nucleophile	Conditions ^a	Conversion (%)
1	OCO ₂ Me, 2a	Me N SO ₂ Ar	A, CH ₂ Cl ₂ , Na ₂ CO ₃ (40 mol%)	72
2	OAc	1a	A , CH ₂ Cl ₂ , Na ₂ CO ₃ (40 mol%)	12
3	OAc	1a	A, CH ₂ Cl ₂ , Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.1 equiv)) 0
4	OAc	1a	B, THF, Cs ₂ CO ₃ (10 mol%)	0
5	Br	1a	A, CH ₂ Cl ₂ , Na ₂ CO ₃ (40 mol%)	0
6	OCO ₂ Me, 2a	Me N SO ₂ Ar K 1b	A, THF	>99
7	OCO ₂ Me, 2a	1b	A, DMF	65
8	OCO ₂ Me, 2a	MeN_SO ₂ Ar Me_Li 1c	A, THF	44
9	OCO ₂ Me, 2a	1c	A, THF 12-crown-4 (10 mol	%) >99

^a Conditions: $A = [\eta^3 - allylPdCl]_2$ (2.5 mol%), PPh₃ (10 mol%); B = Pd₂(dba)₃ (2.5 mol%), PPh₃ (7.5 mol%). Ar = 2-NO₂C₆H₄.

These reaction conditions can be used with both aldehyde and ketone derived sulfonyl hydrazone salts as nucleophiles (Table 3). Methanesulfonyl and arenesulfonyl hydrazones derived from both saturated and unsaturated carbonyl precursors were

successfully converted to the desired hydrazone adducts.²⁶ While the potassium derivative **1b** proved more effective as a reagent as compared to the lithium derivative **1c**, where possible the greater solubility of the lithium sulfonylhydrazides was advantageous in providing faster and complete conversion.

Table 3. Sulfonyl hydrazone nucleophiles.^a



^a Isolated yields of the corresponding adducts **4'**; average of two experiments. ^b Inclusion of 12-crown-4 (10 mol%) was found to be optimal.

We next explored the generality of these conditions for the Pd-catalyzed displacement of allylic carbonates with the reagent **1b** (Table 4). Gratifyingly, not only both primary and secondary allylic carbonates served as substrates, but also the planned mild in situ hydrolysis proved effective for a wide range of substrates. Even highly sensitive substrates such as the doubly activated carbonates (Table 4, entries 6-8) were successfully converted to the corresponding adducts (i.e., **4**, Scheme 1) and hydrolyzed to give the desired reduction products. Importantly, the use of related doubly activated alcohol substrates under the Mitsunobu or metal hydride reaction conditions results in significant decomposition and elimination.²⁷ Furthermore, the regioselective reduction of substrates shown in entries 4-9 demonstrates the versatility of this method where alternative free-radical based reduction methodologies²⁸ lead to complex mixtures of products. Additionally, treatment of carbonate **2b** with allylpalladiumchloride dimer, tri*n*buytlphosphine and ammonium formate in 1,4-dioxane lead to significant decomposition

	OCO ₂ Me [η ³ -allylf	niv), PPh ₃ (10 mol%) PdCl] ₂ (2.5 mol%)	6
R	2' THF, 23 ° 2' TF	C; AcOH (5 equiv) E–H ₂ O (1:1)	~~~~R' 7'
Entry	Substrate	Product	Yield (%) ^a
1	OCO ₂ Me	BnO	9 76 ^b
2	Me OCO ₂ Me Me Me	Me Me Me Me	86
3	BnOOCO ₂ Me	BnO	91
4		MeO	Ле _{59^{b,c}}
5	Ph	Ph	75
6	BnO Ph OCO ₂ Me	BnO Ph	82 ^d
7	OCO ₂ Me BnO	BnOTI	54 ^d MS
8	OCO ₂ Me	BnO	Ne 73 ^e
9	BnO OCO2	Me	68

Table 4. Reduction of Allylic Carbonates.

^a Isolated yield of the reduction product; average of two experiments.
^b E:Z, 95:5. ^c Modified conditions: 1a (1 equiv) and Na₂CO₃ (10 mol%) used in place of 1b in CH₂Cl₂. ^d E:Z, 96:4. ^e C2 E:Z, 96:4; C5 E:Z, 95:5.

of the starting material and afforded <15% of the desired non-conjugated product (compare to Table 4, entry 7).²⁷ While the high level of stereoselection for *E*-alkene products is due to the sigmatropic loss of dinitrogen from an allylic diazene intermediate, ^{19b,29} the regiochemical preference in the reduction is reflective of the initial adduct formation favoring conjugated products. This is illustrated by the exclusive

isolation of adduct **4a** (eq 3) from carbonate **2b** if no water is added to the reaction mixture (Table 2, entry 7).



Entries 6-8 of Table 4 are consistent with net S_N2' displacement of carbonates with reagent **1b** to give conjugated sulfonylhydrazones that are ultimately subject to sigmatropic loss of dinitrogen, affording the unconjugated products. For comparison, treatment of methyl 5-phenylpent-1-en-3-yl carbonate with **1b** under the optimal conditions gives 5-phenylpent-1-ene (Table 4, entry 5), while treatment of the corresponding alcohol, 5-phenylpent-1-en-3-ol, with **1a** under Mitsunobu conditions affords the isomeric (*E*)-5-phenylpent-2-ene as a result of direct S_N2 displacement with **1a** followed by sigmatropic loss of dinitrogen (Chapter I, Table 1, entry 3).¹⁸

Vinyl epoxides also serve as substrates³⁰ for this Pd-catalyzed synthesis of allylic diazenes. The use of Pd₂(dba)₃ in conjunction with **1a** and cesium carbonate as the base additive more efficiently provided the desired reduction product (Scheme 3). Importantly, this chemistry provides a mild and highly stereoselective conversion of allylic epoxides to the corresponding homoallylic alcohol products. As shown in Scheme 2, exposure of optically active Z-allylic epoxide **8a** (>98% ee) gave the desired *syn*-homoallylic alcohol **9a** (>98% ee) in 79% yield. The product is isolated as the *E*-alkene (>98:2, *E:Z*) as expected for fragmentation of allylic diazene intermediates.^{19b,29}



Scheme 3. Palladium-catalyzed conversion of allylic epoxides to allylic diazenes.

Additionally, treatment of the isomeric *E*-allylic epoxide **8b** resulted in the stereoselective synthesis of the *anti*-homoallylic alcohol derivative **9b** (eq 4). It should be noted that the use of formic acid in the Pd-catalyzed reduction of **8a** as the reducing agent results in the *anti*-diastereomer **9b** (eq 5),³¹ highlighting the distinction between the reduction chemistry described here and other related processes.



The transformations mentioned above highlight the potential development of catalytic asymmetric variants of this reduction chemistry.² We were delighted to find the treatment of carbonate (±)-2c and reagent 1b with a catalyst system comprised of Trost's³² (1S,2S)-(-)-1,2-diaminocyclohexane-*N*,*N*'-bis(2'-diphenylphosphinobenzoyl) (-)-(10) ligand (7.5 mol%) and $[\eta^3$ -allylPdCl]₂ (2.5mol%) gave the sulfonylhydrazone adduct (+)-4b in 91% yield and 94% ee (eq 6). Mild hydrolysis of hydrazone (+)-4b resulted in the optically active ester (+)-7a in 88% yield and 94% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by hydrolysis and iodolactonization of the product, followed by chiral HPLC analysis of the iodolactone. The absolute stereochemistry of adduct (+)-4b was established by comparison of the optical rotation of the product (+)-7a to literature values. Importantly, the conversion of (±)-2c to (+)-7a can be effected without isolation of (+)-4b by direct hydrolysis after complete consumption of (±)-2c, affording (+)-7a in 71% yield (eq 7).





Additionally, treatment of the *meso*-dicarbonate **11a** with reagent **1b** under the optimized reaction conditions employing ligand (+)-**10** afforded the adduct (+)-**12a** in >98% ee and 85% yield (eq 8).³³ The ready availability of both enantiomers of the ligand **10** gives easy access to either enantiomer of the desired adduct and the corresponding reduction product (eq 9). Notably, this chemistry is also amenable to the use of allylic benzoate electrophiles. The catalytic asymmetric synthesis of the adduct (+)-**12b** proceeded with a good level of enantioselection (93% ee), albeit with a more slow reaction rate as compared to allylic carbonates or epoxides examined (eq 10). The mild hydrolysis of the hydrazone adducts **12a** and **12b** provided the corresponding reductively transposed products (+)-**13a** and (+)-**13b** (eqs 8 and 10). Substrates (±)-**2c** and **11a** provide examples for the successful use of both symmetrical and asymmetrical electrophilic π -allyl ligands, respectively, on the intermediate Pd-complex in these processes.



Conclusion

We describe a mild and stereospecific reduction of allylic carbonates and vinyl epoxide substrates. Pd-catalyzed activation of allylic electrophiles efficiently provides a range of *N*-alkylated sulfonyl hydrazones. When *N*-allylated derivatives of IPNBSH (1a) are prepared using this methodology, in situ hydrolysis provides access to the corresponding reduction products. This chemistry offers a unique solution to stereospecific synthesis of monoalkyl diazene intermediates from allylic electrophiles under mild reaction conditions. Sensitive substrates that are incompatible with other methods are reduced in a highly stereoselective and regioselective manner. The catalytic asymmetric activation of electrophiles coupled with this new entry to allylic monoalkyl diazenes offers new opportunities for asymmetric synthesis.

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Experimental Section

General Procedures. All reactions were performed in oven-dried or flame-dried round bottomed flasks, modified Schlenk (Kjeldahl shape) flasks, or glass pressure vessels. The flasks were fitted with rubber septa and reactions were conducted under a positive pressure of argon. Stainless steel syringes or cannulae were used to transfer air- and moisture-sensitive liquids. Flash column chromatography was performed as described by Still et al. using silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32–63 μ m, standard grade, Sorbent Technologies) or non-activated alumina gel (80–325 mesh, chromatographic grade, EM Science).¹ Analytical thin–layer chromatography was performed using glass plates precoated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel or neutral alumina gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light and/or by exposure to an ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid (PMA), an acidic solution of *p*-anisaldehyde (anis), an aqueous solution of ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM), an aqueous solution of potassium permanganate (KMnO₄) or an ethanolic solution of ninhydrin followed by heating (<1 min) on a hot plate (~250 °C). Organic solutions were concentrated on Büchi R-200 rotary evaporators at ~10 Torr (house vacuum) at 25–35 °C, then at ~0.5 Torr (vacuum pump) unless otherwise indicated.

Materials. Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received with the following exceptions: Dichloromethane, diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, acetonitrile, and toluene were purchased from J.T. Baker (CycletainerTM) and were purified by the method of Grubbs et al. under positive argon pressure.² TFE was distilled from calcium sulfate and stored sealed under an argon atmosphere. Potassium hydride was purchased as a 35% dispersion in mineral oil, washed four times with hexanes and stored in a glove box.

Instrumentation. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra were recorded with a Varian inverse probe 500 INOVA spectrometer or a Bruker 400 AVANCE spectrometer. Chemical shifts are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale and are referenced from the residual protium in the NMR solvent (CHCl₃: δ 7.27). Data is reported as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), integration, coupling constant(s) in Hertz, assignment]. Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded with a Varian 500 INOVA spectrometer or a Bruker 400 AVANCE spectrometer and are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale and are referenced from the carbon resonances of the solvent (CDCl₃: δ 77.2). Data is reported as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, q = quartet as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, q = quartet as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant(s) in Hertz, assignment]. Infrared data were obtained with a Perkin-Elmer 2000 FTIR and are reported as follows: [frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹), intensity of absorption (s = strong, m = medium, w = weak, br = broad), assignment]. We thank Dr. Li Li at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Chemistry Instrumentation Facility for obtaining mass spectroscopic data.

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<u>N-Isopropylidene-N'-2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl hydrazine (IPNBSH):</u>

2-Nitrobenzenesulfonylhydrazide³ (NBSH, 2.52 g, 11.6 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in acetone (10 mL) at 0 °C, leading to precipitation of IPNBSH. After 1 h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in acetone (20 mL). Slow addition of this acetone solution to a well stirred volume of hexanes (300 mL) at 23 °C lead to trituration of IPNBSH, collection of the fine powder by filtration, followed by sequential hexanes rinses (2 × 10 mL), and removal of volatiles under reduced pressure provided IPNBSH $1a^4$ as a white solid (2.62 g, 88%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.30–8.28 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.87–7.85 (m, 2H, SO ₂ N H , Ar H), 7.79–7.77 (m, 2H, Ar H), 1.96 (s, 3H, C H ₃), 1.92 (s, 3H, C H ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	159.0, 148.4, 134.3, 133.4, 132.9, 131.9, 125.4, 25.5, 17.1.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	3264 (m), 1551 (s), 1375 (s), 1347 (m), 1177 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₉ H ₁₂ N ₃ O ₄ S [M+H] ⁺ : 258.0543, found: 258.0548.
Melting Point:	139–140 °C (dec.).

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Potassium 1-(2-nitrophenylsulfonyl)-2-(propan-2-ylidene)hydrazin-1-ide (1b):

A solution of IPNBSH **1a** (507 mg, 1.97 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (15 mL) was added to a suspension of potassium hydride (79 mg, 1.97 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C via cannula. The product began to precipitate out as a yellow solid within five min at which point the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C. After 30 min, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the yellow solid obtained was dried under reduced pressure for 24 hours to afford the potassium sulfonylhydrazide **1b** (580 mg, >99%). The reagent **1b** is hygroscopic and is best stored and handled in a glove-box.

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 20 °C) δ:	7.83–7.82 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.66–7.58 (m, 3H, ArH), 1.74 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.72 (s, 3H, CH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CD ₃ CN, 20 °C) δ:	151.4, 149.4, 138.2, 132.5, 132.2, 132.0, 124.3, 25.0, 17.4.
FTIR (nujol) cm ⁻¹ :	2972 (s), 2726 (m), 1536 (s), 1464 (s), 1377 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₉ H ₁₂ N ₃ O ₄ SK [M+H] ⁺ : 296.0102, found: 296.0111.
Melting Point:	151–152 °C (dec.).



<u>2-Nitro-N'-(propan-2-ylidene)-N-((2E,6E)-3,7,11-trimethyldodeca-2,6,10-trienyl)benzenesulfono-hydrazide (Table 3):</u>

A solution of carbonate **2a** (38 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (1.4 mg, 3.8 μ mol, 2.5 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (4.2 mg, 16 μ mol, 10 mol%) in anhydrous THF (700 μ L) was added to solid potassium sulfonylhydrazide **1b** (47 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv) via cannula at 23 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred under an atmosphere of argon. After 24 h, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 30% EtOAc in hexanes; SiO₂: 12 × 3 cm) to give the hydrazone **4h** as a pale-yellow oil (54 mg, 87%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.98–7.96 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.73–7.68 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.55– 7.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.08–5.04 (m, 3H, C=CH), 3.84 (d, 2H, $J = 7.0$, NCH ₂), 2.12 (s, 3H, ((N=C)CH ₃), 2.11 (s, 3H, ((N=C)CH ₃), 2.07–2.01 (m, 4H, (CH ₂) ₂), 1.98–1.94 (m, 4H, (CH ₂) ₂), 1.68 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.62 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.60 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.58 (s, 3H, CH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	182.8, 149.7, 142.5, 135.6, 134.1, 131.9, 131.5, 130.9, 128.3, 124.3, 123.7, 123.6, 117.0, 49.5, 39.9, 39.7, 26.6, 26.5, 25.9, 25.2, 21.2, 17.8, 16.5, 16.1.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2918 (br s), 1644 (m), 1589 (m), 1547 (s), 1439 (s), 1372 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₂₄ H ₃₆ N ₃ O ₄ S [M+H] ⁺ : 462.2421, found: 462.2412.
TLC (40% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.40 (UV, KMnO ₄).



(E)-N'-(4-Methoxybenzylidene)-N-((2E,6E)-3,7,11-trimethyldodeca-2,6,10-trienyl)methanesulfonohydrazide (Table 3):

A solution of hydrazone **1i** (34 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (350 μ L) was added via cannula to solid lithium hydride (1.2 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C. After 15 min, a solution of carbonate **2a** (41 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (1.3 mg, 3.6 μ mol, 2.5 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (3.8 mg, 14 μ mol, 9.9 mol%) in anhydrous THF (300 μ L) was added via cannula to the yellow solution of the lithium sulfonnylhydrazide, and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 48 h, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 40% EtOAc in hexanes; SiO₂: 18 × 2 cm) to give the hydrazone **4i** as a pale yellow oil (60 mg, 95%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.82 (s, 1H, N=CH), 7.63 (dt, 2H, $J = 6.5$, 2.0 Hz, ArH), 6.92 (dt, 2H, $J = 7.0$, 2.0 Hz, ArH), 5.23–5.21 (m, 1H, C=CH), 5.06–5.03 (m, 2H, C=CH), 4.41 (d, 2H, $J = 6.5$ Hz, NCH ₂), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH ₃), 3.06 (s, 3H, SO ₂ CH ₃), 2.09–1.90 (m, 8H, (CH ₂) ₂), 1.77 (s, 3H, C=CCH ₃), 1.68 (s, 3H, C=CCH ₃), 1.59 (s, 3H, C=CCH ₃), 1.57 (s, 3H, C=CCH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	161.6, 148.1, 141.1, 135.8, 131.5, 129.3, 126.9, 124.4, 123.6, 117.6, 114.3, 55.6, 45.3, 39.9, 39.7, 37.5, 26.9, 26.4, 25.9, 17.9, 16.7, 16.2.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2924 (s), 1747 (m), 1607 (m), 1514 (s), 1441(m), 1253 (s), 1161 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₂₄ H ₃₇ N ₂ O ₃ S [M+H] ⁺ : 433.2519, found: 433.2534.
TLC (25% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.31 (UV, KMnO ₄).



(E)-N'-Benzylidene-N-((2E,6E)-3,7,11-trimethyldodeca-2,6,10-trienyl)methanesulfonohydrazide (Table 3):

A solution of hydrazone **1j** (25 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (300 μ L) was added via cannula to solid lithium hydride (1.0 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C. After 15 min, a solution of carbonate **2a** (35 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (1.1 mg, 3.0 μ mol, 2.5 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (3.2 mg, 12 μ mol, 10 mol%) in anhydrous THF (300 μ L) was added via cannula to the yellow lithium sulfonamide solution and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 48 h, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 20% EtOAc in hexanes; SiO₂: 16 × 2.0 cm) to afford the hydrazone **4j** as a pale yellow oil (49 mg, 98%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.77 (s, 1H, N=CH), 7.68–7.67 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.41–7.40 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.23–5.20 (m, 1H, C=CH), 5.06–5.04 (m, 2H, C=CH), 4.49 (d, 2H, $J = 6.5$ Hz, NCH ₂), 3.09 (s, 3H, SO ₂ CH ₃), 2.10–1.90 (m, 8H, (CH ₂) ₂), 1.79 (s, 3H, C=CCH ₃), 1.67 (s, 3H, C=CCH ₃), 1.58 (s, 3H, C=CCH ₃), 1.57 (s, 3H, C=CCH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	145.2, 141.2, 135.9, 134.2, 131.5, 130.3, 128.9, 127.5, 124.4, 123.5, 117.3, 44.5, 39.8, 39.7, 38.2, 26.9, 26.4, 25.9, 17.9, 16.7, 16.2.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2918 (s), 1667 (w), 1436 (m), 1349 (s), 1162 (s), 693 (m).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₂₃ H ₃₄ N ₂ NaO ₂ S [M+Na] ⁺ : 425.2233, found: 425.2224.
TLC (10% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.13 (UV, KMnO ₄).



(E)-2,4,6-Triisopropyl-N'-(1-phenylethylidene)-N-((2E,6E)-3,7,11-trimethyldodeca-2,6,10-trienyl)benzenesulfonohydrazide (Table 3):

A solution of hydrazone **1k** (61 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (350 μ L) was added via cannula to solid potassium hydride (6.1 mg, 15 μ mol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C. After 15 min, a solution of carbonate **2a** (42 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (1.4 mg, 38 μ mol, 2.5 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (4.0 mg, 15 μ mol, 10 mol%) in anhydrous THF (350 μ L) was added to the potassium sulfonylhydrazide solution via cannula and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 24 h, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 10% EtOAc in hexanes; SiO₂: 10 × 3 cm) to give the hydrazone **4k** as a pale yellow oil (82 mg, 90%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.80–7.78 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.43–7.41 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.37– 7.34 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.13 (s, 2H, ArH), 5.24–5.21 (m, 1H, C=CH), 5.08–5.02 (m, 2H, C=CH), 4.21 (septet, 2H, $J =$ 7.0 Hz, ArCH(CH ₃) ₂), 4.13 (d, 2H, $J =$ 7.5 Hz, NCH ₂), 2.88 (septet, 1H, $J =$ 7.0 Hz, ArCH(CH ₃) ₂), 2.26 (s, 3H, (N=C)CH ₃), 2.03–1.89 (m, 8H, (CH ₂) ₂), 1.68 (s, 3H, (C=C)CH ₃), 1.66 (s, 3H, (C=C)CH ₃), 1.65 (s, 3H, (C=C)CH ₃), 1.60 (s, 3H, (C=C)CH ₃), 1.24 (d, 6H, $J =$ 7.0 Hz, ArCH(CH ₃) ₂), 1.18 (d, 12H, $J =$ 6.5 Hz, ArCH(CH ₃) ₂).
¹³ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	175.0, 153.3, 152.4, 141.9, 137.2, 135.5, 131.5, 130.9, 130.7, 128.3, 127.4, 124.4, 124.0, 123.9, 118.1, 47.7, 39.8, 39.8, 34.3, 30.4, 26.9, 26.5, 25.9, 25.3, 23.7, 17.9, 17.5, 16.5, 16.1.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	2962 (s), 1600 (m), 1572 (w), 1446 (m), 1364 (m), 1165 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for $C_{38}H_{57}N_2O_2S [M+H]^+: 605.4135$, found: 605.4145.
TLC (40% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.61 (UV, KMnO ₄).



<u>N'-(Propan-2-ylidene)-N-((2E,6E)-3,7,11-trimethyldodeca-2,6,10-trienyl)methanesulfonohydrazide</u> (Table 3):

A solution of hydrazone 11 (23 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (350 μ L) was added via cannula to solid lithium hydride (1.3 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C. After 15 min, a solution of carbonate 2a (44 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (1.4 mg, 3.8 μ mol, 2.5 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (4.2 mg, 16 μ mol, 10 mol%) in THF (350 μ L) was added to the lithium sulfonylhydrazide solution via cannula, and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 24 h, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 40% EtOAc in hexanes; SiO₂: 15 × 2.0 cm) to give the hydrazone 4I as a pale yellow oil (47 mg, 83%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	5.17–5.14 (m, 1H, C=CH), 5.11–5.07 (m, 2H, (C=CH) ₂), 3.88 (d, 2H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, NCH ₂), 2.88 (s, 3H, SO ₂ CH ₃), 2.08 (s, 3H, ((N=C)CH ₃), 2.07 (s, 3H, ((N=C)CH ₃), 2.06–1.96 (m, 8H, (CH ₂) ₂), 1.68 (s, 6H, (C=C)CH ₃), 1.61 (s, 3H, (C=C)CH ₃), 1.60 (s, 3H, (C=C)CH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	181.4, 141.9, 135.7, 131.6, 124.4, 123.8, 117.6, 49.8, 39.9, 39.8, 32.4, 26.9, 26.5, 25.9, 25.4, 20.9, 17.9, 16.6, 16.2.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2919 (s), 1647 (m), 1437 (m), 1344 (s), 1161 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₉ H ₃₄ N ₂ NaO ₂ S [M+Na] ⁺ : 377.2233, found: 377.2237.
TLC (35% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.33 (KMnO ₄).



<u>N'-Cyclohexylidene-4-methyl-N-((2E,6E)-3,7,11-trimethyldodeca-2,6,10-trienyl)benzenesulfono-hydrazide (Table 3):</u>

A solution of hydrazone **1m** (59 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (500 μ L) was added via cannula to solid potassium hydride (8.8 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C. After 15 min, a solution of carbonate **2a** (61 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (2.0 mg, 5.5 μ mol, 2.5 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (5.7 mg, 22 μ mol, 10 mol%) in anhydrous THF (500 μ L) was added to the potassium sulfonylhydrazide solution via cannula, and the mixture was stirred under an atmosphere of argon. After 36 h, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 10% EtOAc in hexanes; SiO₂: 16 × 2.5 cm) to provide the hydrazone **4m** as a pale yellow oil (85 mg, 83%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.69 (app. d, 2H, $J = 8.5$, ArH), 7.30 (app. d, 2H, $J = 8.5$, ArH), 5.09–5.01 (m, 3H, C=CH), 3.63 (d, 2H, $J = 6.5$ Hz, NCH ₂), 2.70 (t, 2H, $J = 5.5$ Hz, (N=C)CH ₂), 2.43 (s, 3H, ArCH ₃), 2.35 (t, 2H, $J = 6.0$ Hz, CH ₂), 2.07–1.95 (m, 8H, CH ₂), 1.73–1.59 (m, 18H, CH ₂ , (C=C)CH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	186.0, 143.0, 141.5, 135.5, 132.4, 131.6, 129.5, 129.2, 124.4, 123.9, 117.9, 49.3, 39.9, 39.8, 36.1, 31.2, 27.8, 26.9, 26.8, 26.6, 25.9, 25.9, 21.8, 17.9, 16.7, 16.1.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	2928 (s), 2857 (m), 1634 (s), 1449 (m), 1351 (s), 1165 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for $C_{28}H_{43}N_2O_2S [M+H]^+: 471.3040$, found: 471.3049.
TLC (25% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.24 (UV, KMnO ₄).



(E)-((Hex-3-enyloxy)methyl)benzene (Entry 1, Table 4):

A solution of carbonate **2e** (50 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (1.7 mg, 4.6 μ mol, 2.5 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (7.5 mg, 29 μ mol, 10 mol%) in anhydrous THF (800 μ L) was added via cannula to a flask containing the potassium sulfonylhydrazide **1b** (56 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C and the mixture was stirred under an atmosphere of argon. After 24 h, glacial acetic acid (54 μ L, 5.0 equiv) was added to quench excess base, and the reaction mixture was diluted with a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 400 μ L). After 3 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (2 mL) and dichloromethane (10 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (10 mL) whereas the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 4% Et₂O in "pentane; SiO₂: 13 × 2 cm) on silica gel to provide the alkene **7b** as a clear oil (42 mg, 77%, *E:Z*, 95:5). All spectroscopic data matched those previously reported for this compound.⁵

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.36–7.29 (m, 5H, ArH), 5.56 (dtt, 1H, $J = 15.5$, 6.5, 1.5 Hz, CH=CH), 5.42 (dtt, 1H, $J = 15.0$, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, CH=CH), 4.53 (s, 2H, PhCH ₂), 3.49 (t, 2H, $J = 6.5$ Hz, PhCH ₂ OCH ₂), 2.32 (app. qq, 2H, $J = 7.0$, 1.5 Hz, CH ₂), 2.02 (app. pq, 2H, $J = 7.5$, 1.0 Hz, CH ₂), 0.98 (t, 3H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, CH ₂ CH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	138.8, 134.4, 128.6, 127.9, 127.7, 125.4, 73.0, 70.5, 33.3, 25.9, 14.0.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2962 (s), 2932 (s), 2853 (s), 1454 (m), 1362 (m), 1103 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₃ H ₁₈ NaO [M+Na] ⁺ : 213.1250, found: 213.1248
TLC (40% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.70 (UV, anis).

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(E)-3,7,11-Trimethyldodeca-1,6,10-triene (Entry 2, Table 4):

A solution of carbonate **2a** (40 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (1.3 mg, 3.6 μ mol, 2.5 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (3.9 mg, 15 μ mol, 10 mol%) in anhydrous THF (600 μ L) was added via cannula to a flask containing the potassium sulfonylhydrazide **1b** (43 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C, and the reaction mixture was sealed and stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 24 h, glacial acetic acid (41 μ L, 5.0 equiv) was added to quench excess base, and the reaction mixture was diluted with a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 300 μ L). After 4 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (2 mL) and dichloromethane (10 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (10 mL) whereas the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: "pentane; SiO₂: 12 × 2 cm) on silica gel to give the volatile triene **7c** as a clear oil (27 mg, 83%). All spectroscopic data matched those previously reported for this compound.⁶

¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	5.75–5.68 (m, 1H, C=CH), 5.13–5.10 (m, 2H, C=CH), 4.98–4.91 (m, 2H, C=CH), 2.14–1.98 (m, 7H, CH ₂ , CH), 1.69 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.61 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.60 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.36–1.33 (m, 2H, CH ₂), 0.99 (d, 3H, $J = 8$ Hz, (CH)CH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	145.0, 135.1, 131.5, 124.7, 124.6, 112.7, 39.9, 37.5, 36.9, 26.9, 25.9, 25.8, 20.4, 17.9, 16.2.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	3077 (m), 2966 (s), 2915 (s), 2856 (s), 1640 (m), 1453 (s), 1376 (s).
MS (<i>m</i> / <i>z</i>):	calc'd for C ₁₅ H ₂₆ [M] ⁺ : 206, found: 206.
TLC (40% EtOAc in hexanes), R_f :	0.80 (CAM, KMnO ₄).

⁶ K. M. Saplay, R. Sahni, N. P. Damodaran, S. Dev Tetrahedron 1980, 36, 1455.



((But-3-enyloxy)methyl)benzene (Entry 3, Table 4):

A solution of carbonate **2f** (45 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (1.8 mg, 4.9 μ mol, 2.5 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (5.0 mg, 19 μ mol, 10 mol%) in anhydrous THF (800 μ L) was added via cannula to a flask containing the potassium sulfonylhydrazide **1b** (57 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C, and the reaction mixture was sealed and stirred under an atmosphere of argon. After 24 h, glacial acetic acid (55 μ L, 5.0 equiv) was added to quench excess base, and the reaction mixture was diluted with a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 400 μ L). After 4 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (2 mL), water (10 mL), and dichloromethane (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 4% Et₂O in "pentane; SiO₂: 15 × 2.0 cm) on silica gel to give the alkene **7d** as a clear oil (28 mg, 88%). All spectroscopic data matched those previously reported for this compound.⁷

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.38–7.27 (m, 5H, Ar H), 5.86 (ddt, $J = 17.0$, 10.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H, CH ₂ C H =CH ₂), 5.12 (ddt, $J = 17.5$, 2.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H, trans-CH ₂ CH=C H ₂), 5.06 (ddt, $J = 10.5$, 2.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H, cis-CH ₂ CH=C H ₂), 4.54 (s, 2H, ArC H ₂), 3.54 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H, OCH ₂ CH ₂), 2.40 (app. qt, $J = 6.5$, 1.5 Hz, 2H, CH ₂ CH=CH ₂).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	138.7, 135.5, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 116.6, 73.1, 69.8, 34.5.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	3031 (m), 2926 (s), 2855 (s), 1642 (m), 1454 (m), 1362 (m), 1101 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₁ H ₁₄ NaO [M+Na] ⁺ : 185.0937, found: 185.0938.
TLC (40% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.65 (UV, anis).

⁷ P. A. Cleary, K. A. Woerpel Org. Lett. 2005, 7, 5531.



(E)-1-(But-2-enyl)-4-methoxybenzene (Entry 4, Table 4):

A solution of allylic carbonate 2g (30 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (1.2 mg, 3.3 µmol, 2.5 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (3.4 mg, 13 µmol, 10 mol%) in anhydrous dichloromethane (700 µL) was added via cannula to a mixture of solid IPNBSH 1a (33 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and anhydrous sodium carbonate (1.4 mg, 13 µmol, 10 mol%) at 23 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 24 h, glacial acetic acid (4 µL, 0.5 equiv) was added to quench excess base, and the reaction mixture was diluted with a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 350 µL). After 12 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (1 mL), dichloromethane (5 mL), and water (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 4% Et₂O in ⁿpentane; SiO₂: 15 × 1.5 cm) on silica gel to give the olefin 7e as a clear oil (13 mg, 63%, *E*:Z, 95:5). All spectroscopic data matched those previously reported for this compound.⁸

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.11 (app. d, 2H, $J = 9.0$ Hz, ArH), 6.84 (app. d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz, ArH), 5.58 (dtq, 1H, $J = 15.0$, 6.5, 1.0 Hz, CH=CH), 5.50 (dqt, 1H, $J = 15.0$, 6.0, 1.0 Hz, CH=CH), 3.80 (s, 3H, CH ₃ O), 3.27 (d, 2H, ArCH ₂ , $J = 6.5$ Hz), 1.69 (app. dq, 3H, $J = 6.0$, 1.0 Hz, CH=CHCH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	158.0, 133.3, 130.7, 129.6, 126.2, 114.0, 55.5, 38.3, 18.1.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2999 (m), 2915 (m), 2843 (m), 1611 (m), 1512 (s), 1245 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₁ H ₁₄ ONa [M+Na] ⁺ : 185.0937, found: 185.0937.
TLC (40% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.65 (UV, anis).

⁸ M. R. Heinrich, O. Blank, D. Ullrich, M. Kirschstein J. Org. Chem. 2007, 72, 9609.



Pent-4-enylbenzene (Entry 5, Table 4):

A solution of carbonate **2h** (57 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (2.4 mg, 6.5 μ mol, 2.5 mol %), and triphenylphosphine (6.8 mg, 26 μ mol, 10 mol %) in anhydrous THF (1.1 mL) was added via cannula to a flask containing solid potassium sulfonylhydrazide **1b** (76 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred under an atmosphere of argon. After 24 h, glacial acetic acid (64 μ L, 5.0 equiv) was added to quench excess base, and the reaction mixture was diluted with a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 550 μ L). After 3 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (2 mL), water (10 mL), and dichloromethane (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: "pentane; SiO₂: 11 × 2.0 cm) on silica gel to afford the alkene **7f** as a clear oil (30 mg, 78%). All spectroscopic data matched those previously reported for this compound.⁹

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.31–7.28 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.20–7.19 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.85 (ddt, 1H, $J = 17.0$, 10.5, 6.5 Hz, CH=CH ₂), 5.06 (dtd, 1H, $J = 17.5$, 2.0, 0.5 Hz, trans-CH=CH ₂), 4.99 (dtd, 1H, $J = 10.5$, 1.5, 0.5 Hz, cis-CH=CH ₂), 2.64 (t, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, PhCH ₂), 2.13-2.09 (m, 2H, CH ₂ CH=CH ₂), 1.77-1.70 (m, 2H, PhCH ₂ CH ₂).
¹³ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	142.7, 138.8, 128.7, 128.5, 125.9, 114.9, 35.5, 33.5, 30.8.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2923 (s), 2853 (m), 1640 (w), 1496 (m), 1454 (m), 910 (m).
HRMS (EI):	calc'd for C ₁₁ H ₁₄ [M] ⁺ : 146.1090, found: 146.1091.
TLC (4% Et ₂ O in "pentane), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.25 (UV, KMnO ₄).

⁹ S. A. Gamage, R. A. J. Smith *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1990**, *46*, 2112.



(E)-(4-(Benzyloxy)but-2-enyl)benzene (Entry 6, Table 4):

A solution of carbonate **2i** (67 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (2.0 mg, 5.5 μ mol, 2.5 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (5.6 mg, 21 μ mol, 10 mol%) in anhydrous THF (0.9 mL) was added to a flask containing solid potassium sulfonylhydrazide **1b** (64 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 12 h, glacial acetic acid (62 μ L, 5.0 equiv) was added to quench excess base, and the reaction mixture was diluted with a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 450 μ L). After 3 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (2 mL), water (10 mL), and dichloromethane (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 5% Et₂O in "pentane; SiO₂: 15 × 2.5 cm) on silica gel to provide the alkene **7g** as a clear oil (42 mg, 82%, *E:Z*, 96:4). All spectroscopic data matched those previously reported for this compound.¹⁰

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.37–7.21 (m, 10H, Ar H), 5.91 (dtt, 1H, $J = 15.5$, 6.5, 1.5 Hz, CH=C H), 5.70 (dtt, 1H, $J = 15.0$, 6.0, 1.5 Hz, CH=C H), 4.54 (s, 2 H, PhCH ₂ OCH ₂), 4.04 (dd, 2H, $J = 6.0$, 1.0 Hz, PhCH ₂ OCH ₂), 3.43 (d, 2H, $J = 6.5$ Hz, PhCH ₂ CH=CH).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	140.2, 138.5, 133.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 128.0, 127.8, 126.3, 72.3, 70.9, 39.0.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	3028 (s), 2851 (s), 1721 (m), 1603 (m), 1495 (s), 1453 (s), 1115 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₇ H ₁₈ NaO [M+Na] ⁺ : 261.1250, found: 261.1246.
TLC (4% Et ₂ O in "pentane), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.17 (UV, anis).

¹⁰ J. D. Kim, M. H. Lee, G. Han. H. Park, O. P. Zee, Y. H. Jung *Tetrahedron* **2001**, *57*, 8257.



(E)-(6-(Benzyloxy)hex-4-en-1-ynyl)trimethylsilane (Entry 7, Table 4):

A solution of carbonate **2b** (32 mg, 0.096 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (0.9 mg, 2.5 μ mol, 2.6 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (2.5 mg, 9.5 μ mol, 10 mol%) in anhydrous THF (500 μ L) was added via cannula to a flask containing solid potassium sulfonylhydrazide **1b** (28 mg, 0.095 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C and the mixture was stirred under an atmosphere of argon. After 12 h, glacial acetic acid (28 μ L, 5.0 equiv) was added to quench excess base, and the reaction mixture was diluted with a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 250 μ L). After 3 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (2 mL), and dichloromethane (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (5 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 5% Et₂O in ⁿpentane; SiO₂: 18 × 2 cm) on silica gel to afford the eneyne **7h** as a clear oil (14 mg, 55%, *E:Z*, 96:4).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.36–7.29 (m, 5H, Ar H), 5.89 (dtt, 1H, $J = 15.5$, 6.0, 1.5 Hz, CH=C H), 5.72 (dtt, 1H, $J = 15.5$, 5.5, 1.0 Hz, CH=C H), 4.53 (s, 2H, PhCH ₂ O), 4.04 (dd, 2H, $J = 6.0$, 1.5 Hz, PhCH ₂ OC H ₂), 3.04 (dd, 2H, $J = 5.0$, 1.0 Hz, CHC H ₂ CCSi(CH ₃) ₃), 0.18 (s, 9H, Si(C H ₃) ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	138.5, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 103.7, 87.1, 72.3, 70.4, 23.1, 0.3.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2959 (s), 2853 (m), 2177 (s), 1454 (w), 1250 (s) 843 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₆ H ₂₂ NaOSi [M+Na] ⁺ : 281.1332, found: 281.1343.
TLC (4% Et ₂ O in ^{<i>n</i>} pentane), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.29 (UV, KMnO ₄).



(((2E,5E)-Hepta-2,5-dienyloxy)methyl)benzene (Entry 8, Table 4):

A solution of carbonate **2j** (50 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (1.7 mg, 4.6 μ mol, 2.5 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (4.8 mg, 18 μ mol, 10 mol%) in anhydrous THF (800 μ L) was added via cannula to a flask containing solid potassium sulfonylhydrazide **1b** (54 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C, and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 24 h, glacial acetic acid (52 μ L, 5.0 equiv) was added to quench excess base, and the reaction mixture was diluted with a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 550 μ L). After 3 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (2 mL) and dichloromethane (10 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (10 mL) whereas the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 5% Et₂O in ⁿpentane; SiO₂: 14 × 2.0 cm) on silica gel to give the diene **7i** as a clear oil (29 mg, 78%, C2-*E*:*Z*, 96:4, C5-*E*:*Z*, 95:5).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.36–7.29 (m, 5H, ArH), 5.74 (dtt, 1H, $J = 15.5$, 6.5, 1.5 Hz, CH=CH), 5.62 (dtt, 1H, $J = 15.5$, 6.0, 1.5 Hz, CH=CH), 5.51–5.41 (m, 2H, CH=CH), 4.52 (s, 2H, PhCH ₂ O), 3.99 (dd, 2H, $J = 6.0$, 1.0 Hz, PhCH ₂ OCH ₂), 2.77–2.74 (m, 2H, CH=CHCH ₂ CH=CH), 1.67 (app. dt, 3H, $J = 5.0$, 1.5 Hz, CH=CHCH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	138.6, 133.4, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 127.0, 126.4, 72.2, 71.1, 35.5, 18.2.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2918 (s), 2854 (s), 1453 (m), 1361 (m), 1070 (s), 969 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₄ H ₁₈ NaO [M+Na] ⁺ : 225.1250, found: 225.1256.
TLC (4% Et ₂ O in ^{<i>n</i>} pentane), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.28 (UV, KMnO ₄).



(E)-((Hexa-2,5-dienyloxy)methyl)benzene (Entry 9, Table 4):

A solution of allylic carbonate **2k** (47 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (1.6 mg, 4.4 μ mol, 2.5 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (4.7 mg, 18 μ mol, 10 mol%) in anhydrous THF (750 μ L) was added via cannula to a flask containing solid potassium sulfonylhydrazide **1b** (53 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C, and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 24 h, glacial acetic acid (50 μ L, 5.0 equiv) was added to quench excess base, and the reaction mixture was diluted with a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 400 μ L). After 4 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (2 mL), water (10 mL), and dichloromethane (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 5% Et₂O in ⁿpentane; SiO₂: 10 × 2.0 cm) on silica gel to provide the diene **7j** as a clear oil (28 mg, 72%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.36–7.28 (m, 5H, ArH), 5.85 (ddt, 1H, $J = 17.0$, 10.5, 6.5 Hz, CH=CH ₂), 5.76 (dtt, 1H, $J = 15.5$, 6.5, 1.0 Hz, CH=CH), 5.65 (dtt, 1H, $J = 15.5$, 6.0, 1.0 Hz, CH=CH), 5.07 (app. dq, 1H, $J = 17.0$, 1.5 Hz, trans-CH=CH ₂), 5.03 (app. dq, 1H, $J = 10.0$, 1.5 Hz, cis-CH=CH ₂), 4.52 (s, 2H, PhCH ₂ O), 4.01 (app. dq, 2H, $J = 6.0$, 1.0 Hz, PhCH ₂ OCH ₂), 2.85–2.82 (m, 2H, CH=CHCH ₂ CH=CH).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	138.6, 136.5, 132.3, 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 115.8, 72.2, 70.9, 36.6.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	3030 (m), 2851 (s), 1638 (m), 1453 (m), 1361 (m), 1103 (s), 735 (s), 697 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₃ H ₁₆ NaO [M+Na] ⁺ : 211.1093, found: 211.1095.
TLC (40% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.67 (UV, anis).



(E)-N-(1-(Benzyloxy)-6-(trimethylsilyl)hex-3-en-5-yn-2-yl)-2-nitro-N'-(propan-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonohydrazide (4a, Equation 3):

A solution of carbonate **2b** (59 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1 equiv), allylpalladiumchloride dimer (1.6 mg, 4.4 μ mol, 2.5 mol%), and triphenylphosphine (4.7 mg, 18 μ mol, 10 mol%) in anhydrous THF (900 μ L) was added via cannula to a flask containing solid potassium sulfonylhydrazide **1b** (53 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 12 h, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: 10 \rightarrow 30% EtOAc in hexanes; SiO₂: 18 × 2 cm) to afford the hydrazone **4a** as a yellow viscous oil (75 mg, 82%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.96–7.94 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.64–7.62 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.51– 7.49 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.34–7.28 (m, 6H, ArH), 5.97 (dd, 1H, $J = 16.5$, 9.0 Hz, C=CH), 5.58 (dd, 1H, $J = 16.5$, 1.0 Hz, C=CH), 4.83–4.79 (m, 1H, ArSO ₂ NCH), 4.53 (d, 1H, $J = 11.5$ Hz, PhCH ₂ O), 4.40 (d, 1H, $J = 11.5$ Hz, PhCH ₂ O), 3.37 (dd, 1H, $J = 11.0$, 8.5 Hz, PhCH ₂ OCH ₂), 3.28 (dd, 1H, $J = 10.5$, 5.5 Hz, PhCH ₂ OCH ₂), 2.17 (s, 3H, (N=C)CH ₃), 2.16 (s, 3H, (N=C)CH ₃), 0.15 (s, 9H, Si(CH ₃) ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	185.6, 149.1, 137.7, 136.5, 134.1, 131.5, 131.0, 130.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 123.5, 114.5, 102.7, 95.9, 72.7, 70.2, 61.5, 25.6, 21.6, 0.0.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	2917 (m), 2849 (m), 1627 (w), 1546 (s), 1373 (s) 844 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₂₅ H ₃₁ N ₃ NaO ₅ SSi [M+Na] ⁺ : 536.1646, found: 536.1648.
TLC (40% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.40 (UV, anis).



(1R,2S,E)-2-Methyl-1-phenylpent-3-en-1-ol (9a, Scheme 3):

A solution of epoxide $8a^{11}$ (60 mg, 0.34 mmol, 1 equiv), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (7.8 mg, 0.0085 mmol, equiv), and triphenylphosphine (14 mg, 0.051 mmol, 0.15 equiv) in anhydrous 0.025 dichloromethane (1.4 mL) was added via cannula to a mixture of solid anhydrous cesium carbonate (11 mg, 0.034 mmol, 0.10 equiv) and IPNBSH 1a (88 mg, 0.34 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 48 h, glacial acetic acid (98 µL, 5.0 equiv) was added to quench excess base, and the reaction mixture was diluted with a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 0.7 mL). After 3 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (2 mL), water (10 mL), and dichloromethane (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 1% acetone in dichloromethane; SiO₂: 19×2.0 cm) on silica gel to give the homoallylic alcohol 9a (48 mg, 79%, E:Z, >98:2) as a single diastereomer. The enantiomeric excess was determined to be >98% by Mosher ester analysis. All spectroscopic data matched those previously reported for this compound.¹²

'H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.36-7.32 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.31-7.27 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.50 (dqd, 1H, $J = 15.5$, 6.5, 1.0 Hz, CH=CHCH ₃), 5.37 (ddq, 1H, $J = 15.5$, 7.5, 2.0 Hz, CH=CHCH ₃), 4.61 (app. t, 1H, $J = 4.5$, PhCHOH), 2.57-2.51 (m, 1H, CH(OH)CHCH ₃), 1.94 (d, 1H, $J = 4.5$ Hz, OH), 1.67 (app. dq, 3H, $J = 6.0$, 1.0 Hz, CH=CHCH ₃), 0.96 (d, 3H, $J = 6.5$ Hz, CH(OH)CHCH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	142.8, 133.0, 128.2, 127.4, 126.7, 126.6, 77.6, 43.9, 18.3, 14.7.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	3404 (br s), 3029 (m), 2965 (m), 1653 (w), 1452 (s), 968 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₂ H ₁₆ NaO [M+Na] ⁺ : 199.1093, found: 199.1094.

TLC (10% EtOAc, 45% PhMe, and 45% hexanes), R_f: 0.34 (UV, anis).

¹¹ Enantiomeric excess of epoxide **8** was determined to be >98% by Mosher ester analysis of a derivative.

¹² R. W. Hoffmann, K. Ditrich, G. Koester, R. Stuermer Chem. Ber. 1989, 122, 1783.



(1R,2R,E)-2-Methyl-1-phenylpent-3-en-1-ol (9b, Equation 4):

A solution of epoxide **8b** (12 mg, 0.069 mmol, 1 equiv), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (1.6 mg, 0.0017 mmol, 0.025 equiv), and triphenylphosphine (2.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.15 equiv) in anhydrous dichloromethane (0.70 mL) was added via cannula to a mixture of solid anhydrous cesium carbonate (2.2 mg, 0.0068 mmol, 0.10 equiv) and IPNBSH **1a** (18 mg, 0.069 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 23 °C and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 48 h, glacial acetic acid (20 μ L, 5.0 equiv) was added to quench excess base, and the reaction mixture was diluted with a mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 0.35 mL). After 3 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (1 mL), water (5 mL), and dichloromethane (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 5% acetone, 3% iPrOH in hexanes, SiO₂: 15 × 1.5 cm) on silica gel to give the homoallylic alcohol **9b** (10 mg, 85%, *E:Z*, >98:2).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.37-7.33 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.30-7.27 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.68 (dqd, 1H, $J = 15.5$, 6.5, 1.0 Hz, CH=CHCH ₃), 5.40 (ddq, 1H, $J = 15.5$, 8.5, 1.5 Hz, CH=CHCH ₃), 4.27 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.5$, 2.0 Hz, PhCHOH), 2.40 (app. sextet, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, CH(OH)CHCH ₃), 2.23 (d, 1H, $J = 2.5$ Hz, OH), 1.75 (ddd, 3H, $J = 6.5$, 1.5, 0.5 Hz, CH=CHCH ₃), 0.83 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, CH(OH)CHCH ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	142.7, 133.5, 128.4, 128.4, 127.8, 127.2, 78.3, 45.9, 18.4, 17.3.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	3423 (br s), 2966 (m), 1648 (m), 1451 (m), 969 (s), 700 (m).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₂ H ₁₆ NaO [M+Na] ⁺ : 199.1093, found: 199.1099.

TLC (10% EtOAc, 45% PhMe, and 45% hexanes), R_f: 0.34 (UV, anis).



(1R,5R)-Methyl 5-(1-(2-nitrophenylsulfonyl)-2-(propan-2-ylidene)hydrazinyl)cyclohex-3-enecarboxylate ((+)-4b, Equation 6):

A solution of carbonate (±)-**2c** (271 mg, 1.27 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (4.5 mL) was added via cannula to a solution of allylpalladiumchloride dimer (12 mg, 0.032 mmol, 2.5 mol%), and (1S,2S)-(-)-1,2-diaminocyclohexane-*N*,*N'*-bis(2'-diphenylphosphinobenzoyl)¹³ ((-)-**10**, 66 mg, 0.095 mmol, 7.5 mol%) in anhydrous THF (2.0 mL) at 23 °C via cannula. After 20 min, the resulting yellow solution was transferred via cannula to a flask containing solid potassium sufonylhydrazide **1b** (374 mg, 1.27 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 18 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: $30\rightarrow60\%$ EtOAc in hexanes; SiO₂: 16×3.0 cm) on silica gel to give hydrazone (+)-**4b** ($[\alpha]^{22}{}_{D} = +18.7$ (*c* 1.3, CH₂Cl₂) as a pale yellow, viscous oil (454 mg, 91%). The enantiomeric excess was determined to be 94% by chiral HPLC analysis [AD-H; 1.3 mL/min; 7% ⁱPrOH in hexanes; t_R (minor) = 11.7 min, t_R (major) = 14.7 min].

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.96-7.94 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.75–7.67 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.56– 7.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.69–5.65 (m, 1H, CH=CH), 5.21 (d, 1H, $J = 10.0$ Hz, CH=CH), 4.96–4.93 (m, 1H, CHNSO ₂ Ar), 3.67 (s, 3H, CO ₂ CH ₃), 2.78–2.72 (m, 1H, CHCO ₂ Me), 2.25–2.20 (m, 1H, CH), 2.18 (s, 3H, NCCH ₃), 2.17 (s, 3H, NCCH ₃), 2.14–2.04 (m, 2H, CH ₂), 1.60–1.53 (m, 1H, CH).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	185.1, 175.1, 148.7, 134.2, 131.8, 131.4, 131.2, 129.0, 126.4, 123.7, 58.0, 52.1, 39.0, 29.4, 27.3, 25.5, 21.6.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2953 (m), 2919 (m), 1734 (s), 1547 (s), 1438 (m), 1373 (s), 1173 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₇ H ₂₂ N ₃ O ₆ S [M+H] ⁺ : 396.1224, found: 396.1224.
TLC (60% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.29 (UV, anis).

¹³ a) B. M. Trost, D. L. Van Vranken, C. Bingel J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1992, 114, 9327. b) B. M. Trost, R. C. Bunt J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1994, 116, 4089.


(R)-Methyl cyclohex-3-enecarboxylate ((+)-7a, equation 6):

A mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 2.7 mL) was added to a solution of hydrazone (+)-**4b** (428 mg, 1.08 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (5.4 mL) at 23 °C. After 4 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (50 mL) and washed with water (50 mL). The yellow aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 5% Et₂O in "pentane; SiO₂: 15 × 2.0 cm) on silica gel to give the ester (+)-**7a** ($[\alpha]^{22}_{D} = +80.0$ (*c* 0.93, CHCl₃); lit.¹⁴ $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +80.4$ (*c* 1.06, CHCl₃); lit.¹⁵ $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +86.5$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃)) as a clear oil (133 mg, 88%). The enantiomeric excess was determined to be 94% by hydrolysis and iodolactonization of the product, followed by chiral HPLC analysis of the iodolactone [AD-H; 0.75 mL/min; 2.5% 'PrOH in hexanes; t_R (minor) = 14.1 min, t_R (major) = 18.7 min].

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	5.72–5.65 (m, 2H, CH=CH), 3.70 (s, 3H, CO_2CH_3), 2.60–2.55 (m, 1H, CHCO ₂ Me), 2.26–2.25 (m, 2H, CH ₂), 2.15–1.99 (m, 3H, CH ₂), 1.73–1.65 (m, 1H, CH ₂).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	176.6, 126.9, 125.4, 51.9, 39.4, 27.7, 25.3, 24.7.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	3027 (s), 2951 (s), 2843 (s), 1737 (s), 1437 (s), 1306 (s), 1224 (s), 1167 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for $C_8H_{13}O_2 [M+H]^+$: 141.0910, found: 141.0917.
TLC (5% Et ₂ O in "pentane), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.27 (KMnO ₄).

¹⁴ G. Karig, A. Fuchs, A. Büsing, T. Brandstetter, S. Scherer, J. W. Bats, A. Eschenmoser, G. Quinkert *Helv. Chim. Acta* 2000, *83*, 1049.

¹⁵ C. Tanyeli, E. Turkut *Tetrahedron:* Asym. **2004**, *15*, 2057.



(R)-Methyl cyclohex-3-enecarboxylate ((+)-7a, Equation 7):

A solution of carbonate (\pm)-2c (67 mg, 0.31 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (800 µL) was added to a solution of allylpalladiumchloride dimer (2.9 mg, 7.9 µmol, 2.5 mol%), and (1S,2S)-(-)-1,2-diaminocyclohexane-N,N'-bis(2'-diphenylphosphinobenzoyl)¹³ (10, 16 mg, 23 µmol, 7.5 mol%) in anhydrous THF (100 µL) at 23 °C via cannula. After 20 min the resulting yellow solution was transferred via cannula to a flask containing solid potassium sufonylhydrazide **1b** (92 mg, 0.31 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 12 h, the reaction mixture was diluted by the addition of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 600 μ L), and excess base was quenched by the addition of glacial acetic acid (17 µL, 0.97 equiv). After 24 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (10 mL) and washed with water (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 5% Et₂O in hexanes; SiO₂: 15×1.5 cm) on silica gel to give ester (+)-7a as a clear oil (35 mg, 79%). The enantiomeric excess was determined to be 94% by hydrolysis and iodolactonization of the product, followed by chiral HPLC analysis of the iodolactone [AD-H; 0.75 mL/min; 2.5% ⁱPrOH in hexanes; $t_{\rm R}$ (minor) = 14.1 min, $t_{\rm R}$ (major) = 18.7 min].



<u>Methyl (1S,4R)-4-(1-(2-nitrophenylsulfonyl)-2-(propan-2-ylidene)hydrazinyl)cyclohex-2-enyl carbonate)</u> ((+)-12a, Equation 8):

A solution of carbonate **11a** (64 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (1.2 mL) was added via cannula to a solution of allylpalladiumchloride dimer (2.6 mg, 0.0071 mmol, 2.5 mol%), and (*1R*,2*R*)-(+)-1,2-diaminocyclohexane-*N*,*N*'-bis(2'-diphenylphosphinobenzoyl)¹⁶ ((+)-**10**, 15 mg, 0.021 mmol, 7.5 mol%) in anhydrous THF (0.2 mL) at 23 °C via cannula. After 30 min, the resulting yellow solution was transferred via cannula to a flask containing solid potassium sufonylhydrazide **1b** (83 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 18 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 50% EtOAc in hexanes; SiO₂: 14 × 2.5 cm) on silica gel to give hydrazone (+)-**12a** ($[\alpha]^{22}_{D}$ = +34.3 (*c* 1.5, CH₂Cl₂)) as a foamy white solid (98 mg, 85%). The enantiomeric excess was determined to be >98% by chiral HPLC analysis [AD-H; 1.3 mL/min; 7% ^{*i*}PrOH in hexanes; *t*_R (minor) = 12.8 min, *t*_R (major) = 14.3 min].

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.95-7. 93 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.76–7.67 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.56–7.55 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.82–5.79 (m, 1H, CH=CH), 5.58 (d, 1H, $J = 11$ Hz, CH=CH), 4.78–4.74 (m, 1H, CHOCO ₂ Me), 4.96–4.95 (m, 1H, CHNSO ₂ Ar), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCO ₂ CH ₃), 2.17 (s, 3H, NCCH ₃), 2.16 (s, 3H, NCCH ₃), 1.87–1.85 (m, 2H, CH ₂), 1.65–1.63 (m, 2H, CH ₂).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	184.8, 155.3, 148.6, 134.3, 132.8, 131.8, 131.3, 130.6, 127.6, 123.6, 69.4, 56.8, 54.8, 26.8, 25.4, 22.4, 21.3.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2958 (m), 1744 (s), 1633 (s), 1547 (s), 1442 (m), 1373 (s), 1269 (s), 1173 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₇ H ₂₁ N ₃ NaO ₇ S [M+Na] ⁺ : 434.0992, found: 434.0996.
TLC (50% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.32 (UV, CAM).

¹⁶ a) B. M. Trost, D. L. Van Vranken, C. Bingel J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1992**, 114, 9327. b) B. M. Trost, R. C. Bunt J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1994**, 116, 4089.



<u>Methyl (1R,4S)-4-(1-(2-nitrophenylsulfonyl)-2-(propan-2-ylidene)hydrazinyl)cyclohex-2-enyl carbonate)</u> ((-)-12a, Equation 9):

A solution of carbonate **11a** (14 mg, 0.063 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (0.45 mL) was added via cannula to a solution of allylpalladiumchloride dimer (0.6 mg, 0.0016 mmol, 2.5 mol%), and (*1S*,*2S*)-(-)-1,2-diaminocyclohexane-*N*,*N*'-bis(2'-diphenylphosphinobenzoyl)¹⁷ ((-)-**10**, 3.2 mg, 0.0046 mmol, 7.5 mol%) in anhydrous THF (0.1 mL) at 23 °C via cannula. After 30 min, the resulting yellow solution was transferred via cannula to a flask containing solid potassium sufonylhydrazide **1b** (19 mg, 0.064 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 18 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 50% EtOAc in hexanes; SiO₂: 11 × 2.0 cm) on silica gel to give hydrazone (-)-**12a** ($[\alpha]^{22}_{D} = -33.1$ (*c* 1.5, CH₂Cl₂)) as a foamy white solid (24 mg, 93%). The enantiomeric excess was determined to be >98% by chiral HPLC analysis [AD-H; 1.3 mL/min; 7% ⁱPrOH in hexanes; *t*_R (major) = 12.6 min, *t*_R (minor) = 14.1 min].

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(15,4R)-4-(1-(2-Nitrophenylsulfonyl)-2-(propan-2-ylidene)hydrazinyl)cyclohex-2-enyl benzoate ((+)-12b, Equation 10):

A solution of benzoate **11b** (78 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (1.0 mL) was added via cannula to a solution of allylpalladiumchloride dimer (2.2 mg, 0.0060 mmol, 2.5 mol%), and (*1R*,2*R*)-(+)-1,2-diaminocyclohexane-*N*,*N*'-bis(2'-diphenylphosphinobenzoyl)¹⁸ ((+)-**10**, 13 mg, 0.028 mmol, 7.5 mol%) in anhydrous THF (0.2 mL) at 23 °C via cannula. After 30 min, the resulting yellow solution was transferred via cannula to a flask containing solid potassium sufonylhydrazide **1b** (72 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and the mixture was stirred under an argon atmosphere. After 4 days, the reaction mixture was concentrated, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 40% EtOAc in hexanes; SiO₂: 15 × 2.5 cm) on silica gel to give hydrazone (+)-**12b** ($[\alpha]^{22}_{D}$ = +39.6 (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂)) as a foamy white solid (70 mg, 63%). The enantiomeric excess was determined to be 93% by chiral HPLC analysis [AD-H; 1.3 mL/min; 7% ⁱPrOH in hexanes; *t*_R (minor) = 16.7 min, *t*_R (major) = 19.4 min].

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, C ₆ D ₆ , 20 °C) δ:	8.05–8.03 (m, 2H, Ar H), 7.81 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.5$, 3.0 Hz, Ar H), 7.10–7. 07 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.07–6.98 (m, 2H, Ar H), 6.72–6.57 (m, 3H, Ar H), 5.79–5.75 (m, 1H, C H= CH), 5.56 (dt, 1H, $J = 10.0$, 1.0 Hz, CH=C H), 5.22 (app. q, 1H, $J = 4.0$ Hz, C H OBz), 4.97–4.94 (m, 1H, C H NSO ₂ Ar), 1.82 (s, 3H, NCC H ₃), 1.80–1.70 (m, 2H, C H ₂), 1.69 (s, 3H, NCC H ₃), 1.59–1.53 (m, 1H, C H ₂), 1.48–1.44 (m, 1H, C H ₂).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	184.9, 166.0, 148.8, 134.2, 133.1, 132.5, 131.9, 131.4, 131.1, 130.6, 129.7, 128.7, 128.5, 123.8, 66.2, 57.2, 27.0, 25.4, 22.5, 21.5.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	2954 (m), 1713 (s), 1633 (w), 1547 (s), 1373 (s), 1272 (s), 1173 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₂₂ H ₂₄ N ₃ O ₆ S [M+H] ⁺ : 458.1320, found: 458.1398.
TLC (40% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.31 (UV, CAM).

¹⁸ a) B. M. Trost, D. L. Van Vranken, C. Bingel J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1992**, 114, 9327. b) B. M. Trost, R. C. Bunt J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1994**, 116, 4089.



(S)-Cyclohex-3-enyl methyl carbonate (13a, Equation 8):

A mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 0.65 mL) was added to a solution of hydrazone (+)-**12a** (105 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (1.3 mL) at 23 °C. After 5 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (10 mL) and washed with water (10 mL). The yellow aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 8% Et₂O in ^{*n*}pentane; SiO₂: 10 × 1.5 cm) on silica gel to give the carbonate (+)-**13a** ([a]²²_D = +20.4 (*c* 1.4, CH₂Cl₂)) as a clear oil (32 mg, 71%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	5.71–5.67 (m, 1H, CH=CH), 5.60–5.56 (m, 1H, CH=CH), 4.92–4.87 (m, 1H, CHOCO ₂ Me), 3.78 (s, 3H, CO ₂ CH ₃), 2.46–2.41 (m, 1H, CH ₂), 2.21–2.14 (m, 3H, CH ₂), 1.97–1.94 (m, 1H, CH ₂), 1.83–1.77 (m, 1H, CH ₂).
¹³ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	155.5, 127.0, 123.5, 74.0, 54.7, 30.8, 27.4, 23.4.
FTIR (CH ₂ Cl ₂) cm ^{-1} :	2957 (m), 2254 (w), 1744 (s), 1444 (m), 1286 (m), 910 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₈ H ₁₂ NaO ₃ [M+Na] ⁺ : 179.0679, found: 179.0684.
TLC (8% Et ₂ O in ^{<i>n</i>} pentane), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.30 (KMnO ₄).



(S)-Cyclohex-3-enyl benzoate (13b, Equation 10):

A mixture of trifluoroethanol and water (1:1, 0.4 mL) was added to a solution of hydrazone (+)-12b (70 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (0.8 mL) at 23 °C. After 5 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (10 mL) and washed with water (10 mL). The yellow aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 8% Et₂O in "pentane; SiO₂: 7 × 1.5 cm) on silica gel to give the benzoate (+)-13b ([a]²²_D = +45.0 (c 1.1, CH₂Cl₂)) as a clear oil (22 mg, 69%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.05 (dd, 2H, $J = 8.0$, 1.0 Hz, ArH), 7.55(t, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, ArH), 7.44 (app. t, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, ArH), 5.75–5.73 (m, 1H, CH=CH), 5.65–5.63 (m, 1H, CH=CH), 5.29–5.28 (m, 1H, CHOBz), 2.52–2.23 (m, 1H, CH ₂), 2.28–2.22 (m, 3H, CH ₂), 2.01–1.99 (m, 1H, CH ₂), 1.90–1.88 (m, 1H, CH ₂).
¹³ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	166.4, 133.0, 131.0, 130.0, 128.5, 127.0, 123.9, 70.4, 31.0, 27.5, 23.4.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	3028 (m), 2922 (m), 2846 (m), 1712 (s), 1650 (s), 1451 (m), 1274 (s), 1115 (m).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₃ H ₁₄ NaO ₂ [M+Na] ⁺ : 225.0886, found: 225.0889.
TLC (8% Et ₂ O in "pentane), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.44 (UV, KMnO ₄).

Chapter III

Single-Step Synthesis of Pyridine Derivatives

Introduction and Background

The pyridine substructure is one of the most prevalent heterocyclic systems in natural products, pharmaceuticals, and functional materials.^{1,2} BILN 2061,³ a Hepatitis C virus (HCV) protease inhibitor, and indinavir sulfate,⁴ a human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) protease inhibitor, are two of the many examples of pyridine derived pharmaceutical drug targets that have shown potent antiviral activity in humans (Figure 1). Imidacloprid,⁵ which also contains a pyridine substructure, is a commonly used neuro-active insecticide. In nature, pyridines are found as important building blocks in the form of niacin and nicotine, as well as constituents of more complex alkaloids like chiapenine ES-II, isolated from the leaves of *Maytenis chiapensis*,⁶ and phantasmidine that was recently isolated from the Ecuadorian poison frog *Epipedobates anthonyi*⁷ (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Representative examples of compounds containing a pyridine substructure.

The majority of synthetic routes to pyridines and quinolines rely on condensation reactions of amines and carbonyl compounds.^{8,9} The Hantzsch pyridine synthesis¹⁰ is perhaps the most well known example of a route to this class of azaheterocycles. It relies on condensation of a 1,3-dicarbonyl derivative and an aldehyde in the presence of an ammonia equivalent (Scheme 1). Combes¹¹ pioneered the synthesis of quinolines that

utilizes a condensation reaction between an aniline and a 1,3-dicarbonyl derivative (Scheme 1).





Scheme 1. Synthesis of pyridines and quinolines.

Advances in cross-coupling chemistry have recently permitted introduction of substituents on activated heterocycles (Scheme 2).¹² This substituent modification approach, utilizing, for instance, Suzuki-Miyaura,¹³ Stille¹⁴ and iron-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions,¹⁵ has allowed access to a variety of structurally diverse pyridines.

Buchwald: Pd₂dba₃, XPhos MeO K₃PO₄, butanol 100 °C ÒMe Me 85% Fürstner: Fe(acac)₃ THF 63% Fu: Pd(P(^tBu)₃)₂ Bu₂Si CsF, dioxane 100 °C 76%

Scheme 2. Cross-coupling of pyridine derivatives.

A mild procedure for electrophilic activation of structurally diverse amides en route to pyrimidine¹⁶ derivatives and a two-step approach for the synthesis of a variety of pyridines¹⁷ were developed previously in our laboratory (Scheme 3). These methods

exploit unique reactivity associated with electrophilic activation of amides using 2chloropyridine $(2-ClPyr)^{18}$ in combination with trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (Tf_2O) .^{19,20}



Scheme 3. Synthesis of azaheterocycles using amides as precursors.

In this chapter we discuss a mild and efficient single-step procedure for the conversion of *N*-vinyl and *N*-aryl amides²¹ to the corresponding substituted pyridines and quinolines (eq 1). The current study concerns trapping of highly activated amide derivatives **1** with π -nucleophiles (**2**–**6**) to directly provide the corresponding pyridine derivatives **7** (eq 1).



Results and Discussion

We began our studies by investigating the use of alkoxy and silyloxy acetylenes, which can be prepared directly from the corresponding acetylene precursors,²² in direct condensation with amides. Under optimum reaction conditions, these electron-rich π nucleophiles provided the desired pyridine and quinoline derivatives in a single-step from the corresponding *N*-vinyl and *N*-aryl amides, respectively (Table 1, **4a**-**e**). Similarly, the use of ynamide **2d** and ynamine **2e** readily provided the 4-amino pyridine derivatives in a single-step (Table 1, **4f**-**l**). While phenyl acetylene was not sufficiently nucleophilic, the more electron rich derivatives **2f** and **2g** served as nucleophiles in this pyridine synthesis (Table 1, **4m-o**). Importantly, both electron-rich and electron-deficient *N*-aryl amides can



Table 1. Single-step synthesis of pyridine deriviatives.

^a Average of two experiments. Uniform conditions unless otherwise noted: Tf₂O (1.1 equiv), 2-ClPyr (1.2 equiv), nucleophile (**2** or **3**), CH₂Cl₂, heating: A = 23 °C, 1 h; B = 45 °C, 1 h; C = 140 °C, 20 min. ^b nucleophile (2.0 equiv). ^c 2-ClPyr (2.0 equiv). ^d only10 min at 23 °C. ^e 2-ClPyr (5.0 equiv). ^f only1 min heating, nucleophile (3.0 equiv). ^g nucleophile (1.1 equiv). ^h heated for 1 h. ⁱ 45% yield using **3a** with condition A. * Experiments performed by my colleague, Matthew D. Hill.

be condensed with nucleophiles **2a-g** with similar efficiency (Table 1, compare **4i** and **4j**).

The use of electron-rich acetylene derivatives as nucleophiles provide easy access to an array of highly substituted pyridines under mild conditions. Although we report a standard set of conditions that can be applied to a range of different amides and nucleophiles, it is important to note that most amide substrates can be activated and will undergo conversion to the corresponding pyridine product within a few minutes at sub-ambient temperatures. For example, conversion of amide **1f** to quinoline **4j** is complete within 20 minutes at 0 °C (eq 2). These mild conditions are in contrast to most other methods for synthesis of highly substituted azaheterocycles that require heating at high temperatures.^{8,9,12}



Based on mechanistic findings in the pyrimidine synthesis methodology developed in our laboratories,¹⁶ we propose this single-step pyridine synthesis to occur by nucleophilic addition of acetylenes **2a-g** to an activated electrophile 5^{23} followed by expulsion of 2-ClPyr•HOTf and annulation of the highly reactive intermediate **6** (eq 3). The condensation of the terminal alkyne **2f** with amide **1h** gave the desired quinoline **4o** (Table 1, 42% yield) along with 32% yield of ynone **10**, which is the hydrolysis product of the corresponding alkynyl imine **9** (Scheme 4). This observation suggests competitive deprotonation of intermediate **6** (R^e=H) when cyclization to heterocycle **4** is slow.



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Scheme 4. Competitive deprotonation of activated intermediate.

$$1 \xrightarrow{Tf_2O} 2\text{-CIPyr} \begin{bmatrix} TfO^- R^b \\ H & + \\ R^a & H \\ CI \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{TfOH} 3 \xrightarrow{P^c} OR \\ -2\text{-CIPyr} \\ -TfOH \\ R^a & -OTf \\ R^a$$

We next examined the direct condensation of enol ethers with *N*-vinyl and *N*-aryl amides (eq 4). While ethyl vinyl ether (**3a**) could be used as a nucleophile in cases not requiring heating (Table 1, **4p** and **4u**), we found triphenylsilyl vinyl ether (**3b**) to provide superior results in more challenging cases (Table 1, **4v**-**x**). The use of excess nucleophile can be beneficial and provide an improved yield of the product (Table 1, **4u**). Importantly, the use of silyl ether **3b** in place of **3a** eliminates the competitive addition of EtOH, generated in conversion of **7** to **4** (eq 4), to the activated intermediate **5**. Both acyclic and cyclic trimethylsilyl enol ethers can be used in this direct condensation with amides (Table 1, **4q**-**t**). However, when desilylation competes with cyclization of oxonium **7** (eq 4), the use of more robust silyl enol ether derivatives is preferred. Condensation of amide **1a** with enol ether **3e** at 23 °C predominantly gave the vinylogous amide **8** (78%, **8**:**4y**, >99:1) while heating the reaction mixture at 140 °C for 2h provided

the desired quinoline (eq 5, 53%, 4y:8, >99:1). Shorter reaction times gave a mixture of amide 8 and product 4y.



Consistent with cyclization of intermediate 7 (eq 4), exposure of uncyclized 8 to the standard reaction conditions provided <10% yield of 4y. While the use of triisopropylsilyl ether derivatives was not optimal due to slow cyclization, the use of 'butyldimethylsilyl ethers and microwave irradiation extends this chemistry to less reactive amide substrates (Table 1, 4y-cc). While the use of a broad range of enol ethers is possible, the overall efficiency of this pyridine synthesis using enol ethers as the nucleophile in conjunction with electron deficient *N*-aryl amides (Table 1, compare 4y-aa) is more sensitive as compared to the use of acetylenic nucleophiles (vide supra). Additionally, it should be noted that formamides do not give the corresponding pyridine derivatives due to rapid isocyanide formation.

Conclusion

We describe a single-step and convergent procedure for the synthesis of pyridine derivatives. This chemistry is compatible with a wide range of *N*-vinyl and *N*-aryl amides and π -nucleophiles. This methodology alleviates the need for isolation of activated amide derivatives and provides rapid access to highly substituted pyridines with predictable control of substituent introduction. The versatility of this chemistry offers a valuable addendum to methodology for azaheterocycle synthesis.

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Experimental Section

General Procedures. All reactions were performed in oven-dried or flame-dried round bottomed flasks, modified Schlenk (Kjeldahl shape) flasks, or glass pressure vessels. The flasks were fitted with rubber septa and reactions were conducted under a positive pressure of argon. Stainless steel syringes or cannulae were used to transfer air- and moisture-sensitive liquids. Flash column chromatography was performed as described by Still et al. using silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32-63 µm, standard grade, Sorbent Technologies) or non-activated alumina gel (80-325 mesh, chromatographic grade, EM Science).¹ Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates precoated with 0.25 mm 230-400 mesh silica gel or neutral alumina gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light and/or by exposure to an ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid (PMA), an acidic solution of panisaldehyde (anis), an aqueous solution of ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM), an aqueous solution of potassium permanganate (KMnO₄) or an ethanolic solution of ninhydrin followed by heating (<1 min) on a hot plate (~250 °C). Organic solutions were concentrated on Büchi R-200 rotary evaporators at ~10 Torr (house vacuum) at 25-35 °C, then at ~0.5 Torr (vacuum pump) unless otherwise indicated.

Materials. Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received with the following exceptions: Dichloromethane, diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, acetonitrile, and toluene were purchased from J.T. Baker (CycletainerTM) and were purified by the method of Grubbs et al. under positive argon pressure.² 2-chloropyridine was distilled from calcium hydride and stored sealed under an argon atmosphere. The starting amides were prepared by acylation of the corresponding anilines³ or via previously reported copper–catalyzed C–N bond–forming reactions.^{4,5} Ethoxy acetylene (**2a**) was purchased from Aldrich as a solution in hexanes and purified by kugelrohr distillation before use (% wt. in hexanes determined by ¹H NMR analysis, ~47% wt.). Silyloxy acetylenes **2b** and **2c** were prepared according to Sun, J.; Kozmin, S. A. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2006**, *45*, 4991-4993. Ynamide **2d** was prepared according to Buissonneaud, D.; Cintrat, J.-C. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2006**, *47*, 3139-3143. Silyl enol ether **3b** was prepared according to Schaumann, E.; Tries, F. *Synthesis* **2002**, 191–194.

Instrumentation. All reaction conducted at 140 °C were performed in a CEM Discover Lab Mate microwave reactor. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra were recorded with a Varian inverse probe 500 INOVA spectrometer or a Bruker 400 AVANCE spectrometer. Chemical shifts are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale and are referenced from the residual protium in the NMR solvent (CHCl₃: δ 7.27, C₆HD₅: δ 7.16). Data is reported as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), integration, coupling constant(s) in Hertz, assignment]. Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded with a Varian 500 INOVA spectrometer or a Bruker 400 AVANCE spectrometer and are referenced from the carbon resonances of the solvent (CDCl₃: δ 77.2, benzene-*d*₆: δ 128.0). Data

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3-(2-Cyclohexyl-5,6-dimethyl-3-phenyl-pyridin-4-yl)-oxazolidin-2-one (4f, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (52 μ L, 0.31 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added via syringe drop-wise to a stirred mixture of amide **1a** (51 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (54 μ L, 0.57 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (700 μ L) at -78 °C. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was placed in an ice-water bath and warmed to 0 °C, and a solution of ynamide **2d**⁶ (59 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in dichloromethane (250 μ L) was added via cannula. After 20 minutes, aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1.0 mL, 1N) was introduced to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts. The mixture was partitioned between dichloromethane (10 mL) and water (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 50% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 15 × 2 cm) to give the pyridine derivative **4f** as a white solid (80 mg, 81%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.46–7.38 (m, 3H, Ar H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.20– 7.17 (m, 1H, Ar H), 4.24 (td, 1H, $J = 8.8$, 5.6 Hz, NCH ₂ C H ₂ O), 3.79 (td, 1H, $J = 8.4$, 8.0 Hz, NCH ₂ C H ₂ O), 3.52 (app. q, 1 H, $J = 8.4$ Hz, NC H ₂ C H ₂ O), 3.08 (td, 1H, $J = 9.0$, 5.6 Hz, NC H ₂ CH ₂ O), 2.57 (s, 3H, ArC H ₃), 2.48 (tt, 1H, $J = 11.4$, 3.4 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 2.19 (s, 3H, ArC H ₃), 1.85–1.70 (m, 3H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.65–1.54 (m, 3H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.47–1.44 (m, 1H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.29–1.12 (m, 2H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.00 (qt, 1H, $J = 12.4$, 3.2 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁).
¹³ C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	161.9, 157.9, 156.7, 141.1, 136.4, 132.1, 129.7, 129.0, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 126.9, 62.8, 46.2, 42.1, 32.5, 32.4, 25.9, 23.6, 13.8
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2925 (s), 2852 (m), 1752 (s), 1643 (m), 1448 (m).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for $C_{22}H_{27}N_2O_2 [M+H]^+$: 351.2067, found: 351.2054.
TLC (50% EtOAc/1% Et ₃ N/hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.25 (UV, CAM).

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Methyl 2-cyclohexyl-4-(2-oxooxazolidin-3-yl)-3-phenylquinoline-6-carboxylate (4j, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (36 μ L, 0.21 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added drop-wise via syringe to a stirred mixture of amide **1f** (50 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (36 μ L, 0.38, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (540 μ L) at -78 °C. After five minutes, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C for five minutes, cooled back to -78°C, and, after five minutes, a solution of ynamide **2d** (72 mg, 0.38 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (100 μ L) was added via cannula. After an additional five minutes, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm back to 0°C. After 20 minutes, trifluoroacetic acid (150 μ L) was added to the reaction mixture to remove excess ynamide. After 15 minutes, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (7 mL) was added to quench excess acid. The mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 50% EtOAc and 2% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 15 × 3 cm) to give the quinoline derivative **4j** as a white solid (69 mg, 84%).

'H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.53 (d, 1H, $J = 1.5$ Hz, ArH), 8.33 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.0, 1.5$ Hz ArH), 8.20 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz, ArH), 7.56–7.46 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.26–7.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 4.49 (td, 1H, $J = 9.0$, 6.5 Hz, NCH ₂ CH ₂ O), 4.06–3.98 (m, 4H, NCH ₂ CH ₂ O, OCH ₃), 3.81 (td, 1H, $J = 9.0, 7.0$ Hz, OCH ₂ CH ₂ N), 3.30 (td, 1H, $J = 9.0, 6.5$ Hz, OCH ₂ CH ₂ N), 2.79–2.73 (m, 1H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.98–1.81 (m, 3H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.72–1.61 (m, 4H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.35–1.27 (m, 1H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.22–1.14 (m, 1H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.09–1.03 (m, 1H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	168.9, 166.8, 157.2, 150.8, 140.4, 135.5, 135.2, 130.4, 129.8, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 125.6, 123.5, 63.2, 52.7, 47.2, 43.6, 32.7, 32.3, 26.5, 26.4, 26.0
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2928 (m), 2853 (w), 1758 (s), 1720 (s), 1451 (m), 1413 (m), 1259 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for $C_{26}H_{27}N_2O_4 [M+H]^+: 431.1965$, found: 431.1958.
TLC (8% EtOAc/2% Et ₃ N/DCM), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.26 (UV, CAM).



4-(2-Cyclohexyl-5,6-dimethyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)pyridin-4-yl)morpholine (4k, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (66 μ L, 0.39 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added drop-wise via syringe to a stirred mixture of amide **1a** (65 mg, 0.38 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (68 μ L, 0.72, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (1.0 mL) at -78 °C. After five minutes, the reaction mixture was placed in an ice-water bath, allowed to warm to 0 °C, and a solution of ynamine **2e** (143 μ L, 0.72 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in dichloromethane (200 μ L) was added via cannula. After 20 minutes, triethylamine (0.5 mL) was added to the reaction mixture to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts. The mixture was partitioned between water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 9% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 12 × 3 cm) to give the pyridine derivative **4k** as an off-white solid (106 mg, 85%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	3.84 (t, 4H, $J = 4.5$ Hz, N(CH ₂ CH ₂) ₂ O), 3.16 (br s, 4H, O(CH ₂ CH ₂) ₂ N), 2.93 (tt, 1H, $J = 11.5$, 3.5 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 2.46 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 2.30 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 1.82–1.71 (m, 7H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.36–1.34 (m, 3H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 0.39 (s, 9H, Si(CH ₃) ₃).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	170.1, 162.2, 159.9, 128.7, 126.9, 66.9, 49.7, 44.9, 33.4, 26.8, 26.1, 23.7, 16.1, 4.2.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2923 (s), 2854 (m), 1529 (m), 1450 (m), 1367 (m), 1260 (s), 1115 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₂₀ H ₃₅ N ₂ OSi [M+H] ⁺ : 347.2513, found: 347.2507.
TLC (35% EtOAc/1% Et ₃ N/hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.42 (UV, CAM).



2-cyclohexyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-6-nitroquinoline (4n, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (65 μ L, 0.39 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added drop-wise via syringe to a stirred mixture of amide **1h** (87 mg, 0.35 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (66 μ L, 0.70, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (1.0 mL) at -78 °C. After five minutes, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C for five minutes, and a solution of alkyne **2g** (56 mg, 0.38 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in dichloromethane (200 μ L) was added via cannula. After 20 minutes, aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1.0 mL, 1 N) was added to the reaction mixture to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts. The mixture was partitioned between water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 10% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 14 × 3 cm) to give the quinoline **4n** as a white solid (116 mg, 87%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.36–8.23 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.14 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.0, 0.5$ Hz ArH), 7.17 (dt, 2H, $J = 9.0, 2.5$ Hz, ArH), 7.10 (dt, 2H, J = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, ArH), 3.95 (s, 3H, OCH ₃), 3.13 (tt, 1H, J = 11.0, 3.5 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 2.29 (s, 3H, ArCH ₃), 1.96– 1.82 (m, 7H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.51–1.41 (m, 3H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁).
¹³ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	169.9, 159.7, 148.7, 148.3, 145.0, 130.9, 130.7, 129.3, 128.6, 126.2, 123.4, 121.5, 114.5, 55.6, 43.7, 32.0, 26.9, 26.3, 16.6
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2929 (s), 2853 (m), 1609 (m), 1525 (s), 1483 (s), 1339 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calcd for $C_{23}H_{25}N_2O_3 [M+H]^+$: 377.1860, found: 377.1858.
TLC (35% EtOAc/1% Et ₃ N/hexanes), R_{f} :	0.55 (UV, CAM).



nOe data :



2-Cyclohexyl-4-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-6-nitro-quinoline (40, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (42 μ L, 0.25 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added drop-wise via syringe to a stirred mixture of amide **1h** (56 mg, 0.23 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (43 μ L, 0.45 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (760 μ L) at -78 °C. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was placed in an ice-water bath and warmed to 0 °C, and acetylene **2f** (33 μ L, 0.25 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added via syringe. After 20 minutes, aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (0.5 mL, 1N) was introduced to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts. The mixture was partitioned between dichloromethane (10 mL) and water (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 9% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 15 × 2 cm) to give the quinoline derivative **40** as a yellow solid (34 mg, 42%) and the ynone **10** as a pale yellow oil (15.3 mg, 32%).

8.87 (m, 1H, $J = 2.5$ Hz, ArH), 8.44 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.5$, 2.5 Hz, ArH), 8.20 (d, 1H, $J = 9.5$ Hz ArH), 7.46 (dt, 2H, $J = 9.0$, 2.5 Hz, ArH), 7.39 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.12 (dt, 2H, $J = 9.0$, 2.5 Hz, ArH), 3.94 (s, 3H, OCH ₃), 2.98 (tt, 1H, $J = 12.0$, 3.5 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 2.09–2.05 (m, 2H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.95–1.92 (m, 2H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.82–1.80 (m, 1H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.73–1.65 (m, 2H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.49 (qt, 2H, $J = 12.5$, 3.5 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.35 (qt, 1H, $J = 12.5$, 3.5 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁).
170.6, 160.6, 151.0, 150.6, 145.2, 131.3, 131.0, 129.4, 124.9, 123.2, 122.8, 121.8, 114.8, 55.7, 48.0, 32.8, 26.6, 26.2.
2929 (s), 2853 (m), 1609 (s), 1530 (m), 1491 (s), 1340 (s).
calc'd for $C_{22}H_{23}N_2O_3 [M+H]^+$: 363.1703, found: 363.1708.
0.41 (UV, CAM).
7.54 (dt, 2H, $J = 8.5$, 2.0 Hz, Ar H), 6.90 (dt, 2H, $J = 9.0$, 2.0 Hz, Ar H), 3.85 (s, 3H, OC H ₃), 2.50 (tt, 1H, $J = 11.0$, 3.5 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 2.08–2.04 (m, 2H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.84–1.81 (m, 2H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.70–1.67 (m, 1H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.54–1.46 (m, 2H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.35 (qt, 2H, $J = 12.5$, 3.0 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.25 (qt, 1H, $J = 12.0$, 3.0 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁).

¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	191.9, 161.7, 135.3, 114.5, 112.2, 92.7, 87.3, 55.6, 52.4, 28.6, 26.0, 25.7.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2931 (s), 2854 (m), 2192 (s), 1658 (s), 1603 (s), 1510 (s), 1253 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calcd for C ₁₆ H ₁₈ NaO ₂ [M+Na] ⁺ : 265.1199, found: 265.1209.
TLC (35% EtOAc/1% Et ₃ N/hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.56 (UV, CAM).



2-Cyclohexyl-5,7-dimethoxy-4-phenylquinoline (4r, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (71 μ L, 0.42 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added drop-wise via syringe to a stirred mixture of amide **1b** (101 mg, 0.382 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (44 μ L, 0.46, 1.2 equiv) in dichloromethane (1.3 mL) at -78 °C. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was placed in an ice-water bath, allowed to warm to 0 °C, and after five minutes silylenol ether **3d** (158 μ L, 0.768 mmol, 2.01 equiv) was added via syringe. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was heated to 45 °C in an oil bath. After an hour, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature and aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (2.0 mL, 1 N) was added to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts. The reaction mixture was partitioned between water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (10 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 10% EtOAc in hexanes; Al₂O₃: 15 × 3 cm) on neutral alumina to give the quinoline derivative **4r** as a white solid (90 mg, 62%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.40–7.36 (m, 3H, Ar H), 7.32–7.30 (m, 2H, Ar H), 7.10 (d, 1H, $J = 2.5$ Hz, Ar H), 6.96 (s, 1H, Ar H), 6.42 (d, 1H, $J = 2.5$ Hz, Ar H), 3.96 (s, 3H, OC H ₃), 3.48 (s, 3H, OC H ₃), 2.87 (tt, 1H, $J = 12.0$, 3.5 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 2.06–2.03 (m, 2H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.89–1.87 (m, 2H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.79–1.76 (m, 1H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.65–1.57 (m, 2H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.50–1.41 (m, 2H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.35–1.26 (m, 1H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	166.6, 160.9, 157.4, 151.4, 148.1, 143.2, 128.4, 127.0, 126.8, 119.6, 113.4, 100.6, 98.6, 55.7, 55.3, 47.6, 33.0, 26.7, 26.3.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2927 (s), 2851 (m), 1619 (s), 1587 (s), 1563 (m), 1451 (m), 1403 (s), 1207 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calcd for $C_{23}H_{26}NO_2 [M+H]^+$: 348.1958, found: 348.1957.
TLC (35% EtOAc/1% Et ₃ N/hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.57 (UV, CAM).



4-Cyclohexyl-8-methoxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline (4y, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (81 μ L, 0.48 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added drop-wise via syringe to a stirred mixture of amide **11** (101 mg, 0.434 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (50 μ L, 0.52, 1.2 equiv) in dichloromethane (1.5 mL) at -78°C. After five minutes, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0°C for five minutes, and silylenol ether **3g** (198 μ L, 0.868 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added via syringe. The reaction vessel was placed in a microwave reactor and heated to 140 °C. After one hour, the reaction vessel was removed from the microwave reactor and allowed to cool to ambient temperature. Aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1 mL, 1 N) was added to the reaction mixture to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts. The mixture was partitioned between water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (10 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 9% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 15 × 3 cm) on neutralized silica gel to give the quinoline derivative **4y** as a white solid (91 mg, 75%).

¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.98 (d, 1H, $J = 9.5$ Hz, ArH), 7.27–7.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, 1H, $J = 3.0$ Hz, ArH), 3.93 (s, 3H, OCH ₃), 3.22 (t, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂), 3.13 (t, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂), 2.86 (tt, 1H, $J = 11.5$, 3.5 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 2.27 (p, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂), 1.91–1.89 (m, 4H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.83–1.76 (m, 3H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.45-1.39 (m, 3H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	160.9, 157.1, 148.4, 143.3, 135.4, 131.0, 125.8, 120.2, 102.2, 55.6, 44.7, 31.8, 31.5, 31.3, 26.9, 26.3, 24.2.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	3323 (w), 2924 (s), 2855 (s), 1621 (s), 1592 (s), 1505 (s), 1459 (s), 1344 (m).
HRMS (ESI):	calcd for $C_{19}H_{24}NO [M+H]^+$: 282.1852, found: 282.1866.
TLC (35% EtOAc/1% Et ₃ N/hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.62 (UV, CAM).



Methyl 4-cyclohexyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline-8-carboxylate (4z, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (62 µL, 0.37 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added drop-wise via syringe to a stirred mixture of amide 1f (87 mg, 0.33 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (63 µL, 0.67, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (800 µL) at -78°C. After five minutes, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C for five minutes, cooled back to -78 °C, and after an additional five minutes a solution of silylenol ether 3g (134 µL, 0.67 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (300 µL) was added via cannula. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C for five minutes, and the reaction vessel was placed in a microwave reactor and heated to 140 °C. After one hour, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature and aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1 mL, 1N) was added to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts. The mixture was partitioned between water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (10 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with dichloromethane (2×10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 9% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 15×3 cm) to give the quinoline derivative 4z as an off-white solid (49 mg, 48%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.52 (d, 1H, $J = 2.0$ Hz, ArH), 8.19 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.0$, 2.0 Hz, ArH), 8.09 (d, 1H, $J = 8.5$ Hz, ArH), 3.99 (s, 3H, OCH ₃), 3.33 (t, 2H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂), 3.15 (t, 2H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂), 2.91 (tt, 1H, $J = 12.0$, 3.0 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 2.30 (p, 2H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂), 1.92–1.91 (m, 4H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.84–1.77 (m, 3H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.49-1.37 (m, 3H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	167.3, 165.9, 151.2, 149.5, 136.2, 129.8, 127.6, 127.5, 126.7, 124.4, 52.4, 45.0, 31.7, 31.4, 31.4, 26.8, 26.2, 24.2.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2926 (s), 2850 (m), 1722 (s), 1452 (m), 1262 (s), 1250 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for $C_{20}H_{24}NO_2 [M+H]^+$: 310.1802, found: 310.1801.
TLC (35% EtOAc/1% Et ₃ N/hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.51 (UV, CAM).



4-cyclohexyl-8-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-cyclopenta[c]quinoline (4aa, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (77 μ L, 0.45 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added via syringe drop-wise to a stirred mixture of amide **1h** (103 mg, 0.413 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (78 μ L, 0.82 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (1.0 mL) at -78 °C. After five minutes, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C for five minutes, cooled back to -78°C, and, after five minutes, a solution of silyl ether **3g** (163 mg, 0.822 mmol, 1.99 equiv) in dichloromethane (400 μ L) was added via cannula. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C for five minutes, and the reaction vessel was placed in a microwave reactor and heated to 140 °C. After one hour, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature and aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1 mL, 1N) was added to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts. The mixture was partitioned between dichloromethane (10 mL) and water (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 9% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 15 × 3 cm) to give the quinoline derivative **4aa** as a yellow solid (33 mg, 27%).

¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.67 (d, 1H, $J = 2.8$, ArH), 8.33 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2.8 Hz ArH), 8.11 (m, 1H, $J = 9.2$ Hz, ArH), 3.32 (t, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂), 3.14 (t, 2H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂), 2.89 (tt, 1H, $J = 11.6$, 3.2 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 2.30 (p, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂), 1.91–1.86 (m, 4H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.81–1.71 (m, 3H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 145.–1.27 (m, 3H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	167.6, 152.0, 149.8, 144.7, 137.6, 131.2, 124.1, 121.6, 121.4, 45.1, 31.8, 31.5, 31.4, 26.8, 26.2, 24.2.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2929 (s), 2853 (m), 1600 (m), 1528 (m), 1492 (m), 1340 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calcd for $C_{18}H_{21}N_2O_2 [M+H]^+: 297.1598$, found: 297.1592.
TLC (9% EtOAc/1% Et ₃ N/hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.37 (UV, CAM).



6-Cyclohexyl-2-methoxy-7H-indeno[2,1-c]quinoline (4bb, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (81 µL, 0.48 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added drop-wise via syringe to a stirred mixture of amide 11 (102 mg, 0.438 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (83 µL, 0.88, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (1.0 mL) at -78 °C. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was placed in an ice-water bath and warmed to 0 °C. After 5 min, the mixture was cooled back to -78 °C and after another 5 min a solution of the silylenol ether 3h (216 µL, 0.875 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in dichloromethane (460 uL) was added via cannula. After 5 min, the reaction vessel was placed in an ice-water bath and warmed to 0 °C, and after an additional 5 min, the reaction vessel was placed in the microwave reactor and heated to 140°C. After an hour, the reaction vessel was removed from the microwave reactor and cooled to ambient temperature before adding aqueous sodium hydroxide (1 mL) to the reaction mixture to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts. The mixture was partitioned between water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (10 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 9% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 15×3 cm) to give the quinoline derivative **4bb** as an offwhite solid (95 mg, 66%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.34 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, ArH), 8.11 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz ArH), 7.93 (d, 1H, $J = 2.5$ Hz, ArH), 7.72 (d, 1H, $J =$ 7.5, ArH), 7.55 (td, 1H, $J =$ 7.5, 1.0 Hz, ArH), 7.48 (td, 1H, $J =$ 7.5, 1.0 Hz, ArH), 7.39 (dd, 1H, $J =$ 9.5, 2.5 Hz, ArH), 4.07 (s, 2H, CH ₂), 4.06 (s, 3H, OCH ₃), 3.11–3.06 (m, 1H, ${}^{c}C_{6}H_{11}$), 2.00–1.89 (m, 6H, ${}^{c}C_{6}H_{11}$), 1.85–1.81 (m, 1H, ${}^{c}C_{6}H_{11}$), 1.55–1.43 (m, 3H, ${}^{c}C_{6}H_{11}$).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	160.6, 157.5, 144.6, 144.4, 143.1, 141.6, 134.8, 131.7, 127.7, 127.3, 125.4, 124.4, 123.8, 120.0, 102.4, 55.7, 44.4, 36.0, 31.9, 27.0, 26.3
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	2929 (s), 2848 (m), 1643 (w), 1625 (m), 1568 (m), 1508 (s), 1221 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for $C_{23}H_{24}NO[M+H]^+$: 330.1852, found: 330.1845.
TLC (35% EtOAc/1% Et ₃ N/hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.42 (UV, CAM).



6-Cyclohexyl-2-methoxy-11H-indeno[1,2-c]quinoline (4cc, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (81 μ L, 0.48 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added drop-wise via syringe to a stirred mixture of amide **11** (101 mg, 0.433 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (49 μ L, 0.52, 1.2 equiv) in dichloromethane (1.5 mL) at -78 °C. After five minutes, the reaction mixture was placed in an ice-water bath, allowed to warm to 0 °C for five minutes, and a solution of the silylenol ether **3i** (220 μ L, 0.866 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in dichloromethane (200 μ L) was added via cannula. The reaction vessel was placed in a microwave reactor and heated to 140 °C. After one hour, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature and sodium hydroxide solution (1 mL, 1 N) was added to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts. The mixture was partitioned between dichloromethane (10 mL) and water (10 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 9% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 15 × 3 cm) to give the quinoline derivative **4cc** as an off-white solid (112 mg, 78%).

'H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.03 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz, ArH), 7.96 (d, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz ArH), 7.67 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, ArH), 7.48 (td, 1H, $J =$ 7.5, 0.5 Hz, ArH), 7.38 (td, 1H, $J = 7.5$, 0.5 Hz, ArH), 7.32 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.0$, 2.5 Hz, ArH), 7.20 (d, 1H, $J = 3.0$ Hz, ArH), 4.17 (s, 2H, CH ₂), 3.98 (s, 3H, OCH ₃), 3.52 (tt, 1H, $J = 11.5$, 3.0 Hz, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 2.17–2.15 (m, 2H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 2.03–1.99 (m, 2H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.96–1.87 (m, 3H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.66–1.57 (m, 2H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.50–1.41 (m, 1H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	159.7, 157.6, 148.5, 143.5, 142.5, 141.3, 133.3, 131.5, 127.5, 126.6, 125.6, 125.2, 123.3, 121.1, 101.7, 55.8, 43.9, 36.0, 31.5, 27.1, 26.5.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	3432 (br), 2927 (s), 2850 (m), 1622 (m), 1574 (w), 1477 (w), 1220 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for $C_{23}H_{24}NO [M+H]^+$: 330.1852, found: 330.1843.
TLC (35% EtOAc/1% Et ₃ N/hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.44 (UV, CAM).



(Z)-2-(Cyclohexyl(4-methoxyphenylamino)methylene)cyclopentanone (8, equation 4):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (82 μ L, 0.49 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added drop-wise via syringe to a stirred mixture of amide **1f** (103 mg, 0.439 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (50 μ L, 0.53, 1.2 equiv) in dichloromethane (1.5 mL) at -78°C. After five minutes, the reaction mixture was placed in an ice-water bath, allowed to warm to 0°C for five minutes, and silylenol ether **3e** (158 μ L, 0.885 mmol, 2.01 equiv) was added via syringe. After five minutes, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature. After 20 minutes, aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (2 mL) was added to the reaction mixture to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts. The mixture was partitioned between water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 19% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 13 × 3 cm) to give the vinylogous amide **8** as a pale-yellow oil (102 mg, 78%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	12.48 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.00 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz, ArH), 6.88 (d, 2H, $J = 8.5$ Hz, ArH), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH ₃), 2.77 (t, 2H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂), 2.50–2.46 (m, 1H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 2.35 (t, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂), 1.88 (p, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂), 1.74–1.58 (m, 7H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁), 1.15–1.06 (m, 3H, ^c C ₆ H ₁₁).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	204.6, 164.9, 157.9, 132.3, 127.8, 114.3, 103.1, 55.7, 40.5, 38.8, 28.9, 28.7, 26.4, 25.9, 21.5.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2930 (s), 2852 (m), 1618 (s), 1576 (s), 1512 (s), 1450 (m), 1240 (s), 1211 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calcd for $C_{19}H_{26}NO_2 [M+H]^+$: 300.1958, found: 300.1947.
TLC (20% EtOAc/1% Et ₃ N/hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.25 (UV, CAM).

Crystal Structure of quinoline 4j (Table 1).





Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 4j.

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$b = 6.055(5) \approx$	$\beta = 97.944(14)\infty$.
$c = 20.972(16) \approx$	$\gamma = 90\infty$.
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$\begin{array}{ccccc} C(10) & & -1044(1) & 5488(2) \\ C(11) & & -1328(1) & 1920(2) \\ C(12) & & -468(1) & 2003(2) \\ C(21) & & -427(1) & 2949(2) \\ C(22) & & -1224(1) & 3624(2) \\ C(23) & & -1829(1) & 2233(2) \\ C(24) & & -1642(1) & 145(2) \\ C(25) & & -852(1) & -536(2) \\ \end{array}$	2111(1)	14(1)
$\begin{array}{cccc} C(11) & -1328(1) & 1920(2) \\ C(12) & -468(1) & 2003(2) \\ C(21) & -427(1) & 2949(2) \\ C(22) & -1224(1) & 3624(2) \\ C(23) & -1829(1) & 2233(2) \\ C(24) & -1642(1) & 145(2) \\ C(25) & -852(1) & -536(2) \\ \end{array}$	1535(1)	16(1)
$\begin{array}{cccc} C(12) & -468(1) & 2003(2) \\ C(21) & -427(1) & 2949(2) \\ C(22) & -1224(1) & 3624(2) \\ C(23) & -1829(1) & 2233(2) \\ C(24) & -1642(1) & 145(2) \\ C(25) & -852(1) & -536(2) \end{array}$	1262(1)	19(1)
$\begin{array}{cccc} C(21) & -427(1) & 2949(2) \\ C(22) & -1224(1) & 3624(2) \\ C(23) & -1829(1) & 2233(2) \\ C(24) & -1642(1) & 145(2) \\ C(25) & -852(1) & -536(2) \end{array}$	1587(1)	18(1)
$\begin{array}{cccc} C(22) & & -1224(1) & 3624(2) \\ C(23) & & -1829(1) & 2233(2) \\ C(24) & & -1642(1) & 145(2) \\ C(25) & & -852(1) & -536(2) \end{array}$	3090(1)	15(1)
$\begin{array}{cccc} C(23) & & -1829(1) & 2233(2) \\ C(24) & & -1642(1) & 145(2) \\ C(25) & & -852(1) & -536(2) \end{array}$	2990(1)	17(1)
$\begin{array}{c} C(24) & -1642(1) & 145(2) \\ C(25) & -852(1) & -536(2) \end{array}$	3125(1)	20(1)
C(25) -852(1) -536(2)	3360(1)	22(1)
	3464(1)	21(1)
C(26) -248(1) 850(2)	3330(1)	18(1)
C(31) 926(1) 4662(2)	4065(1)	15(1)
C(32) 1654(1) 3147(2)	4215(1)	21(1)
C(33) 1770(1) 2439(2)	4914(1)	25(1)
C(34) 1845(1) 4415(2)	5359(1)	23(1)
C(35) 1126(1) 5918(2)	5213(1)	22(1)
C(36) 1013(1) 6642(2)	4517(1)	20(1)
N(1) -420(1) 4267(2)	1812(1)	14(1)
N(3) 1327(1) 6868(2)	3226(1)	16(1)
O(1) -1157(1) 7422(1)	1608(1)	22(1)
O(2) -1551(1) 4209(1)	1145(1)	18(1)
O(3) 929(1) 8872(2)	219(1)	25(1)
O(4) 1343(1) 12056(1)	689(1)	22(1)
C(13) 1158(1) 9920(2)	692(1)	17(1)
C(14) 1217(1) 13123(2)	73(1)	26(1)

Table S2. Atomic coordinates (x 10⁴) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\approx^2 x \ 10^3$) for 4j. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

		C(10)-O(1)
$\overline{\mathrm{C}(1)}$ - $\mathrm{C}(2)$	1.3626(19)	C(10)-O(2)
C(1)-C(9)	1.4070(17)	C(10)-N(1)
C(1)-N(1)	1.4088(16)	C(11)-O(2)
C(2)-C(3)	1.4265(17)	C(11)-C(12)
C(2)-C(21)	1.4789(17)	C(12)-N(1)
C(3)-N(3)	1.3117(16)	C(21)-C(26)
C(3)-C(31)	1.498(2)	C(21)-C(22)
C(4)-N(3)	1.3514(18)	C(22)-C(23)
C(4)-C(9)	1.4032(18)	C(23)-C(24)
C(4)-C(5)	1.4073(18)	C(24)-C(25)
C(5)-C(6)	1.353(2)	C(25)-C(26)
C(6)-C(7)	1.4040(18)	C(31)-C(36)

1.3632(18)

1.475(2)

Table 3. Bond lengths $[\approx]$ and angles $[\infty]$ for 4j.

C(7)-C(8)

C(7)-C(13)

C(8)-C(9)

C(31)-C(32)

C(32)-C(33)

1.3999(19)

1.1994(17) 1.3405(15) 1.3448(16) 1.4472(18) 1.507(2) 1.4481(18) 1.3855(19) 1.3855(19) 1.3777(19) 1.377(2) 1.376(2) 1.3744(19) 1.5226(19)

1.5245(19)

1.514(2)

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C(33)-C(34)	1.511(2)	O(2)-C(11)-C(12)	104.65(10)	
C(34)-C(35)	1.507(2)	N(1)-C(12)-C(11)	100.69(9)	
C(35)-C(36)	1.511(2)	C(26)-C(21)-C(22)	118.79(11)	
O(3)-C(13)	1.1942(17)			
O(4)-C(13)	1.3303(18)	C(26)-C(21)-C(2)	121.82(11)	
O(4)-C(14)	1.4342(18)	C(22)-C(21)-C(2)	119.34(12)	
		C(23)-C(22)-C(21)	120.75(13)	
C(2)-C(1)-C(9)	120.88(11)	C(24)-C(23)-C(22)	119.82(13)	
C(2)-C(1)-N(1)	120.17(11)	C(25)-C(24)-C(23)	119.86(12)	
C(9)-C(1)-N(1)	118.95(11)	C(26)-C(25)-C(24)	120.39(13)	
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	117.53(11)	C(25)-C(26)-C(21)	120.38(12)	
C(1)-C(2)-C(21)	119.38(10)	C(3)-C(31)-C(36)	111.72(11)	
C(3)-C(2)-C(21)	122.98(11)	C(3)-C(31)-C(32)	110.60(10)	
N(3)-C(3)-C(2)	122.76(12)	C(36)-C(31)-C(32)	109.93(11)	
N(3)-C(3)-C(31)	115.60(10)	C(33)-C(32)-C(31)	111.25(11)	
C(2)-C(3)-C(31)	121.63(11)	C(34)-C(33)-C(32)	111.21(12)	
N(3)-C(4)-C(9)	122.39(11)	C(35)-C(34)-C(33)	110.96(11)	
N(3)-C(4)-C(5)	118.43(11)	C(34)-C(35)-C(36)	111.23(11)	
C(9)-C(4)-C(5)	119.17(12)	C(35)-C(36)-C(31)	111.17(12)	
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	120.44(12)	C(10)-N(1)-C(1)	122.86(11)	
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	120.19(12)	C(10)-N(1)-C(12)	112.02(10)	
C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	120.61(12)	C(1)-N(1)-C(12)	125.04(10)	
C(8)-C(7)-C(13)	117.63(11)	C(3)-N(3)-C(4)	119.24(11)	
C(6)-C(7)-C(13)	121.61(12)	C(10)-O(2)-C(11)	108.87(10)	
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	119.94(11)	C(13)-O(4)-C(14)	115.84(11)	
C(8)-C(9)-C(4)	119.45(12)	O(3)-C(13)-O(4)	124.19(12)	
C(8)-C(9)-C(1)	123.56(11)	O(3)-C(13)-C(7)	124.98(12)	
C(4)-C(9)-C(1)	116.94(12)	O(4) - C(13) - C(7)	110.78(11)	
O(1)-C(10)-O(2)	122.90(11)		× /	
O(1)-C(10)-N(1)	127.54(12)	Symmetry transformation	s used to generate equivale	ent
O(2)-C(10)-N(1)	109.56(11)	atoms	5 1	

Table 4. Anisotropic displacement parameters ($\approx^2 x \ 10^3$) for 4j. The anisotropicdisplacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2$ [$h^2a^{*2}U^{11} + ... + 2h k a^* b^* U^{12}$]

	U ¹¹	U ²²	U ³³	U ²³	U ¹³	U ¹²
C(1)	11(1)	11(1)	20(1)	-1(1)	0(1)	0(1)
C(2)	11(1)	11(1)	19(1)	1(1)	2(1)	1(1)
C(3)	12(1)	13(1)	18(1)	0(1)	1(1)	2(1)
C(4)	12(1)	13(1)	20(1)	1(1)	1(1)	1(1)
C(5)	14(1)	17(1)	21(1)	1(1)	1(1)	-3(1)
C(6)	14(1)	16(1)	23(1)	2(1)	3(1)	-3(1)
C(7)	14(1)	14(1)	20(1)	2(1)	3(1)	2(1)
C(8)	13(1)	14(1)	19(1)	1(1)	1(1)	1(1)
C(9)	12(1)	11(1)	20(1)	1(1)	1(1)	1(1)
C(10)	14(1)	14(1)	19(1)	2(1)	1(1)	-1(1)
C(11)	18(1)	12(1)	24(1)	-1(1)	-2(1)	0(1)
C(12)	17(1)	12(1)	25(1)	-4(1)	0(1)	1(1)
C(21)	14(1)	14(1)	16(1)	-1(1)	1(1)	-3(1)
C(22)	17(1)	16(1)	19(1)	0(1)	1(1)	0(1)
C(23)	14(1)	23(1)	23(1)	-1(1)	2(1)	-2(1)
C(24)	20(1)	21(1)	24(1)	1(1)	4(1)	-8(1)
C(25)	24(1)	14(1)	23(1)	2(1)	2(1)	-4(1)
C(26)	16(1)	15(1)	21(1)	0(1)	1(1)	0(1)
C(31)	13(1)	16(1)	18(1)	$1\dot{\Omega}$	1(1)	-10)
C(32)	20(1)	21(1)	23(1)	4(1)	3(1)	6(1)
C(33)	27(1)	24(1)	24(1)	6(1)	1(1)	8(1)

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C(34)	19(1)	28(1)	21(1)	5(1)	-2(1)	-2(1)
C(35)	24(1)	22(1)	18(1)	0(1)	-1(1)	0(1)
C(36)	24(1)	17(1)	20(1)	0(1)	-2(1)	2(1)
N(1)	14(1)	10(1)	19(1)	0(1)	-1(1)	-1(1)
N(3)	13(1)	15(1)	19(1)	2(1)	1(1)	0(1)
O(1)	21(1)	11(1)	33(1)	1(1)	-2(1)	1(1)
O(2)	18(1)	12(1)	23(1)	1(1)	-4(1)	-1(1)
O(3)	34(1)	20(1)	20(1)	1(1)	4(1)	-2(1)
O(4)	28(1)	15(1)	22(1)	5(1)	3(1)	-3(1)
C(13)	14(1)	15(1)	23(1)	3(1)	4(1)	1(1)
C(14)	34(1)	19(1)	24(1)	9(1)	5(1)	2(1)

Table 5.	Hydrogen coordinates	x 10 ⁴) and isotrop	ic displacement	parameters	$(\approx^2 x \ 10^3)$	for 4j .
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	x	у	Z	U(eq)
H(5)	2167	9897	2800	21
H(6)	2090	11248	1769	22
H(8)	402	6690	1134	19
H(11A)	-1368	1090	852	22
H(11B)	-1679	1209	1544	22
H(12A)	-373	942	1948	22
H(12B)	-83	1712	1279	22
H(22)	-1354	5062	2827	21
H(23)	-2373	2713	3056	24
H(24)	-2058	-823	3451	26
H(25)	-724	-1973	3629	25
H(26)	296	365	3403	21
H(31)	436	3817	4142	19
H(32A)	1579	1823	3936	26
H(32B)	2143	3928	4120	26
H(33A)	1307	1525	4999	30
H(33B)	2263	1524	5003	30
H(34A)	1887	3905	5811	27
H(34B)	2341	5242	5308	27
H(35A)	1202	7235	5495	26
H(35B)	637	5136	5306	26
H(36A)	1481	7540	4434	25
H(36B)	525	7577	4431	25
H(14A)	1617	12593	-190	38
H(14B)	1273	14724	131	38
H(14C)	675	12781	-143	38

Chapter IV

Synthesis of Densely Subsitututed Pyrimidine Derivatives
Introduction and Background

Pyrimidine derivatives are a significant class of azaheterocycles that are found in many natural products and pharmaceuticals.¹ Cytosine and thymine are key DNA building blocks and are prevalent in nature (Figure 1), as are more complex pyrimidine containing alkaloids like cylindrospermopsin,² hyrantinadine A,³ and dehydrobatzelladine C.⁴ Some examples of pharmaceutically relevant compounds containing the pyrimidine core structure are Gleevec⁵ and sulfadiazine.⁶



Figure 1. Representative organic compounds containing pyrimidine substructure.

Pyrimidines have inspired the development of new methodologies for their chemical synthesis for over a century. In addition to reports concerning variation of established protocols,⁷ new methods⁸ are also described that rely on the union of amine- and carbonyl-containing fragments to assemble the important pyrimidine substructures of interest (Scheme 1). Additionally, the advancement of transition-metal catalyzed methodologies for cross-coupling of activated azaheterocycles offers complementary access to substituted azaheterocycles⁹ (Scheme 2).



Scheme 1. Representative examples of pyrimidine syntheses.

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Scheme 2. Cross-coupling with pyrimidine derivatives.

In chapter III, we discussed the development of a methodology¹⁰ for the convergent synthesis of pyridine derivatives in a single step from the corresponding *N*-vinyl/aryl¹¹ amides. This methodology relies on electrophilic amide activation¹² using the reagent combination of trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride¹³ (Tf₂O) and 2-chloropyridine¹⁴ (2-ClPyr). In this chapter, we discuss the use of cyanic acid derivatives as nucleophiles for rapid synthesis of versatile C4-heteroatom substituted pyrimidines (eq 1). Furthermore, we discuss the utility of this chemistry in the synthesis of a variety of pyrimidine

derivatives that are not directly accessible due to functional group incompatibility with the condensation reaction conditions. In addition, we describe the use of various amide analogues that provide access to a variety of C2-substituents on the pyrimidine core.



Results and Discussion

Scheme 3 illustrates a plausible mechanism for the union of an *N*-vinyl/aryl amide **1** with nitrile **2** by interception of an activated intermediate¹⁵ followed by cyclization of the nitrilium ion **5** to give the corresponding substituted pyrimidine **6**. Amongst the various nucleophiles we have explored for this chemistry, nitriles proved to be most sensitive to conditions for amide activation, their addition being inhibited even by the excess 2-CIPyr additive. The prevalence of C4-heteroatom substituted pyrimidine derivatives in fine chemicals and pharmaceuticals coupled with our observations that more electron rich nucleophiles served as excellent condensation partners prompted our investigation of cyanic acid derivatives in the context of our pyrimidine synthesis methodology.



Scheme 3. Synthesis of pyrimidine derivatives.

The use of a variety of cyanic acid derivatives in the direct synthesis of C4-heteroatom substituted pyrimidine derivatives is shown in Table 1. Synthesis of the 4-morpholinopyrimidine **6a** is illustrative: introduction of Tf_2O to a solution of *N*-vinyl

amide 1a, morpholine-4-carbonitrile (2a), and 2-ClPyr in dichloromethane at -78 °C followed by warming to 23 °C gave the desired azaheterocycle 6a in 87% yield. Both Nvinyl and N-aryl amides serve as effective coupling partners with various cyanic acid derivatives to give the corresponding azaheterocycles. We recommend either simple warming to 23 °C after electrophilic activation or heating at 140 °C in a microwave reactor to accelerate the rate of cyclization. The union of morpholine-4-carbonitrile (2a) with amides 1a, 1b and 1c gave the corresponding pyrimidines 6a and 6b, and quinazoline 6c, respectively, within an hour at 23 °C (Condition A). The use of the less nucleophilic 1,3-dioxoisoindoline-2-carbonitrile (2b) necessitated the use of more forcing cyclization conditions (Condition B) to deliver the desired azaheterocycles. Interestingly, while cyanatobenzene (2c) afforded the targeted pyrimidine 6f and quinazoline 6g in moderate yield (Table 1), the use of thiocyanatobenzene failed to provide the corresponding 4-thiophenyl substituted azaheterocycles in synthetically useful yields.¹⁶ Based on our interest in the synthesis of 4-thio-derivatives as versatile precursors to other compounds of interest¹⁷ we were delighted to see the formation of the desired products **6h-k** (Table 1) in good yield using thiocyanatomethane (2d) as the nucleophile in this chemistry. Importantly, even cyanic bromide (2e) can be used as a starting material in this azaheterocycle synthesis illustrated by 4-bromo-quinazolines **61** and **6m** (Table 1).¹⁸ The direct synthesis of azaheterocycles 6h-6m is noteworthy as they offer exciting options for introduction of a wide range of other substituents at C4.¹⁹

Similar to the examples discussed in chapter III, warming to room temperature or heating in the microwave is only necessary for more recalcitrant substrates. For instance, the addition of thiocyanatomethane 2d to a solution of *N*-vinyl amide 1b leads to complete conversion and formation of the corresponding pyridine derivative 6j in 81% yield at sub-ambient temperature (Scheme 2). It is noteworthy that most other protocols for synthesis of highly substituted azaheterocycles, on the other hand, require heating at high temperatures.^{7,8,9}



^aAll yields are average of two experiments. ${}^{c}Hx = cyclohexyl$. PMB = *p*-methoxybenzyl. Uniform reaction conditions unless otherwise noted: Tf₂O (1.1 equiv), 2-ClPyr (1.2 equiv), nucleophile (2.0 equiv), CH₂Cl₂. Heating: A = 23 °C, 1 h; B = microwave, 140 °C, 5 min; C = 1,2-dichloroethane, reflux, 2h, nucleophile. ^bNucleophile (1.1 equiv). ^cHeat in the microwave for 10 min. ^{*}Experiments carried out by my colleague, Matthew D. Hill.

Table 1. Synthesis of Pyrimidines and Quinazolines.^a



The conversion of 4-bromoquinazoline **6m** to azaheterocycles **6s-6v** (Scheme 4) is illustrative of the versatility of the products accessed using cyanic bromide (**2e**), as the nucleophilic component in this chemistry. Tin hydride based reduction²⁰ of C4-Br **6m** proceeded cleanly to give product **6s** in 99% yield. It is important to note that the use of trimethylsilyl cyanide in our condensative synthesis of pyrimidines did not proceed under optimal conditions.²¹ Furthermore, treatment of 4-bromoquinazoline **6m** with butylamine, ammonia, or aqueous sodium hydroxide gave the corresponding 4-butylaminoquinazoline **6t**, 4-aminoquinazoline **6u**, and the quinazoline-4(*3H*)-one **6v**, respectively (Scheme 4). It should be noted that products **6t-6v** could not be accessed directly by condensation of amide **1c** with the respective cyanamide or cyanate nucleophiles.²²



Scheme 4. Derivatization reactions of pyrimidines.

We have also been interested in expansion of our chemistry to address the need for synthesis of pyrimidines with maximum flexibility for the C2-substituent. In prior studies we have demonstrated the use of various benzoic, heteroaromatic, alkanoic, and alk-2enoic amide derivatives in our condensative synthesis of azaheterocycles. These substrates offer the corresponding 2-alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and vinyl azaheterocycles. However, we have that formamides are not substrates for this azaheterocycles synthesis methodology due to competing formation of isonitriles during the activation of the substrates.²³ The rapid decarboxylation of pyrimidine-2-carboxylic acids²⁴ prompted exploration of oxamates as substrates for our azaheterocycle synthesis. Simple acylation of amines using the commercially available methyl 2-chloro-2-oxoacetate provides the necessary substrates for condensative union with various nucleophiles. As an illustration, the coupling of amide **1f** with cyclohexylnitrile (**2f**) and thiocyanatomethane (**2d**) provided the corresponding quinazolines **6n** and **6o**, respectively (Table 1). The simple decarboxylation of quinazoline-2-carboxylate **6n** to the corresponding quinazoline **6w** is shown in equation 3. The use of readily available oxamates in our azaheterocycle synthesis followed by decarboxylation affords access to products that are not viable using formamides as discussed above. Notably, (2*H*)-quinazolines are important kinase inhibitors and are of value in the development of anti-cancer drugs.²⁵



The synthesis of 2-aminoazaheterocycles is of interest due to their prevalence in a variety of pharmacological drug targets.²⁶ Typically, their synthesis involves condensation of guanidine derivatives with appropriate coupling partners. We had previously noted that trisubstituted ureas function effectively under activation conditions for both pyridine and pyrimidine synthesis using our methodology. However, less substituted ureas simply undergo dehydration under the activation conditions.²⁷ In this regard the use of *para*-methoxybenzyl amine derived ureas as substrates provides a solution for rapid access to the desired 2-aminoazaheterocycles by simple unraveling of the C2-amino group post azaheterocycle synthesis. For example, the direct condensation of methoxybenzylurea derivative **1g** with cyclohexanecarbonitrile (**2f**) gave the desired methoxybenzylquinazoline **6p** in 84% yield (Table 1). Treatment of the quinazoline **6p**

with hydrogen bromide in toluene at reflux results in the desired 2-aminoquinazoline 6x as shown in equation 4.



Similarly, use of the methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylurea **1 h** and the phenyl carbamate **1 i** in this methodology affords the corresponding 2dimethylhydroxyaminoquinazoline **6q** and 2-phenoxy **6r**, respectively (Table 1). It should be noted that carbamothioates did not provide 2-thiopyrimidines in synthetically useful yields.²⁸

Conclusion

In summary, the direct condensation of cyanic acid derivatives with *N*-vinyl/aryl amides affords the corresponding C4-heteroatom substituted pyrimidines. In particular, the use of cyanic bromide and thiocyanatomethane in this chemistry yields versatile azaheterocycles ready for further C4 derivatization. Additionally, we describe the use oxamates and benzylated ureas to access C2-H and C2-amino azaheterocycles, compounds previously inaccessible using this methodology. This chemistry provides densely substituted and functionalized pyrimidine derivatives and extends the scope of this condensative strategy for azaheterocycle synthesis.

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Experimental Section

General Procedures. All reactions were performed in oven-dried or flame-dried round bottomed flasks, modified Schlenk (Kjeldahl shape) flasks, or glass pressure vessels. The flasks were fitted with rubber septa and reactions were conducted under a positive pressure of argon. Stainless steel syringes or cannulae were used to transfer air- and moisture-sensitive liquids. Flash column chromatography was performed as described by Still et al. using silica gel (60-Å pore size, $32-63 \mu m$, standard grade) or non-activated alumina gel (80–325 mesh, chromatographic grade).¹ Analytical thin–layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel or neutral alumina gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light and/or by exposure to an ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid (PMA), an acidic solution of *p*-anisaldehyde (anis), an aqueous solution of ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM), an aqueous solution of potassium permanganate (KMnO₄) or an ethanolic solution of ninhydrin followed by heating (<1 min) on a hot plate (~250 °C). Organic solutions were concentrated on rotary evaporators at ~10 Torr (house vacuum) at 25–35 °C, then at ~0.5 Torr (vacuum pump) unless otherwise indicated.

Materials. Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received with the following exceptions: Dichloromethane, diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, acetonitrile, and toluene were purified by the method of Grubbs et al. under positive argon pressure.² 2-Chloropyridine, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,4-dioxane, and *n*-butylamine were distilled from calcium hydride and stored sealed under an argon atmosphere. The starting amides were prepared by acylation of the corresponding anilines³ or via previously reported copper–catalyzed C–N bond–forming reactions.^{4,5} The starting ureas and carbamate were prepared by addition of the corresponding amines and phenol, respectively, to the corresponding isocyanates.

Instrumentation. All reaction conducted at 140 °C were performed in a microwave reactor. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra were recorded with an inverse probe 500 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale and are referenced from the residual protium in the NMR solvent (CHCl₃: δ 7.24; DMSO-*d*₅: δ 2.50). Data is reported as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), integration, coupling constant(s) in Hertz, assignment]. Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded with a 500 MHz spectrometer and are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale and are referenced from the carbon resonances of the solvent (CDCl₃: δ 77.23; DMF-*d*₇: 163.15, DMSO-*d*₆: 39.51). Data is reported as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant(s) in Hertz, assignment]. Infrared data were obtained with an FTIR and are reported as follows: [frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹), intensity of absorption (s = strong, m = medium, w = weak, br = broad), assignment].

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4-(2,5-Diphenylpyrimidin-4-yl)morpholine (6b, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (43 μ L, 0.26 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added via syringe over 1 min to a stirred mixture of amide **1b** (52 mg, 0.23 mmol, 1 equiv), nucleophile **2a** (26 μ L, 0.26 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (26 μ L, 0.28 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in dichloromethane (800 μ L) at -78 °C. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was placed in an ice-water bath for 5 min and warmed to 0 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to warm to ambient temperature. After 1 h, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (1 mL) was introduced to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts. The mixture was diluted with H₂O (5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 15% EtOAc in hexanes; SiO₂: 11 × 2.0 cm) on silica gel to give pyrimidine derivative **6b** as a white solid (57 mg, 77%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.42–8.40 (m, 2H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.48–7.42 (m, 7H), 7.37–7.33 (m, 1H), 3.65 (t, 4H, $J = 5.0$ Hz), 3.39 (t, 4H, $J = 5.0$ Hz).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	162.4, 162.3, 158.3, 138.1, 137.7, 130.6, 129.3, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 119.5, 66.7, 47.9.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2962 (m), 2853 (m), 1587 (m), 1565 (s), 1527 (s), 1429 (s), 1119 (s), 965 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₂₀ H ₂₀ N ₃ O [M+H] ⁺ : 318.1601, found: 318.1611.
mp:	94-95 °C
TLC (15% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.30 (UV).



4-(Methylthio)-2,5-diphenylpyrimidine (6j, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (47 μ L, 0.28 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added via syringe over 1 min to a stirred mixture of amide **1b** (56 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), nucleophile **2d** (37 μ L, 0.51 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (29 μ L, 0.30 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in dichloromethane (900 μ L) at -78 °C. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was placed in an ice-water bath for 5 min and warmed to 0 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to warm to ambient temperature. After 1 h, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (1 mL) was introduced to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts. The mixture was diluted with H₂O (5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 15% EtOAc in hexanes; SiO₂: 11 × 2.0 cm) on silica gel to give pyrimidine derivative **6j** as a white solid (57 mg, 81%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.51–8.49 (m, 2H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.50–7.44 (m, 8H), 2.64 (s, 3H).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	168.5, 162.4, 154.0, 137.7, 135.0, 131.3, 130.9, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.3, 13.3.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	3057 (m), 2919 (m), 1558 (s), 1508 (s), 1416 (s), 1404 (s), 1355.
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₇ H ₁₅ N ₂ S [M+H] ⁺ : 279.0950, found: 279.0960.
TLC (15% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.60 (UV).



2-Cyclohexyl-4,5-dimethyl-6-(methylthio)pyrimidine (6k, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (27 μ L, 0.16 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added via syringe over 1 min to a stirred mixture of amide **1d** (26 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1 equiv), nucleophile **2d** (21 μ L, 0.29 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (17 μ L, 0.17 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in dichloromethane (500 μ L) at -78 °C. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was placed in an ice-water bath for 5 min and warmed to 0 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to warm to ambient temperature. After 1 h, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (1 mL) was introduced to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts. The mixture was diluted with H₂O (5 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 10% EtOAc in hexanes; SiO₂: 8 × 1.5 cm) on silica gel to give pyrimidine derivative **6k** as a white solid (21 mg, 62%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	2.70 (tt, 1H, $J = 11.5$, 3.5 Hz), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.96–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.77 (m, 2H), 1.71–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.60 (qd, 2H, $J = 12.5$, 3.5 Hz), 1.37 (qt, 2H, $J = 12.5$, 3.5 Hz), 1.25 (qd, 1H, $J = 12.5$, 3.0 Hz),
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	170.3, 167.8, 161.6, 122.7, 47.4, 32.2, 26.5, 26.3, 22.2, 13.6, 13.0.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2926 (s), 2853 (s), 1538 (s), 1447 (m), 1404 (m).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₃ H ₂₁ N ₂ S [M+H] ⁺ : 237.1420, found: 237.1423.
TLC (15% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.40 (UV).



4-Bromo-2-cyclohexyl-6-methoxyquinazoline (6l, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (79 μ L, 0.47 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added drop wise to a mixture of amide **1e** (100 mg, 0.429 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (49 μ L, 0.52 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in 1,2-dichloroethane (0.75 mL) at -30 °C. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C, and after another 5 min, a solution of cyanic bromide **2e** (193 mg, 1.82 mmol, 4.24 equiv) in 1,2-dichloroethane (0.75 mL) was added via cannula. After 5 min the reaction mixture was heated to reflux. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 8% EtOAc and 2% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 7.5 × 2.5 cm) on neutralized silica gel to afford the desired quinazoline derivative **6l** (100 mg, 72%) as a white solid.

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 20 °C) δ:	7.84 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.50 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.5$, 3.0 Hz), 7.34 (d, 1H, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.95 (tt, 1H, $J =$ 12.0, 3.5 Hz), 2.06–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.88–1.84 (m, 2H), 1.75–1.66 (m, 3H), 1.46–1.30 (m, 3H).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	130.9, 130.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 125.6, 105.5, 105.3, 56.1, 47.1, 32.0, 26.4, 26.1.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2920 (s), 2848 (m), 1621 (m), 1567 (s), 1490 (m), 1218 (s), 830 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for $C_{15}H_{18}BrN_2O [M+H]^+$: 321.0597, found: 321.0599.
TLC (8% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.30 (UV)



4-Bromo-6-methoxy-2-phenylquinazoline (6m, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (450 μ L, 2.67 mmol, 1.10 equiv) was added drop wise to a mixture of amide 1c (552 mg, 2.43 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (275 μ L, 2.91 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in 1,2-dichloroethane (4.0 mL) at -30 °C. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C, and after another 5 min, a solution of cyanic bromide 2e (1.072 g, 10.12 mmol, 4.17 equiv) in 1,2-dichloroethane (4.1 mL) was added via cannula. After five minutes the reaction mixture was heated to reflux. After 1 h, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 10% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 18 × 3.0 cm) on neutralized silica gel to afford the desired quinazoline derivative **6m** (633 mg, 83%) as a white solid.

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 20 °C) δ:	8.49 (app. dt, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2.0 Hz), 7.92 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.52 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.0$, 3.0 Hz), 7.49–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, 1H, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 3.96 (s, 3H).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 20 °C) δ:	159.3, 158.4, 155.4, 147.5, 136.8, 130.9, 130.6, 128.8, 128.5, 127.8, 125.8, 105.3, 56.0.
FTIR (nujol) cm ⁻¹ :	2855 (s), 2828 (s), 1619 (m), 1553 (m), 1482 (s), 1391 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₅ H ₁₂ BrN ₂ O [M+H] ⁺ : 315.0128, found: 315.0136.
mp:	141-142 °C
TLC (10% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.30 (UV)



Methyl 4-cyclohexyl-6-methoxyquinazoline-2-carboxylate (6n, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (69 µL, 0.41 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added via syringe over 1 min to a stirred mixture of oxamate 1f (77 mg, 0.37 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (70 µL, 0.74 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (1.3 mL) at -78 °C. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was placed in an ice-water bath and warmed to 0 °C. After 5 min, nitrile 2f (175 µL, 1.47 mmol, 4.00 equiv) was added via syringe. After 5 min, the resulting solution was allowed to warm to ambient temperature for 5 min before the reaction vessel was placed into a microwave reactor and heated to 140 °C. After 20 min, the reaction vessel was removed from the microwave reactor and allowed to Aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (1.0 mL) was cool to ambient temperature. introduced to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts and the reaction mixture was partitioned between dichloromethane (10 mL) and water (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane $(2 \times 10 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 50% EtOAc and 2% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 17×2.5 cm) on neutralized silica gel to give the quinazoline derivative **6n** as a white solid (58 mg, 52%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.12 (d, 1H, <i>J</i> = 9.0 Hz), 7.55 (dd, 1H, <i>J</i> = 9.0, 3.0 Hz), 7.36 (d, 1H, <i>J</i> = 2.5 Hz), 4.05 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.47–3.41 (m, 1H), 1.97–1.86 (m, 6H), 1.80–1.78 (m, 1H), 1.54–1.37 (m, 3H).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	174.4, 165.3, 159.9, 150.7, 146.1, 132.1, 126.5, 124.7, 102.1, 56.0, 53.6, 41.9, 31.7, 26.6, 26.0.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	3347 (m), 2927 (m), 1724 (s), 1699 (s), 1513 (s), 1253 (s), 1170 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for $C_{17}H_{21}N_2O_3$ [M+H] ⁺ : 301.1547, found: 301.1542.

TLC (50% EtOAc and 2% Et₃N in hexanes), R_f : 0.35 (UV, CAM).



Methyl 4-(methylthio)-6-methoxyquinazoline-2-carboxylate (60, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (85 μ L, 0.51 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added via syringe over 1 min to a stirred mixture of oxamate **1f** (96 mg, 0.46 mmol, 1 equiv), 2-chloropyridine (52 μ L, 0.55 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and nitrile (62 μ L, 0.92 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (1.5 mL) at -78 °C. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was placed in an ice-water bath and warmed to 0 °C. After 5 min, nitrile **2d** was added via syringe. After an additional 5 min, the resulting solution was allowed to warm to ambient temperature. After 1 h, aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (1.0 mL) was introduced to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts and the reaction mixture was partitioned between dichloromethane (10 mL) and water (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 60% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 18 × 2.0 cm) on neutralized silica gel to give the quinazoline derivative **60** as a white solid (75 mg, 61%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.06 (d, 1H, <i>J</i> = 9.0 Hz), 7.53 (dd, 1H, <i>J</i> = 9.0, 3.0 Hz), 7.29 (d, 1H, <i>J</i> = 3.0 Hz), 4.06 (s, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 2.81 (s, 3H).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	171.1, 164.9, 160.0, 149.7, 143.4, 131.7, 127.0, 125.3, 101.8, 56.1, 53.6, 13.0.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	2917 (m), 2849 (w), 1732 (s), 1614 (m), 1495 (s), 1393 (s), 1219 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₂ H ₁₂ N ₂ NaO ₃ S [M+Na] ⁺ : 265.0641, found: 265.0650.

TLC (50% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes), R_f : 0.25 (UV, CAM).



4-Cyclohexyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-methylquinazolin-2-amine (6p, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (24 μ L, 0.14 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added drop wise to a mixture of urea **1g** (49 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1 equiv), cyclohexanecarbonitrile **2f** (45 μ L, 0.34 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (24 μ L, 0.25 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in dichloromethane (0.50 mL) at -78 °C. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C, and after another 5 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to the reaction mixture to quench excess trifluoromethanesulfonate salts, and the mixture was partitioned between water (10 mL) and dichloromethane (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 10% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 15 × 2 cm) on neutralized silica gel to afford the desired quinazolinone derivative **6p** (52 mg, 86%) as a white solid.

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.64 (d, 1H, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 7.48 (d, 1H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.42 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.5$, 2.0 Hz), 7.22 (d, 4H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 6.81 (d, 4H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 4.86 (s, 4H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 3.36 (tt, 1H, $J = 11.5$, 3.5 Hz), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.90–1.83 (m, 3H), 1.76–1.64 (m, 3H), 1.52–1.40 (m, 3H), 1.30–1.24 (m, 1H).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	175.0, 159.0, 158.8, 151.5, 135.2, 131.6, 131.1, 129.6, 126.7, 123.4, 117.8, 113.9, 55.5, 48.0, 41.3, 32.1, 26.7, 26.4, 21.7
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	2966 (s), 2934 (m), 1711 (s), 1638 (m), 1493 (m), 1454 (s), 1162 (m).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for $C_{31}H_{36}N_3O_2 [M+H]^+$: 482.2802, found: 482.2790.
TLC (10% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.30 (UV)



4-Cyclohexyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-methylquinazolin-2-amine (6q, Table 1):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (78 μ L, 0.46 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added via syringe over 1 min to a stirred mixture of urea **1h** (82 mg, 0.42 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloropyridine (48 μ L, 0.51 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in dichloromethane (1.4 mL) at -78 °C. After 5 min, the reaction mixture was placed in an ice-water bath and warmed to 0 °C. After 5 min nitrile **2f** (100 μ L, 0.842 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added via syringe. After 5 min, the resulting solution was allowed to warm to ambient temperature for 5 min before the reaction vessel was placed into a microwave reactor and heated to 140 °C. After 10 min, the reaction vessel was removed from the microwave reactor and allowed to cool to ambient temperature. Aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1.0 mL, 1 N) was added to neutralize the trifluoromethanesulfonate salts and the reaction mixture was partitioned between dichloromethane (10 mL) and water (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 14% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 15 × 2.5 cm) on neutralized silica gel to give the quinazoline derivative **6q** as a white solid (84 mg, 70%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.72–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.50 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.5$, 1.5 Hz), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.39 (tt, 1H, $J = 6.5$, 3.0 Hz), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.92–1.86 (m, 4H), 1.80–1.70 (m, 3H), 1.52–1.45 (m, 2H), 1.33 (tt, 1H, $J = 13.0$, 3.0 Hz).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	175.6, 161.8, 150.5, 135.4, 133.4, 127.7, 123.3, 119.1, 61.7, 41.3, 38.7, 32.0, 26.6, 26.3, 21.8.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2959 (m), 1753 (s), 1442 (m), 1265 (s), 955 (m), 845 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₇ H ₂₄ N ₃ O [M+H] ⁺ : 286.1914, found: 286.1914.
TLC (15% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.30 (UV, CAM).



6-Methoxy-2-phenylquinazoline (6s, Scheme 2):

A degassed mixture of quinazoline **6m** (23 mg, 0.072 mmol, 1 equiv), tributyltin hydride (48 μ L, 0.18, 2.5 equiv) and AIBN (1.8 mg, 0.011, 15 mol%) in anhydrous benzene (750 μ L) was heated to reflux. After 2 h, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 20% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 13 × 1.5 cm) on neutralized silica gel to give quinazoline derivative **6s**⁶ as a white solid (17 mg, 99%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	9.36 (s, 1H), 8.56–8.53 (m, 2H), 7.98 (d, 1H, <i>J</i> = 10 Hz), 7.55–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.15 (d, 1H, <i>J</i> = 3.0 Hz), 3.96 (s, 3H).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	159.6, 159.0, 158.4, 147.2, 138.4, 130.4, 130.3, 128.8, 128.4, 127.4, 124.7, 104.1, 55.9.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	3387 (w), 2916 (w), 1640 (s), 1490 (m), 1225 (m), 1165 (m).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₅ H ₁₃ N ₂ O [M+H] ⁺ : 237.1022, found: 237.1028.
TLC (20% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.47 (UV)

⁶ For prior syntheses, see Tsizin, Y. S.; Karpova, N. B.; Efimova, O. V. *Khimiya Geterotsiklicheskikh Soedinenii* **1971**, 418 and Rossi, E.; Stradi, R. *Synthesis* **1989**, *3*, 214.



<u>N-Butyl-6-methoxy-2-phenylquinazolin-4-amine (6t, Scheme 2):</u>

^{*n*}Butylamine (180 μ L, 1.8, 15 equiv) was added to a solution of quinazoline **6m** (39 mg, 0.12, 1 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ at 23 °C. After 2h, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) and washed with water (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (15 mL). Combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 30% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 6 × 1.5 cm) on neutralized silica gel to give quinazoline derivative **6t**⁷ as a white solid (37 mg, 97%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.53–8.51 (m, 2H), 7.85 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.48–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.37 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.0$, 3.0 Hz), 6.91 (d, 1H, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 5.45 (br s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.80 (app. q, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 3.78 (app. p, 2H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.54–1.49 (m, 2H), 1.00 (t, 3H, $J = 7.5$ Hz).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	159.1, 159.0, 157.3, 146.0, 139.3, 130.6, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 123.4, 114.2, 100.5, 55.9, 41.3, 31.8, 20.5, 14.1
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2958 (m), 1626 (s), 1574 (s), 1536 (s), 1368 (s), 1241 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₉ H ₂₂ N ₃ O [M+H] ⁺ : 308.1757, found: 308.1758.
TLC (30% EtOAc in hexanes), $R_{\rm f}$:	0.30 (UV)

⁷ For a prior synthesis, see Tsizin, Y. S.; Karpova, N. B.; Efimova, O. V. Khimiya Geterotsiklicheskikh Soedinenii 1971, 418.



6-Methoxy-2-phenylquinazolin-4-amine (6u, Scheme 2):

A mixture of quinazoline **6m** (33 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1 equiv) and saturated ammonium hydroxide solution (3.0 mL) in 1,4-dioxane was heated to 100 °C in a sealed pressure vessel. After 9 h, the reaction vessel was allowed to cool to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (25 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (25 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and were concentrated. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 65% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 5.5 × 2.0 cm) on neutralized silica gel to give quinazoline derivative **6u**⁸ as a white solid (25 mg, 95%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	8.45–8.44 (m, 2H), 7.88 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.48–7.41 (m, 4H), 6.96 (d, 1H, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 5.55 (br s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	160.9, 159.2, 157.5, 146.8, 138.8, 130.6, 130.0, 128.6, 128.3, 124.8, 113.6, 100.9, 55.9.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	3335 (m), 3185 (w), 1636 (s), 1548 (s), 1509 (s), 1237 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for $C_{15}H_{14}N_3O[M+H]^+$: 252.1131, found: 252.1129.

TLC (65% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes), R_f : 0.42 (UV).

⁸ For a prior synthesis, see Zielinski, W.; Kudelko, A. *Monatshefte für Chem.* **2000**, *131*, 895.



6-Methoxy-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (6v, Scheme 2):

A mixture of quinazoline **6m** (52 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1 equiv) and aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (2.0 mL, 1.25 N) in 1,4-dioxane (1.6 mL) was heated to reflux. After 2.5 h, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature, diluted with water (5.0 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (25 mL). Aqueous HCl solution (1.5 mL, 1 N) was added to the aqueous layer to quench excess base, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (30 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, were filtered and were concentrated. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 3% MeOH and 1% AcOH in CH₂Cl₂; SiO₂: 8 × 1.5 cm) on silica gel to afford the desired quinazolinone derivative **6v**⁹ (40 mg, 97%) as a white solid.

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 20 °C) δ:	12.33 (br s, 1H), 8.14 (dd, 2H, $J = 8.0$, 1.5 Hz), 7.66 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.53–7.48 (m, 4H), 7.40 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.0$, 3.0 Hz), 3.86 (s, 3H).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 20 °C) δ:	162.4, 157.6, 150.5, 143.3, 133.1, 131.0, 129.1, 128.6, 127.5, 124.0, 121.8, 105.8, 55.6.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2928 (w), 1669 (s), 1607 (m), 1484 (w), 1289 (w), 1147 (m), 847 (s), 685 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for C ₁₅ H ₁₃ N ₂ O ₂ [M+H] ⁺ : 253.0972, found: 253.0962.

TLC (3% MeOH and 1% AcOH in CH₂Cl₂), *R*_f: 0.29 (UV)

⁹ For prior syntheses, see Tsizin, Y. S.; Karpova, N. B.; Efimova, O. V. *Khimiya Geterotsiklicheskikh Soedinenii* **1971**, 418 and Zhou, J.; Fu, L.; Lv, M.; Liu, J.; Pei, D.; Ding, K. *Synthesis* **2008**, 3974.



4-cyclohexyl-6-methoxyquinazoline (6w, equation 2):

Aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (2.0 mL, 1.25 N) was added to a solution of quinazoline **6n** (23 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1 equiv) in 1,4-dioxane (500 μ L). After 1 h, concentrated hydrochloric acid was added to the reaction mixture until the pH dropped to 1, and the reaction mixture was heated to reflux. After 16 hours, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature and was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). Aqueous sodium hydroxide (1 N) was added to the aqueous layer until the pH increased to 7 and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The pH of the aqueous layer was adjusted to 14 by addition of aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1 N), and the aqueous layer was extracted again with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 20% EtOAc and 2% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 10 × 2 cm) on neutralized silica gel to afford the desired quinazoline derivative **6w** (12 mg, 67%) as a white solid.

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	9.12 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, 1H, <i>J</i> = 9.0 Hz), 7.51 (dd, 1H, <i>J</i> = 9.0, 3.0 Hz), 7.33 (d, 1H, <i>J</i> = 3.0 Hz), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.42 (tt, 1H, <i>J</i> = 11.5, 3.5 Hz), 1.96–1.92 (m, 4H), 1.84–1.77 (m, 3H), 1.53–1.47 (m, 2H), 1.49–1.36 (m, 1H).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	173.3, 158.3, 153.1, 146.4, 131.0, 125.8, 124.2, 102.1, 55.9, 41.5, 32.0, 26.7, 26.2.
FTIR (neat) cm^{-1} :	2928 (m), 2851 (w), 1620 (w), 1552 (m), 1501 (s), 1226 (s), 1026 (m).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for $C_{15}H_{19}N_2O [M+H]^+$: 243.1492, found: 243.1499.

TLC (20% EtOAc and 2% Et₃N in hexanes), R_f: 0.21 (UV, CAM).



4-Cyclohexyl-6-methylquinazolin-2-amine (6x, equation 3):

A solution of HBr in acetic acid (500 μ L, 5.7 M) was added to a solution of quinazoline **6p** (54 mg, 0.11, 1 equiv) in toluene at 23 °C. The resulting bright yellow solution was heated to reflux. After 8 h, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature and aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (3 mL, 1 N) was added to quench excess acid. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL), and extracted first with dichloromethane (2 × 10 mL), then with EtOAc (2 × 10 mL). Combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and were filtered. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: 40% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes; SiO₂: 10 × 1.5 cm) on neutralized silica gel to give quinazoline derivative **6x** as a white solid (18 mg, 66%).

¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	7.68 (d, 1H, $J = 1.0$ Hz), 7.47–7.46 (m, 2H), 5.01 (br s, 2H), 3.37 (tt, 1H, $J = 11.5$, 3.0 Hz), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.91–1.86 (m, 4H), 1.80–1.66 (m, 3H), 1.52–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.3 (app. qt, 1H, $J = 13.0$, 3.0 Hz).
¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl ₃ , 20 °C) δ:	176.6, 159.5, 150.6, 135.7, 132.5, 126.2, 123.6, 118.6, 41.1, 32.0, 26.7, 26.3, 21.8.
FTIR (neat) cm ⁻¹ :	3326 (s), 3201 (s), 2929 (s), 2853 (m), 1621 (s), 1563 (s), 1445 (s).
HRMS (ESI):	calc'd for $C_{15}H_{20}N_3 [M+H]^+$: 242.1652, found: 242.1652.

TLC (40% EtOAc and 1% Et₃N in hexanes), R_f: 0.30 (UV, CAM)

Appendix A

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